

THE Freemason's Chronicle.

A WEEKLY RECORD OF MASONIC INTELLIGENCE.

Registered at the G.P.O. as a Newspaper.

Reports of United Grand Lodge are published with the Special Sanction of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England.

VOL. XLII—No. 1083.
21st year of issue.

SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER 1895.

[PRICE THREEPENCE.
13/6 per annum, post free.

THE COST OF MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE elections held this week on behalf of the two Educational Institutions of Freemasonry supply practical object lessons as to the expense of the Schools, and should be carefully considered by those who interest themselves in the question of Masonic Benevolence, and who care to consider the outlay at which it is possible to secure the advantages of either of the Schools on behalf of a candidate. We are accustomed to hear that the pupils in the Educational Institutions cost so much per head each year, and no doubt that is a very satisfactory way of looking at the question of expenditure, but another, and an equally practical method is to consider what it costs to secure a participation in the School advantages; and this can best be arrived at by looking at the number of votes required to carry a candidate; for after all it is the number of votes necessary to secure election, and their relative value, that governs the question of cost, equally as much as the actual sum spent year by year on the different pupils.

This subject has been considered before in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and we then arrived at the conclusion that the return to be secured for a given number of votes was far from commensurate with the cost of obtaining them. But since those days the matter has undergone great changes, and whereas twenty years back 1,200 or 1,500 votes were all but certain to secure a candidate's return, it is hardly safe now to risk less than something between double and treble that number; indeed the lowest on the successful lists this week polled 3,223 and 3,056 votes for the Girls and Boys School respectively.

The price of the votes remains the same to-day as it did in the former period we have referred to, and we are continually being told that the cost per pupil is being reduced; how, then, are we to account for this terrible rise in the cost of securing admission to the Schools? and how are we to check its yet further extension?

It is no use saying that the rapid expansion of the number of votes necessary to secure success is a result of the continued growth of the Institutions, the one should have but little effect upon the other, and in fact would not do if it were not for the immense amounts invested in bricks and mortar or the hundred and one other necessities, of an unremunerative character, associated with such large educational establishments as those possessed by English Freemasonry.

In saying this we are not just now finding fault with the policy that calls for these large outlays in buildings, but rather desire to offer some excuse for the anomaly we have pointed out in regard to the great falling off in the purchasing power of votes. Surely it will not be argued that all the difference noticeable in the last twenty years is the result of building operations, for if so a very grave responsibility rests on anyone who proposes any further extension.

QUESTIONING THE RECORDS.

IF the experience of the last few days is to be accepted as any criterion of what we are to expect in the future we fear it will be found that Grand Lodge made a fatal mistake, in so far as the peace and comfort of those who are responsible for its records is concerned, when it accepted Bro. Lane's offer to publish the second edition of his compilation, tracing the date of the origin and changes of our Lodges. We have already had to deal with one controversy—in regard to Lodge No. 44—and it seems there is another started concerning the antiquity of the Newcastle Lodge, No. 24, this latter being referred to in the pages of the "Newcastle Daily Chronicle" in the following letter from a Past Master of No. 48:

THE OLDEST MASONIC LODGE OUT OF LONDON.

To the Editor of the "Daily Chronicle."

SIR,—I have read your report in this morning's paper, respecting the unfurling of a flag at the Masonic Temple, Pilgrim Street. At this ceremony the D.P.G.M. (my esteemed friend, Ald. R. H. Holmes) is reported to have said that the Newcastle Lodge, No. 24, is the oldest Lodge out of London. I hope Ald. Holmes will excuse me if I correct him on this point. For nearly twenty years I have laboured with some effect to disprove the age and priority of Lodge 24, and I believe that old members of No. 24, as well as others, are quite satisfied that it does not hold the premier rank mentioned by the D.P.G.M.

Lodge of Industry, No. 48, has existed since 1725, and joined the Grand Lodge of England and received its Warrant in 1735, whereas Newcastle Lodge, No. 24, was not enrolled until 1805, when it was constituted. These facts can be verified by a reference to Bro. John Lane's "Records of Lodges 1717-1894," of which a second edition was recently issued from the Grand Secretary's Office in London, and I recommend this valuable book for perusal by all prominent Freemasons.

Yours, &c.,

ROBT. WHITFIELD P.M. 48.

Gateshead, 4th October 1895.

The same objectionable course has been followed here as we had to complain of in regard to the Friendship Lodge, of Manchester, an individual taking upon himself the responsibility of flatly contradicting the authorities, apparently on the information contained in the recently issued "Records of Lodges" of Bro. Lane. The Newcastle Lodge, No. 24, may not have been enrolled prior to 1805, as set out by Bro. Whitfield and Brother Lane, but until Grand Lodge amends its records—wherein 1752-3 is set down as the date of establishment—no one has the right to address such a letter as the above to an outside newspaper, for it is a direct violation of the Antient Charges and Regulations to which in due course every Past Master had to give his assent, the writer of the letter quoted above being among the number.

We by no means wish to imply that we regard the information given in Grand Lodge Calendar as to the date of origin of our Lodges as infallible; what we do object to is for a private writer to induce Grand Lodge to launch his compilation upon the Masonic world, thereby providing his admirers a means of sowing discord and revolt in our ranks, contrary to the regulations of the Craft, and in most instances for the glorification of self.

The initial error in regard to these apparent differences of opinion on the part of the authorities of Grand Lodge is to be found in the course adopted in the issue of Bro. Lane's book,

which, we believe, bears the name of the Grand Secretary on the title page, and is so liable to the error of being regarded as an official publication—which qualification it must be distinctly understood it is not entitled to, although we can quite believe that efforts will be made by some of its enthusiastic admirers to win for it that distinction. It will be interesting to watch the battle that must now be regarded as fairly commenced between those who seek to uphold the authority of Grand Lodge, and those who desire to see an individual's work override it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

—:o:—

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

—:o:—

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 44, MANCHESTER.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to take exception to your leader of the 5th inst., entitled "Questioning the Records." Not as respects your claim to independence and impartiality (as these traits should at all times characterise journalism, and especially any Masonic magazine), but because of your defence of the erroneous advocacy of Bro. Heywood in regard to the antiquity of No. 44, Manchester, in opposition to Bro. Chadwick's view of the matter.

I agree with you that "we should think no more of criticising the acts of the Masonic luminaries than of finding fault with the conduct of a private member." In this instance, however, you have singled out the wrong luminaries for praise, and found fault with those who are in the right.

The "Warrant of Confirmation" by which the present No. 44 works was granted in 1835, in consequence of the one of 1803 authority having "become defaced and illegible." It is true that the document of 1835 mentions "a Warrant bearing date the 18th of June 1755," which was issued to "certain Brethren" authorising them "to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the town of Manchester," but that was not the Charter by which the Lodge of Friendship was working when application was made for a Warrant of Confirmation. Therein the luminaries of 1835 were to blame, for had they examined the actual Records of Grand Lodge, they would have found that this first issue of 1755 "was cancelled in 1793," as Bro. John Lane notes in his admirable and invaluable "Masonic Records 1717-1894."

As Bro. R. F. Gould writes in his "Atholl Lodges" (1879), and Bro. Lane in the aforesaid work, the minutes of the "Ancients" of 1795 state that the Lodge was "Renewed and revived on recommendation of Nos. 275 and 278," on the condition that the "old Warrant be transmitted previous to revival." The Records declare it was "Revived and granted to Bro. Watson and others, late of No. 39." No. 44 was 39 prior to the Union of December 1813. The official Records also prove that the Lodge again lapsed, the demise following soon after the start of 1795; but in 1803 the same number 39 was issued to other Brethren, not one of whom was connected with the previous Lodge of 1795, and hence it is by this authority the present No. 44 acts, and was then a new Lodge.

I feel assured you could not have remembered these facts on writing your leader on the subject, which I much regret, as the "FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE" has done yeoman service in this department by the reproduction of nearly all the "Atholl" Warrants, the value of which Bro. Lane and myself have often most heartily acknowledged. The Warrant under consideration is No. 116 of the series, and occurs in the "F.C." for the 9th March 1878.

My own opinion is that the dates of Warrants which are printed in the official Grand Lodge Calendar should be revised so as to accord with the Records of the two rival Grand Lodges, and thus prevent Brethren assuming some of the Lodges are of the age ascribed to them. I should also like to say that Bro. Lane's great work is the most important and valuable volume of the kind ever published, and I am delighted that the Grand Lodge decided to accept my friend's kind offer of the copyright, and has had it published in such a handsome form.

Yours, &c.,

W. J. HUGHAN.

[Bro. Hughan misunderstands the ground on which our article was written. It was not our intention to attempt to decide the date of the formation of the Friendship Lodge, we simply desiring to support the view of Grand Lodge authorities—as set out in the official Calendar—in opposition to those of private individuals, and in view of the mischievous results that are likely to arise from the attempt to foist Bro. Lane's work on the Craft as an official compilation we are prepared to maintain our position. It may be perfectly true that Bro. Lane has found out the true history of several Lodges misrepresented in the Calendar. If he has, the proper course for him is to seek to have the particulars amended, not put himself up as an authority and, even by inference, bring contempt on the rulers of the Craft. Bro. Lane has been very well paid for his work, and may yet have occasion to regret the fulsome adulation showered upon him by some of his worshippers, who seem to regard him as a sort of Masonic Pope for the time being. Bro. Hughan refers to the publication of particulars as to the Friendship Warrant in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of March 1878. Nothing then appears

to have been known of the lapses now referred to, and we think Bro. Hughan will agree that due care was taken to find out all that was possible of these matters. Of course there has been ample time since then to make new discoveries, but proper respect should be shown to our rulers, even if some of their edicts are found to be based upon erroneous information.—Ed. F.C.]

NEW TEMPLE AT NEWCASTLE.

A N interesting ceremony took place on the 3rd inst., at the new Masonic Temple for the Province of Northumberland, situate in Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, in the unfurling of a flag by the Chairman of the Central Masonic Hall Company Ald. Richard Henry Holmes, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The ceremony was performed on the leaded roof behind the dome of the building.

Bro. Richard Hopper Holme, in calling on the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to perform the function assigned him, said it was always his ambition to do something, be it ever so little, at the opening, or partial completion of the Masonic Temple, and he, therefore, took the liberty of offering this flag to float over the edifice.

Bro. Richard Henry Holmes said he accepted the flag on behalf of the Masonic Hall Company, and also on behalf of Masonry of Newcastle-on-Tyne and Northumberland generally. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then, amid applause, unfurled the flag, which, on a blue ground, displayed in white characters the Masonic emblems of the square and compass. Continuing his remarks, Bro. Holmes said that evening the first Lodge meeting would be held in the building since its erection, the Lodge being Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, No. 24, the oldest Lodge of the Province, and also the oldest out of London. He might further add that it was with extreme pleasure he unfurled the flag on that auspicious occasion, and it was his fervent hope that it might ever float from now and for the years to come over only good, true, and loyal Freemasons, and that no dissensions might ever be found under the roof of this—what would be, when completed—magnificent Masonic Temple.

