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THE BOYS SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE October ballot for admission to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place on Friday, the 11th prox., when sixteen vacancies will be filled from a list of forty-six approved candidates. The number of vacancies does not compare so favourably with the roll of candidates as is the case with the sister Institution, to which we referred last week, for whereas one in two of the Girls will be elected, the proportion for the Boys is virtually but one in three, but even this latter is very satisfactory, and supplies tangible proof of the popularity of the Institution and the continued liberality of the Craft.

No less than five of the candidates are on the list for the last time allowed by the "age" law, the first of whom, No. 3, A. S. Vernon, has a further claim on the sympathies of the Craft, inasmuch as both his parents are dead. Fortunately he goes to the poll with a record of 1,995 votes to his credit, but even that large number may require to be considerably increased in order to avert disaster, which in his case would be particularly hard. The father is accredited to the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London, and the boy is now making his fourth application. No. 7, W. H. Knight, a third application case, has also been well supported in the past, his total of recorded votes being 1,397. This is also a London case—from the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, the mother having four children dependent upon her, two of whom, however, are partly provided for. No. 9, F. S. Lang, made his first appeal last April, at which election he received 990 votes; he is an only child dependent on the widow of a former member of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, London, and will probably receive such further support as will provide him a home in the School. No. 19, C. F. Fillan, has bright prospects, his record from April last being 1,540 votes. His father was an Initiate and Past Master of the Welcome Lodge, No. 1673, London, and there are three of his children now dependent on their widowed mother. No. 25, F. N. Morgan, is a first application from the Province of Gloucestershire, where his father was initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 761, rising to the dignity of J.D. therein. We thus have four London and one Provincial case among the "last" applications, the former of whom have made previous appeals, and are, apparently, well on the way to ultimate success. As regards the latter it is probably only necessary for the lad to be officially supported by his father's Province to secure his election also. We may therefore reasonably hope to see each of the aged candidates returned on the day of election.

We have already spoken of one parentless candidate; No. 6, D. L. Collins, is another, and now comes forward for the third time, with 1,959 votes to his credit. He is one of four children dependent on friends, the father having been initiated in Light of the South Lodge, No. 1553, South America. In this boy's case the prospects of ultimate success are also encouraging.

Taking the list as a whole, it will be seen that twenty-

one of the forty-six candidates have made previous applications, three appearing for the fourth time, five for the third, and thirteen for the second; the remaining twenty-five being first applications. A large proportion of the "forwards" have already secured considerable support, while in all these cases there is evidence of practical sympathy that should eventually secure one of the much to be desired scholarships.

London is directly answerable for no less than seventeen of the candidates, while the metropolis is also interested in three of the others, jointly with Provincial Lodges, so that we may look for considerable activity and competition among London Masons for votes on behalf of one or other of their nominations.

Essex appears five times in the list, three of the cases being accredited to that Province alone, while two others are associated with it and London conjointly, a state of affairs that will tax the resources of even this active district, the members of which, though well organised in the matter of votes, are by no means strong enough to deal with so large a number of cases, in face of the severe competition that may be expected from other parts of the Kingdom.

In other respects the cases may be said to be widely distributed, few of the Provinces having more than a single case, and as these in most instances will probably be officially supported the coming contest promises to be more than usually keen. All we can hope is that the most deserving candidates will be elected, and that those unsuccessful on this occasion may hereafter meet with better fortune, ultimately securing education and a home in the Institution at Wood Green.

The installation meeting of the Bradstow Lodge, No. 2448 will be held on Wednesday next, at the Masonic Temple, Broadstairs, when Bro. Walter Cowell J.W. will be placed in the chair in succession to Brother A. G. Harvey, who has presided since September last. The meeting is called for 3 p.m., with banquet at 5.30.

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Referring to the Lodge to be consecrated at Highgate, as mentioned in our last issue, the "Hornsey Journal" says the arrangements are nearing completion, and it is expected that the consecration will be in October, or in November at the latest. The first Master will be Bro. Ernest E. Stratton Gerrish, while the acting Secretary is Bro. R. C. Turner, of 78 Crouch Hill. The new Crouch End Lodge will be strong from the start.

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At a recent meeting of the Weymouth Town Council a letter was read from the Worshipful Master of All Souls Lodge, No. 170, asking that the old chair formerly used by the "Arimathea" Lodge until 1828, and which since that date had been in the Town Hall, should be handed back to the Lodge. The history of the chair had been traced through the old records of the Lodge, and they would gladly have it restored and properly used. The Lodge further offered another chair in its place. Mr. Wallis hoped that the chair would be given up. There was too much Masonry in the Council. Mr. Lovell moved, and the Mayor seconded, that the chair be given up, which proposition was carried.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual meeting in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire took place on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Shire Hall, Worcester.

Owing to the lamented death of Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., who was for 16 years the head of the Province, the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England appointed Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D.Eng. D.P.G.M. as Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, and the appointment being popular, there was an exceptionally large attendance of Brethren from the various Lodges in the Province, and also from the neighbouring Provinces, to witness the installation ceremony by the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England the Earl of Lathom.

Among those present were Brother E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach P.G.M. Gloucestershire, the Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott S.G.D., A. S. Tomkins J.G.D., W. H. Rylands A.G.D.C., J. S. Cumberland D.G.Swd.B., H. Tipper A.G.P., H. Sadler G.T., W. Jackson, M.P., P.G.M. West Riding Yorkshire, J. T. Collins D.P.G.M. Warwickshire, Colonel Bindley D.P.G.M. Staffordshire, H. C. Beddow D.P.G.M. Herefordshire, R. G. Venables D.P.G.M. Salop, R. Vassar Smith D.P.G.M. Gloucesters., G. Beach P.G. Secretary Warwicks., J. McLeod Secretary of R.M.I. Boys, F. R. W. Hedges Secretary of R.M.I. Girls, J. Mason R.M. Benevt.I., H. Smith D.P.G.M. West Yorks, F. Bodenham P.P.G.W., C. Moore P.G.M. Nova Scotia, A. Green P.G.P., G. Taylor P.G.Std.B., &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master Designate Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., after which he was saluted according to ancient custom.

The muster roll of the Lodges was called, after which the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were submitted and adopted.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe D.G.M., Lord Roberts of Candahar S.G.W., Lord Barnard J.G.W., the Dean of Gloucester, Sir F. Seager Hunt S.G.D., Sir Albert Woods G.D.C., the Earl of Euston, Lord Onslow P.G.M. Surrey, the Marquess of Hertford P.G.M., Lord Leigh P.G.M. Warwick, Lord Dartmouth P.G.M. Staffordshire, Sir J. Bayley P.G.M. Hereford, Sir Offley Wakeman P.G.M. Salop, Baron de Ferriers P.G.D. England, and a number of other distinguished Brethren.

On the motion of Bro. W. E. Walker seconded by Bro. Rev. W. J. Down, Bro. Arter was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master reported that Masonry was still flourishing in the Province, the total number of members being 555, an increase of 22 as compared with the number in the previous year. The report was considered to be satisfactory.

On the proposition of the Provincial Grand Master, it was decided that the Benevolent Committee be amalgamated with the Charity Committee. The Secretary of the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee reported an increase of £38 17s in the charity funds as compared with the previous year. Brother Guy Pritchard tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Committee. It was accepted with regret, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Pritchard for his services. Bro. W. T. Page was elected to the vacant office.

The Provincial Grand Master announced that Lady Lechmere had presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge, for the use of the Provincial Grand Master for all time to come, the collar, jewels, and other Masonic clothing belonging to the late Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Lady Lechmere.

The Lechmere Memorial Committee submitted the following report to the Provincial Grand Lodge: (1) "That a memorial window be placed in St. John's Chapel, Worcester Cathedral"; (2) "That the amount be divided between the Masonic Boys and Girls Schools, in the name of the Lechmere Memorial, for the purchase of votes in perpetuity, and that a memorial brass be placed in St. John's Chapel, Worcester Cathedral." In discussion it was stated that about £210 had been subscribed. The second clause was eventually carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Master having retired, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom entered the hall, accompanied by several Officers present and past.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master took the chair, and the Brethren sang the hymn, "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid." The Pro Grand Master and the many other Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Masters having been saluted, his lordship addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge upon the subject of the installation. He said it was with pleasure he attended that day to perform the ceremony of installing the Right Worshipful Bro. Godson as Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire. He had done excellent work, and was well worthy of the appointment conferred upon him by the Prince of Wales the Grand Master of England. He could not forget the fact that the appointment was in consequence of the death of Sir E. Lechmere, who had so well and ably performed the duties of his high office. It was

now nearly 17 years since he had the pleasure of installing the late Sir Edmund Lechmere to the high office of Provincial Grand Master. During that long period they had lost by death a large number of Brethren, but it was gratifying to know that others had joined the ranks and were continuing the good work.

The arrival of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Designate having been announced, he was directed to send in his patent, which was presented by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to the Pro Grand Master, who, having examined it, directed a deputation of seven Past Masters, two Past Provincial Grand Wardens, and the Provincial Senior and Junior Deacons to retire with the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and introduce the Provincial Grand Master. A procession was formed, and the deputation entered the Lodge, Bros. R. P. Hill and J. Fitzgerald, two senior Past Masters, presenting the Provincial Grand Master Designate. The patent having been read, the ceremony of the installation was performed by the Pro Grand Master, who invested the Provincial Grand Master with the apron, chain, and jewel of office. During the ceremony the anthem, "Be thou faithful unto death," was beautifully rendered.

