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HASTY ADMISSION AND PREFERMENT.

THE regulations of the Grand Lodge of England are most precise in regard to the admission and preferment of candidates, no one of whom is allowed to enter the Order without having been proposed and seconded at one regular Lodge, and balloted for at the next regular Lodge (except in case of emergency), nor until his name, age, profession or occupation, and place of abode, with the names of his proposer and seconder, have been sent in the summons to all the members of the Lodge; while no Lodge can confer more than one degree on any Brother on the same day, nor confer a higher degree on any Brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, nor until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in that degree; and although it has become the custom to regard the most trivial occasions as sufficient emergency for the relaxation of the first-mentioned portion of the laws, the other and more important parts are strictly observed, and are regarded, it may safely be urged by nine-tenths of our members, as among the most essential parts of English Freemasonry, while the same may be said in regard to most of the Colonial and foreign Grand Lodges, where equally stringent precautions are in force to guard against the hasty admission of candidates and the speedy conferring of degrees.

Hence it is that the practice that hitherto prevailed under the Scottish Constitution, of allowing preferment at short intervals—in some cases even the conferring of the three degrees on the same evening, and that, too, without any previous notification or proposition, either in open Lodge or on the agenda for the meeting—was so much objected to by other Constitutions, and was so often severely commented upon as ultimately to lead the Scottish Brethren to amend their regulations, and make them more in conformity with what is recognised as proper in other quarters; but this alteration has not been accepted by the whole of our Scottish Brethren without opposition, and it may even be that before long we shall hear of a majority in the Grand Lodge of Scotland desiring to return to old practices, or at least allowing similar irregularities in special cases or in individual Lodges. We have devoted some attention to this subject in the past, and have been the means of opening the eyes of many of our readers to what was regarded as a serious blot on the Freemasonry of Scotland, so that further notice at the present time is justifiable, in view of the possibility—remote though it may be—of a reversion to the errors of bygone days, with detrimental effects for every other Constitution, even if not for Scotland itself.

The opposition to the recent action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, making an interval of fourteen days between the degrees compulsory, seems to have particularly upset the Brethren of Lodge Neptune Kilwinning, No. 442, Ardrossan, which has apparently been in the habit of relying largely on the seafaring community for its initiatees, receiving the candidates as absolute strangers one minute and turning them out as

full fledged Masons an hour or so later. Can anything be more at variance with what we in England regard as Freemasonry? and is it fair England should stand quietly by and allow a sister Jurisdiction to tolerate for a moment a system so likely to prejudicially affect every other part of the Masonic system? We contend it is not, and we believe the Masons of England would support any representation made to their neighbours in regard to so grave an irregularity.

But it is not only sailors who have been thus regularly hastened into Freemasonry by our Brethren across the border, for another wail of lament on the same subject comes from Lodge Dramatic, No. 571, of Glasgow, the Worshipful Master of which is reported as having said, at a recent meeting, that if his Lodge was to be tied down to such a law they would become bankrupt, implying, of course, that the Lodge had hitherto existed on fees received from candidates rushed into Masonry, and taught to regard it as a mere social club, rather than as a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, as we prefer to consider it this side the Tweed.

We are not saying too much when we state that English Masons, as a body, have no sympathy with such utterances as those of the R.W.M. of the Scottish Lodge Dramatic just referred to, but all the same they will probably think with us it is best to hear both sides of the story. The Master urged, in support of his contention, that their members were composed of intellectual men, quite capable of assimilating the lessons taught in more than one degree in one night, and, further, that Grand Lodge should remember that members of the dramatic profession may only appear in the city for a week, and may not be back again for three years, all which goes to prove the extent to which the evil of the past has been practised, and the absolute necessity for a strong front being maintained by those of our Scottish Brethren who desire to improve the position and social surroundings of the Craft in their country.

We regard the instances thus brought under notice as exceptional, and by no means accept the opinions of the Ardrossan and Dramatic Lodge members as representative of the general body of Scotch Masons, yet we presume these very peculiar views have the support of some influential Brethren, and there is no knowing to what length they may extend, or what may be done in furtherance of them if the idea once gets established that anything in the way of a relaxation of the new law is possible.