After thanking Bro. Richard Hopper Holme for his gift, he called for three cheers for the success of the Masonic Hall Company and prosperity to Freemasonry in Newcastle, and the Province of Northumberland.

The Brethren heartily responded to the request, and thus brought the interesting ceremony to a close.

In the evening, as indicated by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Brethren of Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge, 24, met in one of the large rooms of the building, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Thomas Pickering. There was a large attendance of members. The building, it may be further added, is rapidly approaching completion, and in a very short time will be dedicated to the service of Masonry.—"Newcastle Chronicle."

WEST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE annual court of Governors of this Institution was held on the 4th, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. Bro. Thomas Whitehead P.P.G.D. presided, and there was a large attendance of Governors from Liverpool and other parts of the Province.

The minutes of the last Court and the general Committee having been confirmed, the meeting elected nine children on the foundation of the Institution, recommended by the General Committee, at an additional yearly cost of £78, the candidates including three of the family of a popular Brother connected with the dramatic profession, a grant of £26 per annum being voted for their education.

Bro. J. T. Callow was re-elected Treasurer, Bros. G. Broadbridge and J. H. Tyson Hon. Secretaries, and a number of Brethren as Members of the General Committee.

Bros. Drs. J. K. Smith, H. N. Pitts (Liverpool), J. E. Dunn (Preston), J. H. Irvin (Lancaster), R. P. White (Wigan), W. C. Challoner (St. Helens), and E. F. Hall (Prescot) were re-appointed Honorary Medical Officers of the Institution, and afterwards the Auditors and members of the Finance and Schools Committees were elected unanimously.

A motion was also carried that the grants for children at present on the foundation of the charity, amounting to upwards of £1,700, should be renewed for the year 1895-6. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.—"Liverpool Mercury."

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, will be held on Wednesday next, at Anderton's Hotel.

DORSETSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge is to be held on Wednesday week, the 23rd inst., at Sherborne, where the Brethren are making every preparation to ensure the success of the gathering and the comfort of those who attend.

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

THE interesting ceremonies of opening the new Masonic Temple at Cardiff, the consecration of the new Duke of York Lodge and installation of Bro. C. E. Dovey P.M. P.P.J.G.W. as Worshipful Master, took place on Thursday, 26th ult., and attracted a large gathering of Masons, hailing from all parts of South Wales and many distant Provinces.

The new Duke of York Lodge will make the fourth now in existence at Cardiff, and it is intended at an early date to establish another new Lodge for professional men, which will be chartered under the title of the "Prince Llewellyn." The formation of these new Lodges is indicative of the great progress that Freemasonry is making in South Wales. It is worthy of note that there are now twenty-one Craft Lodges in the eastern division of South Wales, ten Lodges in the western division, and ten in Monmouthshire. The higher orders of Masonry are also well patronised.

The opening of the new Masonic Temple will mark a new era in the Freemasonry of the Welsh metropolis, as the ceremony formed a fitting climax to many years of labour and enterprise on the part of energetic local Brethren, who desired to see the local Craft properly and suitably housed. Upwards of 400 Masons attended the ceremonies at the new Temple on the opening day, and the greatest enthusiasm was evinced.

The proceedings commenced shortly after one o'clock, when the Prov. Grand Master Bro. Lord Llangattock opened the entrance door of the Lodge Room with a chastely designed silver key, suitably inscribed in commemoration of the event. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock, and letters of apology for non-attendance were received from several distinguished Craftsmen.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee was then read, from which it appeared that a petition for a Lodge at Treharris had been presented, and would receive the consideration of the Prov. Grand Master in due course. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts showed a credit balance of £166. It was recommended that 50 guineas be paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a like amount to the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund of the Province.

During the past year Bro. W. G. Davies P.M. 364 acted as Prov. Grand Steward for the Royal Masonic School for Girls and it was further reported that up to August 1895 the local Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund had a credit balance of £1,464. A large number of grants were recommended.

It was announced that during the year ended 31st December 1894, 106 candidates had been initiated in the Province, while there were twenty-eight joining members. The report was adopted.

Bro. W. H. Lewis, of Swansea, was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the year, and the Prov. Grand Master presented Bro. W. G. Davies 364 P.G.S.W. and Bro. F. P. Adey 1754 P.P.G.S.W. with charity jewels, in recognition of their efforts in connection with the Benevolent Institutions.

Bro. W. C. Peace P.M. 960 P.P.G.S.W. then presented Bro. C. Carey Thomas P.M. 960 P.P.G.S.B., the chairman of the Committee which had charge of the arrangements in connection with the establishment of the Masonic Temple, with a silver salver on behalf of the Masonic Hall Company, in acknowledgment of the invaluable services rendered by him in that capacity.

The Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Marmaduke Tennant P.A.G.D.C. of Eng and the Provincial Grand Officers then consecrated the Masonic Temple in a solemn and impressive manner.

The appointments and investiture of Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year followed, and the Lodge was then closed in due form.

The new Provincial Grand Officers are as follow :—

Bro. Henry Simons 237	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Carey Thomas 960	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Williams 1807	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. D. Phillips 1578	-	-	-	
W. H. Lewis 1573	-	-	-	Treasurer
H. C. Ensor 960	-	-	-	Registrar
W. Whittington 364	-	-	-	Secretary
H. J. Thomas 237	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
F. G. Harrison 36	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
John Evans 1578	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. Sheridan 1992	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
D. A. Thomas 110	-	-	-	Assist. Director of Cers.
John Shaw 2547	-	-	-	Sword Bearer

M. G. Roberts 833	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
W. L. Edwards 2357	-	-	-	
H. C. Rich 651	-	-	-	Organist
M. Whittington 364	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
T. H. Tutton 2332	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Rees Rees 679	-	-	-	Deputy Pursuivant
M. P. S. Tozer 1752	-	-	-	Stewards
W. Richards 960	-	-	-	
E. L. Pontifex 1323	-	-	-	
A. J. Harris 36	-	-	-	
Carl Frederick Hansen 1754	-	-	-	Tyler.
Geo. Bullerwell	-	-	-	

Brother George Clarry P.P.G.D.C. admirably performed the duties of Acting Director of Ceremonies during the day, and was complimented upon the manner in which the work was performed.

The Provincial Grand Master and Bro. Marmaduke Tennant subsequently proceeded with the consecration of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2453 and the installation of Brother Charles E. Dovey as Worshipful Master, and were assisted in the ceremonies by the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. After his installation Bro. C. E. Dovey, who was most cordially received, appointed and invested his Officers.

Bro. C. E. Dovey P.P.J.G.W. the first Master of the new Lodge, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry at the Kennard Lodge, Pontypool, in 1875, and in the same year he joined the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff. He is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions, and one of the founders of the Caer-daf Rose Croix Chapter. In 1888 Bro. Dovey acted as Secretary of the Bute Lodge, and in 1890 he was installed as Worshipful Master. He occupies a high local position in Royal Arch Masonry, and has held the positions of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and Provincial Grand Junior Warden. Brother Dovey is exceedingly popular among the Masons of Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire and his decision to take office as W.M. of the Duke of York Lodge was hailed with satisfaction by the Cardiff Brethren.

The day's proceedings concluded with an enjoyable banquet at the Assembly Rooms of the Town Hall, the repast being served by Mr. W. G. Hunt, of the Queen's Hotel. The company numbered upwards of 250, and the proceedings were of the most harmonious character. The Provincial Grand Master presided.

After dinner the health of the Provincial Grand Master was submitted in eloquent terms by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who spoke in high terms of the active interest which Lord Llangattock evinced in the duties of his high Masonic office. The toast was drunk with honours.

Lord Llangattock, in responding, referred with pleasure to the vitality of Freemasonry in Cardiff, and to the progress which the Order was making throughout the Eastern Division.

Bro. Radley next proposed the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Terry responded.

The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge was enthusiastically drunk, and Brother Marmaduke Tennant having responded, Brother Thomas Matthews proposed the health of the W.M. of the Duke of York Lodge Brother C. E. Dovey, who received a most flattering reception, and made a very felicitous response. Other toasts followed.

During the evening Brother Arthur Johnson's Band played a selection of music, and a musical programme was gone through under the direction of Brother G. H. Cole, F.C.O. A word of praise should be accorded Bro. F. J. Ferris Bailey, upon whom the responsibilities of the arrangements for the banquet devolved. The responsibilities were discharged with great administrative skill.

The new Temple was formerly used as a place of worship. The building, however, has undergone a complete transformation, and is probably now the most compact, commodious, and gorgeously-appointed Masonic Temple outside the metropolis. The building is entered by swing doors, which admit of access to a long corridor extending the length of the building. These doors are panelled with cathedral glass bearing five Masonic emblems. Branching off the corridor (the flooring of which is of pitch pine) are lavatories, cloak-rooms, and other offices. At the head of the staircase situated at the end of the corridor is a lesser Lodge Room, furnished with the appointments of the old hall, and this can be used for Lodges of Instruction or monthly gatherings, where the attendance is small. At the back of the building is a large Banqueting Hall, with thirteen tables arranged semi-circularly. This room is capable of accommodating 100 guests, and, as there are cooking ranges fitted up in the large kitchen adjoining the Banqueting Hall, the catering can be done on the premises. Outside the Lodge Room are two robing rooms. The Temple itself has been appointed and ornamented in a most luxurious manner.

The Worshipful Master's chair is the gift of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Lord Llangattock. It is a magnificent piece of furniture, beautifully carved, and bears the arms and motto of the noble donor.

The Lodge Room, it may be mentioned, is 58ft. long by 40ft.

wide and 30ft. high. A large proportion of the chairs have been presented by different Brethren—the Senior Warden's by Brother O'Neil, of the Tennant Lodge, and the Junior Warden's by Bro. C. Carey Thomas. The total cost of the building, alterations and upholstering, we are informed, will be between £7,000 and £8,000.—"Western Mail."

ROYAL ARCH.

—:o:—

NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, on Tuesday, 22nd inst., under the presidency of Comp. the Right Hon. Sir. M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Superintendent.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE meetings were resumed at the Railway Hotel, Highbury Corner, on Monday, 7th inst., Comps. Edmonds M.E.Z., W. George H., Snelling J., J. Osborn S.E., Galloway S.N., E. Payne P.S., Ironside Candidate, R. Walker, Tuck, Eddie, and others.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comps. Eddie and Ironside were elected Members. Chapter closed in perfect harmony.

The Companions adjourned to a choice supper, served by the genial host, Companion Tuck, in a most admirable manner, and eliciting the highest praise.

MARK MASONRY.

—:o:—

SOUTH WALES.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South Wales took place at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Thursday afternoon, 3rd inst., Brother the Rev. J. Marsden, B.D., acting as Prov.G.M., when Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested.

