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NEXT WEEK'S FESTIVAL.

AN IMMEDIATE RETURN FOR THIS YEAR'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Committee has adopted a particularly wise course in announcing an increase in the number of the Annuitants on the eve of the Anniversary Festival—the number of Male pensions of £40 per year each being raised from 195 to 200; and we venture to predict the liberality displayed in this direction will not be thrown away, but rather that it will show an immediate return, probably as early as Wednesday next, when the amount subscribed in connection with this year's Anniversary Festival comes to be announced.

It has been urged the three Institutions do not show any tangible appreciation of special efforts made on their behalf from time to time, and so discourage Brethren who do not fully appreciate the whole system under which they are managed, from acting further on their behalf. In the present age most men seem to look for an immediate return for their money, and hence it is that after a good result has been achieved in connection with one of the Anniversary Festivals of our Institutions, some are disposed to look for an immediate increase of benefits—either an extension of the number of Annuitants, or an addition to the roll of pupils at the Schools. They do not wait to see the ultimate outcome of the Festival in which they took part, and probably all but forget the matter ere it is decided to add something to the invested stock of the Institution—but meantime they have been disappointed, while some have even been dissatisfied, and have plainly expressed themselves to that effect.

Our view of this matter has been pointed out more than once. We are of opinion more should be done with the funds as they come in, rather than that huge reserves should be piled up—ostensibly to provide for the proverbial rainy day, but really acting as a sore temptation for the exercise of radical ideas in the way of change, which, though possibly needed, can yet be done without, and most likely would never be seriously thought of if a large sum of money was not ready to manipulate. We should like to see improvements introduced into the existing buildings of English Masonic Benevolence, and probably there are many who wish to see much of the system under which they are worked changed, but what we do possess is very good, and will probably suffice—or have to suffice—for some time yet to come, principally on account of the expense of alteration. But once let the reserves reach an amount sufficient to carry out some of the wild schemes of would-be reformers, and we shall speedily find them brought forward, and probably carried into effect.

In this respect the Benevolent Institution is different from its companion Charities, in that its buildings are insignificant in comparison with its work, and form but a small part of the programme it carries out—we do not mean, in saying this, however, that we should like to see them

increased, being rather of the opinion that the old people elected to the advantages of the Institution much prefer, in an overwhelming number of cases, to have their annuity to spend in their own district, rather than be forced to live in some central Institution. With Girls and Boys it may be different, but even in their case we hope a system of boarding out will be put to the test before any further sums are expended in bricks, mortar, and the hundred and one other requirements of a modern Educational establishment.

But to resume our original line of argument. We have shown how Brethren who work for the success of a Festival are apt to be disappointed when, after a good result, nothing is done beyond continuing the good work of the past. They may have striven hard for a special result, have helped to secure it, and then see no immediate return. Again we say the Benevolent Institution has acted wisely in taking time by the forelock and declaring additional pensions, probably based on the knowledge they already possess of what this year's Festival is likely to produce. But be this as it may the fact remains that the election of May will see the number of Male Annuitants raised to 200, while the Widow pensions will remain as now, 241; in addition to which there will be the usual average of Widows in receipt of half their late husband's annuity.

These large totals, taken in consideration with the fact that each Male receives £40 a year, and each Widow £32, must convince members of the Craft that liberal support is necessary, for although the Benevolent Institution can boast a permanent income of something like £3,600 a year that forms but a small modicum of its expenses, the sum paid to Annuitants alone amounting to close on £16,500 per annum, of which £200 a year results from the additional Annuities just decided upon. Is it too much to hope that these new grants may be self supporting during this their first year, as the result of the appreciation of the Craft that some immediate return is being made for this year's contributions?

We must not, however, devote all our attention in regard to the Festival to be celebrated on Wednesday next to these five new Annuities, for, as we have shown, they represent but a small part of what will be done with the money then subscribed, and although they afford some relief for the very heavy list of candidates as compared with the number of lapsed annuities, they by no means provide for all we should like to see admitted. For the Male Fund there are sixty-one candidates, with fourteen vacancies, now increased to nineteen by the recent addition, while further relief is available in the form of the three deferred Annuities regularly granted. On the Widows' side there are fifty-one candidates, with but seven vacancies, in addition to the three deferred, so that of the 112 eligible Old People recognised as worthy to receive the help the Craft is able to afford through the Benevolent Institution, only thirty-two can be elected to Annuities in May next, with perhaps a few others to fill

the few vacancies that may occur in the interim through the death of present Annuitants.

While these figures show that one candidate out of each four will be admitted, they also prove that eighty old people will have to be disappointed for at least another year—perhaps some of them never to come forward again because the hand of death will first claim them—and in doing this they supply the very best argument that can be adduced in support of this noble Institution. Not only does it require the means to satisfy its large regular army of 470 Annuitants, but it also needs funds for the relief of some of these eighty old people who will be shut out after the election of the present year, and all of whom, we are convinced, the Committee would willingly take on at once if the funds to create the Annuities, and fair prospects of subscriptions to maintain them, were supplied by the members of the Craft.

Happily the roll of Stewards for next week's Festival has considerably increased of late, so much so that a total of three hundred has been exceeded, and before the Secretarial announcement is made by Bro. Terry on Wednesday we hope there will be at least 320 active workers in the good cause, who, we trust, will not only have done their best for the present year but will have been so satisfied with the immediate recognition of their labours as to decide to work again in the same cause at an early date, and sound the praises of the Benevolent Institution wherever and whenever they have the opportunity.

In addition to all this there is yet one other argument we may use in urging the Stewards to work diligently in the few hours remaining before the Festival. Lord Dungarvan, the Chairman of the year, is a young man, one of the youngest of our Provincial Grand Masters, and as such should be favourably impressed thus early in his career with the sincerity of those he has promised to lead. Early impressions have much to do with one's future, and as the Craft must hope to secure the services of Viscount Dungarvan on many other occasions in the future, it is well to convince him that his Brethren are ready and willing to support him as far as lies in their power. With best wishes for a brilliant success we leave the subject until next week, when we hope to have to add our congratulations to all who bore a share of the work connected with the Festival.

The annual assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave of the Masonic and Military Orders of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist, will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Monday, 4th prox., at five o'clock, the business including: Election and Enthronement of Grand Sovereign, Election and Consecration of Grand Viceroy, Election of Grand Treasurer, Appointment of Members of the Grand Council, Appointment of Six Grand Senators, Election of Twelve Grand Senators, Appointment of a President and One Member on the Executive Committee, Election of Five Present or Past Sovereigns on the Executive Committee; Election of Three Present or Past Sovereigns on the Committee of the Grand High Almoner's Fund, Election of Grand Sentinel, &c. At the conclusion of the business of the Grand Council, a Commandery of St. John the Evangelist will be held, and the Orders of K.H.S. and St. John will be conferred on all eligible Candidates who may notify their intention to the Registrar-General not later than the 1st prox. A Banquet will be provided at seven o'clock, at which the M. Ill. G. Sovereign will preside. The following Notice of Motion by W. F. Lamonby P.S. 36 will be considered at the Grand Conclave: "That a Committee be appointed to report on the present condition of the Order, and that the M.I. Grand Sovereign be respectfully requested to summon a Special Conclave, to receive and consider such report."

Our contemporary "Woman" takes a very sensible view of the excitement that has sprung up lately in regard to Women Freemasons, and asks why so many energetic women waste

their time on movements inspired apparently more by a desire to do what men do than to do what women might do? There is a grand opening, says our contemporary, for a great national organisation of women anxious to benefit their fellow women, and it is in the realisation of such a work that the paper of the fair sex very rightly considers the efforts of our "sisters" should be directed. A compliment is paid to the Craft when it is said that such a combination as that just referred to might do worse than follow the spirit and the general organisation of Freemasonry, without its name or its mysteries, for "the latter are merely incidental, and have been handed down from semi-barbaric ages." Our contemporary prefaces these remarks with the following, which is as "level-headed" a way of explaining the case as any we have seen: "The lady who in amusing herself by getting up a little Freemason's Lodge for ladies only has reckoned without her host. 'Grand Lodge,' as the fountain head of British Masonry is termed, does not recognise women Masons. Whether it will be induced to do so in the future we cannot tell, but just now a Woman's Lodge would be as remotely connected with Freemasonry as the drilling class of a girls' school is with the British army."

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Freemasonry in Benares is again flourishing after being in abeyance since 1888. Lodge Fraternity and Perseverance, No. 1746 (E.C.) was resuscitated about two and half years back by Bro. J. R. Muirhead P.M. and P.D.G.A.D.C. Bengal, and that Craft Lodge is now one of the strongest in the Province. During the past year it was decided to again re-open Lodge Cyprus, No. 232 (E.C.) of Mark Masters, and it was formally opened in November last, Bro. J. R. Muirhead P.M. and P.D.G.S.B. being elected Worshipful Master of Mark Masons for 1895, and he was duly installed on the 12th instant by Bro. Paxton, who came specially from Allahabad for the installation. This is the third time that Bro. Muirhead has been honoured by the Brethren in selecting him as their Worshipful Master, and as the Lodge has started with some twenty-four Mark Masters it promises also to be a strong Lodge. Bro. Dr. W. Venis P.M. and Bro. N. M. Roy P.M. have been very energetic in Masonic affairs, and devoted a considerable amount of time and trouble to it, hence its signal success. At the Installation Banquet some thirty sat down, and both Bros. Paxton and Muirhead were loudly applauded when their healths were proposed and drunk with full Masonic honours.—Correspondent of the "Pioneer Mail."

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The initiation of the Head-Master of Weymouth College, at a recent meeting of the All Souls Lodge, No. 170, suggested to Sir R. N. Howard P.G.D., who was a Visitor on the occasion, the desirability of founding a Masonic Scholarship at the College for sons of Freemasons. It is recorded that the suggestion was very favourably received, and a considerable sum subscribed at the moment—sufficient, in fact, to lead to the hope that the Lodge will ere long be in the proud position of having a scholarship at its disposal in what is locally described as a valuable Institution. While we commend Lodges for taking steps to secure privileges for themselves at a lower cost than it is possible to do in connection with the central Charities, we can but share the alarm that is felt as to the ultimate effect these independent efforts may have on the contributions to the three Institutions.

NEW MUSIC.

(From W. MORLEY AND CO., 127 Regent Street, London, W.)

Two Voices. Words by Lesser Columbus, Music by C. Francis Lloyd.

Wayfarers. Words by Lesser Columbus, Music by C. Francis Lloyd.

The Chords of Life. Words by Maurice Henry, Music by C. Francis Lloyd.

Across the Crystal Sea. Words by Clifton Bingham, Music by C. Francis Lloyd.

Land Ahead. Words by Clifton Bingham, Music by C. Francis Lloyd.

These five pieces, the composition of Mr. C. Francis Lloyd, make a welcome addition to the already numerous high class works of Messrs. Morley, the enterprising musical publishers. The two first named are Vocal duets, words by "Lesser Columbus," and will doubtless win favour among those who strive to entertain their fellows. "Two Voices" has a charming melody, coupled with a pretty and effective accompaniment, while "Wayfarers" affords opportunity for effective and dramatic display.

"The Chords of Life" is a well worked out composition, set to the pleasing words of Maurice Henry; the Violin, Cello, and Organ accompaniments (ad lib) adding much to its attractiveness.

"Across the Crystal Sea," much on the same lines, is set to the words of Clifton Bingham, and should become popular, as it affords good scope for effect.

"Land Ahead" is a bright nautical song, with plenty of "go," and is likely to command attention, as being of the class usually calling for an encore. The words of this are also by Clifton Bingham.

Each of the solos is published in several keys so as to suit different voices.