When we read of men of position in the Scottish Craft seriously stating that the new law will knock the feet from Scotch Masonry, and urging that such indecent haste as has been shown in the past in rushing candidates into Freemasonry should be continued, in order that the coffers of an individual Lodge might be kept full, and common sailors admitted to the privileges of Freemasonry without due enquiry, or, indeed, any preliminary consideration, then, as we have said before, it is time for outside support to be offered to those in Scotland who think otherwise.

THE GREAT PYRAMID.

By BRO. JOHN CHAPMAN, F.R.M.S., P.Prov.G.D. DEVON.

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE GREAT PYRAMID.

WE have previously indicated that certain lessons are to be drawn from the Great Pyramid, and also that other cosmical and ethical truths will be gathered from the pointing of the building. Let us therefore now regard the whole structure as removed out of sight, leaving nothing but the naked rock that has been levelled to receive the building, and which is 13.340 P. acres in extent. Some imagine that the superstructure is the only object of wonder that the building contains. This is a great mistake. In the natural rock there are excavations, the secrets of which, when revealed, may prove as important as those already explored. The difficult task of drilling the descending passage at an angle of $26^{\circ} 18' 10''$, leading to the subterranean chamber, and the complicated entrance into that chamber, as well as the mysterious squaring of its walls and roof, leaving the basement in such an uneven and remarkably irregular form, stamp the excavations with a skill as well as a mystery, that is not yet understood. This chamber has been regarded by some as intended to typify the condition of this earth before it received the beautifying touch of "the Great Architect of the Universe." This we leave to those who are given to such lively imaginations, but we certainly feel safe in affirming that such an apartment is not only unlike the other pyramids, but also very unlike a place of sepulture for the distinguished remains of one who so highly appreciated a finely-masonified apartment. In this decision we are in perfect agreement with Dr. C. Piazzi Smyth, who is the most trustworthy authority we can find upon the Great Pyramid. The great care and difficulty attending the excavation of this descending passage, with its circumscribed area of 47.24 by 41.56 inches, is more than is generally regarded.

Again, if we follow the aperture in the rock, known as "the well" (although it never could have been intended as such), we find in the grotto, through the researches of Dr. J. A. S. Grant, of Cairo, that there is firmly embedded in the wall a granite block. Will the removal of this granite block prove the entrance to another passage? Throughout the whole building the use of granite is especially connected with important compartments, or portions of compartments, &c., and therefore we opine for this a special interest not yet revealed. The indefatigable labours of Mr. Waynman Dixon, in endeavouring to find another passage, have been intercepted by the superstition, or stupidity, of the Egyptian authorities, but no doubt, in course of time, there will not only be another passage discovered, but also a chamber, that will form the solution of the thirty-sixth course of Masonry, as a basement storey, for what may yet prove to be a true time-recording passage for the House of Judah.

If the will of Heaven towards the house of Judah be as distinctly marked in the Great Pyramid as that which distinguishes the House of Israel in the building, then we may anticipate the discovery of another passage and chamber that shall mark the various epochs in Judah's history since the commencement of the Christian dispensation, and also indicate the time when Israel and Judah shall be re-united and "become one stick" in the hand of the Lord of Hosts. It may be premised that we are unable to find these dimensions in the horizontal passage and Queen's Chamber, while some have vainly tried to prove that this passage has been set apart to mark the history of the two tribes people. Seeing, however, that we have not at present data on which to establish this proposition, we will for the present conclude the underground investigations by remarking how complicated and difficult the task must have been to work out such an outlet into the termination of the descending passage ere it merged into the "Hades," or subterranean chamber.

The horizontal courses of limestone, measuring from three to nine feet in length, that rise within each other to the summit, form the great feature that strikes the mind, as the eye rests upon the Pyramid. The first course of stone is carefully cemented to the live rock, which has been excavated so as to form the basement or first course in the building, and is counted as the first step or course, of which there probably were originally some 209 or 210, without the "head stone of the corner," which would constitute the topmost casing stone. In cementing the several blocks of stone in horizontal sheets, we find the first three rise to a height of 135 inches, the last of which touches the elbow of the ascending passage. The live-rock course, and its first cemented block, measure together 79 inches, while the third is the most massive course in the whole building, being not less than 56 inches; the only nearest course in bulk being the thirty-sixth, which is 50 inches.