An interesting ceremony in connection with the meeting was the presentation to Brother J. M. Gerhold I.P.M. of a handsome jewel in recognition of his services as W.M. of the Langley Lodge. The jewel had engraved on the front a picture of the new Masonic Temple, it being the first presentation made in the new building, while on the reverse were the words:—

Presented

by the Brethren of the Langley Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 28,
to

WORSHIPFUL BRO. J. M. GERHOLD P.M.,
for his faithful services as W.M. of the Lodge, 1894-5.

The presentation was made by Brother the Rev. J. Marsden, B.D., in the presence of a large number of Brethren.

Brother Gerhold appropriately acknowledged the kind recognition of his services. In the evening a banquet was held at the Queen's Hotel.

GORDON LODGE, No. 364.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, when there were present:—Brothers Charles Cobham W.M., J. P. White P.M. 455 as I.P.M., R. J. Beamish P.M. R.M. P.P.G.S.B. as S.W., R. C. Fowle J.W., F. Hitchens S.O., E. B. Wilks S.D., G. Masters I.G., W. Barlow P.M. as M.O., J. Simpson J.O., J. Solomon Std. as J.D., and J. C. Biggs P.M. P.P.G.S.B. as D.C.

The Lodge was in mourning for the Prov. Grand Master, and Brother George R. Cobham P.M. Sec. Votes of condolence were passed to their representatives.

Bro. J. Davis, of Freedom, 77, was then advanced to the Degree by Bro. White P.M. and the charge was given by Bro. S. Dea.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, when the usual Loyal and Mark toasts were honoured.

o o o

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 355.

THE first meeting of the season was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on the 6th. Bros. Humphries W.M., McDowall S.W., Walter George J.W., J. Collins M.O., M. Tuck S.O., J. Robinson J.O., G. W. Knight I.G., and others.

The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed.

The election of Officers resulted as follows:—Major McDowall Treasurer, Collins Secretary, Edmonds Preceptor.

Proposed by Bro. G. W. Knight that the Lodge meet at 7 instead of 8 o'clock. Several Brethren of the Highbury and Duke of Connaught Lodges were made Members. Lodge closed until 13th inst., when Brother Major McDowall will officiate as Master.

All Brethren of the Mark Degree are kindly requested to visit the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction at its commodious and convenient quarters.

A special Masonic service was held at the Kilkeel Parish Church on the 29th ult., on behalf of the Dublin Masonic Orphan Boys School. There was a large attendance of Brethren, and a substantial sum was collected after an eloquent sermon by Rev. Bro. Mervyn.

INSTRUCTION.

—:o:—

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1808.

ON the 9th inst., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, Bro. William Joss W.M., C. Holland S.W., G. H. Fennell J.W., De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, F. Thornton Secretary, Boyce P.M. S.D., F. A. Slater J.D., Kenney I.G., also Brothers V. T. Goddard, W. H. Goddard, Marchant, Shadrack, F. J. Cumine.

After preliminaries Brother V. T. Goddard answered the questions leading to second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M.

Lodge resumed to the first degree, and the Brethren assisted Brother De Casseres P.M. to work the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the Lecture.

Brother W. H. Goddard of the St. John's Lodge, No. 2511, and Brother F. J. Cumine W.M. of the Priory Lodge, Southend, No. 1000, became members. Brother Holland having been elected to the chair for Wednesday next the Lodge was closed.

o o o

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, 4th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, Bros. George Kebbell W.M., A. E. Mason S.W., C. H. Ditchman J.W., Fred Dunstan P.M. A.G.D.C. Middx. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, I. Abrahams S.D., Jackson J.D., Jeanes I.G., and Bros. Ladler, Witte, I. P. Cohen P.M., Millin, Rusby, Platt, Geo. Clark P.M., J. Bunker P.M., F. Kebbell, and Wertzel.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rusby acting as candidate.

Bro. Preceptor, assisted by the Brethren, worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture.

Bro. Johnson, of the New Concord Lodge, was elected a member, and Bro. A. E. Mason W.M. for the ensuing week.

Bro. Sir Simeon Stuart, Bart., the City Marshal, was, on Monday evening, installed as Worshipful Master of the Justitia Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 476, at Mark Masons' Hall, by his predecessor in office, Bro. H. Thompson Lyon, says the "City Press." The outgoing Master was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Sir John B. Monckton, an honorary member of the Lodge, was among the Brethren present.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE Rev. Charles William Spencer Stanhope, M.A., vicar of Crowton, Northwich, Cheshire, and formerly curate of Ashbourne, and of Bishop's Hadfield, died at Crowton on the 24th ult., after a long and painful illness. Our Reverend Brother was an old member of the Order, and on account of his services was appointed by the Prince of Wales in 1879 as one of the Grand Chaplains of England. In 1885 he received the office of Assistant Grand Sojourner in Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and at the time of his death he was Grand Superintendent of the Cheshire Royal Arch Masons. As early as 1868, when Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was Grand Master of English Mark Masons, the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope was made Grand Chaplain in the Mark Degree. He was a strong supporter of the Masonic Charities, enthusiastic as a Freemason, and very genial in disposition. In the days of his health he was a regular attendant at the quarterly meetings of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, but latterly his visits were not so frequent.

THE remains of Bro. Thomas Rix, of Colchester, who for twenty-three years had been Secretary of the United Lodge, No. 697, and was a Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer Essex, were, on Wednesday, accorded a Masonic funeral. The procession was met at the church doors by the Rev. J. R. Corbett (vicar) and the Rev. W. O. E. Oesterly, and the Masons, on foot, led the procession to the cemetery, where on the conclusion of the burial service they dropped into the grave sprigs of acacia. The Brethren sent a very beautiful wreath, having on the card attached to it the words, "A token of high esteem and sincere regard from the W.M., Officers and Brothers of the United Lodge of Freemasons, No. 697, of which Bro. Rix was the trusted Secretary for nearly twenty-three years."

BRO. JOHN MORRELL, of Darrington, died on the 4th inst. He was Worshipful Master of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, and had passed through the various other Offices of the Order before reaching that important position. In addition to Bro. Morrell, the St. Oswald Lodge has lost no less than four Past Masters during the present year. The members of the Lodge, over whom Bro. Ellis Foulds, I.P.M. is the acting W.M., took part in the funeral.

THE funeral of Bro. S. Cross took place on Saturday, 28th ult., and was attended, among others, by between 20 and 30 members of the Brotherly Love Lodge, Yeovil, of which the deceased was a member. At a meeting of the Lodge, held afterwards, a resolution of condolence with the family was passed.

WHY MENTION THE WORK?

THE Grand Lodge of New York has passed an edict forbidding the publication of candidates' names in the Lodge notices sent out. On this Brother Duncan, in the salvation page of the "New York Dispatch," comments favourably, and we think very properly. Why should the world be permitted to know what is done or not done in a Masonic Lodge? These Lodge notices are subject to inspection by those who have no business to know. In fact, it is very questionable whether Freemasonry can longer be listed as a secret society, so far as its business is concerned. We once received considerable of a shock from a gentleman who claimed affinity with the great secret society presided over by the aged divine who hibernates on the Tiber: "So you fellows black-balled B— in your Lodge last night, I learn." How he received this information we did not seek to know, for in that instance silence was golden. But when we are indebted to secular papers for Masonic news (taken to them by Masons), which should naturally reach a Masonic journal first, it looks as though Masonic secretiveness was a thing of the past. The fact that such information is mailed in open envelopes, or on a post card, is very reprehensible. A sealed letter, marked personal, might possibly be used to convey such information, and to register the letter would do no harm. But the whole thing is un-Masonic, and should be abolished in every jurisdiction.

Another growing evil, that seeks to do its illegal work and hide its head in the sand, is canvassing for members. The boast of Freemasonry is that all its members are such "of their own free will and accord." But, is such the case? Take any city having a number of Lodges and this evil is apparent in pernicious volume. This false rivalry is a destruction of the spirit of Craft ethics, if not of the letter. There are several ways of killing a dog besides choking him to death with butter, and so there are a number of methods for soliciting without squarely saying: "Give me your name for membership in my Lodge." The devil is whipped round the stump by saying: "It is singular you are not a Mason, you are just the kind of man Masonry wants," or "We are not allowed to ask anyone to become a Mason, but if you like to join the institution I would be delighted to, &c., &c." All this is serving to over-measure the grist and choke the hopper, and we protest against it. This, "All is fish for our net," method is sapping the foundations of Freemasonry, and unless stopped will work disaster.

Further, Grand Lodges that sanction the use of a key or cypher are false to their obligation, and are unconsciously undermining the seriousness of the obligation to the full private in the Lodge. Masonry is to-day reaping a large crop of young men, who are not suitably impressed with the awful solemnity of their Masonic vows, because they see the Master, Wardens, or any member in the Lodge, "monkeying" with what is a clear infraction of the E.A.O.B.

All these things, and others that we could name, are "the little foxes that destroy the tender grapes," and every true and lawful Brother in the land should enter his protest against the continuance of the same. We will hail the day with joy when every Masonic jurisdiction will have a Grand Master who dares to be true to his Entered Apprentice obligation and set his foot down on these glaring innovations upon Craft Masonry. And this sentiment is fast gaining ground, that the intruders must be put to death instantly. They are prolific, and their admission has only prepared the way for greater infractions of well established esoteric Masonic law.—"American Tyler."

The Masonic buildings in West Regent Street, Glasgow, are rapidly assuming form, a fact for which the Province of Glasgow should be devotedly thankful to Bro. John Graham Prov. Grand Master, and the active directorate of which he is chairman, says the "Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," who continues: A Masonic temple in Glasgow has been a long and tiresome cry, and the astonishment is that now, under the Glasgow Masonic Buildings Company, Limited, the desideratum in organisation is an accomplished fact, the Brethren in the Province do not more readily avail themselves of the opportunity of encouraging the work which has been undertaken in their interests and in the interests of the Province. The directors are unremitting in their efforts to increase the number of shareholders, and it is highly desirable, for the credit of the Province of Glasgow, that many more shares should be taken. In a Province like ours, with all its boasted wealth and influential members, an opportunity of this kind should not go begging. It is feared that Brethren do not sufficiently realise their responsibility in this important matter. Let that fear be removed, Brethren, and those who have not already taken shares do so now, be it one or be it a hundred. An application at the offices of the company, 212 West George Street, Glasgow, will elicit all necessary information from the Secretary, Mr. R. E. Smith.