CHURCH SERVICES.

AS reported in our last issue Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.Chap. Essex preached the sermon at the special service held at St. Mary's, Loughton, from Matthew xiii, 8: "For one is your Master . . . and all ye are Brethren."

Our Reverend Bro. said: "Masonry was, of all institutions, the most ancient and the most progressive. It was cosmopolitan, since throughout the length and breadth of the whole world one Brother might find another, ready to extend help and sympathy. That solemn service should help them to think for what purposes Freemasonry was founded. Some said they made it a substitute for religion, and being ignorant of their object, called their customs profane mummeries. There was nothing within the grasp of human intelligence, no secret of the vast creation of the Father, into which Masonry did not go in the search for knowledge and in the interests of science. Some spoke of their secrecy as childish attempts to conceal what would appear ridiculous and profane. It was a point of their fidelity that they had baffled the curious from prying into their hallowed mysteries, which none but themselves could understand and fathom. Time was when they were denounced as dangerous, and many were called upon to leave the Society. But now the Sun of Freemasonry had dispersed the clouds which darkened her sky for so long. Freemasonry lived, and was mysterious still, because it is an admitted anomaly in the history of the world. With no power able to militate against it successfully, it had survived the history of empires. The Jews, the favoured people of God, to whom it was first entrusted by the Divine Master, were a race now scattered over the face of the earth, and the first temple raised by the Master Solomon, they asked where was it to day? Not a stone was left upon the other. And Babylon had fallen, and classic Greece and Rome were gone, and only occupy their pages in the history of the earth. Freemasonry at the present day shines throughout the world with as bright and undiminished a glory and lustre as when she first came from the hands of God. No other institution can be compared to her. She exists with herself, and every other Society is insignificant in comparison, Christianity only excepted. Many assaults against her in the past had only tended to strengthen her. God in the Creation had put the world in order, and had given man the power to understand, and in every step of investigation to be lifted towards things still more lofty, and to feel the Creator close to the created. This was one of the first works of Freemasonry, to instruct them to glorify the Maker. Her work in the world to-day was to be true in her original character, and to cause her charities to shine in the eyes of her members and on the walls of her Lodges. She would continue the work by committing their truths to those who were yet to be born Masons in the same way that they received them from the departed ages, and would order the silence and the sacred rules which had been imposed by the Craft to be kept solemnly and reverently. They were charitable, and helped the fallen, if any were overcome by adversity they would succour them. No man could follow the principles of Masonry and understand its truths, and be anything else than one of the saints of God in the world. They pointed to the charities of the Masonic world, of which any institution might be proud. Their children too were well cared for, and Masons would always deny themselves for the well-being of those dependent on them. They should not forget that after death they would have to give an account of the use they had made of their opportunities for doing good. They should therefore live in works of charity towards their fellow men. He appealed to them that day to deny themselves for the London Hospital, and do all they possibly could for the support of the institution—to help those there who could not help themselves.

TORQUAY Freemasons, to help the cause of the Unemployed Fund in the borough, held a special service at Upton Church on Sunday afternoon, by permission of Rev. E. P. Gregg, says the "Western Morning News." The Prov. Grand Master Lord Ebrington granted a dispensation to Bro. T. A. Blackler W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 328, for Brethren to attend in Craft clothing, and the novelty of this event attracted a very large congregation. The W.M. of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, the other Lodge in Torquay, accepted an invitation on behalf of the members of his Lodge to attend, and altogether there was a muster of about fifty Masons. The Brethren marched to the Church, large numbers watching the procession. As soon as the Masons had taken their seats the clergy and choir marched to the west door, and there met the Mayor and Corporation, who attended in state and preceded them up the central aisle, the National Anthem being played on the organ by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe P.Prov.G.Org. of Devon, and Organist of the Church. There was a full attendance of members of the Corporation, in

which body are the following Freemasons:—The Mayor (Alderman Dr. Richardson), T. H. Wills and F. S. Hex (town clerk), F. J. Crocker, J. Glanfield, Lorimer, Pike, T. Harrison, E. Appleton, T. Taylor, H. A. Garrett (borough surveyor). The service was bright and hearty. In the Magnificat, a very pretty setting was a treble solo, excellently rendered, and the anthem was a pleasing composition. Rev. E. P. Gregg, rural dean, read the prayers, and Preb. Wolfe the lesson. Rev. R. F. Fleming, Chaplain of St. John's Lodge, preached from Galatians vi., 2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Speaking of the widespread distress in the town, the Rev. Brother said generous and prompt aid was absolutely necessary if they were to prevent large numbers of respectable families from the shame and humiliation of being cast on the poor-rates. As Secretary of the Relief Committee at St. Marychurch, he had ample and painful proof of the prevailing distress. It had pained him to see the long line of pinched faces patiently waiting for soup and bread. One woman, on being asked why she did not go for soup, said she had not got the necessary penny and could not borrow one. He need not urge on his Masonic Brethren their duty. They stood doubly committed to the relief of distress, first as Christians and secondly as Freemasons. Their presence was the strongest proof that their sympathies were not confined to their Order or Masonic Charities. It was also another evidence that Freemasonry was not opposed to the spirit of Christianity. A collection was taken on behalf of the Relief Fund, and amounted to £20 12s, £12 2s being from the Masons.

AT a special meeting called by Bro. W. Watson W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, the Brethren of Sunderland enthusiastically agreed that on Sunday next the Masons belonging to the various Lodges in the town shall be invited to meet at 10 o'clock at the Masonic Hall, Toward Road, and walk in procession to Sunderland Church, where a special sermon will be preached by Bro. Rev. T. Randall, D.D., P.M. P.P.G.C. The whole of the collection taken will be given to the Children's Breakfast Fund, says the "Sunderland Herald," three-quarters to be given to be disposed of on the south side of the water, and the remaining quarter on the north side. The Orphan Asylum Band has promised to head the procession, and it is hoped that the church will be filled by Masons and their friends.

CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of Subscribers was held at Truro on Wednesday, 13th inst., Bro. E. D. Anderton presiding. It was reported that subscriptions amounting to 227 guineas had been received, and the following distribution by priority and ballot was made:

Class A.—Subscribers of one guinea annually obtaining a life vote in one of the great Masonic Charities:—Falmouth, Rev. L. Pocock and Mrs. Gooding; Penzance, R. P. Couch; Bodmin, Miss Shanks and W. R. Brewer; Hayle, J. W. Wilkinson and Hannibal Tredinnick; St. Austell, J. W. Higman; Liskeard, J. W. Chegwiddden, Thomas White, C. Mitchell, and Gilbert; Redruth, E. M. Milford; Launceston, Dr. Andrew and F. Downing; Lostwithiel, Mrs. Gibbons; Millbrook, W. R. Evans, J. Duckett, W. Wilton, and Rev. Millett; Camborne, T. H. Bunt, W. Black, and W. Middlin; Wadebridge, W. H. Coombes.

Class B.—Lodges subscribing two guineas annually and receiving a vote in perpetuity in the same charities:—Mount Sinai, Penzance; True and Faithful, Helston; Phoenix, Truro; Cornubian, Hayle; St. Martin's, Liskeard; Boscawen, Chacewater; Zetland, Saltash; Tregenna, St. Ives; Cotheloe, Calstock; Eliot, St. Germans.

The Officers were re-elected (Bro. Anderton succeeding the late Bro. Chirgwin as Vice-President) and thanked for their services. The sum thus distributed (230 guineas) will now be at the disposal of the above-named subscribers, and it is strongly recommended that, as far as possible, it should be handed to the Stewards of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, whose next Annual Festival is to be presided over by the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe.—"Western Morning News."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE regret to have to announce the death of Bro. John Wilson of Congleton, Cheshire, which took place on the 20th inst., at his residence there. Deceased was a Doctor of Laws of Dublin University, and was for more than forty years Town Clerk of Congleton. He was a Past Master of the local Lodge, and a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Cheshire. An In Memoriam tribute from the pen of Bro. Dr. Forshaw appears in another column.

WE regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Worrell, wife of Bro. W. Worrell P.M. of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, who had on many occasions contributed to the enjoyment of Masonic Brethren by her fine singing.

ELECTIONEERING.

ELECTIONEERING for office either in a Subordinate Lodge or in Grand Lodge is quite out of place. While human nature remains as it is we may expect, however, that there will be solicitations for office in Masonic bodies, and sometimes, at least, a heated contest for a coveted post of distinction. This was the case at the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The office of Deputy was the special bone of contention, although for several other offices there were contestants. The "Freemason," published at Toronto, intimates that the Scottish Rite in some way made itself a party to the heated contest. It says: "The members of the Scottish Rite actively interested themselves in the selection of candidates for office in Grand Lodge. If such tactics are pursued in the future the Rite will sacrifice its dignity, and destroy its usefulness as a branch of the Masonic system. By all means let us confine electioneering to as narrow a circle as possible."—"Freemasons Repository."

MASONIC FEELING.

AN intimate relationship exists between Freemasons. A feeling of confidence. A chord of sympathy. A kind of family kinship that draws one near to the other, and establishes a bond of union strong and abiding. It comes from the fact that all have dwelt under the same canopy, have tasted the sweet waters of the same fountain, and have a language of their own. How beautiful is a relationship so tender, a kinship so extensive! How dreadful that this beauty should ever be distorted or marred by the unworthy! How painful that the confidence which the secret chord of sympathy establishes should be abused! A bad Mason is like the renegade son of a noble father. The good name of the household is injured by his acts of insubordination and his reckless living. The proud father is hurt to the innermost heart, and he bows his head in shame, not for any action of his own, but that one bearing his name should bring it into disrepute. Often the gray hairs come too early and the broken heart wears out the body in its youth. And so the great family of Masonry is hurt when one of its members goes astray.—"New York Dispatch."

NOT SUBORDINATE.

THERE is a palpable misuse of terms in many jurisdictions in the employment of words to indicate the relation existing between the Grand and lesser bodies. We frequently see the latter alluded to as subordinate to the Grand body, and some writers of eminence and learning even maintain the correctness of this style of nomenclature. While it is true that the lesser bodies are under the government of the greater, yet they are also of that government, and the democratic spirit of equality and freedom is preserved and perpetuated at the formation of every Grand body of the York rite. In no proper sense is a Lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge upon whose roll it is carried; it is a constituent element of that Grand Lodge, the peer of its associates, and the equal of all the elements that go to compose the Grand body.

Subordination implies servitude, a duty to a superior lord, a surrender of rights, powers, prerogatives. There is no hierarchy in the York rite, no superior denomination, and no exercise of arbitrary power by those that sit above the common mass. The term "Grand Lodge" is a modern name, coined to take the place of the old title, which was the "General Assembly" of the Craft. It is indeed "great" as representing in the aggregate the wisdom, intelligence, and influence of the jurisdiction, but its function consists only to legislate for the general good; its power is only the will of the majority, and its strength is no greater than the strength of its weakest part. It is essentially a constituent assembly, composed of the representatives of the Lodges. It is their creation, and lives by their sufferance alone.

It is true that the Craft of the Grand Lodge assembled make laws, regulations, and rules obligatory upon all, but this does not imply subordination in the sense alluded to. It is also true that the Grand Lodge issues charters creative of new Lodges, but such an action in no way resembles the grants of royalty, nor are such new Lodges the subjects of the Grand Lodge. The effect of such a charter is simply an invitation to the new aggregation thus created to assume an existence and sit in council with its creators; not as a vassal, but as a peer. It is subordinate to none; it is the equal of all; it becomes a constituent.

In the old records the term "subordinate" is never used. It is of modern origin, and borrowed, to a large extent, from the imitative societies, in many of which it is in constant use.—"Rough Ashlar."