Caliph Al Mamoun, in the year A.D. 820, successfully entered the building by forcing an entrance in the north angle of the Pyramid. He quarried a large hole about 300 inches west from the mouth of the entrance passage, in the centre of the north side of the building. He pierced the fifth course of Masonry, and, in a very irregular form, forced his way down to the third course, and eventually reached as high as the seventh. It was between these two last-named courses that he discovered the inter-section of the entrance and ascending passages, and thus effected an entrance into the building. The sixteenth course, which is 30 inches in thickness, forms the mouth of the entrance passage, and gives it an elevation of 599 inches. The courses of stone vary in their thickness, ranging from 20 inches to 56 inches. Some have supposed that these courses of stone rise above each other in something like uniform order, from a massive foundation course up to one of very small

dimensions for the summit. This is not the case. While the third course is composed of blocks 56 inches in thickness, the fifteenth course is only 28 inches; and, ascending up to the twentieth, we then find it reaching 38 inches; the dimensions of the several courses varying throughout, the thirty-sixth course being, as we have already stated, 50 inches, while the thirty-fifth course is only 24 inches.

The remainder of the upper part of the structure is not so variable, the several courses ranging from 42 inches to 20 inches; and, from the one hundred and twentieth course to the summit, from 30 inches to 20 inches. Following the interior construction, by the outward courses of masonry, we find that the twenty-fifth course (the true cubic number) points to the commencement of the Grand Gallery, and also to the level of the horizontal passage leading to the Queen's or "Cubit" Chamber; while the fiftieth course (the double cubit) gives the upper termination of the Grand Gallery, and the basement for the King's Chamber. These we take as remarkable features in the erection according to design; and not as singular coincidences. In cementing course upon course we might proceed to the summit, giving that which has already yielded to the observation of the Pyramid student; but as there is much that is not yet understood, it will best serve the cause of truth if we leave the problematic in the hands of the future, so that misconception may not cloud the vision in the search for knowledge.

Having completed the courses of masonry, we have now to deal with the casing of the building, which we are informed was composed of massive blocks of white limestone, which, when taken from the quarries on the east side of the Nile, were of a very soft nature and easy to manipulate. They certainly do not bear that character now, for they are not only very hard and durable, but they appear to be cauterised by a film hard almost as iron; and as firm as the cement to which they are attached. The removal of almost the whole of these casing stones makes it difficult to ascertain their original dimensions, but the two found in situ by Col. Howard Vyse, fortunately measured by him before they were soon after broken up by the Arabs, and the one which was discovered by Mr. Waynman Dixon loose in the rubbish, and sent as a present to Professor C. Piazzi Smyth, Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, combined with the innumerable chips* that have been gathered from the debris, satisfactorily prove the angle of inclination, and so establish the height, on the given base-breadth dimensions of the building. Herodotus entertained the idea that these casing stones were fixed and cemented from the summit downwards, for he states that "the summit of the Pyramid was first of all finished, descending thence they regularly completed the whole." It needs no stretch of the imagination to accept this view of the closing in of the building.

Having regard, therefore, to the various sources of information upon the construction of the Great Pyramid, and carefully laying aside the artistic idea of an African slave being the Architect of this divinely-inspired building, let us rather accept the Inspired volume that marks it out as "an altar unto the Lord, in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and a witness unto the Lord of Hosts in the land of Egypt." Discarding the exploded theory of the Great Pyramid being the mausoleum for the mummied remains of old King Cheops, let us regard its light as being vouchsafed to us not only as a "sign and a witness" to the Lord of Hosts, but as a safe standard by which some of the greatest scientific truths extant may be tested.

In prosecuting our researches in connection with the Scientific, Historic, and Prophetic revelations of the Great Pyramid, we wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to that distinguished Pyramid Scholar, Dr. C. Piazzi Smyth (late Astronomer Royal for Scotland), whose indefatigable labours in connection with the subject has given him a pre-eminence over every other student who has grappled with the interpretation of this mighty building. (See "Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid," by Professor C. Piazzi Smyth.)

While entering into the labours of such eminent Pyramidists as Dr. C. Piazzi Smyth, Captain B. W. Tracey, R.N., Charles Casey, and others, we trust that we shall be able, with cautious and tentative steps, to tread the paths that they have opened up, and, by so following their discoveries, be able to furnish substantial arguments on which our triple theme may be established.

(To be continued.)

SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC HALL COMPANY.