We understand that the consecration of the Empress Lodge, No. 2581, which takes place on Monday next at the Empire of India Exhibition, will be very numerous attended, it being expected that upwards of fifty Officers of Grand Lodge will be present, besides a large number of other Visitors.

o o o

The consecration of the Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579, will take place on Monday, 28th inst., at half past four, in the Parish Hall, Ladywell, when the ceremony will be performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, and Brother Christopher Sims P.M. 1208 and 861 installed into the chair. It is anticipated that there will be a goodly assemblage of Brethren upon the occasion.

o o o

The Willesden Chapter has been formally consecrated, the Grand Scribe E. Comp. Letchworth officiating, and afterwards installing Comp. Walter Wellsman as First Principal.

o o o

The Hornsey Lodge of Instruction, No. 890, held its first meeting of the season at the White Hart Masonic Rooms, High Street, Lewisham, on the 3rd, when between fifty and sixty Brethren were present. The fifteen sections were worked, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Walter Martin P.M. 879, assisted by Bro. Milbourne and other well-known members of the Craft.

o o o

The Regents Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 2202, meets every Thursday evening at the Frascati, Oxford Street.

o o o

It would be well for some Brethren prior to giving certain Ss. in open Lodge to study a little comparative anatomy. We are aware of the old adage "that the shortest way to a man's heart is through his stomach," but it certainly would look better if certain Wor. Brethren when desirous of placing their hand over the region where their heart should be, would remember that the abdomen is not the heart's abode in the ordinary man, though so many aver that that is the more direct way of reaching it.—"Masonry."

GAIETY RESTAURANT, STRAND.

LUNCHEONS

(HOT and COLD)—At Popular Prices, in BUFFET and RESTAURANT (on 1st floor). Also Chops, Steaks, Joints, Entrées, &c., in the GRILL ROOM.

AFTERNOON TEA—

Consisting of Tea or Coffee, Cut Bread and Butter, Jam, Cake, Pastry, *ad lib*, at 1/- per head; served from 4 till 6 in RESTAURANT (1st floor).

DINNERS IN RESTAURANT—

From 5.30 till 9 at Fixed Prices (3/6 and 5/-) and à la Carte. In this room the Viennese Band performs from 6 till 8. Smoking after 7.45.

AMERICAN BAR.

THE GRILL ROOM

is open till Midnight.

PRIVATE DINING ROOMS FOR LARGE AND SMALL PARTIES.

ROYAL

Masonic Institution for Girls.

AT A GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on THURSDAY, 10th October 1895,

BRO. HENRY SMITH P.G.D. D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Treasurer and Vice-Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION by ballot of EIGHTEEN GIRLS into the Institution, from a list of 34 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:

No. on List.	Name	Votes.	No. on Poll.
27	Platt, N. M.	4395	1
10	Bate, D. M.	3793	2
11	Stevenson, L.	3752	3
32	Mostyn, M. K.	3664	4
17	Heaps, M. A.	3658	5
7	Woodward, C. M.	3634	6
6	Wadsworth, E.	3631	7
15	Rouse, M. A.	3605	8
1	Robinson, A. M.	3569	9
13	Hargreaves, I.	3561	10
23	Dobson, E.	3524	11
22	Holman, B. E.	3513	12
9	Marsh, E. E.	3504	13
19	Harrison, A. E.	3448	14
2	Morris, G.	3338	15
31	Garraway, F. E.	3272	16
25	Podmore, N. G.	3232	17
16	Stamford, E. B.	3223	18

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

ROYAL

Masonic Institution for Boys,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Offices—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

Grand Patron: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President: His Royal Highness THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 11th day of October 1895,

THE V.W. BRO. RICHARD EVE, Patron and Trustee (P.G.Treas.), in the chair, A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of 17 BOYS from an approved list of 46 CANDIDATES, the following being declared SUCCESSFUL:—

No.	Name.	Votes.	No.	Name.	Votes.
1	Woodward, R. T. W.	4296	10	Vernon, A. S.	3831
2	Fillan, C. T.	4227	11	Tremlett, T. P.	3521
3	Dixie, C. G. G.	4141	12	Williams, C. A.	3499
4	Lang, F. S.	4085	13	Scarlett, E. H.	3475
5	Watts, H. S. V.	4021	14	Smith, C. C.	3441
6	Marsden, W. W.	4013	15	Knight, W. H.	3418
7	Goode, J. A.	3926	16	Collins, D. L.	3157
8	Morgan, F. N.	3906	17	Elderkin, J. V.	3056
9	Eagle, R. L.	3855			

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the Office.

J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

** The Ninety-eighth Anniversary Festival will be held in June 1896, under the distinguished presidency of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire R.W. Prov. G.M. for Derbyshire. The services of Brethren representing Lodges or Provinces and of Ladies as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully acknowledged.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

HOCKETT & WHITE,
Photographic Printers,

POTTERS ROAD, NEW BARNET.

NEGATIVES sent to us by Parcels Post, securely packed, receive prompt attention, and Prints in SILVER, PLATINOTYPE, P.O.P., giving best obtainable results, forwarded without delay. We are also pleased to answer inquiries, and give information and advice, for which our large experience fully qualifies us.

Price Lists on application.

New Barnet School of Music,

STATION ROAD, NEW BARNET.

For all Particulars and Prospectus, apply to the Secretary,

THE NEW BARNET SCHOOL OF MUSIC will be happy to provide high class entertainments and Ceremonial Music for Masonic Meetings, Consecrations, Installations and Ladies' Nights. For terms:—Bro. John Probert, Station Road, New Barnet, N.

THE

Freemason's Chronicle.

A Weekly Record of Masonic Intelligence.

—:o:—

Published every Saturday, Price 3d.

—:o:—

THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will be forwarded direct from the Office, Fleet Works, Bulwer Road, New Barnet, on receipt of remittance for the amount. Intending Subscribers should forward their full address, to prevent mistakes.

The Terms of Subscription (payable in advance) are—

Twelve Months, post free	...	£0 13 6
Six Months ditto.	...	0 7 0
Three Months ditto.	...	0 3 6

Postal Orders to be made payable to W. W. MORGAN, at the New Barnet Office. Cheques crossed "London and South Western Bank."

Scale of Charges for Advertisements.

Per Page	...	£8 8 0
Back Page	...	10 10 0

Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1s per line.

General Advertisements, Trade Announcements, &c., single column, 5s per inch. Double column Advertisements 1s per line. Special terms or a series of insertions or special positions on application.

Agents, from whom copies can always be had:—

Mr. W. F. MORGAN, Belvidere Works, Pentonville.
Mr. LAMBERT, Barnsbury Road, Islington, N.
Mr. RITCHIE, 7 Red Lion Court, E.C.
Mr. EDWARD ROBERTS, 19 Walmer Place, Manchester.
Messrs. W. H. SMITH and Son, 183 Strand.
Mr. J. HOOD-WILLIAMS, 33 Kingston Road, North Buckland, Portsmouth.

The Theatres, &c.

—:o:—

Drury Lane.—7.30, Cheer, Boys, Cheer.

Covent Garden.—Grand Opera Season commences to-night.

Lyceum.—8, Romeo and Juliet.

Court.—8.45, Vanity Fair.

Adelphi.—8, The Swordsman's Daughter.

Princess's.—7.45, Saved from the Sea.

Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.

Prince of Wales's.—7.35, A Woman's Caprice.

8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Thursday, 3.

Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Criterion.—8.20, All abroad.

Strand.—8, A Handsome Husband. 9, In a Locket.

Terry's.—8.20, Between the Posts. 8.55, The

Strange Adventures of Miss Brown.

Garrick.—8.30, Alabama. (Last night).

Avenue.—9, The Private Secretary.

Royalty.—8.40, The Chili Widow.

Duke of York's.—8.45, Her Advocate.

Daly's.—Second edition of An Artist's Model.

Vaudeville.—8.30, The Burglar and the Judge. 9, Poor Mr. Potton.

Comedy.—On Wednesday, The benefit of the Doubt.

Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand

Ballets. At 2.50, Titania. At 10.45, Lochinvar.

Empire.—Variety Entertainment. Two Grand

Ballets. 8, On Brighton Pier. 10.10, Faust.

Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vi-

vants, &c.

Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée,

Saturday, 2.30.

Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Matinée, Saturday,

2.30.

Tivoli.—2.30 and 7.45, Grand Variety Entertainment.

Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.

Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. Maskelyne's Magical

Entertainment.

Moore and Burgess Minstrels.—St. James's Hall.

Every evening at 8.

Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street).—Open daily.

Royal Aquarium.—Open at 10; close at 11.30.

Constant Amusement. Photographic Exhibition.

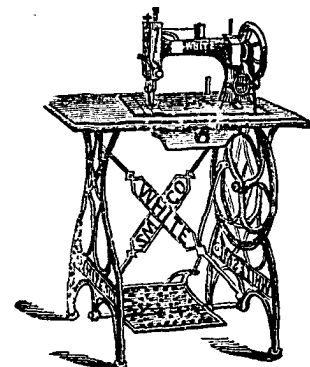
Empire of India Exhibition.—Earl Court.—Open

daily. The Great Wheel, &c.

White Sewing Machines

ARE STILL THE BEST.

HAND
MACHINES
FROM
45/-
—
EASY
TERMS
OF
PAYMENT.



NEW
PATENT
TENSION.
—
FIVE
YEARS'
WARRANTY.

3,000 Agencies in Great Britain, and more wanted.

WRITE FOR PRICE LISTS.

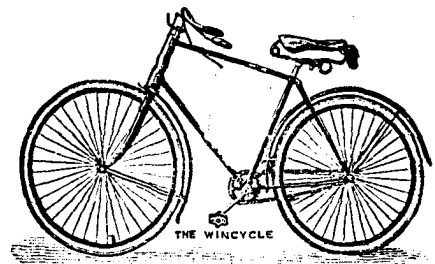
WHITE SEWING MACHINE CO.,

48 Holborn Viaduct, London, E.C.

RIDE A WINCYCLE

AND WIN EVERYTHING.

WRITE FOR 189 CATALOGUE AND SCENTED BOOKLET



DUNLOPP PNEUMATIC, CUSHION OR OTHER TYRES

EASY PAYMENTS.

A Few Agencies still Open.

WHITE SEWING MACHINE CO.,

48 Holborn Viaduct, London, E.C.

HOTELS, ETC.

—:0:—

EALING—Feathers Hotel.**E**ASTBOURNE—Pier Hotel, Cavendish Place. View of Sea and Pier.
A. TAYLOR, Proprietor.**E**AST MOLESEY—Castle Hotel, Hampton Court Station. Specimen
Menus, with Tariff, on application. JOHN MAYO, Proprietor.**H**AVERFORDWEST—Queen's Family and Commercial Hotel.
BEN. M. DAVIES, Proprietor.**R**ICHMOND—Station Hotel, adjoins Railway Station. Every accom-
modation for Large or Small Parties.**S**ANDWICH—BELL Family and Commercial Hotel. Good Stabling.
J. J. FILMER, Proprietor.**C**OWES (WEST)—Gloucester and Globe Hotels.
G. A. MURSELL, Proprietor.

Candidates for the Institutions.