BLACKBALLING.

PERHAPS of all things in the Craft this has been the most productive of "malice and uncharitableness" in the breasts of many of the Brethren and of would-be members of the fraternity, and whilst dealing with the subject we should not be properly filling our place in our sphere of labour, if we did not speak out with a voice of no uncertain sound. The discharge of the duty of balloting is one from which no member of a Lodge should be permitted to shrink, and to none is he responsible for the manner in which he exercises this invaluable privilege, save to his own conscience and the G.A.O.T.U. It is a sacred duty he performs, and only after the exercise of all other means should the negative be used; and the Brother who is influenced by pique, prejudice, or other unworthy motive is not only wronging the candidate, but wronging himself and violating fundamental portions of Freemasonry.

From whatever cause a candidate is blackballed, no one has a right to inquire, nor has a Brother, who has voted, any right to disclose how he has exercised his franchise. But whilst reserving to himself the privilege of using the blackball as a final protection against the admission of one whom to him may be an undesirable acquisition to the membership of the Lodge, it has long been held, and rightly so, that all other means of attaining this object should be tried, and it is an act of Masonic courtesy to approach the proposer or seconder, and ask him to withdraw his nominee, or go to the W.M. of the Lodge, and as a Masonic secret, tell him the objection to the man, when doubtless the name will be promptly removed from the agenda paper. No true Freemason will allow any Brother to bring forward a candidate without giving him, either directly or indirectly, "warning of approaching danger," and proceed to stab in the dark by blackballing; much less will he enter into a compact with others to secure a sufficient number of votes to cause rejection!

In the annals of colonial Freemasonry probably no more astounding circumstance has arisen than that in the South Australian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, at its November meeting, when a Past Grand Principal found it necessary to ask permission to make a personal statement, when he said that "it was rumoured in Adelaide that he and other Companions who had signed a petition for a new Chapter, had entered into a compact to blackball every candidate and 'stonewall' all matters brought before this Chapter by a certain section of the Companions." He characterised the rumour "as a false and dastardly attempt to cause party strife and ill-feeling," and emphatically denied it, and was followed by all the other members present who had signed the document referred to, and who disavowed any knowledge of such nefarious and un-Masonic conduct. One member, evidently with an intention of "shelving" the matter, said "he did not think there was any truth in it," but the third Principal pointed out that not only was the rumour current, but that the name of a Brother, a P.M., a gentleman at the head of his profession, in charge of one of the most important Government departments, had been withdrawn from the ballot! Notwithstanding the half-apparent inclination of the Companions to allow the originator of the rumour to be treated with contempt, the Chapter owes to itself the duty of thoroughly investigating the matter, and the gentleman who was withdrawn should give the name of his informant as to the rumour, so that the offending Companion may be dealt with by the Chapter in a manner, which if drastic, cannot at least fail to have a good effect upon the Craft throughout the colony. Such a state of things existing is most deplorable, but the cause of the trouble appears to be somewhat remote, and extends to matters connected with Blue Masonry. It seems that years ago certain Brethren found that Grand Lodge Offices were being practically monopolised by what they termed a clique, and a "caucus" was formed with a view of infusing fresh blood into that august body, and this was successfully accomplished. We condemn the introduction of political electoral machinery into the Craft; it is absolutely beneath the dignity of the Order, and we regret to say that there are rumours that unless the present be speedily healed, another "caucus" will be formed, having for its object the removal from Grand Lodge positions of all those Officers who have proved obnoxious during the tenancy of their respective chairs.

But to resume:—From the time referred to there has no doubt been more or less feeling shown by the two parties which then became clearly defined. The late John Bright said, "there has never yet, in my experience, been an agitation by the people unless they had wrongs to redress," and doubtless there may have been "some evil to remedy, some wrong to right," but one would have thought that in the subsequent lapse of time, good feeling, if not Masonic obligation, would long ago have extinguished any animosity which might have existed. Such appears unfortunately not to be the case; the smouldering embers have been constantly kept alight by injudicious action on the part of interested parties, and perhaps it is not going too far to say that the "underground engineers," who supply the motive

power to blow the bellows, are Brethren who from the positions they hold in the Craft, if from no other motive, should be the very last to take part or lot in such pitiful tactics, but whose zeal for Freemasonry can be easily measured by the profits derived by them from it.

Adelaide has long occupied an unenviable notoriety in respect of cliquism, and the rumour that Brethren had banded themselves together, for the un-Masonic purpose of keeping any man out of the charmed circle, is not to be pooh-poohed as would doubtless be the case in a city of larger dimensions and fewer cliques. Within the past year we have experienced that even high Officers stoop to "damn by faint praise," and perhaps to insiduously destroy a fair reputation by those intangible subtleties which are far more difficult to counter than open, honest attacks; as a matter of fact it has come to our ears that recently it has been stated that a Brother shall not affiliate in the province if a certain dignitary can prevent it, and this Brother is perhaps as well-known a member of the Fraternity in two or three of our capital cities, although not holding any Government billet, as any one who travels between them, without stain upon his moral or business character, and the possessor of the best wishes and recommendations of leading Masons who for many years have been intimately associated with him.

Even before the Grand Lodge of South Australia sprang into existence we find that this same "conspiracy" business, was rife in the "City of Churches," as from the records of Lodge now No. 4 it is seen that three Brethren were expelled from it for this offence, one of whom, since reinstated, has obtained the highest rank possible under the G.L. of S.A., whilst another occupies a leading place in one of the learned professions. Comparatively recently too, the son of the Grand Secretary was blackballed in the R.A. Chapter, the present Grand Inspector of Lodges shared a similar fate in the Mark Lodge, and although the latter has since journeyed 140 miles to Moonta and taken this Degree the latter is still "outside the pale," whilst his father "called off" the Adelaide Chapter, retaining, however, membership at Moonta.

Then in the Rose Croix, a Grand Warden of the G.L. of S.A. was "pilled" several times before gaining admission, and the Mark Lodge has been kept balloting and re-balloting for an hour or more whilst this "pilling" of good names went merrily forward. That the spirit of animosity still lies in the hearts of the unregenerate Brethren we proved recently, for on its being stated that one party would blackball the other's candidates we arranged to have a certain name proposed for affiliation by those who can be termed the "Democrats," and surely enough the "Aristocrats" carried out the prognostication, and although the fact was openly stated in the city that rejection would be the result of ballot, not one of those "gentleman of good repute," those leaders of light and learning, those who had sworn to give a Brother timely warning of approaching danger, were imbued with even sufficient of the instinctive elements of their obligation, of the principles of Freemasonry, or of ordinary courtesy to advise the Brother, his proposer, or seconder, to withdraw his name?

Surely this is a pretty state of things to exist in a small community, and amongst those who "are bound by all laws, both moral and divine" to act on the square towards all mankind, and particularly to those who are of the household of faith. The action of the Companions at the Royal Arch Chapter in ventilating an unsavory subject was fully warranted, and is in such sharp contrast with that just recorded, as to render comment unnecessary. The duty of letting the light of day into a "whited sepulchre" has been none the less unpleasant to ourselves; we trust and believe good will eventually result, and the littleness of human minds be submerged in the greatest of the principles and tenets of our Order, but in case it unhappily occurs that some of our members persist in this un-Masonic conduct, we point to the words and actions of One, endowed with the purest Masonic spirit, who said "My house is a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves," and even as the money changers were driven from the Temple, so must the Craft be purged of those whose lives and deeds are notoriously at variance with their Masonic obligations.—"Masonry."

SOME ONLY IN NAME.

ARE you a Mason? Then be a Mason in deed and in truth. It is no credit to a man to say he is a Mason when he never attends a Masonic Lodge or body except on state occasions. The world is full of Sunday men who are anxious to be seen in the pageant, but have no time and less inclination for the sterner hours, when a few faithful Brethren are wrestling with the business affairs of the Lodge Room. When the complaint comes up from some unfortunate Brother of a misfortune that has befallen him and he feels that the wolf will reach his door if he is not rendered assistance, the Sunday Brother is resting his

tired limbs upon some velvet divan, or perchance passing an hour at the club. The Sunday Brother has not charity enough to come and vote a remission of dues to the poor unfortunate Brother whose means have been swept away.

There are Masons who never go to the Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, or even a funeral; yet when the pale horse rides in for them, the first messenger leaving the house is to notify the Masonic Brethren that they may make ready for the procession. The procession will be formed, the pall-bearers will be there and the white apron will rest upon the bier; the beautiful yet solemn rites will be observed with mournful hearts and loving hands. Tenderly they will lay the Mason away to his long, last sleep. His virtues will be magnified and his faults condoned. True charity.

Brethren, let us think more of our Lodges; let us go oftener and be social with the members, doing more good as we pass along life's journey, so that when the "mournful procession" goes about the street, and our Brethren come to lay us down in the city of the dead, they may all with one accord say "He deserved it all. He was a good man and a good Mason."—"Tennessee Mason."

Brother Chapman, the well known Masonic enthusiast of Torquay, contributes to last week's "Devon County Standard" the first instalment of "An American Tour," being an account of his trip to Canada, British Columbia, and the United States last summer, which is interesting reading from a general standpoint, but as we believe our Brother made Masonic matters a prominent feature more than once in his travels, we may expect something later on of special interest to the Craft.

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The Lodges of Scarborough have voted grants for the relief of the distress in the town, and it was further decided to hold an entertainment yesterday (Friday) in the Theatre Royal for the purpose of raising funds to this end. Bro. Mayhew had very generously placed the theatre at the disposal of the Brethren, says the "Scarborough Post." He and Bros. Catley and Raine had been appointed a Committee to draw up a programme; and it was hoped that the Freemasons of the town would see to it that there was not a seat to spare, as a good audience should mean the raising of a substantial sum for the relief of distress, which will be severe for many weeks yet, adds our contemporary.

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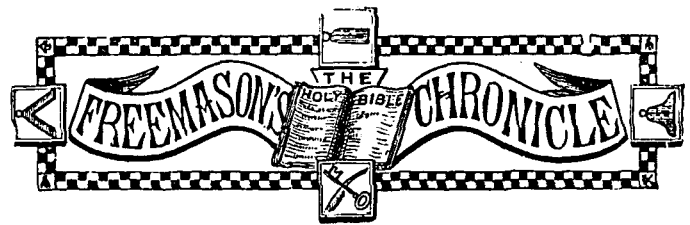
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SATURDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 1895.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, under the chairmanship of Brother Robert Grey President of the Board, with Bro. Charles A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President acting as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. F. Hilton A.G.P. as Junior Vice-President.

Amongst other Brethren who attended were Bros. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, W. Lake, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, Frederick Mead, Henry Garrod, George B. Chapman, George R. Langley, R. H. Evans, S. H. Goldschmidt, William Vincent, R. A. Gowan, Thomas Webb Whitmarsh, Alfred C. Spaul, S. V. Abraham, Charles Dairy, R. Loveland-Loveland, W. P. Brown, Charles H. Driver, W. Fisher, A. J. R. Trendell, James Bunker, Walter Martin, Thomas Minstrell, Richard Horton Smith, H. Massey, G. J. Taylor, R. J. Hounell, E. Krauss, J. Cooper, Henry W. Lee, W. W. Westley, J. J. Thomas, C. M. Hagen, Joseph Cox, Charles H. Freyer, M. Rosenberg, E. W. Sinnett, Max Mendelssohn, Saul Wells, Edwin Francis, R. A. Moody, Charles Lock, J. Pickett, M.D., Thomas Pargeter, W. John Longhurst, Charles Graham, R. Philip Upton, Edwin Evans, F. H. Cheesewright, John Wyer, John G. McEwan, Herbert Sprake, Charles K. Killick, B. Sidney Wilmot, J. M. McLeod, O. Voyn, Havelock Collins, Samuel E. Southgate, J. Hattersley, S. Rashleigh, A. J. Cave jun., W. T. Potts, A. S. Ginger, Arthur Cox, A. F. Lay, W. B. Vaile, A. J. White, Walter Sykes, W. Klingenstein and N. Syder.