AT the annual meeting of shareholders, Bro. Morris Miles in the chair, the Director's Report for the year 1895 again recorded satisfaction with the financial condition of the Company. After the payment of all expenses there was an available balance in hand of £166 0s 8d, as against £198 19s last year, the decrease being accounted for by the large amount transferred to the reserve fund in 1895, in anticipation of special expenditure. The Directors had resolved to transfer the sum of £27 6s 10d to the reserve fund, which would then stand at £95 17s 3d. The balance, £138 13s 10d, they recommended should be appropriated to the payment of a dividend at 4½ per cent. per annum, free of income tax. This distribution compares with 4 per cent. last year. The Directors retiring by rotation were Bros. Clark, Le Feuvre, Miles, and Thomas, who offered themselves for re-election, and the Auditors Bros. Longland and Boughton-Smith also offered themselves for re-election. The report was duly adopted, on the proposition of the chairman; the retiring Directors and Auditors being afterwards re-elected.

* Alec Dobree, the Arab who attended Piazzi Smyth in his measures of the Great Pyramid in 1865, has since then formed a little museum, for sale to tourists, of fragments of casing stones "with the angle perfect." But we are told by a friend, recently returned from Egypt, that he complains grievously that "so very small a proportion only of the travellers know anything about the importance of the peculiar casing stone angle."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

BY the kindness of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris P.G. Treas. the whole of the pupils of the School at Wood Green enjoyed a visit to the Drury Lane Pantomime on Monday, 16th inst.

The Board of Management has also to acknowledge with much gratitude the invitation of Brother W. S. Penley, who has given the senior boys renewed opportunities of witnessing him in "Charley's Aunt."

BOYS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

WE intended last week to give a complete list of the subscriptions for this most praiseworthy object since those announced in our issue of 23rd November last, but pressure on our space precluded our doing so, and we were only able to publish the latest of the six lists. We now supply the omission, and hope to give a further list at an early date, together with a statement showing the progress made so far in connection with the Fund, which we trust will prove a valuable and eminently useful adjunct to the great Institution with which it is associated.

Second List, 5th December 1895.

	£	s.	d.
Bro. A. H. Bevan P.M. 2458 P.G.Reg. Bucks	21	0	0
Bro. Thomas Fenn P.Pres. B.G.Purps. Hon. Patron of Inst.	10	10	0
Bro. G. H. Parke P.M. 154 Patron of Institution	10	10	0
Bro. H. S. Wellcome P.M. 3 and 2397 Vice-Pres. of Institution	10	10	0
Lodge of Asaph, No. 1819	5	5	0
Logic Club	5	5	0
Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.Chap. Patron of Institution	5	5	0
Bro. J. W. Woodall P.G.Treas. Vice-Patron of Institution	5	5	0
Bro. Colonel Bindley D.P.G.M. Staffordshire	5	5	0
Bro. Smith-Ryland P.G.W. Warwickshire Vice-Pres. of Inst.	5	5	0
Bro. Fritz Reiss P.P.G.W. East Lancashire	5	5	0
Bro. W. J. Mason P.P.G.D. Surrey Vice-Pres. of Institution	5	5	0
Bro. W. Klingenstein P.M. 73 Vice-President of Institution	5	5	0
Bro. Wharton P. Hood Hon. Med. Officer to the Inst. Hon. Vice-Patron of Institution	5	5	0
Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan P.M. 21, &c. Vice-Pat. of Inst.	5	5	0
Bro. F. T. Rushton P.M. and P.G.Std., No. 8	2	2	0
Bro. H. A. Tobias P.P.G.S. of W. West Lancashire	2	2	0
Bro. Robert Martin P.P.G.D. Essex	2	2	0
and Yearly subscription	1	1	0
Star Lodge of Instruction	2	2	0
Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction	1	1	0
Bro. Joseph Todd Grand Standard Bearer	1	1	0
Bro. Captain T. C. Walls P.G.St.B.	1	1	0
Bro. S. R. Baskett P.P.G.Reg.	1	1	0
Bro. D. Edwards Radclyffe (yearly)	1	1	0
Bro. Charles Pulman P.P.G.D. Northumberland	1	1	0
Bro. William Thomas P.M. 2168, &c. Vice-President of Inst.	1	1	0
Bro. J. T. Rowe P.P.G.D. Herts	1	1	0
Bro. E. H. Shorto P.M. 39	1	1	0
Bro. F. W. Levander P.P.G.D. Middlesex	1	1	0
Bro. Captain F. Mills P.P.G.D. Norfolk	1	1	0
Bro. W. W. Snelling P.M. 1541	1	1	0
Bro. S. B. Bolas 2128	1	1	0
Bro. F. C. Keeble P.M. 1426	0	10	6

Third List, December 1895.