The Provincial Grand Master said he appreciated the honour the Grand Master of England had conferred upon him, and his best efforts would be made to follow in the footsteps of his late distinguished predecessor. He had been Deputy Provincial Grand Master 13 years all but two days, consequently he had had some experience, and with the assistance of the Brethren he trusted their work would go on satisfactorily.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed the following Brethren as his Officers:

Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Warner Ottley	-	Deputy
T. E. Lucy 529	-	Senior Warden
T. F. Higgs 252	-	Junior Warden
Rev. A. G. Maitland 252	-	Chaplain
C. Mytton 560	-	Registrar
T. R. Arter	-	Treasurer
G. Taylor	-	Secretary
H. E. Hallam 2034	-	Senior Deacon
T. F. Bland 1874	-	Junior Deacon
J. H. White 529	-	Superintendent of Works
Waldron 573	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. Attwood 584	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
J. H. L. Thompson 1204	-	Sword Bearer
Hanson 252	-	} Standard Bearers
Shipley 498	-	
W. C. Box 529	-	Organist
F. H. Lloyd 573	-	Pursuivant
Evan Foster 377	-	Assistant Pursuivant
J. J. Steward 280	-	} Stewards.
J. J. Wood 280	-	
E. Maxey 280	-	
J. C. Grieve 529	-	
R. Westwood 529	-	
S. Farr 529	-	

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Guildhall, where a banquet was provided. The usual Masonic toasts were observed.

The Pro Grand Master, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers of England, said it had fallen to his lot to instal twenty-four Provincial Grand Masters. He was glad the Prince of Wales, as the Grand Master of England, had appointed Bro. Godson as the Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire. He was fully convinced that he would worthily discharge the duties of his high office, and that his selection met with the approval of the Brethren of the Province. Masonry was making progress, not only in that Province, but also in those adjoining. As Freemasons they prided themselves upon their charities, and it was their duty to see that they were not imposed upon. There were a large number of applicants for Masonry, and it was the duty of the Brethren who took upon themselves the responsibility of proposing them that they should first make diligent inquiries into their characters, in order that only good and true men should be admitted into the Craft. His lordship afterwards proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master.

Several other toasts followed, which were interspersed with appropriate music.—"Birmingham Gazette."

We have received a photo of a very pretty Charity box designed by our old friend Bro. F. T. C. Keeble Past Master of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, for presentation to both the local Lodges in Inverness, where Brother Keeble has resided for some years past. We are pleased to hear that the effect of the boxes on the Benevolent Funds of the Lodges has been very good, as we are convinced the donor is especially gratified at such a result, his efforts on behalf of the poor and distressed having been of a most enthusiastic nature. The box is triangular in shape, with three carved pillars; on one panel there is the name and number of the Lodge, on another the inscription "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," and on the third "Charity, like her sister Mercy, blesses him who gives as well as him who receives."

CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at Saltash, on Monday, the 16th. The event was looked upon as one of some importance, the main streets of the town presenting a very gay appearance with the amount of bunting displayed.

The Brethren assembled at the Star Hall, at 10.30, in large numbers. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe D.G.M. England Prov.G.M. presided, and was supported by Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., Deputy P.G.M., and a large number of other Provincial Officers. There was also a large number of Lodge Officials and others present.

After the reading of the minutes it was stated that there had been subscribed towards the Chirgwin Memorial £52 13s 6d from Masonic sources, and £8 from the general public, which would be sufficient to put in a single light window in Truro Cathedral, and the erection of a tablet with an inscription, which was read.

Bro. Thomas A. Kistler Prov.G. Treasurer presented his balance-sheet, which showed that after meeting all expenses the balance at the Cornish Bank was £146 8s 8d, against £211 11s 5d at the same period last year. The decrease was attributed to the large amounts voted to charities.

The report of the Cornish Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund announced that £244 6s 6d had been received as donations or subscriptions, against £230 1s in the same period in the previous year, and the receipts from other sources brought the total to £676 8s 1d. After meeting expenses there remained a balance at the bank of £435 16s, against £226 4s 7d last year. There are six aged Masons, and a similar number of widows in receipt of grants, and £100 is also given for educational purposes. Three applications had been received for annuities, and two for educational grants.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that there had been 130 initiations during the year 1894, and with 37 joining members the total number was 1,771, against 1,702 in the previous year, an increase of 69. Dispensations had been granted to Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, and to One and All Lodge, No. 330, for the holding of Masonic charity balls. Four petitions to the Board of Benevolence in London had been reported on, and grants obtained to the amount of £130, as against £60 last year in a similar number of cases. A larger number of the Directory had been ordered than in the previous year. It would greatly assist the Prov. Grand Secretary if all the returns sent out annually were more carefully filled in, and returned within the specified time.

The Committee of Relief had made grants to three Brethren and one widow, amounting to £27 2s. The Committee recommended that ninety guineas be voted to the C.M.A. and B. Fund, R.M.I. for Boys, R.M.B.I. for Men, and R.M.B.I. for Widows. The Secretary's report referred to some grants made to Cornishmen through London, and Bro. Anderton said there was a feeling in the Metropolis that the status of Masons was not being kept up in Cornwall as much as it ought to be. He suggested that when a man was not admitted into a Lodge in his neighbourhood, that when he applied to be received into one elsewhere, inquiries should be made at the place where he came from as to his bonafides.

At noon the Lodge adjourned in order to attend Divine service at the parish church. The Brethren, numbering nearly four hundred, formed in procession, headed by the Plymouth Borough Band, under Mr. Waterman, and the Sacred Law was carried by four lads, viz., T. D. Deeble, S. G. Nancarrow, W. R. Downey, and P. Burns. The sacred edifice was crowded in every part. The Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Preedy) read the prayers, the Rev. R. F. Fraser Frizell P.G.C., and the Rev. Dr. Ross P.G.C. the lessons, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Durnow Prov.G.C.

The discourse was based on I. Corinthians iii., 16, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God." The preacher compared the building of King Solomon's temple to the building of every man's character, or the love of God in the soul. A collection was made during the service, and realised £9.

At the close the Brethren re-formed procession, and returned to the Lodge Room, where the business was proceeded with. The four Lewises who carried the Sacred Law were presented with nicely-bound copies of the Oxford Bible by the Prov.G.M., who said that Freemasons had secrets, but there was one thing they did not attempt to conceal, and that was their respect for the volume of the Sacred Law, as God's Word. That was why they had it carried in their procession, and he presented the lads with those Bibles as souvenirs of the part they had taken in that day's proceedings, and in the hope that they would be a help to them in their lives.

The Sec. mentioned that they had among them the W.M. and W.M. elect of the Cornish Lodge in London, Bros. Chas. Rawle and J. Leech-Barrett, and they were accorded a hearty welcome by the Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Rawle responded, and said he had looked forward to the

privilege of greeting his Brethren in Cornwall. It had been his wish ever since he had been in the chair of the Cornish Lodge to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge in the county. His Lodge was a young one, but he was glad to say it had made favourable progress. It had the misfortune to lose Bro. Molesworth St. Aubyn, whom they held in great esteem; had initiated a good many members, including the Rev. Prof. Shuttleworth and that grand old Cornishman Passmore Edwards. He hoped they would see many Visitors at the Cornish Lodge.

Brother Edyvean, as Charity Steward, reported favourably on the voting power of the Province to the great Masonic Charities during the past year. He received in October, Girls 429, Boys 467, total, 896; in April, Girls 465, Boys 492, total, 957; Benevolent, males 1,091, widows 1,099, total, 2,190; grand total, 4,043, an increase of 154 on the previous year. The Benevolent election in May was very keenly contested, there being sixty-three candidates for twenty vacancies, but, thanks to the energy and assistance of many Brethren in the Province, as well as Cornishmen in London, especially Bro. J. Roberts, they were enabled to poll 4,136 for the Province's adopted candidate, Brother Harris of Lodge Fortitude, which placed him eighth on the successful list, this securing him £40 per annum for life. The votes in April and May being insufficient necessitated their borrowing, and at present they owed 970 Benevolent votes, to meet which they had 558 Girls votes in hand, in addition to the votes for the October election.

The various officials were re-elected, as was Bro. Edyvean as Charity Representative. The collection at the church was distributed as follows:—Two-fifths to Masonic Charities, one-fifth to St. Barnabas Cottage Charity, and two-fifths to be placed in the hands of the vicar, to disperse as he might think fit, among the poor.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:

Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle	-	-	-	Deputy
R. A. Courtney 510	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Rev. R. F. Fraser Frizell 131 and 699	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. G. Durno	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. H. W. Millett	-	-	-	
G. G. Bullmore 1528	-	-	-	Treasurer
T. W. Perry 856	-	-	-	Registrar
E. D. Anderton	-	-	-	Secretary
T. D. Deeble 1071	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
J. G. Henwood 970	-	-	-	
J. T. Williams 557	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
J. E. Blight 496	-	-	-	
R. A. Newcombe 967	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
S. B. Tresize 1186	-	-	-	Directors of Ceremonies
Brendon Parsons 789	-	-	-	
G. Timmins 1006	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
Major W. H. Martyn 1785	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. P. Isbell 977	-	-	-	Organist
W. R. Evans 893	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
W. M. Roberts 1164	-	-	-	
W. R. Rawling 1071	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
R. R. Alford 2166	-	-	-	Pursuivant
J. Goodfellow 1954	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. J. Trythall 589	-	-	-	Stewards
J. W. Wilkinson 450	-	-	-	
G. B. Treverton 330	-	-	-	
John Newland 1544	-	-	-	
N. S. C. Couch 1151	-	-	-	
W. J. M. Gooding 75	-	-	-	Tyler.
John T. Thorne 1071	-	-	-	

On the proposition of the Provincial Grand Secretary, the following motions were agreed to:—

To insert after the word "meantime" in seventeenth line: "In cases of urgency when there is no other business necessitating a meeting of the committee, the Prov.G.Treas., Prov.G. Secretary, the Treasurer of the C.M.A. and B. Fund, and one elected member each from East and West Cornwall, or any three of them, shall have power to grant temporary relief to the extent of £5 as aforesaid."

To omit the second paragraph "N.B. to Form," and in lieu thereof, to add another bye-law. "Petitions must be sent to the Prov.G.Sec., at least a month before the meeting of Prov.G. Lodge, and unless this rule is complied with no grant (other than for temporary relief) shall be made."