Previous to the opening of the Board of Benevolence the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Masters was held, and the business to be transacted at next Grand Lodge was submitted, after the minutes of the November Board had been read and agreed to.

The Board of Benevolence first confirmed the recommendations made at the January meeting to the Grand Master to the amount of £270. There were forty-five petitions on the new list, but one of the petitioners had died since her petition was presented. Six of the other cases were deferred, as they were incomplete; one case was withdrawn, and one dismissed. A total sum of £825 was granted to the remainder. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £60, and one for £50. There were recommendations to the Grand Master of seven cases for £40 each, and six for £30 each. £20 each was voted in six instances, £15 in one case, £10 in ten cases, and £5 in four.

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THE NEW ZEALAND RECOGNITION QUESTION.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—The thanks of every member of the Craft in this colony are due to you for the excellent article contained in your issue of the 17th November, on the question of the non-recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. You say rightly that sooner or later this recognition must come, and every true Brother in the colony must agree with you that the sooner it is accorded the better for the interests of Freemasonry, not only in New Zealand, but throughout the English-speaking Masonic world. There is scarcely a Lodge under any Constitution in the colony which does not earnestly desire to see fraternal relations re-established with the Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Many of the English Lodges have formally expressed this wish by resolution; the District Grand Lodge (E.C.) of Wellington has pronounced in the same direction; the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (E.C.) is in favour of it; and the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (S.C.) has sent round resolutions to a similar effect. The District Grand Masters of Canterbury and Wellington (E.C.), certainly the most respected representatives of the English Grand Lodge in New Zealand, are anxious to see recognition accorded. In fact, the opposition to such recognition exists only amongst a small number of office-holders, who think their personal dignity would suffer if the Grand Lodge of New Zealand were recognised.

It may not be out of place if I point out that the Grand Lodge of England has never refused recognition. When, four and a half years ago, the newly-formed body applied for fraternal acknowledgment, the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of England was to the effect that it was not "at present" desirable to grant recognition. I am far from blaming the Grand Lodge of England for proceeding cautiously in so grave a matter. I am aware that the facts in connection with the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had been most strangely misrepresented to the Grand Lodge authorities of England by interested parties. It was right and proper that the Grand Lodge should take time to ascertain the truth, and to test the extent and solidity of the movement in the colony for Masonic self-government.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has courted enquiry, and its doings for the four years and nine months it has existed have been and are open to the world. It has done nothing of which to be ashamed, and much of which it has just reason to be proud. Its every act will stand the closest impartial, honest, scrutiny. If there has been discord or ill feeling neither has been of its initiation. The advice which I was privileged to give from the very first was to treat our opponents as those who would some day be our friends, and to neither say nor do aught which would rankle in their minds. This advice has been generally acted upon, and strict examination will show how untruthful are many of the stories which have apparently reached the Grand Lodge of England to our detriment. English Masons of high rank have visited the colony and attended our Lodges, and even the Communications of the Grand Lodge; and the Grand Lodge of England should have no difficulty in making itself acquainted with the truth regarding our position and conduct. Knowing the truth, it should recognise that the time to reconsider its tentative decision has now at least arrived, and avail itself of the opportunity of reconsideration afforded by the terms of its own resolution.

The conditions which induced the Grand Lodge of England to withhold recognition "at present" in 1890 no longer apply in 1895. Let me state facts showing the difference. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was formed in accordance with resolutions passed by ninety-two Lodges. The declaration of Independence was in the first instance signed by representatives of sixty-four Lodges and subsequently by many others, and the Grand Lodge constituted accordingly. But many of these Lodges hung back for a time, and some have not even yet carried out the transfer of their allegiance. In 1890, when the application was made for recognition, it was open to doubt what the number of Lodges which had changed their allegiance and thrown in their lot with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand actually was, and what proportion they bore to the number of Lodges holding aloof. There is now no longer any doubt as to the strength of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. It numbers 101 Lodges on its roll, and its registers show 3,710 Brethren. These figures represent upwards of two-thirds of the live Lodges in the colony, and I believe more than three-fourths of the subscribing Brethren in New Zealand. Nor is this all. In almost all the Lodges which still adhere to the parent Constitutions there is a strong minority in favour of joining the national Constitution. In many Lodges there is actually a strong majority in favour of such a course, although the change is deferred out of consideration for the wishes of the minority. In the latest Lodge to transfer its allegiance—the Lodge which now ranks No. 100 on the New Zealand roll, No. 101 being a new Lodge—the change was for a long time opposed by only one member, an old and respected Past Master of the Lodge. I know personally of other Lodges similarly situated. The counsel we give to our friends under such circumstances is to wait, and endeavour to come over with absolute unanimity.

You are quite right in assuming that if once recognition were granted a very large proportion of the Lodges which are now standing out would come over to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. They are fully sensible of the advantages of self-government, and of the good work which the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has been able to accomplish.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand is increasing in strength every month. It has instilled new life into Freemasonry in New Zealand, and it has in four years and a half dispensed its charity with no niggardly hand, and has built up a Benevolent Fund, and a Widow and Orphans Fund of substantial proportions—far in excess of anything accomplished by the Craft in the nearly fifty years Masonry was practised in this colony under foreign government. That it is not actuated by any narrow feeling in its charity you will see from the return I enclose, showing that of £364 17s 6d expended in benevolence £339 17s 6d was to members of other Constitutions, £112 9s going to English Brethren or Lodges.

While we deeply regret that any division should exist to mar complete harmony, and fraternal intercourse between Lodges and Brethren, I may point out that the consequences of estrangement fall most heavily on the

minority, although the New Zealand Lodges heartily welcome as visitors Masons of all Constitutions. In most portions of the colony official prohibitions by other Constitutions are very generally disregarded. The non-recognition by our parent Grand Lodges causes little or no practical inconvenience. It is more a sentimental grievance than a practical one. It could only arise practically in case of New Zealand Brethren visiting the Mother country; and those who have done so have found in English Lodges a more Masonic feeling than has yet been shown by the Grand Lodge of England, and have had no reason to complain of lack of welcome.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has been recognised by and is in fraternal communication with thirty-seven Supreme Masonic governing bodies in different parts of the world. In this number are included the four Australian Grand Lodges, in which the representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand sit side by side with representatives of the Grand Lodge of England. Some of these Grand Lodges which recognise us have as their Patron H.R.H. the Grand Master of England. Are there not here anomalies which should for Masonic credit be rectified by the removal of the ban placed by the Grand Lodge of England on the Grand Lodge of New Zealand?

Let me also point out what may yet prove a source of Masonic trouble, if that ban is maintained. We have had cases of Brethren coming from Australia to reside for a time in New Zealand who have only taken one or two degrees. A New Zealand Lodge has, at the request of the initiating Australian Lodge, conferred the other degrees. How would the Grand Lodge of England deal with such a case should a Brother so circumstanced go home? If any demur were made as to his status it would be an insult to the recognised Constitution under which he was initiated; while if the degrees conferred in New Zealand were recognised, where would be the consistency of refusing recognition to the Grand Lodge by whose authority they were conferred? Serious questions affecting other Grand Lodges may arise if recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is much longer delayed.

In conclusion, let me say that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is not, and never has been, an aggressive body. It has no desire to force any Lodge to join it. Its ranks are open to any Lodges which desire to join it, but their doing so much be of their own freewill, and the result of conviction that the change will be of benefit to themselves and the Craft. In asking recognition we do not ask for jurisdiction over any established Lodge which does not desire to come under local control. We are content that those who still wish to remain under English jurisdiction shall remain so without let or hindrance. We are quite sure the number would soon be reduced to a vanishing point. We can pursue the even tenor of our way very well without recognition until time and circumstances shall bring it about. We know it must come, as month after month we go on adding Lodges to our roll—in fact, that each accession brings it nearer. But surely it is not worth the while of a body like the Grand Lodge of England to prolong the agony and unreasonably delay restoring complete harmony among the Craft in New Zealand. It is not for the interest of Freemasonry that even the present slight estrangement should continue to exist for even a day longer than may be necessary to remove the cause. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand is an accomplished fact—a substantial reality. It cannot long be ignored by any Masonic body.

We all reverence and respect our Mother Grand Lodges, and it was in no spirit of unkindness or disloyalty that we asserted our right to Masonic autonomy, but from an assured conviction that until Masonic self-government was established Freemasonry would never thrive as it ought to do in New Zealand, or be enabled to fulfil its noblest and highest functions. The result of four years and nine months' experience has more than justified our actions and realised our expectations.

Although we may not again approach the Grand Lodge of England as suppliants, we should indeed rejoice if that body, in its wisdom and justice, would see that the time is opportune for it to reconsider the application which is still pending before it, having not been absolutely refused, but merely postponed, when it was formerly before the Grand Lodge.

Apologising for the length of this letter, but trusting you will find room for it, and bring it prominently under the notice of the Colonial Board and the authorities of the Grand Lodge, whom I am precluded from addressing personally.

Believe me, fraternally yours,

E. T. GILLON P.G.M.

President Board of General Purposes,
Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Wellington, N.Z.,

10th January 1895.

ADVICE FROM A DISGUSTED FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the "Sunday Times."

MADAM,—Ladies have nothing to gain by becoming Freemasons, except the knowledge of a few arbitrary words and signs which are considered the secrets of the Craft. They are simply words and signs, and nothing more, by which the Craft recognises one another. The mysteries of Freemasonry have been irretrievably lost, and an attempt has been made in modern time to apply the emblems of Freemasonry to morals, charity, and good-fellowship, with the effect that the former has followed the mysteries into obscurity, charity has become a job, and good-fellowship is reserved for the prosperous. When I was in a flourishing condition everything was delightful, good-fellowship was overwhelming, suppers and banquets were of the best. The most marvellous stories were told—how lives had been saved on the battlefield, the once rich had been saved from ruin, and poor Brothers had been helped to affluence. Now the scene changes. Reverses, over which I had no control, broke me entirely. Where were now all the boasted benefits to be derived from Masonry? Gone. Not a friend remained. Could I not get help from my Lodge? No, they ignored me. I then applied to head-quarters. I had no claim, because I was unattached to a Lodge, and the reception I met was what one might expect from Poor Law authorities. If I am not still a Freemason, I am at least a free man, and released from all responsibilities to the Craft. I shall therefore be able to give lady correspondents any information they require, but gentlemen must obtain it by the usual methods. As to the merits of the question, whether ladies could become Freemasons, I know of no reasons why they should not, excepting a few details of initiation, which might be modified. But it certainly would be best for ladies to form separate Lodges, once a sufficient number had been initiated to supply the Officers, still, I think they would not find the game worth the candle. Why not join the Ancient Order of Buffaloes?

A SUNDAY READER.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 19.

THE members celebrated their installation, and inaugurated the 126th year in the history of the Lodge, on Thursday of last week, at the Cannon Street Hotel, when the Lodge was opened by Brother John Henry Whadcoat W.M. of the past year, who was well supported during the meeting by Past Masters, Officers and ordinary members of the Lodge, with several Visitors.