Bro. D. P. Cama P.G.Treas. Patron of Institution	10	10	0
Bro. Lieut.-Col. Geo. Lambert, V.D., P.G.S.B. Patron of Inst.	10	10	0
Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. Patron of Institution	10	10	0
Bro. F. Flood P.M. 1149 P.P.S.G.W. Surrey	10	10	0
Grand Officers' Mess (per Bro. Robert Grey)	10	10	0
Percy Lodge, No. 198 (per Bro. Cowell)	10	10	0
Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. Vice-Patron of Institution	5	5	0
Bro. C. P. Marshall S.G.D. Patron of Institution	5	5	0
Bro. Sir Andrew Fairbairn P.M. 255	5	5	0
Bro. E. Pierpoint P.P.G.W. West Lancs. Vice-Pres. of Inst.	5	5	0
Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101 (per Bro. Margrett)	5	5	0
Dorking Lodge, No. 1149 (per Bro. Flood)	5	5	0
Domestic Lodge, No. 177 (per Bro. George Everett)	5	5	0
Star Lodge of Instruction (additional)	3	3	0
Silurian Lodge, No. 498 (per Bro. Cowell)	3	3	0
Felicity Chapter, No. 58 (per Comp. Sansom)	3	3	0
Bro. W. P. Brown P.G.Std.B. Vice-President of Institution	2	2	0
Bro. Alderman W. Hopekirk P.G.P. Vice-President of Inst.	2	2	0
Bro. Clement B. Broad 173	2	2	0
Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178 (per Bro. Ebsworth)	2	2	0
St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271 (per Bro. Irvine)	2	2	0
Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764 (per Bro. R. Hudson)	2	2	0
Urban Lodge, No. 1196 (per Bro. George E. Fairchild)	2	2	0
Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877	2	2	0
York Lodge, No. 236	2	2	0
West Lancashire Century Lodge, No. 2349	2	2	0
West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403	2	2	0
Cadogan Lodge, No. 162 (collected at banquet)	1	13	0
Bro. John Lane P.A.G.D.C. Vice-President of Institution	1	1	0
Bro. G. Mickle, M.B., P.P.G.W. Herts Vice-President of Inst.	1	1	0
Bro. J. C. Malcolm P.P.G.R. West Yorks Vice-President of Inst.	1	1	0
Bro. S. J. Sellick P.M. 1222	1	1	0
Bro. James Bedford P.M. 304 P.P.G.D. West Yorks	1	1	0
Bro. James Cookson P.P.G.Treas. Cheshire	1	1	0
Bro. J. B. Winterbotham P.M. 82 Prov.G.Sec. Gloucestershire	1	1	0
Bro. F. H. Ebsworth P.M. Treas. 1178	1	1	0
Bro. M. Llewellyn Evans P.A.G.Sec. Gloucestershire	1	1	0
Bro. Thomas Cull P.M. 1146 Vice-President of Institution	1	1	0
Bro. John Ellinger P.M.	1	1	0
Bro. Thomas Salisbury P.J.G.W. Notts	1	1	0
Bro. William Blackburn J.P.M. and W.M. 306	1	1	0
Bro. D. Wedderspoon P.M. and Sec. 306	1	1	0

Bro. John Dyson P.M. 306 P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire	1	1	0
Bro. E. St. Clair P.G.Stwd. Vice-Patron of Institution	1	1	0
Bro. F. B. Westlake P.P.G.D. Devonshire Vice-Pres. of Inst.	1	1	0
Bro. A. E. Sansom P.P.G.W. Middlesex	1	1	0
Bro. Thomas Forrester P.G.Std.B.	1	1	0
Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge, No. 2420 (per Bro. Jas. Stephens)	1	1	0
Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657 (per Comp. Larkin)	1	1	0
Hendon Lodge of Instruction (per Bro. Scurrah)	1	1	0
Bro. E. Croft Wise S.D. 619	0	10	6

Fourth List, 31st January 1896.