To alter heading to form of Lodge recommendation so as to read—"To prevent mistakes in the recommendation of petitions, the following form is suggested—which may be altered as circumstances require."

An invitation was received from Penzance to hold the next annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge there. This concluded the business, and the Lodge was closed in the customary manner.

A large number of Brethren subsequently partook of luncheon at the Masonic Hall. An excellent repast was supplied by Mr. Copley, of the Union Hotel, and the way in which it was served reflected the highest credit upon the caterer.

The Prov.G.M. presided, and was supported by the leading office holders.

Brother Rawlings gave the toast of the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe.

The noble Lord expressed his pleasure that the toast should have been proposed by the son of an old Mason whom they had respected for many years. They had had, he hoped, a successful meeting, and although held at the extreme end of the county, there was a good muster.

Bro. P. Barrett gave the health of the Deputy P.G.M., who he said, was one of the founders of the Prov. Grand Lodge, together with the Prov.G.M.

Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., in reply, said he had not been able to give that attention to Masonry which he formerly did, owing to the state of his health. He had desired to visit the Cornish Lodge in London, but was unable to do so, and that day, when the Prov.G.M. again appointed him, he asked that a younger man might be selected, as his health had failed very much lately, and he should have to withdraw still more from public affairs ere long. He wished them every prosperity.

The Chairman proposed the Provincial Grand Wardens and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Before doing so he referred to the D.P.G.M., and said while it might be easy for him to find a younger man for the position, it would be difficult for him to find a better man to take the place. Should Sir C. Graves-Sawle not always be well and able to undertake his duties, he hoped he would continue to benefit, not only Masonry, but the county in every way. They did not desire to part with old friends, because they could not do what they had done a few years since, and if he could not do all that he had done, they would not require at his hands what he was not able to perform. With respect to the Provincial Grand Officers he had appointed from year to year, they always supported him very well, all being present that day with the exception of two, one of whom was ill with rheumatic fever, and the other had some important reason which prevented him coming. He was quite sure the Wardens and Officers appointed this year would take the same keen interest in the Masonry of the Province as those did who had preceded them. The appointment was always a difficult one for the Provincial Grand Master, who had to consider the services of individual members, the natural claims of the various Lodges, and the relative claims of the east and west of the county. He did his best, and he thought he had done pretty well generally.

Bro. the Rev. R. F. Fraser Frizell responded on behalf of Bro. Courtenay.

The Chairman, in giving the W.M. of the Zetland Lodge, 1071, and Members, said they had to thank them for having made most excellent arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge that day.

The W.M. Bro. Rawling replied, and expressed a hope that the Provincial Grand Lodge would visit Saltash again before thirty years had passed.

Visiting Brethren was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Knight Norths and Hunts, and the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Lander, brought the proceedings to a close. During the afternoon the Plymouth Borough Band played a selection of operatic and other airs.—"Western Mercury."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—One frequently reads of the appointment, and I have occasionally witnessed the investiture, of Brethren as Officers in Private Lodges beyond those set out in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions. I refer more particularly to appointments as Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and Assistant Secretary. I was about to include Assistant Stewards in the category, but I notice the Rule of Grand Lodge just quoted provides for the appointment of "Stewards," so that in this case plurality is permissible, I admit.

From the authority I have quoted I suppose the investiture of Assistant D.C. or Assistant Secretary is an unconstitutional proceeding, and being so I would ask whether it is not the duty of our rulers to either legalise the practice or put a stop to it. I am not aware that any great harm results from this innovation, but I hold that our practices should be uniform and strictly in accordance with the regulations, besides which I should like to know whether a Brother is justified in wearing insignia of these unofficial appointments?

While on this subject might I ask what are the recognised duties of Stewards? It jars on my mind to a very considerable extent to hear them referred to as "Wine" Stewards, but very much more so when I hear a Worshipful Master instruct them that their duties are "to see that all are properly served at the banquet table," as I do not consider any official recognition of that adjunct to Freemasonry is either necessary or desirable during the portion of the ceremony I refer to. But being recognised Officers in the Lodge, I should like to hear other expressions of opinion in regard to the point.

Yours, &c.,

OBSERVER.

The "Masonic Review" of Buenos Ayres contemplates the issue of an Annual, which, besides selected articles and instructive papers on Masonic topics, will contain a list of all Argentine and Foreign Lodges throughout the world, the intention being to provide useful data, &c. for Secretaries and others.

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An International Press Congress recently held at Bordeaux has resulted in the establishment of a society which, it is said, will be "as international as Freemasonry." It must be gratifying to members of our Order to see Freemasonry continually referred to as an example of what a fraternal organisation should be.

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There has always been objection to a small fee for joining the "side degrees" in connection with Royal Arch Masonry practiced in some parts of Scotland, says the "Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News." At the meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter it was to be moved that a minimum fee of ten shillings be fixed; "and that the sum of five shillings shall be charged by Supreme Grand Chapter for registration and diplomas."

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Brother the Rev. W. G. Hall, Bridge of Allan, has published, at the request of Brother Masons, a pamphlet entitled, "Freemasonry: its origin and nature, and its relation to religion." While Bro. Hall admits that the Order has suffered much discredit by the unworthiness of many of its members, he claims that as a moral science it is imperishable and unchangeable, "for it is established on the sure and certain lines of truth, virtue, fidelity, justice, and Brotherly love." The publishers are Messrs. J. Maxwell and Son, Dumfries.

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In Alabama there is a movement for a one year term for the Grand Master. Except in rare cases that is right. Noticing said movement the "New York Dispatch" considers the for and against reasons, and concludes as follows: "A one year term and an abandonment of the farcical 'complimentary,' 'vindication' and 'endorsement' will work greater reform than all the 'talk' of all the Masons in Christendom from now till the millenium." There are thousands of Masons in New York and in Illinois, and hundreds in almost every Grand Jurisdiction, competent to fill the office of Grand Master, and who merit that honour. The one year term will simply afford them a fairer opportunity to attain that exalted station. We say: Open for them that door.—"Voice of Masonry."

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After a most severe attack on the Masonic Order, a correspondent of the "Weston Mercury" has replied to a letter defending the Craft in what must be termed very mild terms. We give his letter in this issue, the former ones having been reproduced during the previous two weeks. It is the old story over again, the fanatics of the Romish Church are ready with all manner of proofs of the evil ways of Freemasonry, until they are challenged, when they fall back on the writings of some mad brained author who, for purposes best known to himself, has not scrupled to concoct tales and fabricate statements in order to attempt to prove facts that never existed. Ignorance is, perhaps, the greatest crime of these fanatics, who seem to allow themselves to be carried away by their priests, or the schemers of their creed.

MORPETH MASONIC HALL.

THIS Hall recently passed from the company which built it to a private owner. The new proprietor took advantage of the quiet months of summer to have it entirely overhauled and improved. Its four bare blank walls have been by various coloured paints broken up into panels, with ornamental borders. These relieve and rest the eye. Improved sunlights, an efficient system of hot water heating apparatus, and additional means of egress will add greatly to the physical comfort of those who visit it.—"Newcastle Chronicle."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

BRO. W. H. KIRBY, the Assistant General Manager of the firm of Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., of London, died at his residence, 40 Wilberforce Road, Finsbury Park, at six o'clock on Wednesday morning, from severe injuries sustained in a gas explosion at his house on Saturday evening last. Bro. Kirby, who was only thirty-seven years of age, was not only widely known and respected in commercial circles in the city, but was also a distinguished and expert worker amongst the Masonic Fraternity. His funeral will take place at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct, to-day (Saturday), at one o'clock.

HERE AND THERE.

WHEN George 4th was Prince Regent, he commissioned the famous architect Nash, and the result was the Pavilion at Brighton, at a cost of about two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, which building was, in 1850, acquired by the Corporation for exhibition purposes, &c. Upon one occasion Thackeray was desirous of engaging the Banqueting Room for his lectures on the "Four Georges," when it was suggested to him that it was hardly etiquette for any one to abuse a man in his own house. The novelist recognised the humour of the situation, and the town hall was taken instead.

A short time ago, I came across a work written by the Rev. James Griffin, some time pastor of the Congregational Chapel, Rusholme Road, Manchester, and upon perusal was very much struck with certain references to the sister of our great novelist Charles Dickens. It appears that during the early part of his ministry at Manchester, attention had been directed to two genteel-looking young people who attended the chapel for some Sundays in succession. They occupied the same pew on each occasion, and seemed to take great interest in the proceedings. At last they introduced themselves, and were at once invited to the house of the pastor, which invitation they subsequently availed themselves of. It transpired that they were husband and wife, by name Burnett, the lady (Fanny) being sister to Charles Dickens.

Mr. Burnett had for some years been engaged as an operatic singer, but having abandoned the lyric stage, he was anxious to find other scenes and associations, mainly on his wife's account, she having decided religious tendencies. Hence their desire to join the flock under Mr. Griffin's charge. At that time Charles Dickens was in the height of his popularity, being received with éclat in the highest circles of society, and noticed by the Queen with marked distinction.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett became valuable acquisitions to the chapel, and very prominent in the musical portions of the services. The former, as a boy, had displayed great vocal talent, having at the age of ten been introduced to the Pavilion at Brighton as a distinguished young singer. Being placed upon a table in the drawing-room, he sang a solo before the Court, and remembered seeing old George IV., who was suffering with gout, wheeled into the room, covered with flannels and bandages from head to foot. Mrs. Burnett also possessed a voice of great power and brilliancy, and it was no wonder that both husband and wife speedily became favourites with the Rusholme Road congregation.

About seven years after their introduction here, Mrs. Burnett's health began so to decline that she consented to go to London to consult the eminent physician Sir James Clark. Mr. Burnett had been a good husband, and her great anxiety was with regard to her children, one of whom, Harry (according to the novelist he was the original of "Paul Dombey"), was deformed. Harry had been taken to Brighton, as "little Paul" is represented to have been, and had there, for hours lying on the beach with his books, given utterance to thoughts quite as remarkable for a child as those which are put into the lips of Paul Dombey. Little Harry was fond of perusing the Bible, hymns, and various religious books. In spite of his deformity, he was a bright little fellow, and always happy. He died in the arms of John Griffin, a nephew of the Rev. James Griffin.