The company included Past Masters: W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. England, Charles Tyler, James Dix, William Pound (Steward), Daniel Nicholson, F. E. W. Collard, Henry Glenn (Treasurer), George Sneath, Charles B. Barnes (Secretary), G. Hardman Hoyle, Arthur Wormull, Henry Poston, and A. Digby Green; Brothers: Milton Smith, E. G. Young, W. F. Stauffer, G. Risdon Carsberg, W. Stacey, Money Marsland, W. P. Campbell-Everden, J. P. Hinckel, M. Pulverman, G. Stevens, O. Marsland, M. Miroy, A. C. Burnley, W. E. Whadcoat, T. E. Williams. Visitors: Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale Grand Treasurer of England, Reginald St. A. Roumieu Grand Superintendent of Works England, C. F. Hogard Past Grand Standard Bearer England, Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan I.P.M. 96, A. J. Hollington P.M. 58 W.M. 2396 Past Grand Steward, E. E. Cooper P.M. 8 Past Grand Steward, H. M. Bates P.M. 91 P.G.S., W. R. Cato 2470, J. P. Kennedy 2470, E. W. Carter P.M. 858, A. S. Johns 321 New York, Harold Woodcock 2470, E. G. Banks 1987, W. H. Whadcoat, B.A., LL.B., 4, J. B. Sorrell P.M. and Treasurer 1260, W. J. Longhurst W.M. 227, R. M. H. Griffiths 1677, W. W. N. Strong W.M. 22, W. W. Morgan 177, E. B. Lumley 2323, H. J. Tibbatts I.P.M. 2396 J.W. 1385, J. Vezey Strong 1538, C. E. Birch P.G.J.W. Herts P.P.J.G.W. Kent.

The Lodge was regularly opened and the Minutes confirmed, after which the Report of the Audit Committee was submitted and received. The ballot proved favourable on behalf of two gentlemen, Mr. Charles Smith and Mr. Charles Edmund Wells, and they were regularly admitted to the benefits of Masonic light. Bro. George W. Capel, a member of the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, was admitted as a Joining Member, and then followed the chief event of the day—the installation of Bro. Milton Smith.

Bro. W. M. Bywater P.G.Sword Bearer, who filled the chair of the Royal Athelstan Lodge in 1853, and is now its oldest member, officiated as Installing Master, and right well did he carry out his duties, addressing the Officers and Brethren in brilliant style.

Bro. Milton Smith was also efficient in the work of investing his Assistant Officers, the collars of the Lodge being distributed as follows: E. G. Young S.W., W. F. Stauffer J.W., H. Glenn P.M. Treas., C. B. Barnes P.M. Sec., G. R. Carsberg S.D., W. Stacey J.D., Money Marsland I.G., W. M. Bywater P.M. P.G.Swd.B. D.C., W. Pound P.M. Steward, W. P. Campbell-Everden Organist, G. Gilbert Tyler.

Before closing his Lodge the new Master expressed the pleasure he had experienced in having to invest so able a Mason as Bro. J. H. Whadcoat with the collar of Immediate Past Master. He had also the further gratification of presenting him with the jewel voted at the last meeting of the Lodge and so well deserved by its recipient. Considering the pains the I.P.M. had taken to properly mark the 125th Anniversary of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, to secure the comfort of the Brethren, and above all the efforts he had made to place the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge on a firm basis, he had well deserved the honours the Lodge had been able to confer. The Master said he was also much pleased at having to present to his predecessor the illuminated address which had been voted by the Lodge, as a more tangible expression of thanks, and he should also like Bro. Whadcoat's acceptance on his own behalf of a framed portrait group of the Past Masters and chief Officers of the Lodge.

We recorded the terms of the illuminated address when reporting the proceedings of the December meeting of the Lodge. It was handsomely engrossed and illuminated, and signed on behalf of the Lodge by the following:

W. M. BYWATER P.G.Swd.B. P.M. D.C., Father of the Lodge.
ARTHUR DIGBY GREEN I.P.M.
HENRY GLENN P.M. and Treasurer.
C. B. BARNES P.M. Secretary.
MILTON SMITH Senior Warden.
E. C. YOUNG Junior Warden.

Brother Whadcoat briefly acknowledged the presentations. He had been very much surprised, he remarked, at the last meeting of the Lodge to hear the terms in which the testimonial had been voted, on the proposition of Past Master Bywater, seconded by Bro. Past Master Barnes, and he could only assure the members that he was most gratified to hear his year of office had satisfied them. It had most certainly been particularly satisfactory to himself.

The Secretary announced the death of Bro. A. Ramsey, one of the members of the Lodge, since its last meeting, and the regret of some of the invited guests that they were prevented from attending. These latter included Bros. the Lord Mayor, Colonel T. Sewell Davies, Alderman Davies, Sheriff Hand, Sir Reginald Hanson, and others.

The Lodge was then closed, and the company adjourned to the banquet, which was not only of a choice character, but was most efficiently served, a large staff of waiters being well directed by Bro. Aptommas, the Manager, while the whole of the arrangements were personally supervised by Bro. T. Puzey, one of the Proprietors of the establishment.

The new Master commenced the toast list by the proposition of the Queen, our beloved sovereign. While Her Majesty could not be a Mason herself she had shown her interest by patronising the Masonic Institutions, and was ably supported by members of her family, who had won distinction in the Craft. As the daughter of a Mason and the Mother of Masons her sympathies were deep, and throughout the globe wherever her name and the principles of Freemasonry were revered we might expect to find peace and harmony.

Proposing the Grand Master's health Bro. Milton Smith said in all ages Monarchs had been promoters of Freemasonry, and exchanged the Sceptre for the Trowel. In Great Britain, since King Athelstan nearly 1,000 years ago granted Freemasons a Charter, probably none of the many Princes who had supported the Craft had done so much for Masonry as the present Grand Master; they little knew but that his high position and interest in

the Craft might have done much in the interests of international peace and goodwill.

The third toast on the list, said the Master, was an important one on that occasion, as they had some Grand Officers present. Brethren might be apt to look upon the Grand Officers as simply adorned with splendour and armed with power, but their duties were varied and onerous—the work of the Board of Benevolence alone proving this. Sir Joseph Dimsdale had secured the Grand Treasurership, an office always keenly contested for, and securing for any Brother who filled it a large share of honour; then they had Brother Roumieu, whose office was certainly one of distinction; Brother Hogard, who was a frequent and always welcome visitor; and their own member, Bro. Bywater, who was in reality a Grand Officer of Grand Officers, he being the one Sword Bearer of the twenty-eight appointed on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee selected to carry the sword in front of the Grand Master on that occasion.

Sir Joseph Dimsdale, in reply, said he felt it no small honour to be called upon to respond to the compliment paid the Grand Officers of England. He rose that night with sorrow, because that day the turf had closed over one who was a staunch Mason and a true man—one who would leave a green memory behind him. He referred to the late Colonel Money. He was not unconscious he was called upon to respond that night for the living, but he might also pay a tribute to the dead. He recognised Grand Lodge as the mainspring of the Craft, which during recent years had made great strides, which he attributed to the one fact that the Order was established on that great solid rock—the Volume of the Sacred Law; Freemasons striving to do their duty to the Great Architect of the Universe and to their fellow men. They had had the ceremony of installation carried out that night by a member of Grand Lodge, which showed that, while they of Grand Lodge criticised, they were yet able to work. He trusted that during his term of office he had made friends whom he might trust should the storm of adversity ever overtake him. He felt that his year of office had been productive of great benefit to himself, and hoped none of those who supported him at his election, and helped to secure him the office, had since had occasion to regret doing so.

Bro. Roumieu followed. The duties of Grand Superintendent of Works were most interesting, and although there had not been much to do during his year of office the little he had done had helped to build him into the building they all loved. In occupying his office he followed a long line of distinguished men, and it was an honour in itself to be associated with such names as were included in the past holders of the appointment.

Immediate Past Master Bro. Whadcoat next proposed the health of the Master Bro. Milton Smith, who, he said, was initiated in that Lodge in 1885, and had had the honour that evening of investing with a collar of office the Brother who introduced him into the Lodge—he meant their Secretary Bro. Barnes, to whom they were all indebted for having brought to the Lodge a Mason who had so ably filled the chair during the brief period he had that day occupied it. Their Master had worked well in the past, and that day was reaping the reward he so well deserved.

Responding to the toast of his health, the Master said he was exceedingly obliged by the remarks of the I.P.M. as well as for the hearty reception accorded to the toast. He would endeavour, now that he had started well, to satisfy the Lodge during his term of office. Before associating himself with the Order he had seen sufficient to appreciate those he knew to be Masons, and had felt he could not do better than be one himself. Since he had joined the Craft he had learnt to respect its members yet further. Circumstances had marked him as specially associated with the Royal Athelstan Lodge, for he was born on the anniversary of the foundation of the Lodge, was married during its centenary year, had been initiated as a Mason on the anniversary of his wife's birthday, and was just passing out of his silver wedding as he had risen to the highest office in the Lodge. He had done his best so far in the Lodge, and they might rest in the knowledge that he would do his utmost in the future.

Bro. D. Nicholson P.M. submitted the toast of the Initiates. He need not point out the necessity of having new men introduced into such a society as Freemasonry—without them it would die out. He came there twenty-eight years ago, and had enjoyed himself as a member of the Lodge ever since. He trusted the Initiates of that day might have as happy an experience, and reap as much pleasure from the Lodge as he had done.

Bro. Charles Smith tendered cordial thanks for the honour conferred on him that evening, and ventured to express the hope he might be found a worthy member of the Order.

Bro. Wells likewise hoped to prove a worthy member, and begged to offer his fraternal greetings in return for the hearty ones tendered him that day.

Next on the list was the toast of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master, and the Past Masters—a formidable combination, said the Worshipful Master. He had originally proposed to divide this into three toasts, but had united them, in order to save time. The Past Masters of a Lodge were really its strength and its support. They had a strong column of Past Masters belonging to the Royal Athelstan—upwards of twenty, which might be regarded as a good foundation for any Lodge. They all knew the readiness with which their Past Masters backed up the Masters; they were not only good workers in the Lodge, but also zealous supporters of the Charities. Notable in this respect was the I.P.M. Bro. Whadcoat, who last year served as Steward for all three of the Institutions, and proposed to do so again this year. Their Installing Master Bro. Bywater was known throughout the Craft as a good P.M. and an efficient worker, while their I.P.M. had done so much for the Lodge that it was difficult to recount his services. Not only had he conduced to the augmentation of their Lodge Benevolent Fund by £500, but he had personally seen to the renovation of the Furniture of the Lodge, which, in an old Lodge like theirs, must naturally have shown signs of age. Bro. Whadcoat had indeed won the esteem and respect of the members.

Bro. Whadcoat was the first to respond. He felt bound to obey the command of the presiding Officer, else he should revolt against replying in front of the noble array of Past Masters before him, and especially Brother Bywater. He fully appreciated the illuminated address and the portraits of all the living Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge that had been presented him that day, and should look upon them as a memento of one of the brightest years of his life.

Bro. Bywater wished he could accept as deserving, one half of the encomiums passed upon him by the Worshipful Master. If anything he had done had afforded pleasure he was delighted.

Bro. Tyler (Master in 1855) responded for the remainder of the toast. The Past Masters around him were veritable boys compared with himself, if he might say so. It was a great regret to him that his health had not allowed of his attendance more frequently in recent years. He was pleased to see the interest displayed in the Lodge by the members, and hoped the younger ones would derive as much pleasure in the office of Master, when their turn came round, as he did forty years ago.

Bro. Bywater submitted the toast of the Visitors—a sentiment always received in their Lodge with enthusiasm. He saw around him several who were not new faces there, so it was fair to think they had enjoyed previous visits. So long as they were willing to come he felt they were sure of a hearty welcome. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, referring to his candidature for the Grand Treasurership of 1895-6, and wishing him every success. He asked Bro. Hollington to also reply.