—:0:—

Announcements are inserted under this head at the rate of five shillings per inch, to appear each week from the time the ballot papers are issued up to the day of election, for cash with order.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

—:0:—

Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

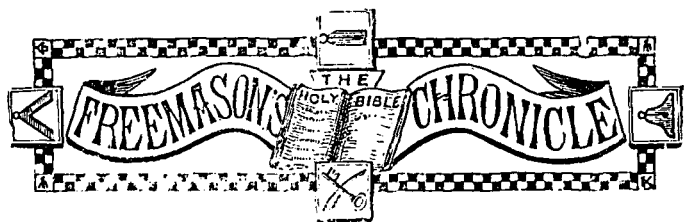
BRO. THOMAS J. MAIDWELL, Aged 64.

Formerly Licensed Victualler, who has served three Stewardships, and is himself and family of five Life Governors of all the Masonic Institutions. The case is most earnestly recommended and strongly supported. Address T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27 P.Z. 1549 P.G.S.B. Middlesex, 81 Greenwood Road, Dalston, N.E.

BOOKBINDING in all its branches. Price list on application. Morgan, Fleet Works, Bulwer Road, New Barnet.

OLD Books and Curiosities relating to Freemasonry, Knights Templars, Rosicrucians or other Secret Societies wanted. Address, W. W. Morgan, New Barnet.

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.



SATURDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 1895.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and Subscribers was held on Thursday in Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Henry Smith P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire Treasurer of the Institution presided. He was supported by Bros. Frank Richardson, Sir John B. Monckton, C. E. Keyser, and A. C. Spaul, and there was in addition a large attendance of Brethren.

Bro F. R. W. Hedges Secretary announced that the Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire had kindly consented to preside in May 1896, at the 108th anniversary festival of the Institution.

Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. moved that one further vacancy (making eighteen in all) be declared for the October election in consequence of the withdrawal of Mabel Margaret Vale from the Institution. He said he thought it right that he should state the reason why this child was withdrawn from the Institution, because it was a very happy cause. The mother of the girl had married again, and the marriage was a very fortunate one. She was now able to support and educate her daughter, and she did not consider it right that the presence of the girl in the School should keep out of it another child who was not so fortunate. She therefore withdrew her with the consent of the Committee, and he hoped it would be both for the benefit of the mother, and for that of the child.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., and carried.

The business of the meeting was afterwards declared closed, and the poll opened for the election of eighteen girls into the School from a list of thirty-four approved candidates.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE October Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held yesterday, at Freemasons' Tavern.

Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer Patron and Trustee of the Institution presided, and there was a large attendance of members of the Craft.

The acknowledgment by Lord Egerton of Tatton Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire of the vote of thanks to him for presiding at the last festival of the School was read to the meeting, and it was announced that his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire would take the chair at the Ninety-eighth Anniversary Festival in June 1896. It was further communicated that the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master had graciously consented to be the President of the Centenary Festival in 1898.

At the close of the formal business of the Court seventeen boys were elected into the School out of an approved list of forty-six candidates.

It may be regarded as too soon yet to ask for votes for the Benevolent Institution election of May next, but even thus early some of our friends may have been asked to promise their influence and personal proxies, without knowing who will afterwards seek their support. Bro. T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, &c., is on the list of candidates, and we take the opportunity of soliciting promises of support on his behalf. In the days of his prosperity he was very well known in Freemasonry, taking great interest in Lodge of Instruction work, and also in the Charitable Institutions of the Craft, serving three Stewardships and qualifying himself and family of five as Life Governors of all the Masonic Institutions. We hope that his friends will rally round now that he finds himself compelled to ask their assistance. We should very much like to see Bro. Maidwell returned as successful in May next.

o o o

The Masonic Temple in Boston, in which the Grand Encampment held its sessions, was partly destroyed by fire on the 7th of September. The fire started in the third storey and burned nearly all above it. Twenty-six Masonic bodies, including Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, and the Scottish Rite, occupied these floors, and their entire regalia and furnishings were destroyed, involving a loss of over 200,000 dollars. Boston Commandery carried an insurance of 25,000 on regalia and uniforms.—"Masonic Advocate."

o o o

It is with great pleasure we are able to announce that His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire has consented to preside at the Ninety-eight Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will probably be held on 24th June next.

o o o

"The Masonic yoke," which is almost a craze in the Pope's mind, has had nothing to do with the selection of Rome as the capital of Italy. That was determined in days anterior to the establishment of the Temporal Power, and hence we cannot regard the Italian occupation with the same feelings his Holiness does when he connects it with the policy of attacking the spiritual power. The Rome of to-day is not "once again Pagan"; it is only Italian and national. Could the Pope reconcile himself to "the Vatican and a garden," he might recover any force he thinks he has lost in Italy itself, and have more power for his spiritual contest with the evils of modern civilisation. His present plaint reads like a confession of weakness, which he attributes entirely to the wrong cause.—"Westminster Gazette."

o o o

Marriage.—A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Wootton, Northampton, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., the contracting parties being Miss Annie L. Guignard, eldest daughter of Mr. J. G. Guignard, Ivy Cottage, Wootton, and Mr. Arthur Bull, second son of Bro. T. Bull, Chapel Street, Westminster. There was a large attendance at the Church, the bride's parents being well-known in the district. The bride was met at the door of the Church by the choir, the rector, and the churchwardens, who, with their staves, preceded the bride up the nave singing "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." The ceremony was conducted by the rector (the Rev. A. J. Miller, R.D.), who at the conclusion of the service gave an appropriate address. The bridesmaids were Miss Lizzie Guignard, Miss Marie Guignard, Miss Florrie Guignard (sisters to the bride), and Miss Annie Bull (sister to the bridegroom), whilst the best man was the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Walter Bull. The wedding breakfast was afterwards partaken of at Ivy Cottage. A large number of presents were received from friends of both bride and bridegroom. The happy couple afterwards left Wootton for London, on their way to Hastings, to spend the honeymoon.

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.

—:o:—

CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

—:o:—

TEMPERANCE-IN-THE-EAST LODGE, No. 898.

THE opening night of the season was celebrated at the Assembly Rooms, Newby Place, Poplar, on Wednesday, 27th ult., Bro. T. S. Craze W.M. As usual, there was a large muster of Past Masters.

Messrs. F. W. Chambers and W. Greeves were initiated, Bros. Sayers, Harot, Smith, and Wilcox passed, and Bro. Castle raised.

Other business was then transacted, during which many generous grants were made to cases of emergency, says the "East London Observer," and sums voted that would be a credit to any Lodge on the score of charity, the chief badge of Freemasonry.

An illuminated address on vellum was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. C. F. Williams, in recognition of his good work in the Lodge, and the way in which he installed his successor.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the Loyal toasts were honoured.

o o o

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE members of this Lodge re-assembled after the summer recess, at the Frascati, Oxford Street, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., under most favourable auspices, the prospects of the Lodge for the future being of the brightest, and everything pointing to a successful year under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Edwin Clements, who was that day installed as Worshipful Master.

Since the last regular meeting of the Lodge the Brethren enjoyed a pleasant social gathering, holding a summer banquet at Brighton, on which occasion Bro. Valeriani Secretary of the Lodge, who had been robbed just before, was presented with a handsome gold watch to take the place of the one he had lost. The watch bears an inscription setting forth the good wishes of the members of the Rothesay, by all of whom Bro. Valeriani is greatly respected. In making the presentation it was urged that the watch was given, not only to make good the Secretary's loss, but as a recognition of his great services to the Lodge for very many years past, and a tangible expression of the members' regard towards him.

The installation meeting was presided over by Bro. F. Gallizia W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. E. Clements S.W., W. Adams P.M. Treas., E. L. P. Valeriani P.M. Sec., W. A. Shaw P.M., Robert Shaw P.M., Henri Gros P.M., T. J. Bolton I.G., M. Wartmann D.C., Tito Mattei Organist, E. J. Davis Steward, and a large number of other members, with the following Visitors:—W. H. Elliott P.M. 1625, T. S. Wyard 2182, George Eade 1677, G. C. R. Inkpen P.G.S. of W. Sussex, F. Bohers 2060, E. Delacoste 1627, John Davidson J.W. 87, J. M. McLeod P.P.S.G.W. Derby Sec. R.M.I. Boys, S. Fonseca 1563, H. Gardiner 2346, W. W. Morgan 177, C. Woodrow P.M. 1708, &c.

There were six candidates on the agenda to be balloted for, and all were accepted, as also was Bro. Louis Verdier of La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, who desired to join the Rothesay. Subsequently three of the candidates—Messrs. W. H. Butler, A. H. Thomson, and O. S. Mackenzie were initiated, the ceremony being worked on their behalf by the new Worshipful Master Bro. A. E. Clements, whose first duty, however, had been to invest the following Brethren as his assistant Officers:—F. Gallizia I.P.M., T. J. Bolton S.W., M. Wartmann J.W., W. Adams P.M. Treasurer, E. L. P. Valeriani P.M. Sec., J. H. Catten S.D., G. H. Burns J.D., J. Pearcy I.G., Tito Mattei Organist, Louis Verdier D.C., R. Ballinger A.D.C., A. Albert Std., and Potter P.M. Tyler.

The newly installed Master announced his intention of acting as a Steward on behalf of the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Senior Warden undertook a like duty for the Benevolent Institution, upon which Brother Valeriani Secretary proposed that sums of ten guineas each be voted from the funds of the Lodge to head the respective lists. This proposal was seconded by I.P.M. Gallizia, who said he had hoped a Brother would have offered as Steward on behalf of the Girls School also on that, the Installation night, but no doubt one would be forthcoming later on, when the Lodge would probably be pleased to put a like sum to that now proposed at the head of his list. The proposed grant of twenty guineas was heartily agreed to, and other business, including the proposition of some candidates for initiation having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren repaired to the banquet room, where the remainder of an enjoyable gathering was spent under the presidency of Worshipful Master Clements.

In due course the W.M. submitted the Loyal toasts.

The Queen, he said, had advanced the cause of Freemasonry in the persons of her sons, as they had come on in order eligible to take a part in the Craft.

The Grand Master was specially honoured there as Duke of Rothesay, the Lodge being named after this part of His Royal Highness's title. The toast of the Pro G.M. and the other Grand Officers followed, and was well received.

The I.P.M. felt it a privilege to be entrusted with the proposition of the next toast—that of the Master of the Lodge. Members of the Rothesay, who had witnessed his career, knew how well he had performed the work of the Order in the different Offices he had filled, but the way in which he had that night initiated three new members into the Lodge was a revelation to them all, convincing them that he had Freemasonry thoroughly at heart, and would become a credit to the Rothesay Lodge in his new position as its Master.

The W.M., in reply, tendered his thanks. He was proud of his position, although with it was associated one regret—the Master who had initiated him was not present, it having pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take him away. It was indeed a very great pleasure to have the opportunity of presiding in that Lodge, and he should spare no effort to advance its interests and improve its position. He thanked the members for the good wishes they had expressed in regard to his year of office, but taking it that they should all do their duty to the best of their ability did not think so much credit was due to him for his past efforts. He referred with pride to the position of the Lodge in regard to the Charities—really at the top of the tree compared with neighbouring Lodges, and hoped they would win equal renown for the way in which they carried out the other work of Freemasonry.