Upon the death of Mrs. Burnett, the Manchester pastor, in compliance with her dying request, went up to London to officiate at her funeral. Her grave was selected in a secluded and picturesque nook in Highgate Cemetery, all the male members of her family being in attendance.

It was a solemn and affecting scene, and one which impressed Mr. Dickens very deeply, who afterwards spoke to the minister in terms of great respect for his departed sister. Mr. Dickens kindly offered the use of his brougham to the cleric, and accompanied him to the house of Mr. Griffin's brother.

The pastor pays the following tribute to Mrs. Burnett's memory:—"Our congregation mourned with unusual sorrow the loss of their friend, for she had been greatly beloved by them, and by a very large circle of acquaintances besides. I preached her funeral sermon from the words, 'Now he that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the spirit.' 2 Cor. v. 5."

No doubt the early influences surrounding Mr. Burnett, together with the exceeding religious fervour of his wife, had the effect of making him discontented with his own particular calling, and of developing the reverent tendencies of his nature. While a mere child, he was sent to live with a relative at Gosport—his grandmother—a lady of exemplary piety. Richard Knill, who afterwards became celebrated as an earnest and zealous missionary, was then a student at Gosport, and lodging at the same house. He became so attached to little Henry that when about to leave this country for India (he afterwards went to Russia), he said to the boy, "Now, Henry, I am going away, and may never see you again; I want you to make me one promise, and that is, that you will pray for me every day as long as you live, if I am alive."

The Rev. Mr. Griffin tells us that in after life he thus questioned him regarding the incident, "That was a promise you would not be likely to keep." "Yes," was the reply of Mr. Burnett, "I have never broken it. I never omitted it for a single day. Once or twice I was so tired after being late at the theatre, that I thought I might say my prayers in bed; but my conscience would not let me rest, so I got out to kneel down at the bedside."

While upon the Dickens topic, I may mention that Maunsell B. Field, in his "Memories of Many Men," tells a story of Charles Dickens and Washington Irving, the latter of whom he is pleased to call the "gentle Goldsmith of American literature." Mr. Field says:—"I never saw Mr. Irving betray any excitement but once in my life, and that was upon an occasion when I dined with him in Madrid. The name of Dickens happened to be introduced, and he became very heated in telling me about his relations with that author. Finally he could no longer contain himself, and, jumping from his seat, he walked up and down the floor in great apparent agitation. He told me that he had corresponded with Dickens long before they ever met. That both from his writings and his letters he had formed the highest conception of his personal character. That under these circumstances Dickens arrived at New York, and he, Irving, called upon him at his hotel. That immediately after sending in his card he was invited to Mr. Dickens's parlour, and, as he entered the room, that gentleman met him, napkin in hand. He had been dining, and the table was covered with a vulgar profusion of food, and the table-cloth was stained with gravy and wine. Wringing his hand, Dickens's first salutation was, 'Irving, I am delighted to

see you! What will you drink, a mint julep or a gin cocktail?' 'The idea of inviting me to drink juleps and cocktails!' naively exclaimed Mr. Irving. He found Dickens outrageously vulgar—in dress, manners, and mind."

Surely the "gentle Goldsmith of American literature" must have been terribly and unjustly incensed against his fellow novelist, on account of the "American Notes," which I believe Irving never forgave, or Mr. Field was misinformed. At the time when Dickens was giving his readings in this country I met him frequently, and certainly never noticed, or heard of any characteristic which could be described as "outrageously vulgar" either in dress or manners, and as to his mind—well, what do his writings prove?

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THE ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

THE following further letter has appeared in the "Weston Mercury," in answer to that we reproduced last week:

SIR,—The machinations of evil are so intrinsically and miraculously interwoven that volumes would be required in any way adequately to expose the subtlety brought to bear, but a careful study of Mons. Dillon's "War of Antichrist," or Greville's "Memoirs" (which latter may be had at your free library), would, to a great extent, elucidate the Masonic intrigue. The very School Board system was by these planned as early as in the year 1826 with the expressed object of substituting Atheism in the place of Christianity; and we see how stealthily it has been carried out (see Mons. Dillon's "War of Antichrist," page 100). At the same time, knowing so many most exemplary men who are Freemasons, I readily admit their ignorance of the plots so cunningly devised, and so far exonerate them from any wilful design; yet nevertheless, as a friend would warn another who knew burglars were in his house, so would I entreat all the honest Freemasons to study these works, and to be hoodwinked no longer. It may well be called a secret society. The secrets are deep and designing, so deep that thousands of the Brotherhood absolutely know not of their existence. Nothing honourable and laudable needs secrecy. England is not yet ripe enough for the development of their true colours, as in many foreign States, but the School Board system was expressly designed for rapidly preparing the way. Ever since Satan's temptation of our Lord there have been (through the free will of man) two rival powers contending against each other—Satan and this world's treasures, and Jesus Christ with eternal glory. Man must decide whom he will serve.

Yours faithfully,

THOS. H. SHAW.

We shall be glad if our readers will send us particulars of the meetings of Lodges of Instruction with which they are associated, as we are desirous of giving more attention to this important section of Craft work.

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On Monday, 30th September.

To Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Warwick, Kenilworth, Dudley, Dudley Port, Walsall, Wednesbury and Wolverhampton, for one and four days.

Every Saturday to 5th October.

To Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Conway, Bettws-y-coed, Bangor, Llanberis, Carnarvon, Holyhead, Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Dolgelly, Harlech, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15, and 17 days.

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FRED HARRISON, General Manager.

London, September 1895.

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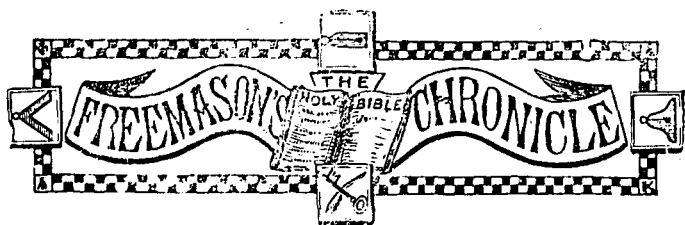
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GEO. H. TURNER, General Manager.



SATURDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 1895.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

BROTHER ROBERT GREY presided at the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence which was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, with Bros. C. A. Cottebrune acting as Senior Vice-President, and C. J. R. Tijou as Junior Vice-President.

Bros. E. Letchworth, W. Lake, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and Frank Palmer represented the department of Grand Secretary, and the other Brethren who attended were the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D. D. Mercer, H. Garrod, Wm. Vincent, Charles Dairy, H. Massey, J. W. Burgess, J. Kay, C. H. Webb, George Graveley, James Bunker, Walter Martin, S. H. Goldschmidt, T. W. Whitmarsh, R. H. Evans, W. Kipps, Robert A. Gowan, Henry J. Moxon, W. H. Bale, George M. Gross, J. Pickett, T. W. Robinson, T. W. Larkin, S. Wright, Edward Wills, I. Woodbridge Wills, George James, James G. Sinclair, David Baker and E. C. Mulvey.

Recommendations made at the August meeting to the amount of £60 were confirmed, and out of the new list of twenty-two cases three were deferred, the remaining nineteen receiving a total of £500. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £150, and another petitioner for £50. The Grand Master was recommended to grant £30 in each of three cases, and the Board made immediate grants of £20 in six instances, £15 in two, and £10 in six cases. It was the shortest meeting the Board had had for a considerable period, lasting less than two hours.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of the General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on Tuesday afternoon, at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, to make arrangements for the election to be held in October. Brother Samuel Jew, one of the oldest Life-Governors of the Institution, was voted to the chair, and there were also present Bros. J. B. Gover, Hon. Secretary, W. H. Dillon, Hon. Assist.-Secretary, J. R. Lord Hon. Treasurer, &c.

The Treasurer reported that at the meeting held in April last there were twenty-four children on the fund, but since then six had gone off, and three more would go off before the end of the year, bringing the number down to fifteen. This is the smallest number that has been on the fund for many years, and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Brother Gregory, to elect three more at the meeting in October, to be held at Exeter. The date of the election will be announced in the course of next week. It was also resolved to ask Brother W. Willoughby, who had so successfully conducted previous concerts, to undertake the arrangements for another concert on behalf of the Educational Fund, to be held in Plymouth Guildhall during the month of November. Last year the concert resulted in a net profit of about £100.

Bro. Jew, in acknowledging a vote of thanks for presiding, expressed a belief that the next concert would be similarly successful. The Educational Fund was doing an excellent work, and he was glad to see that so much interest was taken in it.—“Western Morning News.”

WEST LANCASHIRE.

A MEETING of the Benevolent and Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 13th, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, for the purpose of considering several applications for grants from the fund.

Bro. R. Wylie D.P.G.M. occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of Brethren from Liverpool and various parts of the Province.

Bro. W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. read the minutes of the last meeting, held at Preston, and expressed his thanks for the vote of sympathy which was then passed to him in connection with his illness. He also made the gratifying announcement that their three candidates for the Boys School, one candidate for the Old Men's and one for the Old Women's Benevolent Fund in London had been elected.

Petitions for grants from the fund, on behalf of several widows and distressed Brethren, were considered, and sums in relief to the amount of £75 were made. The appropriation of votes at the disposal of the Province at the October elections for Boys and Girls for the London Institutions was next discussed and arranged. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—“Liverpool Mercury.”

CONSECRATION AT COLWYN BAY.

THERE was a large attendance of Brethren from various Lodges in the North Wales Province at Colwyn Bay, on Wednesday, when the consecration took place of the St. Trillo Lodge, No. 2569. The ceremony was performed by Lord Harlech Provincial Grand Master, who was assisted by Bro. Edward Roberts P.G.Sec. Acting S.W., C. K. Benson P.P.G.J.W. Acting J.W., John Fairchild P.G.Chaplain Acting Chaplain, H. A. Steer P.G.J.W. Acting D.C., J. Lloyd Griffith P.G.A.D.C. P.G.S.W., Caradoc Rowland P.G.Assistant Secretary Acting I.G.