Bro. Morgan responded. He was much obliged to their good Brother Bywater for coupling his name with the toast, and felt quite sure he might say, on behalf of all the other Visitors as well as himself, that they had enjoyed a very pleasant time. He had wondered whether they had been better treated in Lodge or at the festive board—certainly both had provided admirable entertainment. The Lodge might well be proud of the work that had been performed.

Brother A. J. Hollington followed, adding his thanks to those of the previous speaker.

The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next submitted from the chair, and in introducing it the W.M. said they were really the Masters of the Master of a Lodge. Without these two Officers he really did not think their Lodge would occupy its present proud position.

Bro. Glenn responded, feeling it was very difficult to say anything new as a Treasurer, except perhaps that he might express the satisfaction the Members doubtless felt in being like the Village Blacksmith, able to look the whole world in the face, for they owed not any man. The Lodge finished the illustrious year of office of the Immediate Past Master within an ace of where it started, so far as financial balance was concerned, which result was largely due to the way in which Bro. Whadcoat had treated them. Brother Glenn referred to his experience in checking a Plumber's account, where, after charging for every conceivable service, there came as a finish "easing, oiling and adjusting all machinery." He fully recognised what this meant when he called to mind how Bro. Whadcoat had eased, oiled and adjusted the machinery of their Lodge. It might be cruel to say so, but he was really pleased that Secretary Barnes had left the meeting, for it gave him the opportunity of saying that in Bro. Barnes the Lodge had as good a Secretary as any Lodge could desire. He sincerely hoped Bro. Barnes might remain their Secretary for many years to come.

The toast of the Officers was next submitted from the chair, and this having been acknowledged, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the Tyler, who gave the customary final toast.

An excellent selection of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, Ph.D., P.P.G. Organist of Essex, who was assisted by Miss Emily Davies, Miss Minnie Chamberlain, Bro. Charles Butler, and Bro. Daniel Price, with Madame Tester Jones at the piano. Notwithstanding the enjoyment we have derived at former meetings of the Lodge we think we may say our latest experience of the hospitality of No. 19 surpasses it. One feels perfectly at home with the members, and the whole work is arranged with such precision as to materially conduce to one's comfort. Late hours—one of our pet aversions—are not tolerated at the Royal Atholstan.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 101.

THE installation of Bro. Frank Wint as W.M. of this old and flourishing Lodge took place on Wednesday 6th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street. A number of well-known Masons were present, including Bro. Sir W. Abdy, and about 100 other Brethren.

The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by Brother Harry Wood and a full Board of Installed Masters.

After the Lodge was closed the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where the usual toasts were honoured.

BEDFORD LODGE, No. 157.

AT the annual meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joseph Bruton P.M. of the Tilbury Lodge, No. 2006, which meets at the Royal Hotel, Purfleet, was the recipient of a handsome Past Master's jewel and a silver cigar-box.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE annual installation festival of this popular Lodge took place on the 12th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., additional interest being given to the occasion because this year the Lodge completes its Centenary. The original number of the Lodge was 290 on the roll of the soi-disant Grand Lodge of the Antients, and the Warrant bears date of the 11th September 1795, being signed by the Duke of Atholl, the Grand Master. It was not therefore surprising that a considerable number of the members and their friends supported the W.M. Bro. W. J. Dyer when he took the chair, and in addition to the Officers the following Visitors were present: Samuel Cochrane P.G. Treas., Nathaniel Bunnell P.P.A.D.C. North Wales, G. E. Higginson P.M. 1791, W. W. Lee P.M. 2381, A. T. Foreman P.M. 1201, H. Cockrell P.M. 225, Arthur Bunnell P.M. 406, W. George P.M. 101, James Webb P.M. 1287, G. P. Hodgson P.M. 1613, William Lewis 120, Nicholas Pratt 1284, Arthur H. Hentsch 410, G. Rust 2331, Edward Austen 1791, C. C. Barber 1585, R. N. Larter 1791, W. Evans 172, Geo. Horwill 1571, W. J. Nash 321, F. Reynolds 663, C. B. Gibson 1420, G. A. Sturgess 538, Howland Roberts 2312, W. Pallant 1421.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the Audit Committee presented their report, which was received and adopted. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. George Cockrell having been elected by the Brethren as W.M. was presented by the D.C. and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. He was subsequently placed in the Master's chair according to ancient custom, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Dyer, assisted by Bro. Orlton Cooper. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of twenty-one members.

Having been duly saluted in the various degrees Bro. Cockrell invested his Officers, as follow: G. Copley S.W., A. B. Sparsforth J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Cecil Mount S.D., A. H. Collings J.D., P. J. King I.G., O. Cooper P.M. Director of Ceremonies, E. C. Collings Organist, H. Lindfield P.M. Steward.

Although evidently suffering from a severe cold the new W.M. quickly proved his proficiency for the post by initiating Mr. George Francis Johnson, the impressive ritual being admirably rendered. Bro. Albert Usher, a former member of the Lodge, was accepted as a joining member; and this concluding the business of the evening, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

At the termination of the repast the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Samuel Cochrane responded for the Grand Officers. He alluded to the work done by the Board of General Purposes, which had the entire confidence of the members of the Craft, and maintained that no Society on earth evoked more good fellowship and benevolence than Freemasonry.

Bro. Dyer, in kindly terms proposed the health of the W.M., which they all regretted was not at present satisfactory, in fact Bro. Cockrell had come from a bed of sickness to attend the business of the Lodge and they admired his pluck in so doing. He was well fitted for the post; they knew how well he had performed his work in the Lodge in spite of his suffering.

Bro. Cockrell briefly returned thanks and asked the indulgence of the Brethren to excuse him from speaking any more, so the remainder of the toasts would be proposed by the Past Masters.

Bro. Kirkland then gave the Immediate Past Master and congratulated him upon having such a successful year of office. He had done his work thoroughly and had filled the chair with dignity to himself and honour to the Lodge.

The W.M. then presented him with the Past Master's jewel and expressed the hope that the Great Architect would grant him health and strength to wear it for many years to come, as a pleasing souvenir of his Mastership of the Lodge.

Bro. Dyer, in response, said that whatever success had been achieved was due to the Officers of the Lodge, as his efforts would have been futile had they not supported him in what he had done. He was pleased to hear that he had given satisfaction to the members and sincerely thanked the Brethren for their handsome present.

Brother Alfred Green proposed the Initiate, who replied, thanking the Brethren for admitting him into their Lodge and hoping that he would be able to perform the duties required of him.

Brother Wm. Radcliffe, in a genial speech gave the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bros. Harry Cockrell, G. E. Higginson, S. Webb, W. George and F. Reynolds.

Bro. Dyer proposed the Past Masters, to which Bros. Alfred Green Treas., Wm. Radcliffe Secretary, and H. Nash returned thanks, after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination.

During the evening an excellent and novel entertainment was given by the Meier Family, whose Tyrolean songs and performances on various musical instruments were much enjoyed.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 41.

THE installation of Bro. Frederick W. Gardiner took place on Thursday 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bath. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge, and the company included several Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Somerset and Wilts., and Brethren from other Lodges in both Provinces. The Board of Installed Masters numbered no fewer than twenty-four.

Apologies were made by the Secretary Brother C. W. Radway for the absence of the P.G.M. Lord Dungarvan, Col. Wyndham Murray, M.P., and others, and much regret was expressed at the enforced absence, through a public engagement, of the popular D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else.

The installation, as is the custom in this Lodge, was performed by the W.M. Brother C. Curd, and the work was done in a quiet, dignified and impressive manner, which fully merited the encomiums subsequently passed upon it by old and experienced Past Masters. The ancient charges peculiar to the York ritual, says the "Bath Chronicle," were given to the Masters, Officers, and Brethren by the respected Treasurer of the Lodge Bro. T. P. Ashley, whose delivery thereof left nothing to be desired.

A pleasant and gratifying incident in the proceedings was the presentation to the out-going W.M. of an elegant Past Master's jewel, this being provided for out of a sum of money given for that purpose by an old friend, Brother Edmund White, who is not only the oldest Freemason in Somerset, but our contemporary believes in England. The presentation was appropriately made by Bro. Rubie P.M., and modestly but gratefully acknowledged by Bro. Curd.

About fifty Brethren sat down to the banquet, which was served in their usual finished style by Messrs. Fortt and Son. It is added the Lodge will be represented at the ensuing festival of the Benevolent Institution by Brother Radway, who has consented to serve as Steward, and it is hoped to send by him a substantial *donneur* to this noble charity.

UNION LODGE, No. 129.

ON Thursday, 31st ult., the festival of St. John the Evangelist was observed at Kendal, when Bro. R. J. Illingworth was installed W.M. by the Immediate Past Master Dr. Leeming.

Afterwards a banquet was held at the King's Arms Hotel, when, an excellent repast being disposed of, the usual toasts were observed.

LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Masonic Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., Bro. J. M. H. Blamey W.M.

The reading and confirmation of minutes having been accomplished, Bro. William Siddeley P.M. was successfully balloted for as a re-joining member.

A board of Installed Masters was afterwards formed as follows:—Bro. D. D. McPherson S.W., Bro. John Studd P.P.G.D.C. J.W., and Bro. J. E. Williams Prov. G.D.D.C. I.G. Bro. Blamey then proceeded to instal into the chair of K.S. Bro. R. A. Hepworth S.W., being assisted in the ceremonial by Past Masters Jos. Wildgoose P.P.J.G.D., H. H. Warburton P.P.S.G.D., and T. H. Scholfield; the investitures being undertaken by Bro. J. M. Sinclair Treasurer P.P.J.G.D., and it goes without saying that the work was performed by these eminent Officers in that perfect manner which usually distinguishes this, the premier Lodge of the Province.

The following is a list of the Officers for 1895: S. Gaskill S.W., H. A. Owles J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treasurer, F. Walmsley Sec., John Allen S.D., Hy. R. Yates J.D., J. H. Studd I.G., John Studd P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., John E. Williams P.M. P.G.D.D.C. Organist, H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Charity Representative, B. Williams P.M., W. Morton, C. Sleet, R. Race Stewards.

A banquet succeeded Lodge business, after which came the Loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. John Chadwick P.G.S.B. Prov. Grand Sec., in responding on behalf of the Grand Officers, said that he had received invitations to three similar functions, and had even sent a letter excusing himself from being present with the members of the Lodge of Integrity, but Bro. Blamey had given him a reminder that he had promised over a month ago to attend their annual Festival. He complimented Bro. Blamey upon the very admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of Installation; in fact he characterised it as having been beautifully and successfully done. There were one or two small points of detail which might differ from ordinarily accepted methods, and which might be considered as merely differences of opinion, but taking the ceremony as a whole, it had been splendidly performed.

Bro. J. E. Williams P.M., &c. proposed the health of the W.M., who made a very brilliant response, saying in effect that it was just ten years since he first arrived in Manchester, and at that time could boast of but a few friends; they were, however, very numerous now. Speaking of his Masonic career he said that it had commenced eight years ago, and his progress had been rapid.

Bro. Hepworth gave some interesting details as to the position of Freemasonry in the world, and endeavoured to prove that it was the ancient and honourable institution which those who are devoted to its principles are led to believe, for outside Christianity itself it stood unequalled, and was worthy of our approbation. Its ceremonials were replete with beauties, and in proportion to the honour and dignity which its members conferred upon the Craft, so would that honour and dignity be reflected back upon them. Bro. Hepworth thanked the proposer of the toast, and concluded by earnestly exhorting the Officers and members of the Lodge of Integrity to aid him in promoting and developing the tenets of the Order.

Bro. Gaskill proposed the health of the Installing Master and coupled with the toast the Past Masters of the Lodge.