The toast of the I.P.M. was next given from the chair. The W.M. was quite sure all who knew Bro. Gallizia loved him, while the more they knew the more they would honour him. Not the least did they respect him for the plucky way in which he had carried out the ritual and the general work of the Lodge during his year as Master. Bro. Gallizia's performances had been a great incentive to him to do the work at least equally well, and he hoped similar success as had attended him was in store for himself. He had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Gallizia with a jewel as Past Master of the Lodge, conveying with it the best wishes of the members for his future health and prosperity.

The I.P.M. responded. He could not follow the present Master in the eloquent way in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and hardly knew how to thank them all for the way in which they had recompensed him for the very little he had done for the Lodge. He should continue to do his very best to advance its interests. He thanked them very much for all they had done, and for the way in which they had just honoured the toast of his health.

The toast of the Initiates was next given, the Master considering they must feel they had come into a Brotherhood that really touched their very soul. Such, at least, were his feelings on the night of his initiation, and he hoped the Initiates that night had been equally impressed.

The three newly admitted Brethren responded, Brother Thomson referring to the fact that he had been associated for many years with Rothesay, a seaport of Scotland, and he felt especial interest in the Rothesay Lodge, his reception in which he regarded as a great honour.

The Master next gave the Institutions. The members of the Lodge had the welfare of the Institutions of the Order thoroughly at heart. He did not think any of the Masters had passed the chair without acting as a Steward on behalf of one or other of them. He hoped his efforts as a representative for the Boys School would be warmly supported.

Bro. McLeod responded. The toast of the Masonic Charities was always sure of a hearty reception in that Lodge, where, as a Scotchman he really felt quite at home. No Lodge stood higher in the estimation of those associated with the Institutions than the Rothesay, where it might be said the Brethren gave for the sake of giving, for he believed that in the eighteen or nineteen years of its existence it had never put forward a candidate for either of the Funds, although it had regularly supported all of them. Bro. McLeod referred to the contributions of the Craft during the past year, which had not only enabled the different Committees to pay all expenses, but had left a margin to be added to invested capital, thereby providing for the proverbial rainy day. He hoped the Lodge would keep on maintaining the good record it enjoyed, and that the future would produce as happy results as the immediate past. It was announced that a total of thirty-five guineas had thus far been secured for the Master's list for the Boys School.

The toast of the Visitors was given, and led to a response from most of the guests then present, being followed by the health of the Immediate Past Master, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

Bros. Gallizia, Adams and Valeriani responded. Bro. Adams expressed the gratification that arose from association with so prosperous a Lodge as the Rothesay, where they had been lately enabled to increase the investments besides having a handsome Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Valeriani said it was one of his proudest feelings to think that their services were appreciated in the Lodge. They liked to see some of the younger members taking a share of the responsibilities, and were gratified to see them coming on to the head, not because the older members were unwilling to continue the work, but rather because it was a gratification to know that the younger members were progressing, and that those who should come after would be able to carry on the work as it had hitherto been performed.

The Officers were next toasted, and then the Tyler gave the closing sentiment, the proceedings being brought to an end amid general satisfaction.

o o o

VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1816.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th ult., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, Bro. Alfred Reed W.M. presiding, supported by Past Masters C. Reeve, W. Watkins, W. B. Abraham, H. Rogers Secretary, and J. T. Kinipple.

After preliminaries Bros. Long, Lambert, and Newsom were passed.

On the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, the votes of the Brethren were unanimous in favour of Bro. E. Smith S.W. Bro. H. Sinclair P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Stewart P.M. Tyler.

Other business having been transacted, the Brethren adjourned to the pleasures of a repast, which had been amply provided for them by the management.

Bro. Abraham P.M., in giving the toast of the W.M., referred to the admirable way in which that Brother had done his work in Lodge during his successful year of office, and the genial manner in which he had presided on all occasions similar to the present, says the "East London Observer." The Lodge had grown under his presidency, and would continue to grow if all his successors put their hearts into their work in the same manner.

Bro. Reed, in replying, tendered his thanks to his Officers for the hearty way in which they had assisted him in his work. They had all, with one or two exceptions—which were, perhaps, unavoidable—supported him on every occasion.

For the Visitors, Bros. Donald, Gregar, Baines, Warner, and Mills spoke a few words, all acknowledging in their own way the kindness with which they had been received, their appreciation of the work in Lodge, and the unanimity of the Brethren of the Lodge.

o o o

REGENTS PARK LODGE, No. 2202.

THE regular meeting was held at the Frascati, Oxford Street, on the 3rd inst. Bros. J. Perceval Pointer W.M., J. Goodchild P.M. acting S.W., Sims J.W., Charles Sheppard Secretary, Bowles S.D., W. Wilson J.D., J. Bangs Steward, G. Lane P.M., J. Passingham P.M.; Bros. J. Bowles, W. Reynold, Cook, Hutchison, Adcock, C. Smith, Pinchbeck, Osborne, Wilkins, Alexander, Rose, James, Moir, and Visitors Bros. Charles Burroughs P.M. 238, W. Ross 1584, Alfred Mills 704, H. Miller 2507, W. S. Duff 1716, C. R. Farrow 2246.

After preliminaries the Lodge was opened in the second degree; Brother Osborne answered the questions in a most exemplary manner, was entrusted and subsequently raised, he paying the greatest attention to the charges and addresses and being apparently deeply impressed with the earnest and impressive manner of the W.M., who deserves every praise for the admirable manner in which he worked the ceremony. He was most ably assisted by his Officers. There being no other business, Lodge was closed and the

Brothren adjourned to the banquet, served in perfect style and reflecting the greatest credit on the establishment.

The Loyal toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. P.M. Lane, in proposing the health of the W.M., alluded to the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties, and said they one and all were proud to have so good and genial a Master. He was courteous, kind, and gave his time and study for the benefit of the Lodge. They must acknowledge that by his exertions the Lodge was most prosperous and flourishing. The toast was received very heartily.

The W.M., in response, said he was very pleased to be present.

The W.M. was very genial in proposing the toast of the Past Masters, saying the members had been gratified to see the work done in so perfect a manner.

Brother Burroughs responded for the guests, and expressed the great pleasure they felt in visiting the Lodge. They had been most courteously received, the working of the ceremony was beautifully carried out, they were delighted with their visit, and trusted to have the pleasure to attend again.

Brother C. Sheppard replied for the Secretary and Treasurer. He was pleased that the Lodge was going on so prosperously, and regretted exceedingly that a serious illness prevented their esteemed Treasurer Brother Dr. N. Goodchild from being present.

Other toasts followed.

The evening was enlivened with some excellent music and songs by the Brothren, the Tyler's toast closing a very successful meeting.

ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

ONLY two years have elapsed since the Consecration of this Lodge, yet such has been its success that it now boasts upwards of sixty members. This proves excellent work on the part of those responsible for the good ruling and management of the Lodge, and it may be imagined that there is nothing eccentric to be met with within its doors beyond its name. The third year of its existence was inaugurated on the 4th inst., when the members assembled at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, W., to celebrate the annual festival.

The Worshipful Master Bro. F. Osmond Carr Prov.G.J.W. Cambridge-shire presided, and among those present were the following Brethren:—Lord Dungarvan Prov. Grand Master Somerset, Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., Will E. Chapman Prov.S.G.W. Bucks, J. D. Langton Prov.G.D. Surrey, E. S. Maderley Prov.G.S.B. Somerset, E. W. Harris P.M. 158 (Irish Constitution), J. H. Hawkins P.M. 1690, W. Sergeant Lee P.M. 1201, L. W. Thomas P.M. 227, W. J. W. Beard P.M., James Herron P.M. 206, Thomas Haydon P.M. 752, Harry Nicholls P.M. 2190, Henry Neville 2127, James Dangerfield P.M. 2244, L. W. Harris P.M. 168, Charles Gross P.M. 2033, G. Howich P.M. 1044, W. C. Page P.M. 1475, J. C. Strong P.M. 91, H. D. Maclure P.M. 176, J. B. Mulholland 1494, Frank Wheeler 639, W. H. White 55, G. Dodd 206, Aubrey Garston 18, E. Loxley 1421, John Woodhouse 165, Dr. Thomas Wholey 2470, W. H. Williams 1671, J. M. Grant 176, V. B. Zanchi, E. J. Saunders 227, &c.

After the Lodge had been opened the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the emergency meeting held 5th April were confirmed.

The principal business before the Lodge was the installation of Bro. Walter Clifford, who had been previously elected by the Brethren as Worshipful Master. He was presented by Bro. J. H. Hawkins P.M., and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. A Board of Installed Masters was constituted, when Bro. Clifford was placed in the chair of K.S. with the usual ceremony by Bro. Osmond Carr.

On the re-admission of the Brethren the new Master was regularly saluted, and afterwards invested the following Officers:—W. S. Hooper S.W., J. A. Harrison J.W., W. J. W. Beard P.M. Treasurer, Will E. Chapman P.M. Secretary, John Foss S.D., L. W. Harris J.D., James Wyatt I.G., W. Sergeant Lee D.C., John Lang Organist, Arthur Tite and Gordon Harvey Stewards, Thomas Ellis P.M. Tyler. The customary addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the Brethren were delivered by Bro. Osmond Carr.

The Secretary presented his report, which bore out our introductory remarks; he also referred to the death of Bro. Thomas Beard P.M., whose loss is deeply and sincerely felt by every member. The accounts showed a highly satisfactory state of affairs, and prove the prosperity of the Lodge. Both reports were accepted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Clifford presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel that had been voted by the Lodge. Bro. Carr suitably returned thanks, and said he should ever regard the beautiful present as a souvenir of a very happy term of office.

Three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. John Crook for his services as Organist of the Lodge, he having tendered his resignation.

The W.M. having received the congratulations of the Visitors, the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, an excellent example being set by Bro. Clifford, and one worthy of imitation in the brevity of his speeches.

Lord Dungarvan responded for the Grand Officers.

Bro. Osmond Carr in felicitous terms proposed the health of the new Master, who in response said he felt greatly handicapped in following such an excellent workman as Bro. Carr, but he had only one aim, and that was the prosperity of the Lodge. He hoped with the assistance of the Brethren to carry out his duties to their satisfaction.

The Installing Master, the Officers, and the Visitors were also complimented.

During the evening a capital entertainment was given by several of the Brethren, including W. C. Page, J. L. Shine, Arthur Strugnell, Turle Lee, and Jack Harrison, who sang a new Masonic song written by Brother W. S. Hooper S.W., which we venture to predict will soon be in great demand at Masonic gatherings.

An "eccentricity" peculiar to the Lodge is the sale by auction of the Charity Box after it has been passed round, and considerable amusement is caused by the spirit of emulation which animates the Brethren to become its possessor. On this occasion Bro. Arthur Tite was the fortunate individual, who only secured the prize after severe competition.