Bro. E. Wood P.P.G.S.W. of North Wales and Shropshire was duly installed Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens being respectively Bros. J. G. Tuxford P.G. Treasurer, and James Porter P.G.Steward. Bro. W. D. Henderson P.G.O. had charge of the musical arrangements.

In the evening there was a banquet at the Imperial Hotel, after which the Bangor Cathedral Quartette party, under Bro. T. Westlake-Morgan the Cathedral Organist, appeared and rendered several interesting part songs.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

MR. F. H. SKRINE delivered a lecture on Freemasonry, in the Hall of the Society for the Higher Training of Young Men, Hindu School, Calcutta, on Wednesday, 21st August, says the "Madras Mail." The chair was taken by Mr. Longley, Master of the Trades' Association, and there was a very large attendance. The Chairman introduced the lecturer in a few well chosen words.

The lecturer deduced Freemasonry from the system of mercantile and Craft Guilds, which overspread Europe as soon as it began to shake off the paralysis which followed the downfall of the Roman Empire. These organisations controlled municipal government and directed the stream of commerce at their will. Each had a ruling body, which administered its funds and regulated the branch of trade which it represented. No one could, down to times within living memory, set up in any given handicraft without serving an apprenticeship under a Master who belonged to the guild of the Craft concerned, was "free" of it, as the technical phrase went. The Guilds had great economic value in times of political anarchy, for they presented a firm and united front to the aggression of the warrior caste; secured a market for the abilities of each member; and assured to the consumer a reasonable degree of skill in all artifices. They had their day, and were broken up by the tide of industrial progress which succeeded the invention of the steam-engine and swept down the feeble barriers by which they sought to control human energy. They are now extinct, though their pale ghosts hover above the great city which they once governed so well in the guise of the London Livery Companies. The Masons held the first place among the mediæval Guilds. Their business requires a high degree of technical skill, and a proportionately long apprenticeship. And then, architecture was the one fine art of those early times, just as war and the chase were their sole diversions. Under the influence of Christianity princes, warriors and merchants vied with each other in raising shrines to Him "who dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Every town in Christendom saw, rising heaven-wards, a fane rich with delicate tracery, abaze with the glories of painted glass, whose long-drawn aisles and fretted vaults are the wonder and despair of moderns. The great churches of Europe are something more than George Eliot called them, "petrified religion." They are epic poems in stone, telling of an Age of Faith, when the genius, the enthusiasm and the resources of an entire nation conspired to hymn the glory of God. India, too, teems with memorials of a mighty past, but her rock-cut temples with their solemn vistas and her domed sepulchres of saints and warriors are far from rivalling the majesty of our northern Cathedrals.

It was during these times of a "faith that could move mountains" that the Masons' Guild attained its apogee. They were essentially a nomad race. The news that the foundation stone of a great Abbey or Cathedral had been laid spread like wildfire over Europe, and attracted the confraternity from all directions. In order to identify newcomers a system of signs and passwords of great antiquity was rigidly enforced. The Masons lived in huts which nestled round the great edifice they were erecting and submitted themselves to the authority of their Council, or "Lodge," a word which recalls its temporary or provisional character. Their work was not only punctiliously conscientious; they were artists as well as Craftsmen, and everywhere the Cathedrals reveal traces of that individuality of the contriver which is the surest test of genius.

The fifteenth century, when Gothic architecture was at its culmination, was the turning point in the history of the Craft. The discovery of the New World carried the dullest minds far beyond the narrow confines of Europe. The invention of printing prodigiously increased the stock of human knowledge. No longer content with Biblical history and monkish legend men delved eagerly into the literature of Greece and Rome, and revelled in the grace and beauty of the ancient models. Hence the genesis of that mighty movement known as the Renaissance, which aimed at assimilating the old art and literature, and forming an eclectic school in both. Architecture soon felt the radical change in the current of thought. Its first stage downwards was the Flamboyant style, where ornament was piled on ornament and details were worked out with microscopic minuteness. An example is King Henry VII's Chapel which crowns Westminster Abbey, and is the swan song of the old art. Then the influence of the classical models became more marked. Michael Angelo, Palladio and a host of imitators covered Europe with correct but soulless reproductions of the temples and palaces of antiquity. The general upheaval extended to religion. The old faith was sapped, and the current of enthusiasm was diverted from art to the sterner pursuits of war and the quest of freedom.

The lecturer then discussed the probable future of architecture. Is it a perfect art, or is it still capable of indefinite development? It is true that the old builders of our Cathedrals carried it as far as the materials and appliances at their command permitted. But with the powers of nature our handmaidens, with metals and combinations of metals of incomparable strength and lightness, it is clear that architecture is still in its infancy. The Man, the inspired genius, is wanting, not the elements which such a one could mould at his will. The poverty of invention, the unredeemed hideousness displayed by the most pretentious buildings of this century dwarf the minds and vitiate the taste of the rising generation.

Freemasonry, like the art which gave it birth, suffered a long eclipse. Scotland alone kept the lamp dimly burning. At the end of the sixteenth century a Master Mason, named Shaw, re-organised the Craft. Under his auspices a convention was held at Edinburgh, in which three "head Lodges"

were formed at the Capital, Stirling, and Kilwinning. The revival in the southern Kingdom was deferred till 1717, a period when, strange to say, architecture was at its nadir in England. Then, under the influence of some unknown man of genius, the great fabric arose of Speculative Masonry. That its founder possessed the divine spark, the growth and constitution of the Craft plainly testify. For the "note" of mediæval Masonry was Christianity, while that which arose from its ashes is a monotheistic system, based on self-culture and Brotherly love. Had Freemasonry been refounded on a narrower platform, it would never have survived through nearly two centuries of profound social and political change, nor have overspread the world as it has done.

After glancing at the history of the Craft from the date of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of England down to the present day, the lecturer concluded by forecasting its future. In India, he said, prospects were most hopeful. He trusted that he would see the day when every town throughout the Empire would have its little body of adepts banded together in the bonds of Brotherly love. These are times, he remarked, when all who have the welfare of this great country at heart should forget animosities and accidental difference of creed and colour, and march shoulder to shoulder in the van of progress. We are passing through a period of transition, when tact and sympathy alone can reconcile claims, apparently conflicting to social and political equality. Freemasonry may be made a powerful factor in uniting forces which, rightly directed, would give healthy civic life to the dense masses of ignorance and prejudice that surround us. That it is destined to thrive and develop throughout the world at large is equally certain. In the age of teeming populations, of a daily increasing struggle for existence, of the ruthless oppression of the weak by the strong, the Lodge is a haven of peace for the bewildered unit in this human hive. There, at least, the din of competition without sounds softly; there his eyes rest only on friendly faces; there he is conscious that all are animated by the maxim, "Every man for his Brother and God for all."

Mr. Longley said that all must have listened with pleasure to the lecture, which was full of research and told them much which the oldest Masons present, of whom he was one, could hardly be aware of as regards the history of the free and accepted Craft.

Mr. J. W. Browne, as a Mason of forty-two years standing, proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Dr. K. S. Macdonald seconded, and said that the lecture proved not only Mr. Skrine's ability, of which all were aware, but his warm sympathy with the people of the country. He was not a Mason himself and did not mean to be one, but he appreciated the principles which govern the Craft, and he sympathised with them when they were unjustly attacked some years ago in Calcutta.

Professor C. R. Wilson said that another lesson to be derived from what they had heard was the necessity of combination. As Secretary of the Society, he was constantly preaching on the text; and was glad to find its vein so fully borne out by the lecturer.

ROYAL ARCH.

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LONDESBOROUGH CHAPTER, No. 734.

THE members met at the Masonic Hall, Bridlington, on the 11th, Comp. J. R. Ansdell P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. presiding, for the purpose of installing the M.E.Z.-elect, and investing the Officers for the ensuing year.

In addition to a good gathering of local Companions, there were several Visitors.

The installation ceremony was performed by Companion R. R. Hawley P.P.G.N., Comp. Henry Watson P.P.G.A.S. being placed in the principal chair.

After the ceremony "high tea" was provided at the Londesborough Hotel.

HALF-DAY TRIPS TO SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.

THE London and North-Western Railway Company announce that owing to the continued success of the half-day trips to Shakespeare's Country, they have decided to run another excursion to Stratford-on-Avon on Thursday next, 26th inst. The train will leave Euston Station 12.30 p.m., Chalk Farm 12.9 noon, Kilburn 12.15 noon, Chelsea 11.52 a.m., West Brompton 11.56 a.m., Kensington (Addison Road) 12.12 noon, Uxbridge Road 12.14 noon, Willesden Junction 12.40 p.m., Clapham Junction 11.46 a.m., Battersea 11.49 a.m., and arrive at Stratford-on-Avon at 3.30 p.m. The return train will leave Stratford-on-Avon at 7.40 p.m., and arrive at London (Euston) 10.40 p.m. The third class return fare is 3s 6d.

The Editor of "Cassell's Saturday Journal" announces that a special commissioner of that paper has been sufficiently brave and hardy to recently undergo the ordeal of living for fifty days the actual every-day life of the homeless and destitute in the metropolis. The startling facts thus obtained will be set forth in a series of realistic papers to be commenced in the first number of a new volume, ready on the 18th inst. A new and original serial story by Frank Barrett, entitled "An Angel in Black," will also be commenced in the same number.

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A LESSON TO FREEMASONS.