Rothsay Lodge, No. 1687 (per Bro. W. Adams)	21	0	0
Bro. Major Clifford Probyn Vice-Pres. of Institution	10	10	0
Bro. Sir George D. Harris P.G.D. Vice-Pres. of Institution	5	5	0
Bro. J. Fielder Haden P.M. 766 Vice-Pres. of Institution	5	5	0
St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5 (per Bro. J. Flower-Jackson)	5	5	0
Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19 (per Bro. W. M. Bywater)	5	5	0
Welcome Lodge, No. 1673 (per Bro. J. D. Langton)	5	5	0
Loyalty Lodge, No. 243 (per Bro. P. Lepage)	2	8	6
Bro. T. P. Baptie, D.L., J.P., P.M. and Treas. No. 2029	2	2	0
Bro. General Gadsden P.G.S.Br.	2	2	0
Bro. Jas. Grose	2	2	0
Bro. A. Savill Tomkins J.G.D. Vice-Pres. of Institution	2	2	0
St. Oswald Lodge, No. 850 (per Bro. W. H. Smedley)	2	2	0
St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124 (per Bro. W. H. Spaul)	2	2	0
United Industrious Lodge, No. 31 (per Bro. H. H. Mount)	2	2	0
Bro. E. Blundell, Lodge No. 2502, Surrey	1	1	0
Bro. W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. Vice-Patron of Institution	1	1	0
Bro. R. Joynes Emmerson P.G.Std.B. Vice-Pres. of Inst.	1	1	0
Bro. Stephen Richardson Vice-Pres. of Institution	1	1	0
Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090 (per Bro. W. Hillier)	1	1	0
Dobie Lodge, No. 889 (annual for three years, per Bro. W. Drewett)	1	1	0
South Saxon Lodge, No. 311 (per Bro. Flint)	1	1	0
Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493 (per Bro. A. V. Hatton)	1	1	0
Wickham Lodge, No. 1924 (per Bro. W. Rowley)	1	1	0
Coborn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1804 (per Bro. R. R. Green)	1	1	0

Fifth List, 18th February 1896.

The Supreme Council 33°	52	10	0
The Supreme Grand Chapter	50	0	0
The Worshipful Company of Skinners	25	0	0
Saint Hilda Lodge, No. 240 (per Bro. R. Hudson)	10	0	0
Hedworth Lodge, No. 2418 (per Bro. R. Hudson)	7	7	0
Bro. J. M. Kidd P.M. 732 P.P.G.W. Sussex	5	5	0
Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159 (per Bro. H. H. Room)	5	5	0
Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488 (per Bro. W. E. Chapman)	5	5	0
Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323 (per Bro. C. E. Keyser)	5	5	0
Union Lodge, No. 414	5	5	0
Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574	5	5	0
Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970 (per Bro. R. Hudson)	5	0	0
Lodge of St. James, No. 765 (per Bro. Mitten)	2	2	0
Priory Lodge, No. 1000 (per Bro. Floyd)	2	2	0
Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336 (per Bro. N. Fisk)	2	2	0
Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848 (per Bro. W. H. Cowper)	2	2	0
George Price Lodge, No. 2096 (per Bro. J. D. Langton)	2	2	0
Harmony Lodge, No. 244 (per Bro. P. G. Hamilton)	2	2	0
Harmony Chapter, No. 244 (per Comp. P. G. Hamilton)	1	1	0
St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, No. 2063 (per Bro. Frayling)	2	2	0
St. Hubert Lodge, No. 1373 (per Bro. G. H. Barclay)	1	1	0

CONSECRATION.

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BARING LODGE.

AN important event in the history of local Masonry took place on Monday, when a new Lodge was consecrated at Cromer. The Baring Lodge, No. 2602 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, brings the number of similar institutions in the Province of Norfolk up to eighteen. It may be interesting to state that no Lodge has been established in the Province since the formation of the Suffield Lodge, at North Walsham, whose warrant bears the date of 4th February 1878.

The various ceremonies were performed at Tucker's Hotel, in a truly impressive manner by Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Hamon le Strange P.G.D. D.P.G.M. as S.W., Sir Francis Boileau, Bart., P.P.G.W. as J.W., Rev. H. Wimble P.P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and other distinguished Brethren.