PROVINCIAL.

—:o:—

DORIC LODGE, No. 81.

ON Wednesday, 2nd inst., the members of this, a Lodge that of late years has thrown off its old time lethargy, and to-day stands noted for its increasing vitality, says the "Eastern Daily Press," met for the special object

of seeing their new W.M. Bro. G. C. Maynard installed. In addition to a good number of the Brethren of No. 1193, there were not a few visitors, prominent among them being the Deputy Prov.G.M. Brother Hamon le Strange.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. le Strange, and the Master having been saluted in the customary manner, invested his Officers.

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren sat down to a banquet served in well-known style by Bro. John Hare. In felicitous terms Bro. Maynard submitted the usual opening toasts.

Responding on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers present and past, Bro. Hamon le Strange expressed the pleasure that was felt by Masons throughout the Province to find that the Prov.G.M. Lord Suffield was now enjoying greatly improved health. Speaking for himself, he need hardly say that he always enjoyed a visit to the Doric, where the work was carried out so satisfactorily.

Brother George Johnson P.M. Prov.S.G.D. also replied for present Officers.

With much heartiness the health of the Visitors was received, and Bros. Baxter, Mills, and Campling were the replicants.

At the instance of Bro. Payne, the health of the W.M. of Doric Lodge was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Maynard suitably acknowledged this gratifying exhibition of good feeling, and before resuming his seat proposed Bro. Payne's good health. On behalf of the members of Doric he presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, a gift for which the recipient offered his warmest thanks.

Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent, some excellent music being given by Mr. H. Brummage, Bros. J. Brummage, W. G. Perfitt, G. Hare, and G. Baxter. It should be mentioned that the last-named was, as ever, an exemplary D.O.

COMBERMERE LODGE OF UNITY, No. 295.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield, on 3rd inst. Brother Joseph Isaac Brunt W.M. was supported by the following members of the Lodge: J. Fred May P.M. P.G.Registrar, R. Brown P.M. P.P.G.Std., James Needham P.M. P.P.G.S.D., W. Whiston P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Thomas Lockett, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.Senior Deacon Treasurer, T. P. Dunkerley I.P.M., Walter Brown P.P.G.Std. Senior Warden, Edwin Moreton P.G.Std. Junior Warden, John H. Brookes P.M. P.P.G.Asst.Sec. Secretary, P. Davenport S.D., T. W. Sheldon J.D., A. Plant I.G., James Stevens P.G.Organist Organist, D. Masons Tyler, F. Hulme Assistant Tyler, Chas. F. Forshaw, L.L.D., D.D.S., W. Smith, J. J. Mason, B. Pownall, Joseph Westwood, A. H. Whittaker, J. L. Stebbens.

Visitors:—Bros. George Fountain P.M. 267 P.P.G.Swd.Br., A. Cockayne P.M. 267 P.P.G.Asst.D.C., R. Edwards P.M. 267, R. W. Hind 1219.

The Lodge was opened and advanced. Brother A. H. Whittaker was passed, and the Working Tools explained to him in a masterly manner by Brother Thomas Lockett, J.P.

The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, after which the Brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual toasts were given and responded to.

It is not often in a Masonic Lodge that a member of it receives the distinction of being the recipient of a special toast. This honour, however, fell to Brother Dr. Forshaw on this occasion. Brother R. Brown P.M. P.P.G.Std. was entrusted with the gavel and said that a pleasing duty was his. He had to propose the health of Bro. Forshaw, who, though a member of the Lodge, had not visited for two years. Dr. Forshaw was a Mason whom all delighted to honour and it was an honour to Combermere to have him associated with the Lodge. If it was only for the Masonic Centenary ode which the Doctor had written and which he read in Lodge on the occasion of the Centenary in 1893, his name would be indelibly associated with Combermere, and with the county of Cheshire. In replying, Brother Forshaw said that the toast was unexpected, unprecedented and undeserved, but that if the Brethren thought it an honour for him to be one of them, he esteemed it a far greater honour to be able to say that he was a member of 295. He only wished that he did not live so far away, so that he could attend more frequently.

Songs were given by Brothers Stevens, Cockayne, E. Moreton, P. Davenport, &c.

ALFRED LODGE, No. 306.

THIS year being the centenary of the formation of this Lodge, it is being marked in an especial manner by the Brethren. Through the exertions of Brother W. Blackburn, of Crofton Tower, near Wakefield, Worshipful Master, the Brethren have raised during the year the handsome sum of 500 guineas towards the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Blackburn's term of office as Worshipful Master will shortly close, and the members, on Friday, 4th inst., assembled in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, and presented him with a handsome testimonial in recognition of his services during the centenary year, and in token of the esteem in which he is held by the Brethren. The presentation consisted of an illuminated address in book form, bound in blue and adorned with Masonic emblems and Brother Blackburn's crest; five massive silver fruit dishes, weighing 185 ounces; a gold and enamelled Past Master's jewel; and a diamond crescent-shaped brooch for Mrs. Blackburn.

The Brethren had arranged for a ladies night, and nearly 100 ladies and Brethren were present, among them being Brothers H. Smith Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorks., H. G. E. Green Prov. G.Sec., Jos. Matthewman Prov. G. Assistant Sec., W. Smithson P.G.D., J. C. Malcom Prov.G.R., &c.

The Worshipful Master presided during the early portion of the proceedings, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. J. C. Malcom then took the chair, and, in a short speech, remarked that there were thirteen Lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire which had celebrated their centenary. Of these the Alfred Lodge was the third in Leeds, in three years. Mrs. John Dyson adorned Mrs. Blackburn with the brooch, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master made the presentation of the other articles to the Worshipful Master, who suitably acknowledged the testimonial. The proceedings were of a very enthusiastic character, says the "Leeds Mercury."

ST. CUTHBERT LODGE, No. 630.

ON the 3rd inst., the annual Festival was held in the Masonic Hall, Howden, when Bro. G. H. Anderton, J.P., P.M. P.J.G.W. was installed into the chair for the ensuing year.

There was a large attendance of members of St. Outhbert's Lodge, as well as a large number of visiting Brethren from neighbouring Lodges.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. England and Deputy Prov. Grand Master N. and E. Yorkshire. At the close of the ceremony the newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers.

The installation banquet was subsequently held at Bowman's Hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 637.

THE annual festival and installation took place on Thursday, 3rd inst. The Brethren and Visitors, to the number of about seventy, assembled at the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, when Bro. Eli Alsop was installed.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Copeland Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was partaken of, served in the usual satisfactory style of that well-known establishment.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 761.

ON Thursday, 3rd inst., the annual festival was held in the Drill Hall, Dursley, which had been lent for the purpose by Brother Captain Wenden.

The year just concluded has been a very successful period to the St. John's Lodge, seven new members having been initiated under the mastership of Bro. Thomas Viney P.G.S.

The Master-elect was Bro. Dr. A. J. Campbell, who was installed in the chair by Bro. H. Blandford P.M. P.P.G.P., supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. V. Vassar Smith, assisted by Past Masters Francillon, General Vizard, Viney, and Small.

After the installation ceremony the usual banquet was held at the Old Bell Hotel.

BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 1168.

THE annual meeting took place at the Digby Hotel, Shorborne, on Tuesday, 1st inst., when Bro. W. G. Pragnell was installed W.M.

UNITY LODGE, No. 1332.

THE annual meeting was held at Crediton, on the 1st inst., Bro. J. Rowe being installed as W.M.

After the business of the Lodge meeting a banquet took place at the Ship Hotel.

LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 26th ult., at the Urban Council Offices, Romford, when there was a numerous attendance of members and visiting Brethren, including Bro. T. J. Ralling Prov.G.Sec. Bro. J. W. Armour, of Brentwood, was installed as W.M., and proceeded to invest his Officers.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Golden Lion, where an excellent banquet was served by Mr. and Mrs. P. Reynolds.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Child in recognition of the marked ability he has displayed during his year of office.

The sum of one guinea was voted to the Cottage Hospital, which was further augmented by the proceeds of the "broken column," amounting to about £2.

SIR WATKIN LODGE, No. 1477.

THE annual investiture of Officers took place on Monday, at Mold, when Bro. W. B. Rowdon was installed as W.M.

The Brethren partook of a banquet at the Black Lion Hotel. The after proceedings were devoid of much of the festival character for which this Lodge has in previous years been so distinguished, on account of the Lodge being in mourning for two prominent members—Bros. J. Salmon and W. Corbett—who were present at the last installation, but who have since passed away. No invitations were in consequence issued to outside Lodges this year.

ELLIOT LODGE, No. 1567.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday, 5th October, Bros. Nicholls W.M., Pardoe P.M. acting S.W., Harry Willsmer acting J.W., W. T. Dillon S.D., Ditchman J.D., Wildbore I.G., T. I. Bird P.M. Secretary, John Mason P.M. Treasurer, and Bros. J. Pearson P.M., A. Bevis P.M. Butterson, King, Howard, Wyatt, Fenn, Fagan, Cook, Weedon, Langdon, Hume, Winter (Chaplain), Calley, Millin, Tilley, and others.

Bro. Tilley was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft.

Bro. T. I. Bird P.M. P.Grand Sword Bearer Middlx., was unanimously elected W.M. for the second time; Bro. John Mason P.M. P.Grand Deacon Middlx. Treasurer; Bros. Howard, Winter, and Wyatt to serve on the Audit Committee; and Bro. J. Edmonds as Tyler.

Mr. E. H. Keighley was proposed as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting, to be held in November, by Brothers A. Wyatt and H. Willsmer.

STRANTON LODGE, No. 1862.

ON the 2nd inst. Bro. Gerald Barker was installed W.M. at West Hartlepool, the ceremony being performed by Bro. G. L. Woolley I.P.M. A banquet was subsequently served at the Masonic Hall.

OSBORN LODGE, No. 2169.

AT the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd, Bro. G. W. Ball was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. His installation will take place on Thursday, 7th November, at East Cowes. Bro. G. Groves served the office of W.M. so much to the satisfaction of the Brethren during the past twelve months that they voted him a Past Master's jewel in token thereof.

WARNER LODGE, No. 2256.

THE seventh annual meeting of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Cuningford, when the W.M. Bro. William Shurmur Past Provincial Grand Treasurer of Essex presided, being supported by his Officers and the following distinguished Visitors: Bros. F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar Deputy P.G.M. Essex, E. H. Bailey P.P.J.G.W., H. French Bromhead P.P.G.S. of W., James Speller P.P.J.G.D., James Pinder P.P.G.T., Nathaniel Fortescue P.G.T., Walter Latta P.P.G.O., Henry H. Finch P.M., J. J. Briginshaw P.M., Clement Spurgeon W.M.-elect 2501, Henry J. Draw W.M. 2318, Orilton Cooper P.M. 211, John H. Ellis 212, J. J. Gordon 969, J. French 212, Edward Chubb 2029, and R. Evans 969.