IT may be interesting to all Freemasons to mention the following as indicating the extreme antiquity of their Order, and that it had its origin in British Druidism. On the point of the revised Royal Arch is, in Freemasonry, a bee with its head pointing downwards to the key of the said R.A. The body, as matter, is the symbol of the Sun's fertile influence, and is the symbol of the Father, the two wings are as one symbol, emblem of the Holy Spirit, wings being in all ancient creeds the symbol of the non-material. The Sun's round orb is indicated by the circle symbol surrounding the Bee. Thus the body and two wings of the nimbus make up the I. A. O. (Jehovah). The I is Hu Dad Elir; A is A wen (Holy A); and O is the sun's orb as the head of Tal Iesu (n). The collective signs are the descending dove with open wings and the head of the Messiah, into which the visible dove implied descending the invisible Father and Holy Ghost at the Messiah's baptism, he ascending out of the water of Jordan as the sun's orb ascends from the sea on the solar new year's morning. Thus the Trinity is the Logos—the Word or NAME—of the Creator, viz., Agnosto Theo (Celi—Cœlus), and not the Almighty Himself.

The Sun, in the old cults, is the Architect of the visible world. By the term Mason is to be understood Architecture, the Sun being the chief Architect or Builder, otherwise Carpenter.

Say the Archdruid Tal Iesun, as the Sun's representative in the Druidic Gorsedd or Church:

Wyf Dwr, wyf Dryw:
Wyf Saer, wyf Syw.

I am a Tower, I am a Wren:
I am a Carpenter, I am Wise.

By the Royal Arch of Freemasonry is to be understood two lines drawn respectively from the Tropics of the He Goat (25th December) and from the Tropic of Cancer (25th June). The middle line is indicated by the Bee, and implies the sun's influence on the seeds of the earth on 25th March. The lines are implied by meeting in the Lodge or Gorsedd, the emblem of the earth above the rational horizon. The Bee is to be understood as traversing the three lines as three roads, the Bee attaining his greatest vigour on 25th June, the longest day of the Julian Calendar. Like the soul of the sun, the Bee is almost dormant in winter. It is Pentecost Day of the Jews, and Sul Gwyn, or White Sun (Holy Sun), the time of the Druids. The Bee is the principal architect of all earthly creatures, and, being in the system of Nature the messenger of fertility, it was adopted as the symbol of the Word of the Creator—"Morion," in "Western Mail."

Bro. James Stevens P.M. The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, who has been in Scotland during the last three months in the interests of the Australian Irrigation Colonies, has found time to visit over a dozen Lodges. In all of these, we are assured by a correspondent, he has been received with the greatest respect and kindness. In three Lodges: the Clydesdale, 556; Dramatic, 571; and the Gael, 609, his name has been enrolled in honorary membership. It is gratifying to record that Bro. Stevens's experience in Scottish Lodges in the manner of the work, the care taken, and the efficiency displayed in giving instruction to candidates, has been an occasion for surprise to him after all he had heard of Masonry in Scotland while still in the south. At the meeting of Lodge Dramatic on the 12th inst., at which Bro. E. S. de Benzie R.W.M. presided, Bro. Stevens expressed to the members the great pleasure it afforded him in being admitted to honorary membership in the same Lodge which associated his friend Bro. Edward Terry Past Grand Treasurer of England with Freemasonry in Scotland.

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We have heard of leap year dances, when the usual order of things was reversed, and the ladies selected their partners from among the gentlemen, but we believe it has been left to our Australian Brethren to introduce a yet further novelty, in the form of a "Masonic Quadrille," which was danced at midnight at a Masonic Ball given by the Masons of Sydney for the benefit of their Benevolent Institution, when "the Brethren transferred their regalia to the ladies, who, for the time being, were resplendent in quaint jewels." We hope the temporary transfer had a beneficial effect on the Fund it was intended to advance.

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Sheriff Thoms Provincial Grand Master of Caithness, Orkney and Shetland, laid the foundation stone on the 12th inst. of a new hall for the St. Fergus Lodge, Wick. The ceremony was performed with Masonic honours, and there was a good attendance of members of the Thurso Lodge, and also several Brethren from Kirkwall.

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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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

THE regular meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, 17th inst., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E., under the presidency of Bro. W. Thomas Potts, who was supported by Bros. G. E. Warn I.P.M., E. Hambridge S.W., G. H. Fennell J.W., G. Holmes Sec., Ben Johnson P.M., J. Bailey P.M., R. Toole P.M., A. S. Bird S.D., F. Thornton J.D., W. G. Shadrake I.G., E. G. Chapman and N. R. Moffatt Stewards, Marchant Acting Organist, W. Joss, P. Kenney, W. S. Mew, T. E. Emmerson, J. Absalom, E. Toole, C. Symons, G. Whitlock, J. Young, P. Erbach, C. Towsey, T. G. Jarvis, G. Burrows, H. Webb, W. G. Beaumont, B. J. Newport, G. E. Tewsey, W. G. Reader, R. Bush, and C. H. Flynn.

Visitors: Bro. J. W. Gibbs P.M. 1804, C. T. Clifton 957, W. Martindale S.D. 1685, W. Causby 1849, and J. Higgins 813.

The Lodge being duly opened, Bro. Benjamin John Newport answered the questions, and was in due form passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremony being performed in a most creditable manner by the W.M.

Owing to the initiate being absent, the remaining business was of ordinary form, and this being disposed of, the Lodge was adjourned, the company afterwards sitting down to refreshment.

The Brethren having done ample justice to the excellent menu provided by Bro. C. Holland, the caterer, the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, Bro. Marchant singing the solo.

After the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by Bro. J. W. Gibbs P.M.

The health of the W.M. was proposed by I.P.M. Bro. G. E. Warn, who complimented the ruler of the Lodge upon his ability, the able manner in which he had performed his duties since he had held that position, and the manner in which he had delivered the Ritual.

The W.M. in affable terms responded, and impressed on the Brethren the necessity of attending the Lodge of Instruction, especially the younger Officers of the Lodge.

In proposing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. spoke of the small attendance of guests, but reminded them that the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge was always pleased to receive them, and give them a hearty welcome.

Bro. J. W. Gibbs P.M. of the sister Lodge, No. 1804, in responding, said it always gave him great pleasure to be present to receive the welcome of the Brethren of Bromley St. Leonard Lodge. He regretted the absence of Bro. Tijou P.M. 1804 P.A.G.P. Bros. Martindale, Clifton, and Causby also responded.

The toast of the Past Masters was responded to by Brothers Warn, Ben Johnson, and Baily, who highly complimented the W.M. on his working, and the great interest and attention he had displayed in the work of the Lodge.

The following songs were given during the evening: Bro. Newport "The Beacon," and "The Diver," Bro. Chapman "Admiral Tom," Brother W. T. Mew "The Fisherman and his Child," Jean Schweitzer "I lub a lubly girl, I do," Bro. G. Holmes "The Admiral's Broom," J. Young "Annie Laurie," Bro. W. T. Mew "The Cabin with the Roses at the Door," Bro. F. Thornton "Tom Bowling" Duo (Violin and Piano) "Lucretia Borgia," by Jean Schweitzer and Bro. Marchant.

The Tyler's toast, and "Auld Lang Syne," brought a pleasant evening to a close.

During the vacation, between the last Lodge meeting and the present one, the Brethren, their wives, and friends, about forty in number, had their annual summer outing, journeying from Paddington to Windsor, by special carriages, thence by steam launch to Marlow, having a most liberal luncheon on board. There was also a band of five performers, under the direction of Bro. Marchant. During an enjoyable trip, calls were made at Monkey Island, and Quarry Wood, and the party ultimately returned to Windsor.

The W.M. had been most assiduous in preparing everything for the comfort of the Brethren, Ladies, and Visitors—especially the Ladies, this being a special outing for them. On returning to Windsor an adjournment was made to the White Hart Hotel, where the company partook of a sumptuous banquet, and justice having been done to the good things provided, they returned from Windsor by special saloons, after having spent one of the most enjoyable summer outings the Lodge has had.

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DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

IT is hard to believe that sixteen years have elapsed since the foundation of this popular Lodge in 1879, yet it is amply demonstrated by the annual increase of the number of its Past Masters, whose names figured so grandly on the two columns which graced the front of the musical programme of last Saturday evening, when the annual festival was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.

The out-going W.M. Bro. W. H. Lowry presided, and was supported by his Officers and the following Brethren: Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., J. Morrison McLeod P.S.G.W. Derby, Past Masters J. W. Brooke, J. Bladon, H. Cattermole, C. H. Cox, J. W. Dewsnap Secretary, J. Culver, W. H. Foot, W. A. S. Staley (who received a hearty welcome from the Brethren when he appeared in the purple of P.G.S.B. of Essex), S. Klingenstein 73, H. Massey 1928, John Dorton 1676, C. Howes 1599, W. G. Mulford 321, C. J. Davison 1897, Orlton Cooper 211, A. M. Phillips 1287, W. Edwards 2500, F. Spalding 276, W. H. Toye 1278, W. J. McQueen 11, Woolf Rosenthal 188, J. Corfield 1816, I. Byford 2184, Geo. Scott Miller W.M. 2264, Thos. Whitford W.M. 2500, G. W. Bowyer 2190, and a numerous attendance of the members of the Lodge.

The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, after which the reports of the Audit Committee and of the Benevolent Fund were presented, received and adopted.

Bro. Charles Mussared having been elected as W.M. for the ensuing year was presented by Bro. Walter Martin P.M. who acted as Director of the Ceremonies, and gave his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. A board of Installed Masters was then constituted and Bro. Mussared was regularly placed in the chair by Bro. Lowry.

The new Master having been saluted by the Brethren, invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—C. Heinekey S.W., C. H. Knuth J.W., W. Wright S.D., F. H. Stollery J.D., C. H. Atkinson I.G., J. Culver P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, Louis Woolf D.C., J. F. Perrins and W. A. Staley Stewards, and T. Bowler Tyler.

The addresses to the Master, the Officers, and the Brethren were delivered by Bro. W. H. Foot in a masterly manner, which evoked the hearty applause of the Brethren.

There were two candidates for initiation, but unfortunately, owing to illness they were unable to be present. Notice was given of a proposition to raise the annual subscription from three to four guineas.