The musical portions—a very prominent feature of the proceedings—were admirably carried out by the Norwich Cathedral Quartette Party, under the direction of Bro. J. H. Brockbank.

Subsequently Bro. Fenner was installed as the first Master of the new Lodge, and he proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—J. Lovelace P.M. 1808 S.W., H. W. Churchyard S.W. 1808 J.W., Sir Kenneth Kemp P.M. 52 Treas., J. C. Rae J.W. 1808 Secretary, W. G. Sandford 93 J.D., W. Price 367 I.G., W. Smith Tyler.

At 5-30 an elaborate banquet was served at the Hotel de Paris, the large company including most of the Worshipful Masters of other Lodges in the Province, and a number of notables in the Craft. The toasts were agreeably interspersed with choice music, rendered in faultless style by the Cathedral Quartette Party. As the Brethren separated the one wish in their hearts and the one expression on their lips was "Prosper the Lodge!"—"Eastern Daily Press."

DEVONSHIRE PROVINCIAL MASTERSHIP.

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, who for many years has been Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, has intimated to the Grand Master his intention to resign that position in consequence of the pressure of other engagements. The announcement has been received with general regret, as his lordship is held in great esteem throughout the Province. It is probable, says the "Daily News," that the office will be conferred on Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., who has for a long period filled the position of Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons in Devon, and his appointment to preside over the Craft would be hailed with satisfaction throughout the Province.

CHURCH SERVICE.

ON the 15th, a Masonic Sunday, promoted by the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94, Brother M. Cohen W.M., was held for the benefit of the Sunderland Orphan Asylum. The invitation was a general one to Masons, and no doubt but for the unfavourable weather at the hour fixed for meeting at the Masonic Hall, Toward Road, the attendance would have been larger, says the "Sunderland Herald." As it was between forty-five and fifty Brethren put in an appearance. They walked in procession to Sunderland Parish Church, where the Rector preached a sermon on the training up of a child in the way he should go. He pointed out that the lads brought up and educated in the Orphan Asylum were put on the rough road to fit them for the battle of life, and were taught to be good men. He also referred incidentally to the fact that when the last old boys were invited to meet at the Asylum or to give some idea of how they were progressing in life satisfactory answers were received from all but two. The offertory at the close of the service amounted to £7 odd. Afterwards the Masons visited the Asylum, and were shown over the building by the Rector, who, on the initiative of Mr. W. Watson, was thanked for his sermon.

We are pleased to have further evidence that Bro. F. T. C. Keeble, who made a name for himself in London Masonic circles as Worshipful Master of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, has not abated his interest in the Craft since his removal to Inverness, where he has resided for some years past, and as proof that he is as much appreciated there as he was in London we may refer to his recent election as Provincial Grand Bible Bearer of Inverness-shire, an honour in Scottish Masonry we hope he will long live to enjoy.

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The installation meeting of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, was held on Thursday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, when Bro. Herbert Sprake W.M. presided and initiated two gentlemen into Freemasonry. Bro. H. D. Blake was subsequently installed into the chair by Bro. C. Weeden, and the Officers for the year appointed. We hope to give a full report of the meeting in our next issue.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

VERY unexpectedly the death occurred on Monday, 9th inst., of Brother Richard Thomas Nye, a long established Brighton tradesman, and one of the oldest members of the Royal York Lodge, who succumbed to an attack of influenza.

COUNCILLOR JACOBS, Birmingham, died at his residence, The Rookery, Handsworth, on Monday night. Brother Jacobs was born in Sheffield, in 1839, and was consequently fifty-seven years of age. He was a very active member of the Craft, of which he was a Past Master.

ON the 17th inst. the funeral of the late Bro. William Coxon, of Allergate, Durham, took place at St. Margaret's Cemetery, Durham, and was very largely attended, especially by members of the Masonic Order, of which the deceased for many years had been a prominent representative. The body was conveyed by road from Newcastle, where Bro. Coxon died, and was met at the entrance to the city by members of the Marquis of Granby, Norman, and other Lodges, of the former of which the deceased was a member. At the graveside the hymn "Days and moments quickly flying" was sung, and the Masonic composition, "May we all meet in the Grand Lodge above" was also rendered. A number of beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from the members of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, and each Mason dropped a sprig of acacia into the open grave in accordance with Masonic custom.