The Lodge having been formed, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented and accepted.

Bro. John Mason, being a candidate to be raised to the sublime degree, proved his proficiency as a Craftsman, and was afterwards admitted as a Master Mason, the impressive ceremony being beautifully rendered by Bro. Shurmur.

The next business was the installation of the new Master, and Bro. William Alexander Finch having been regularly elected to that office at the previous meeting, was brought before the Lodge and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. A Board of Installed Masters was then constituted, and Bro. Finch was placed in the chair by his predecessor according to the usual custom.

The new Master appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—G. W. Long S.W., C. G. Cutchey P.M. P.Z. J.W., Rev. Matthew Rees P.P.G.C. Chaplain, T. Scoresby-Jackson P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, Richard Kershaw P.P.G.D. Secretary, Frederick Taylor S.D., W. B. Whittingham J.D., George Brown I.G., Arthur Holmes D.C., Walter Latta Organist, James Bird and Thomas Armstrong Stewards, and John Ives P.M. Tyler.

Bro. William Shurmur then delivered the usual addresses, and at their termination was loudly applauded by the Brethren. It is always a Masonic treat to hear Bro. Shurmur recite the ritual, and on this occasion he surpassed himself.

Bro. W. A. Finch W.M. was elected as a representative of the Lodge to serve on the Essex Charity Committee. A candidate for initiation at the next meeting was proposed, and owing to unavoidable circumstances four resignations were received.

The new Master was congratulated by the Visiting Brethren, and after the Lodge had been closed the company adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where an excellent repast was served. A very pleasant evening followed, during which a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Shurmur for his services.

Special mention should be made of the admirable musical arrangements of Bro. Walter Latta, not only during the evening, but in the Lodge itself. There can be no doubt that appropriate music while a ceremony is being performed materially assists the ritual, and increases the interest of the Brethren. Of course an intelligent conception of the ceremonies is requisite, and Bro. Latta has evidently studied them very carefully. The music in the third degree was peculiarly impressive, whilst that during the investiture was of a bright and joyous character. After dinner Bro. Latta introduced his daughter, who favoured the Brethren with some pretty ballads, which were sung with much feeling and artistic merit.

Bro. William Alexander Finch the new Master of the Lodge is a very young Mason to reach the exalted position he now occupies, having been born in London, in the year 1866. He was initiated in the Warner Lodge, being one of its first candidates; but his diligent attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, together with the manner in which he has filled the subordinate Offices, gives fair promise that the Lodge will lose none of its lustre while under his direction.

BARRY LODGE, No. 2357.

THE annual installation was held on Wednesday, 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Hotel, Cadroxton-Barry.

Bro. Dr. E. Treharne S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the installing Master being Bro. Dr. W. Lloyd Edwards I.P.M., who was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

Brother Dr. Treharne, the new Worshipful Master, is one of the principal public men in the Barry district. He is County Councillor for the division of Cadroxton, Member of the Barry Urban District Council and School Board, and Chairman of the Barry and Cadroxton Conservative Association and of the Barry Dock Conservative Club and Institute, &c.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 23rd ult., Bro. Cyril H. Beaver W.M. There were also present:—Bros. C. Harrop S.W., Henry Nall P.M. Prov. Grand Treas. (West Lancs.) J.W., M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. S.D., Thomas Hamuett J.D., Sam Luke I.G., F. W. Wollaston P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Chap., Seth Wrigley P.M. D.C., Edwyn A. Smith Organist, S. H. Stubbs Std., Thos. Black P.M. P.P.G.D., J. C. Wood P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, A. J. Schofield, W. Thos. Watts, H. Bowes, Samuel L. Watts, F. Todd, A. J. Holt.

Visitors:—Bros. Alex. Corrie P.M. 2119 Treas. District Grand Lodge Queensland, Treas. District Grand Chapter Queensland P.Z., Stanley Baldwin P.M. 280 560 P.P.G.R. Worcestershire, W. H. Bibby P.M. 993, W. Harold Radford W.M. 62, T. A. Galloway Wilson W.M. 633, G. Douglas Wicks 993, Thos. Morvell 1052.

Following the reading and confirmation of minutes was the reading of an Antient Charge by Bro. Wollaston Chaplain, which in turn was followed by the balloting for and initiation of Messrs. Herbert Ballantyne Muir, Insurance Secretary, Manchester, and Edward Parnell, Salesman, Levenshulme.

The first ceremony was performed by the W.M., and the second by Bro. Wrigley P.M., the Working Tools being presented and explained by Brother Harrop S.W., and the Charge delivered by Bro. Nall J.W.

Reference was made to the fact that Bro. Nall had recently attained Provincial rank in West Lancashire, and he was congratulated thereon.

Being the penultimate meeting of the financial year, the election of Officers took place, and as Brother Harrop S.W. (for reasons which he explained) desired to retire, Bro. Nall J.W. was chosen as W.M.-elect, and he will be duly installed into the chair of K.S. at the forthcoming meeting.

The usual festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being relieved by songs, &c., rendered by various Brethren, with the result that a pleasant evening was spent.

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.

- 58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall
193 Confidence, Anderton's
957 Leigh, Freemasons'-hall
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel
2030 Abbey, Westminster
2094 Elthorne Middlesex, Café Royal
2243 Argonauts, Putney
2484 S. Middlesex Artillery, F.M.H.
- 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
40 Derwent, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Cambridge
104 St. John, Stockport
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Faversham
151 Albany, Newport, I. of W.
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, S. Shields
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
297 Witham, Lincoln
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Penrith
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill
411 Commercial, Nottingham
461 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
587 Howe, Birmingham
589 Druid of Love and Liberality, Redruth
- 632 Concord, Trowbridge
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly
721 Independence, Chester
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
933 Meridian, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
1112 Shirley, Shirley
1149 Dorking, Dorking
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Liverpool
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stanford and Warrington, Stalybridge
- 1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656 Wolsey, Hampton Court
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1802 Vernon, East Retford
1852 Forest, Mansfield
1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
2034 Masefield, Moseley
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Ardwick
2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
2376 Carnarvon, Layland
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea

Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30 United Mariners, Guildall Tav.
73 Mount Lebanon, Bdge. Ho. Ho.
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
1339 Stockwell, Camberwell
1695 New Finsbury Park, Viaduct H.
2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2191 Anglo American, Criterion
2233 Old Westminsters, Café Royal

- 213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
384 St. David, Bangor
402 Royal Sussex, Nottingham
414 Union, Reading
418 Menturia, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
468 Light, Birmingham
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
551 Yarborough, Ventnor, I. of W.
560 Vernon, Stourport
660 Camalodunum, Malton
667 Alliance, Liverpool
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
960 Bute, Cardiff
1006 Tregulow, St. Day
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Warren, Seacombe
1410 St. Peter and St. Paul, Newport Pagnell
- 1424 Brownrigg Unity, Old Brompton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1893 Lumley, Skegness
1894 Herschel, Slough
1903 Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Portsmouth
- 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2146 Subitio, Subitio
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
2316 Princes, Liverpool
2351 Ermine, Lincoln
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud

Wednesday.

- General Committee G. Chapter, at 4
7 Royal York of Perseverance, Albion Tavern
- 140 St. George, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1140 Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons'-hall
- 1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Cam'well
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1677 Crusaders, Highbury
2266 Cator, Beckenham
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Comm'n
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
2361 Cricklewood, Cricklewood
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
- 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Chatham
- 121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
- 246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
261 Unanimity Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
311 South Saxon, Lewes
325 St. John, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
451 Sutherland, Burslem
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
683 Isca, Newport, Mon
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
795 St. John, Maidenhead
823 Everton, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Worlington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
- 1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Driffield
1086 Walton, Kirkdale
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel

- 1246 Holte, Aston
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1842 St. Leonard's, St. Leonard's
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Farnborough
2258 W.D. United Service, E. Stonehouse
- 2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne

Thursday.

- 49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
55 Constitutional, Cannon Street
169 Temperance, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest.
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons-h
1320 Blackheath, Bridge House Ho.
1475 Peckham, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1613 Cripplegate, Albion
1681 Londesborough, Café Royal
1716 All Saints, Poplar
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich
- 42 Relief, Bury, Lancashire
56 Howard of Brotherly Love, Littlehampton
- 57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 280 Worcester, Worcester
286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnsworth
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity and Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
659 Blagdon, Blyth
663 Wiltshire Fidelity, Devizes
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
939 Pelham, Worksop
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
1000 Priory, Southend

- 1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1432 Fitz-Alan, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
1512 Hemming, Hampton Court
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca, Mon.
1776 Landport, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W.
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
1892 Wallington, Carshalton
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
2226 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Southwell
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2352 Universities, Durham
2374 William Shurmur, Chingford

Friday.

- Board of Management, Boys School, Wood Green, at 2-30
1962 Lon. Rifle Brigade, Anderton's
2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn R.
2346 Warrant Officers, F.M.H.
- 152 Virtue, Manchester
155 Perseverance, Liverpool
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah's Ark, Tipton
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1295 Gooch, New Swindon
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Oswald's Priory, Clacton
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

- 1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood
1185 Lewis, Wood Green
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall T.
1641 Crichton, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
- 811 Yarborough, Brighton
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
1897 Citadel, Harrow Station
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, Buckhurst Hill
2458 Eton, Eton



**ROYAL
REPOSITORY
RIDING**

TERMS:—10/6 TILL PERFECT.

BICYCLES AND TRICYCLES
Bought for Cash in any condition at
Royal Cycle Repository
and Riding Schools.

Largest Depot for New and Second-hand Machines in the World.

Old Machines Altered, Repaired, or taken in part payment and part exchange for new. Utmost value allowed.

Auction Sales every Wednesday, at 1 o'clock prompt.

Note Address **81 EUSTON ROAD, N.W.** Facing the Midland Grand Hotel.

LISTS FREE BY POST.

From "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News," 25th May 1895:—"The Duke and Duchess of York, with Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, on Wednesday afternoon visited THE ROYAL CYCLE RIDING SCHOOLS, 81 EUSTON ROAD. The Royal Visitors were shown over the buildings by the Manager, Mr. Brown, and before departing expressed themselves most pleased with the clever cycle-riding of some of the young ladies."

BOOKBINDING in all its branches. Price list on application. Morgan, Fleet Works, Bulwer Road, New Barnet.

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, Plough Tavern, Bow 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
 1585 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 Yarrowborough, 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, Sidcup, 7
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 933 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, 8
 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 Edgumbe, 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, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1805 Brontley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road, 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
 2202 Regents Park, Frascati, Oxford Street
 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.

We shall be glad if Secretaries and others interested in Lodges of Instruction will inform us of any error or omissions in the above list. We shall also be pleased to receive Reports of the different meetings, forms for same will be forwarded on application.