In recognition of the services of Bro. T. C. Corpe as Treasurer of the Lodge for the past twelve years it was resolved that he be made an honorary member.

Brother Foot having stated that he would go up as a Steward at the next Festival of the Boys School, a sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds to head the list.

Brother Mussared stated that since their last meeting Bro. Alfred John Dixie had died, and it was most desirable that they should endeavour to have one of his boys elected for the Boys School. Any Brother who had any votes was therefore urged to send them to the Secretary. This concluding the business of the evening, the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the Brethren, and the Lodge was closed.

The banquet was given at the Freemasons' Tavern, to which a large company sat down, and at its termination the customary Loyal and Masonic and complimentary toasts were submitted. During the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. H. Lowry, for which he expressed his sincere thanks.

An excellent programme of music was provided by Brother Arthur Strugnell, who was assisted by Mesdames Alice Lovenez and Edna Riga and Brothers Walter Perrins and Turle Lee. Altogether a most interesting occasion.

Bro. Lowry proposed the toast of the W.M., and said the Brethren could not have chosen a better or more expert Brother as their head, he being a perfectly capable worker and a genial host.

Bro. Mussared replied. He had gone through all the offices of the Lodge and therefore he thought he had earned his position of W.M. He should endeavour to carry out his duties as efficiently as previous W.M.s of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge had done. He would do everything in his power to fulfil his year of office in a way that the Lodge would not be ashamed of.

Bro. Mussared proposed the Installing Masters Bro. Lowry and Bro. Foot. Both of these Brethren had done their work admirably, and it had been thoroughly appreciated.

Bros. Lowry and Foot replied, the former stating that though he might not have perfected himself in the work, he still had done his best. As a business man he had not much time to devote to learning Masonic ritual, but he hoped he had performed his work to the Brethren's satisfaction. Bro. Foot stated that it was extremely gratifying to him to have what he had done recognised so kindly by the Brethren.

Bro. McLeod responded to the toast of the Charities, and Bros. Scott Miller, Davison, Whitford, Klingenstein, and others to the toast of the Visitors.

The other toasts were the Immediate Past Master, responded to by Bro. Lowry, who thanked the Brethren for the P.M.'s jewel he had received; the Past Masters, acknowledged by Bros. Brooke, Cox, and Foot; the Treasurer and Secretary, replied to by Bros. Culver and Dewsnap; and the Officers. The Tyler's toast finished the list.

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PALATINE LODGE, No. 97.

ON Thursday, 12th inst., the Brethren entertained a large number of their Masonic Brethren belonging to the Channel Fleet. The W.M. Bro. R. Lee presided over the gathering, at Sunderland, and was supported by several visitors from the town and neighbourhood.

After the closing of the Lodge the Brethren assembled in the banqueting hall, which had been most tastefully decorated, and partook of the hospitality of the Lodge.

Connected with the gathering are many interesting details, says the "Sunderland Herald." The Brethren of the Fleet numbered amongst them representatives of Lodges from all parts of the world, and were consequently an excellent illustration of the universality of the Order. Amongst the distant places represented were Hong Kong, Coquimbo, Chili, South Africa, South Australia, West Indies, United States, and Canada. One of the Brethren was a survivor of the Victoria disaster, and in response to the toast of his Lodge he gave a graphic description of that memorable event. Bro. T. Hutchinson P.M., Doctor of Music, and Brothers Wilson, Dove, and Hooper, of the Londonderry Lodge, rendered a musical programme in excellent style.

NEW FOREST LODGE, No. 319.

THERE was a numerous attendance at the meeting held on Tuesday, 10th inst., at Lymington.

It was the St. John Day of the Lodge, and the choice of the Brethren having fallen on Bro. J. Hambridge S.W., he was duly installed W.M., the ceremony of installation being most impressively performed by Bro. H. Doman P.P.G.S.D.

During the after proceedings a Past Master's jewel in gold was presented to Bro. J. W. Jolliffe I.P.M., in recognition of his services in the chair.

A banquet followed, when the best of good wishes were expressed towards Bro. Hambridge, with the hope that his year of office would be a very pleasant one.

ROYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1013.

AS briefly announced in our issue of 7th inst., the Installation of Brother George Proudman S.W. took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. There were present:—Bros. T. P. Bethell W.M., C. A. Whitney P.M., Samuel Howard P.M., Wm. McWilliams P.M., G. Broadbent P.M., W. H. Thornton P.M., Fred Evans P.M., G. Proudman S.W., J. B. Jones J.W., Jas. Jack Treasurer, E. A. Davies Sec., J.

R. Bromley S.D., F. Holgreaves J.D., W. H. Cooke P.M. D.C., J. W. Worrall I.G., R. J. Foden Steward, Frank Du Chemin Tyler, H. Westworth, G. A. Westworth, Alfred Shawfield, W. A. Nixon, Edm. Beeson, R. Pierpoint, A. J. Mackay, J. Watterson, H. Beale, J. Andrews.

Visitors:—J. R. Bottomley P.P.G.D.C., J. A. Armstrong W.M. 1350 P.P.G.Spt. of Works, R. White 241 P.G.D.C., O. Jones P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, J. Gamlin P.P.G.D. Cheshire, Richard Powell P.P.G.Std. Cheshire, A. Ringmaiden J.D. 2496, C. S. Brewer I.G. 2496, Wm. Backhouse 673, Regd. Mountfield 1609, Jno. Jones 673, W. Spencer W.M. 823, J. Clarke P.M. 1576, W. M. Bowden P.M. 1588, Wm. Richmond S.W. 267 P.P.G.Std. Cheshire, Peter Duff P.M. 60 P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire, A. R. Wells 1459, Sam Kirkham 1609.

Bro. Bethell W.M. opened the Lodge at 4 p.m., and the proceedings commenced immediately. After the preliminary business had been disposed of a Board of Installed Masters was formed as follows:—Bros. T. P. Bethell as W.M., J. A. Armstrong S.W., Owen Jones J.W., Howard and McWilliam Deacons, Thornton I.G. It is very gratifying to note that there were seventeen Past Masters present.

Lodge having been advanced to the second degree, Brother George Proudman after having signified his adherence to the Antient Constitutional questions, which were put by Bro. E. A. Davies Sec., was presented to the Installing Master by Bros. Howard and McWilliam, to receive the benefits of Installation. The ceremony was excellently well performed by Bro. Bethell, who also presented and explained the Working Tools of the various degrees, and delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren. Brother Proudman then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Thomas P. Bethell I.P.M., J. B. Jones S.W., E. A. Davies J.W., James Jack Treasurer, J. R. Bromley Secretary, F. Holgreaves S.D., J. W. Worrall J.D., W. H. Cooke P.M. D.C., R. Mountfield Organist, A. J. Mackay I.G., R. Foden, W. J. Jones, H. Beale, and Alfred Shawfield Stewards, F. Du Chemin Tyler. Bro. W. H. Thornton P.M. was appointed Charity Representative.

During the afternoon, the new W.M. presented to the retiring Master, on behalf of the Lodge, a very handsome jewel, which bore this inscription:

From the Members of the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013,

to

BRO. T. P. BETHELL,

as a mark of their high appreciation of his services as W.M. 1894-5.

Three hymns were sung during the ceremony, the salutations in the various degrees being accompanied by a verse from "Praise ye Jehovah's name;" the presentation of bye-laws, and the placing of the Wardens in the chairs by the singing of "Support to the Master, &c.;" while the chanting of "Hail, Masonry Divine," was reserved for the conclusion.

After the close of the Lodge business, which occupied until 6-30, the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast had been provided, the catering being excellently well carried out by Messrs. Galt and Capper, of Lord Street. The menu card, which was very neatly designed, was in the form of a Masonic apron.

It is not often that we present our readers with the Loyal toasts, because there is generally such a semblance of sentiment, but we will deviate from our custom on this occasion, the remarks of Brother Proudman W.M., on proposing the health of Her Majesty, being very apropos. He said: For the first time from this chair, I have the great privilege and pleasure of proposing the toast of the Queen. During the fifty-eight years of Her Majesty's happy reign her dominions have been extended in every part of the globe, and at home, we, her subjects, enjoy a freedom which our ancestors never knew, and a prosperity unexampled in the history of any nation the world has ever seen. May she long continue to reign over this great empire.

Other toasts were given and responded to, these being relieved at intervals by songs, &c., the contributors being Bros. Broadbent, Howard, Jack, and Kirkham (whose charming quartettes were greatly appreciated), Beeson, Davies, Herbert, Mountfield, Parkinson, and Pierpoint.

SEGONTIUM LODGE, No. 606.

BRO. DR. W. G. OWEN has been elected W.M. of this Carnarvon Lodge for the ensuing year.

LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

AFTER an interval of two months, this Lodge resumed its regular meetings on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, High Street, Manchester, Bro. Jas. Archdale P.M. Acting Worshipful Master. There were also present:—Bros. W. K. Worsley S.W., Geo. T. Lenard Acting J.W., A. B. Taylor S.D., H. Hellewell Acting J.D., J. J. Dean I.G., T. H. Hall P.M. Secretary, Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Buckley Carr P.M., J. A. Vincent P.M., H. L. Burgess P.M., John Pearce, G. Parkin, W. Dewhurst, &c., &c.

Visitor:—Bro. G. B. Grocock, Faithful Lodge, No. 473, Birmingham. The ordinary business having been transacted, Bro. Hellewell delivered a lecture on the First Tracing Board in a manner which was very greatly appreciated and favourably commented upon.

Though there was an absence of ceremonial on this occasion, yet as there were three propositions for initiation and one joining member, the next meeting gives promise of some activity.

After Lodge was closed, the Brethren sat down to an excellent tea, provided by Bro. Scott, who has only recently succeeded to the management of the hotel. The meal gave every satisfaction, and it is to be hoped that this is a successful augury of a very long connection between Bro. Scott and the Truth Lodge.

The usual festive board followed.

WOLSEY LODGE, No. 1656.

THE regular meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, 9th inst., Bro. W. T. Peat W.M.