Bro. Blamey I.P.M., in responding, thanked Bro. Gaskill for the kind and truly Masonic way in which he had introduced his name to them, feeling sure he meant all that he had said. For some years past Bro. Gaskill had served the Lodge well, and personally he had been under many an obligation to him. He felt that he would rather prepare for another Installation than respond to the toast, for he was at a loss for words by which to express the kindly feelings within him. Last year was one of the happiest in his life, and he should always look back with pleasure to the time when, as Master, he presided over one of the best Lodges in England. His successor could not but feel gratified by the fact that at a recent meeting for instruction the whole of the Officers were word perfect. He congratulated them upon this fact, and concluded by thanking Bros. Wildgoose, Warburton and other Past Masters who had rendered to him that kindness which only one Mason could bestow upon another.

Songs, &c. were given by Brothers Garlick, Mead, Eastwood, Owles, Ridsdale Bowley P.M. (Manchester concerts), William H. Kershaw (Gentlemen's Glee Club, &c.), and James Batchelder (author and composer of innumerable anthems, songs, operettas, pianoforte and other pieces).

There were upwards of seventy Brethren present at the Lodge and banquet, some of the most important whose names have not already been mentioned being Bros. R. T. Redman, Richard Simister and R. L. McMillan Past Masters; Jos. Clemmey Sec. Visitors:—Bros. R. Newhouse Prov.G. Sec. Cheshire, Jno. Cliffe P.M. 204 Prov.G.D.C., H. G. Small P.M. P.P.D.C. Cheshire, Alfred Hebden P.M. 1458 P.P.G.D.D.C., Robt. Hunter P.M. 1088 P.P.G.S.D., and William Bee P.M. 1459 P.P.G.S.

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ALL SOULS LODGE, No. 170.

AN interesting event took place on Wednesday, 13th inst., at Weymouth, says the "Southern Times," when a large and distinguished gathering assembled to witness the introduction into Freemasonry of the Rev. J. A. Miller, B.D., Head-Master of the Weymouth College, and Mr. J. Herbert Devenish, of Springfield, Weymouth. Among those present were Sir Richard Howard Past Grand Deacon of England; Colonel Skene Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire; several Worshipful Masters of other Lodges in the county, &c.

The ceremony was carried out by the Worshipful Master Bro. J. Howard Bowen.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where Brothers Miller and Devenish received the warm congratulations of the assembled Brethren. During dinner an additional interest was given to the gathering by the Worshipful Master Bro. J. Howard Bowen receiving intelligence of the birth of a daughter—an event not expected that evening. The good news was received with enthusiasm by the assembled Brethren, and the happy event added piquancy to a brilliantly successful gathering.

In honour of the initiation of Bro. J. A. Miller it was suggested by Bro. Sir R. N. Howard that an effort should be made to found a Masonic scholarship at the Weymouth College, for sons of Freemasons. The suggestion was very favourably received, and a considerable sum subscribed in the Lodge, and it is hoped that before long the Lodge will be in the proud position of having a Masonic scholarship at this valuable Institution, which has proved of so much benefit to the town.

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FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. S. Martin and the Brethren of this Lodge gave their annual "at home" at their regular quarters in Granby Street, Devonport, on the 13th inst. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings were of a very animated and interesting character. This is the sixteenth gathering of the kind at which ladies have been invited to attend, and those Brethren present who belong to other Lodges must have been struck with the success which this departure attained compared with that usually associated with the fourth degree, says the report in the "Western Mercury."

The banquet hall had been tastefully decorated by the Tyler Bro. Shears, and Mrs. Shears, and here dancing was indulged in by those who appreciate this kind of recreation. The Lodge Room answered the purpose of a lounge, refreshment, and concert room.

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 281.

ON the 15th inst. the members held a social gathering at the Phoenix Rooms, Lancaster, to which a number of friends were invited. Altogether there were about forty couples present at the gathering, and dancing formed the principal amusement.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 303.

AT the installation meeting Bro. A. T. Crossley was installed by Bro. F. C. Hallett P.P.G.S.D.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Brethren adjourned to Bro. F. W. Partridge's Queen's Hotel, for the annual banquet. The W.M. presided.

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VIRTUE AND SILENCE LODGE, No. 332.

THE annual installation was held at the White Lion Hotel, Hadleigh, on Wednesday, 6th inst., when Bro. George Stephenson was installed into the chair by Bro. J. C. Norman P.M.

The Brethren, with the addition of a few Visitors, subsequently sat down to a well-served banquet, provided in Bro. Aldous' satisfactory style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

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DE TABLEY LODGE, No. 941.

THE annual installation was held at the Royal George Hotel, Knutsford, on Monday, 11th inst., under the presidency of Bro. William Dale W.M. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and Visitors, amongst the latter being Brother J. M. McLeod P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The ceremony of installation of Bro. W. Barnes W.M.-elect was most effectively and impressively performed by Bro. Dale.

A banquet was subsequently held, an excellent menu being provided by Miss Backhouse, the esteemed manageress of the Hotel. Brother Barnes occupied the chair, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and enthusiastically received.

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ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1125.

AT the annual gathering at Tiverton, on the 13th inst., Brother J. H. Wheeler was installed W.M. A banquet was held at the Angel Hotel in the evening.

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PHOENIX LODGE OF ST. ANN, No. 1235.

THE annual festival was held in the Masonic Hall, Town Hall, Buxton, on Thursday, 7th inst.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and after the usual routine business had been transacted, Bro. W. Brierley S.W. was installed, the ceremony being admirably performed by Brother W. R. Bryden the retiring Master.

Bro. J. H. Lawson P.M. delivered the address to the W.M., and Bro. W. Boughen P.M. the address to the Wardens and Officers.

On the motion of Bro. Ainsworth, seconded by Bro. Gladwin, a sum of £2 2s was voted from the Lodge funds for the relief of the poor of Buxton.

Hearty good wishes were expressed from the Provincial Grand Lodges of Derbyshire, Lancashire and Cheshire, and the Lodge was closed.

The banquet took place at the George Hotel, and was admirably provided and served under the supervision of the proprietor, Bro. W. F. Mill.

After dinner Bro. W. Broadbery proposed the newly-installed W.M., and said Bro. Brierley was one who had done excellent work in every Office in the Lodge, and would, he was sure, fill the duties of W.M. with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. Bro. Brierley responded.

Bro. Ainsworth proposed the Visiting Brethren, and expressed the pleasure it gave the members of the Phoenix Lodge to welcome Visitors, either to their installation or ordinary meetings.

The toast of the Installing Master and the I.P.M. was proposed by Bro. Mill, who also presented to the I.P.M. a splendid jewel as a mark of esteem from the Brethren of the Lodge. It bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

BRO. W. R. BRYDEN

by the Brethren of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, 1235.

6th February 1895.

Bro. Bryden responded, tendering hearty thanks for the gift, and the cordial expressions towards him.

Other toasts were the Masonic Charities, proposed by Brother J. H. Lawson; the Past Masters, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Boughen; the Newly-Invested Officers, proposed by Bro. Brierley, and responded to by Bro. Broadbery S.W.; and the Tyler's toast, proposed by Bro. Milligan.

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DENISON LODGE, No. 1248.

THE installation in connection with this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Club, Scarborough. Bro. Charles H. Fletcher was installed W.M. and he then proceeded to invest the Officers.

The usual banquet was held in the evening at the Grand Hotel.

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TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE regular meeting was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester, on Monday, the 10th inst., those present being Bros. Percy E. Land W.M., Fras. Long I.P.M., Ramsey Knight S.W., Chris. A. H. Preston J.W., Geo. Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Sec., W. Yeadon S.D., John Done J.D., H. Russell I.G., D. Johnson P.M. D.C., Walter Biggs P.M., C. W. Maybury P.M., Jos. Kershaw P.M., John Morris P.M., Wm. Blears P.M., J. W. Rathbone P.M., Walter Lees, J. Yule-Deeley, C. F. Davies, T. Frith, H. Mogridge, Thos. Jackson, H. L. N. Preston, C. H. Moss. Visitors:—John Allin Org. 2231, E. H. Flower P.M. P.G. Tyler E.L. Tyler.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The E.A. charge was delivered to Brothers H. L. N. Preston and C. W. Moss in a very impressive manner by Bro. Preston J.W.

Bros. Preston and Moss having answered the necessary questions were passed by the W.M. and Bro. Rathbone P.M. respectively, the Working Tools being given by the S.W.

A ballot was taken resulting in the unanimous election of Bro. Joseph Kennerley J.D. of the Chorlton Lodge, 1387, as a Joining Member.

After hearty good wishes had been expressed the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

At the Social Board the health of the newly-passed Brethren was proposed by the W.M., and in reply they said they had been very much impressed with the ceremonies, and hoped they would prove worthy of that confidence which the Brethren had placed in them.

Bro. Burslem P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and in doing so expressed his pleasure and that of the Brethren generally with the manner in which he did his work and conducted the affairs of the Lodge.

In reply, the W.M. thanked the Brethren for their good wishes, and Bro. Burslem for his very flattering remarks; before resuming his chair he called upon the Brethren to drink heartily the health of their esteemed Bro. Long I.P.M., who now celebrated his 21st year as a Mason.

Bro. Long feelingly responded.

Other toasts followed, the same being varied by songs and recitations, rendered by Bros. Allin, Blears, Long, Rathbone and Russell. Bro. Allin presided at the pianoforte.

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URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, the 11th inst., the following being present: Bros. John Walton jun. W.M., Walter Bowers S.W., G. G. Mends J.W., Edward L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., George R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.P. Sec., J. Ormrod S.D., J. Mallard J.D., G. A. Myers P.M. Prov.G.D.C., J. Bowers P.M., Jas. Plowman I.G., W. H. Jolliffe I.P.M.; Past Masters J. H. Marsh, John Slyman P.P.G.D., R. Swindells, Peter Heaton P.P.G.S., John Walton, Edward Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE); Bros. Thos. Wm. Bone, G. G. R. Mends, Arthur Hawkins, Thos. French, J. F. Mends, J. G. Whitley, W. H. Ashworth.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. M. A. B. Wheeler, formerly J.W. of this Lodge, and Bro. John Clare, J.P., were successfully balloted for, the former as a re-joining, and the latter as a joining member.

Bro. Slyman proposed "that the sum of ten guineas be given out of the funds of the Lodge to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was granted.

The festive board followed, which was of the usual happy character.

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ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., the following amongst others being present: Bros. Walter Fowden W.M., Leon Levy S.W., J. Gershon J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treas., Geo. Crocker Acting Sec., Walter Marshall J.D., George Rideal P.M., Alfred D. Botton P.M., Myer Kersh, B. Steel, Julius Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P. Visitor:—Bro. Leo Harcourt, Phoenix, 1959, New Zealand (E.C.).

The principal business of the evening was that of balloting for Mr. H. Frankenstein, Manufacturer, Manchester, who did not put in an appearance, and raising to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Myer Kersh, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Mamelok.

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BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

UNDER the presidency of their W.M. Bro. E. Molyneux Ffennell, the Brethren held their annual musical evening in the Banqueting Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, 7th inst., the concert being preceded by a banquet.

During the evening Bro. J. Flinn proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the excellent Masonic work shown by Brother Ffennell.

The latter, in responding, said he felt it a great honour to preside over so large a gathering of the members of the Lodge and Visiting Brethren.

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FOREST LODGE, No. 1852.

THE annual installation took place on Wednesday, 13th inst., when Bro. W. Meggitt was installed into the chair by Bro. J. H. White. Brother Greenwood delivered the addresses.

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LORD WARKWORTH LODGE, No. 1879.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Amble, on Wednesday, 13th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. John Heslop S.W., which was done by Bro. John Glass P.M. P.P.G.P. The Officers were invested and the Brethren afterwards partook of supper at the Dock Hotel.