The business included two passings, and the initiation of Mr. W. Wainwright, of Richmond, both ceremonies being perfectly worked by Bro. Peat. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and it is expected that at an early meeting of this Lodge two or three well-known Richmond gentlemen will be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft.

The business of the Lodge being concluded, the Brethren sat down to an excellently served dinner, provided by Host Brother Pratti, which was followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and an interesting musical programme arranged by Bro. Figg.

ELDON LODGE, No. 1755.

A LARGE number of Brethren were present on Saturday, at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, to witness the installation of Brother F. G. Moore Senior Warden.

The ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. England.

After Lodge business the Brethren dined at the Royal Hotel, and the customary toasts were honoured.

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ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting took place at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., Bro. S. Mamelok P.M. Treasurer Acting W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Geo. Crocker Sec., Walter Marshall J.D., B. Steel I.G., Julius Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P., Geo. Rideal P.M., Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, and Capt. F. H. Stone.

There was a Raising due, but the candidate did not put in an appearance, being detained by business matters.

After the close of the Lodge, the Brethren retired to conclude the evening by a social glass in honour of the return from Jamaica of Bro. Captain Stone.

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WHITWORTH LODGE, No. 1932.

ON Wednesday, 11th inst., the annual meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, Dundas Street, Spennymoor, for the purpose of installing Bro. Charlie Scurr as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and for the appointment and investiture of Officers.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business the W.M.-elect was presented and installed, the ceremony being performed with great impressiveness by Bro. T. Black I.P.M. A large company of members and Visiting Brethren were present.

The Brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist at the Town Hall, a programme of toast and sentiment being gone through.

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ETHELBERT LODGE, No. 2099.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Rooms, Beach Street, Herne Bay, on the 10th inst., when Bro. W. A. S. Hellyar was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. He will be installed at the next meeting, on the 8th of October.

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ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 2423.

THIS Lodge, founded barely three years ago, furnishes one of the finest examples of the flourishing condition of Masonry in the Province of North Wales, says the "Crewe Chronicle." An off-shoot, as it might be called of Sir Watkin Lodge, Mold, and the Independence Lodge, Chester, it has made remarkable progress, not only numerically, which is a great desideratum, but in the standing which it has established generally in the Province, in its financial position, and in its contributions to the charities.

Consecrated only so recently as August 1892, it was most fortunate in being officered by such experienced men as Brothers Bolton as Worshipful Master for the first year (with Bro. T. Knowles I.P.M.), Brother E. Blane, and Bro. Sergeant Russell, while in the person of the present W.M. Bro. W. H. Lloyd, of Top-y-Fron, Flint, whose installation took place at the Masonic Rooms, on Wednesday of last week, the Lodge traditions will, we are convinced, be well kept up. In addition to the Officers, there was a good muster of Brethren.

The installation ceremony was performed by Brothers E. Blane, J. D. Bolton, and J. W. Russell, after which the new Master appointed and invested his Officers.

At the close of the Lodge business the Brethren repaired to the Hare and Hounds Hotel, where a banquet was served in first-rate style by Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood. The proceedings were presided over by Brother Lloyd, who proposed the usual toasts.

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WIRRAL LODGE, No. 2496.

AT the meeting held at Birkenhead on the 5th inst., Bro. Shaw P.M., Mayor, congratulated Bro. George Proudman J.W. on having so recently attained the dignity of Worshipful Master of the Royal Victoria Lodge (as reported elsewhere), the announcement of which would be very gratifying to his many friends.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No 1805.

ON the 18th inst., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road. Bros. Charles Holland W.M., F. A. Slater S.W., G. Fennell J.W., N. R. Moffat S.D., W. Joss J.D., W. Boyce P.M. Acting Preceptor, F. Thornton Secretary, also Bros. Absalom, Johnson, J. Smith, A. S. Bird, J. Moloney, and others.

Lodge opened to the second degree, when Bro. Absalom answered questions leading to third. Lodge opened in third and ceremony of raising worked, Bro. Absalom candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree, Bro. Moloney answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge resumed to second degree, and ceremony of passing worked by W.M., Bro. Moloney acting as candidate. Bro. F. A. Slater was elected W.M. for Wednesday next, at 8 p.m.

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ELFFIN LODGE, No. 321.

THE installation meeting was held at Carnarvon, on Tuesday, where Bro. R. W. Newton S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the Installing Officer being Bro. Edward Roberts.

The annual dinner was held at the Royal Sportsman Hotel.

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.

1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel
1632 Stuart, Camberwell
1828 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel
48 Industry, Gateshead
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1991 Agricola, York
2068 Portsmouth Temperance,
Landport
2257 Powell, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester
2429 Roseareh, Leicester

Tuesday.

141 Faith, Anderton's
186 Industry, Freemasons-hall
1158 Southern Star, Bridge Ho. Ho.
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
253 Tyrian, Derby
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callender, Manchester
1358 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millom
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1580 Cranbourne, Hatfield
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
1942 Minerva, Fenton
1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Portsea
2025 St. George, Plymouth

Wednesday.

753 Prince Frederick William,
Frascati
754 High Cross, Tottenham
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
2332 Borough of Greenwich, East
Greenwich
32 St. George of Harmony, L'pool.
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
117 Salopian Charity, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton Moor
540 Stuart, Bedford
651 Brecknock, Brecon
724 Derby, Liverpool
996 Sonde, East Dereham
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon
1633 Avon, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, York Town
1723 St. George, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church, nr Accrington
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington
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
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2357 Barry, Cadoxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs

Thursday.

General Committee, Girls School,
F.M.H., 5

65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge Ho Ho.
766 William Preston, Cannon St.
1421 Langthorne, Ilford
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
1563 City of Westminster, Café Royal
1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Mas. Hall
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
2192 Highbury, Cock Tavern
2264 Chough, City Terminus Hotel
2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Ct.

39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
78 Impl. George, Middleton, Lanc.
111 Restoration, Darlington
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
410 Grove, Ewell
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
772 Pilgrims, Glastonbury
787 Beaureper, Belper
803 St. Andrew, Biggleswade
807 Cabbell, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
966 St. Edward, Leek
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardroath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1313 Fernor, 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
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Army and Navy, Aldershot
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
2184 Rl. Victorian Jubilee, Rainham
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling & Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, Man-
chester
2418 Hedworth, S. Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle Wilbraham, West Derby
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, F.M.H. at 4.
318 True and Faithful, Helston
445 Fidelity, Towcester
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
566 St. Germain, Selby
602 North York, Middlesboro'
712 Lindsey, Louth
810 Craven, Skipton
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1712 St. John, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

1679 Henry Mugeridge, Anderton's
2472 Walthamstow, Walthamstow
308 Prince George, Todmorden
336 Benevolence, Marple
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
1579 St. James, Enfield
1851 Ewell, Kingston
1965 Eastes, Bromley
1982 Greenwood, Sutton
2048 Henry Levander, Harrow Sta.
2087 Electric, Hampton Court
2309 George Gardner, Eton
2353 Broxbourne, New Barnet
2381 Bushey Park, Hampton Court
2421 Carrington, Amersham
2460 Ascot, Ascot

An interesting Exhibition was opened on the 17th, at the St. Bride Foundation Institute, Bride Lane, Fleet Street. It will remain open until the 28th, and consists of a large number of framed specimens of different styles of displaying the same copy. Ornaments, rules and borders are freely used with letterpress, and the result is a display, the inspection of which will be an education to any one interested in the printer's craft. The competition was instituted by the Meisenbach Co. Ltd., West Norwood, who offered money prizes to the successful competitors.

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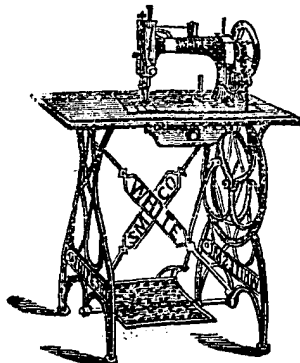
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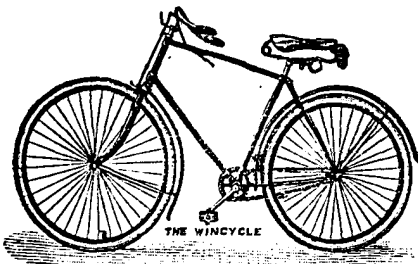
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8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Thursday, 8.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Criterion.—8.20, All abroad.
Strand.—8, A Handsome Husband. 9, In a Locket.
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LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
 211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, 8
 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 8
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junction
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
 1349 Friars, White Horse, White Horse Lane, Mile End Road, 8
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's Road, W., 8
 1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7:30
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
 1548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
 1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney
 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, W. Kensington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
 1975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
 2030 Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster, S.W., 7:30
 2150 Tivoli, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 7
 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Cock Tavern, N, 8

Tuesday.

- 25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street,
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn,
 177 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7:30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 238 Pilgrim, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st and 3rd Tuesday), 6:30
 263 Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, 7:30
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
 733 Westbourne, Prince Alfred Hotel, Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill,
 820 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8:30
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidecup, 7
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 933 Doric, Plough Tavern, Bow Road
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School Rooms, Battersea Rise, 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
 1446 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st Tuesday), 6:30
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M. H., Leytonstone, E.
 East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Rd. 8
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knighttrider Street
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., 7
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Road, 7:30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, 8
 860 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30

- 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1791 Creaton, Wheatshoaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton Street, W., 7:30
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, W.C., 8
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, White Hart, New Cross Gate, S.E., 8
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, 8
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Kennington, 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime house, E., 7:30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
 1558 Duke of Connaught, Palmeston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Fred. William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, 8

Friday.

- Emulation, Freemasons Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7:30
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, N., 8
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
 1897 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road (near West Hackney Church), 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Road, Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, W., 8
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales, Bishop's Road, W., 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

Saturday.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney
 1624 Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Stn., S.W., 7
 1719 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Percy Hill, Catford, S.E., 8
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St. W.

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