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GROVE LODGE, No. 1957.

ON Thursday, 31st ult., the installation of Bro. H. Howell Jones J.W. P.G.S.B. as W.M. took place at the Cock Inn, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. He was installed by Bro. H. Lomas P.G.S. of W., who was assisted by Bro. Grundy W.M. and others.

A banquet was subsequently held, when a gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. Bro. A. F. Grundy, having been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge.

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PORTCULLIS LODGE, No. 2038.

THE installation of W.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, Langport, on Thursday, 14th inst., the honour being conferred on Bro. H. H. Bonning.

A banquet afterwards took place at the Langport Arms Hotel, Bro. G. Barling catering in a satisfactory manner.

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ADUR LODGE, No. 2187.

THE Annual Installation meeting was held at the Assembly Room, Henfield, on Monday, 4th inst., when Bro. W. W. Welling was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

On the closing of the Lodge the Brethren sat down to a banquet, when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a programme of vocal music was sustained by Miss Edith Welling, Miss Maud Forshaw, Mr. Wallis Long, and Mr. Argyle Galloway, the duties of accompanist being carried out by Bro. Norman Roe P.P.G.O.

CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 4th inst., the following being present:—Bros. Captain Fred Pratt W.M., D. P. Schloss I.P.M., Surgeon-Captain A. H. Smith S.W., Captain George Kershaw J.W., Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Col. J. Howarth Clark P.M. P.P.G.D. Treas., Captain T. W. Ashworth Sec., Surgeon-Captain J. J. Kent Fairclough S.D., Major W. H. Hopkins P.M. D.C., Major John P. Peacock and Captain Peter Nightingale Stewards, Col. Henry L. Rocca P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Lieut. J. Nasymth Sidebottom. Visitor: Bro. Wm. Chorlton 317.

After the minutes of the meeting held 3rd December last had been read and confirmed, the name of Brother Captain Alan J. Sykes, 3rd V.B. Cheshire Regt., Bleacher, Chendale, Apollo Lodge, 357, was submitted to the ballot as a Joining Member, after which Bro. Col. Clark having taken the principal chair, Brother Captain Oscar Samson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to supper, the proceedings terminating in the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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FAIRFIELD LODGE, No. 2290.

ON Tuesday, 5th inst., at Fairfield, Bro. Tom Bush was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, by the I.P.M. Bro. Alfred Wright, who was ably assisted by Past Masters T. Vernon and W. J. Barrett.

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WIRRAL LODGE, No. 2496.

THE members met on the 7th inst., in the Music Hall, Claughton Road, Birkenhead, when Bro. T. E. Tomlinson was installed Worshipful Master.

The W.M.-elect was presented for installation by Bros. Shaw and Coveny, and the ceremony of installation was conducted in an impressive and dignified manner by the Installing Master Bro. Sam Jones.

After the banquet, which was admirably purveyed by Bro. Dan Baker, a very pleasing ceremony took place in the presentation of a handsome lady's dressing case, with silver fittings, to the Mayoress (Mrs. Thos. Shaw) and a silver salver to the Mayor of Birkenhead (Algernon Thos. Shaw). The former gift bore the inscription:

Presented

to Mrs. Shaw, Mayoress of Birkenhead,

as a token of esteem from the members of the Wirral Masonic Lodge, 2496.

7th Feb. 1895.

The salver was inscribed:

Presented

to Brother Alderman Thos. Shaw, Mayor of Birkenhead,

as a token of their high appreciation and esteem, by the Brethren of the Wirral Masonic Lodge, 2496.

7th Feb. 1895.

Bro. Gamlin made the presentation in a characteristic and felicitous speech, in the course of which he referred to the great respect which all the Brethren entertained for Alderman Shaw and his estimable wife, and their indebtedness to the Mayor for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Worshipful Master of the Lodge during the past year.

His Worship feelingly replied, after which numerous toasts were proposed and honoured.

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EVERTON CHAPTER, No. 823.

ON Thursday, 14th inst., the ceremony of installing the first Principals took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. This was ably performed by Comp. R. W. Gow P.Z. D.C. The chief honours were conferred upon Comps. John Mantle as Z., Edwin Kite H., Philip Armstrong J., with the good wishes of every member of the Chapter, and in the presence of a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past Principals, and Companions of other Chapters.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the M.E.Z. presented, on behalf of the Chapter, a Past Principal's jewel to Comp. J. J. Boyle I.P.Z. on his retirement from the First Principal's chair, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Chapter in the past, and the esteem in which he is held by the Companions.

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Masonic Sonnet, No. 107.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 295 and 2417 (E.C.) Hon. Mem. 1242 (E.C.) and 24 (S.C.).

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IN MEMORIAM.

Wor. Bro. John Wilson, LL.D., P.P.S.G.W.

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STERN Death has hoodwinked our dear Brother's eyes

Those kindly eyes we learned to love so well;

And tho' all cold his earthly body lies

His soul immortal in Grand Lodge doth dwell.

He was prepared—the door wide open stood—

The Tyler there well knew that all was right,

And he who graced our glorious Brotherhood

Now lives in realms where 'tis for ever Light.

And yet we miss his kind and genial smile,

The cheery voice, the courtly, winning ways,

And all the actions that we loved the while

They sent our memory back to bygone days.

Ours is the loss, and we his death deplore

Yet Heaven is richer for one soul the more!

Winder House, Bradford,

20th February 1895.

NEXT WEEK.

Further particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

- 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons-hall
26 Castle of Harmony, Savoy Ho.
28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons-h.
79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrews, Albion
706 Florence Nightingale Woolwich
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel
1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
2396 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Ho.
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
62 Social, Manchester
148 Lights, Warrington
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
999 Robert Burns, Manchester
1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-under-Lyne
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
1753 Obedience, Okehampton
1861 Claremont, Croydon
1991 Agricola, York
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
2257 Powell, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester

Tuesday.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons-hall
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle
92 Moira, Albion
141 Faith, Anderton's
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
165 Honour & Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
186 Industry, Freemasons-hall
259 Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropolitan
1348 Ebury, Criterion
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
2108 Empire, Criterion
2424 St. Stephen's, Lewisham
253 Tyrian, Derby
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callender, Manchester
1358 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millom
1579 Halsey, St. Albans
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport
1942 Minerva, Fenton
1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Portsea
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2358 Mona, Castletown
2405 Ionic, St. Helens

Wednesday.

- Festival Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemason's Tavern, 5-30 for 6.
2 Antiquity, Freemasons-hall
201 Jordan, Freemasons-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
1768 Progress, Freemasons-hall
1818 Clapham, Criterion

- 2395 Avondale, Brixton
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross
32 St. George's Harmony, L'pool
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
250 Minerva, Hull
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton Moor
540 Stuart, Bedford
651 Brecknock, Brecon
724 Derby, Liverpool
887 Leigh, Birmingham
996 Sonnes, East Dereham
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1633 Avon, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown
1723 St. George, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church, n. Accrington
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
1953 Prudence and Industry, Chard
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2186 Striguil, Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2357 Barry, Cadroxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2435 Wineslai, Winslow
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs

Thursday.

- House Committee, Benevolent Institution, Croydon, 3
General Committee, Girls School, F.M.H., 5
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
34 Mount Moriah, Freemason-hall
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons-hall
99 Shakespeare, Albion
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge H. H.
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
871 Royal Oak, Deptford
1608 Kilburn, Kilburn Gate
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
1974 St. Mary Abbott, Bailey's Hot.
2264 Chough, City Term. Hotel
39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Middleton
111 Restoration, Darlington
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
475 Bedfordshire of St. John the Baptist, Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Northwich
809 United Good Fellowship, Wisbech
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
966 St. Edward, Leek
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1313 Fermor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1392 Egerton, Bury
1404 St. Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypool
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1630 St. Michael, Coventry
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, I. of W.
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Army and Navy, Aldershot

- 2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling & Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, Manchester
2418 Hedworth, S. Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle Wilbraham, West Derby
2474 Hatherston, Walsall

Friday.

- 554 Yarborough, London Tavern
1627 Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
2467 Pickwick, Anderton's
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Leeds
521 Truth, Huddersfield
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, Newbury

Saturday.

- 142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle
1572 Carnarvon, Albion
1928 Gallery, Anderton's
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
138 Canynges, Bristol
1451 Truth, Manchester
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
601 St. John, Wellington
698 Ryde, Ryde, I. of W.
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1376 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor Volunteers, Wolverhampton
1993 Wolseley, Manchester
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield

An important series of volumes is about to make its appearance under the editorship of Sir Henry Roscoe, D.C.L., F.R.S., M.P. It will be entitled "The Century Science Series," and will be published by Messrs. Cassell and Co. The first book (to be issued in a few days) will be "John Dalton, and the Rise of Modern Chemistry," by Sir Henry Roscoe, to be followed at an early date by "Major Rennell, F.R.S., and the Rise of English Geography," by Clements R. Markham, C.B., F.R.S., President of the Royal Geographical Society. Amongst the contributors to the series will be R. T. Glazebrook, F.R.S., Professor Sylvanus Thompson, F.R.S., Professor Bonney, F.R.S., T. E. Thorpe, F.R.S., Professor Rücker, F.R.S., Edward B. Poulton, F.R.S., Miss Agnes M. Clerke, W. A. Shenstone, and Dr. Armand Ruffer.

Book VI. of Mr. Arnold-Forster's "Things New and Old, or Stories from English History" will be shortly published by Messrs. Cassell and Co. It will deal with the Stuart Period, and will contain a number of portraits reproduced from authentic pictures and documents in the British Museum.

The Prince of Wales has accepted a copy of Mr. George Augustus Sala's Autobiography, and Mr. Sala has received a letter from Sir Francis Knollys, in which he says, "I am desired by the Prince to express his best thanks to you, and to say that he feels sure he shall read the volumes with very great interest." So large has been the demand for this work that a second edition has already been called for.

The Theatres, &c.

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- Drury Lane.—7-30, Dick Whittington. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 1-30 also.
Lyceum.—1-30, Santa Claus. 8, King Arthur.
Adelphi.—8, The Fatal Card.
Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
Vaudeville.—8-15, Hal, the Highwayman. 9, The New Boy. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Comedy.—8, A Breezy Morning. 8-40, A Leader of Men. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Lyric.—8-15, His Excellency. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Prince of Wales's.—On Saturday, Gentleman Joe.
Terry's.—8, High life below stairs. 9, An Innocent Abroad. Matinée, Saturday.
Toole's.—8, The Secret. 8-45, Thorough-bred.
Criterion.—8-30, The Case of Rebellious Susan. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Haymarket.—8-30, An Ideal Husband. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Savoy.—8-0, Cox and Box. 9, The Chieftain. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2. Other afternoons, 2-30, Hansel and Gretel.
Garrick.—8-15, Faded Flowers. 8-45, A Pair of Spectacles. Saturdays, 3 o'clock only.
Daly's.—8-15, An Artist's Model. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
St. James's.—8-20, In the Season. 8-45, The importance of being Earnest.
Alhambra.—Variety Entertainment. Grand Ballets, Living Pictures, &c. 10-10, Ali Baba.
Empire.—Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. Living Pictures, &c.
Palace.—7-30, Variety Entertainment, Ballets, &c.
Oxford.—7-30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. Maskelyne's Magical Entertainment.
Moore and Burgess Minstrels.—St. James's Hall.—Every evening at 8. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30 also.
St. George's Hall.—German Reed's Entertainment, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3.
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street).—Open daily.
Royal Aquarium.—Open at 10; close at 11-30. Constant Amusement.