THE REGALIA OF THE GRAND MASTERS.

THE following interesting particulars are given in last week's issue of "Answers":

"Yes," said Mr. George Kenning, the head of the great Masonic firm of Kenning and Son, of Little Britain, in conversation with an "Answers" representative one day recently, "we have manufactured the regalia for all the Grand Masters of the past half-century. Here"—pointing to a beautiful piece of work in blue and gold—"is a duplicate of the apron worn by the Prince of Wales at his installation. It cost 30 guineas. The chain and collar is worth 200 guineas, the gantlets 10 guineas, and so on in proportion. Altogether His Royal Highness's full-dress Masonic regalia cost about 400 guineas, and every single article came from our own workshops. In design it is precisely similar to that we supplied to the Marquis of Ripon, the Grand Master who preceded the Prince of Wales.

"Here are some expensive gavels, or mallets, for the chairmen of meetings. They are of solid ivory, and cost 10 guineas apiece. Over in that corner is an exceedingly handsome banner we are making for the Transvaal Doornfontein Lodge, 2585. Curiously enough," added Mr. Kenning, leading the way to an adjoining room, "we are, at the present moment, designing the colour for a new Boer regiment—the Pretoria Volunteer Cavalry. Here it is." And we paused in front of a handsome standard, made of red, white, and green silk, the Boer national colours.

It was indeed a very gorgeous affair, with a typical burgher in the foreground, leaning against a trekking-waggon, and underneath the motto, "Eendragt Maakt Magt."

"Then you do not confine yourself exclusively to Masonic regalia?" I asked.

"Oh, dear no," replied Mr. Kenning, with a smile. "We could hardly keep three hundred hands—which is the number we employ—busy on that alone. Our business includes everything connected with the manufacture of gold and silver lace, embroidery, banners, and standards, military and naval decorations and uniforms, presentation caskets, badges, and so forth."

THE OLD MASONIANS.

THE old boys of our School at Wood Green spent a very pleasant evening on Friday, 13th inst., when they held their annual concert in aid of the Benevolent and Grant Fund of the Association at their headquarters, Anderton's Hotel. The President Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.D. presided over the gathering, which consisted of a very fair number of members and their lady friends.

A capital programme had been provided. Miss Amy Sadler charmingly rendered "Will he come" (Sullivan) and "Rory O'More" (Lover); Miss Lily Winch delighted everybody with her two songs "In the chimney corner" and "Rory Darlin," and Miss Blanche Dunnett, G.S.M., proved her thorough mastery of the instrument in her brilliant playing of the pianoforte solo "Pluie de Corail" (Durand de Grau). The programme was further contributed to by Bro. C. Patrick O'Doherty (O.M.) who sang "In love and War" (Dandridge), and in conjunction with Mr. H. W. Orchard admirably rendered the duet "The moon hath raised her lamp above" (Benedict). Mr. H. W. Orchard also sang "I seek for thee in every flower" (Ganz). The Curfew Glee Singers were a great success in their rendering of "The Banks of Allan Water," "Simple Simon" and "The Catastrophe," earning well-deserved applause. Messrs. S. Hunt and A. H. Evans gave the duet "Excelsior" (Balfé), and were heartily encored. Mr. Wynne Morgan ably contributed "I'll sing the songs of Araby" (Day).

Of the humorous portion Brother J. B. Sarjeant created a good deal of amusement with his two recitations "Fernando and Elvira" and "Gentle Alice Brown" (W. S. Gilbert); Mr. Fred Rome, F.O.S., also caused much laughter with his comic songs "Ye simple Maudling" and "Ye scientific Man." We must not forget to mention that the chairman Bro. Keyser also joined in the concert by contributing two songs "The Widow Malone" and "John Peel," the audience heartily taking up the chorus of the latter.

At the close of the concert Mr. R. S. Chandler Hon. Treas., in a brief speech pointed out that the object of the Benevolent Fund was to assist ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic School in after life. He also drew the attention of members to the presence of three who he considered were amongst the staunchest supporters of their old School, namely their president Bro. Keyser Treasurer of the School, their past president Bro. Geo. Everett Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management, and their past president Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, the School's energetic Secretary. Mr. Chandler, before concluding, thanked Bro. Keyser for presiding, and said the Old Masonians were proud to have the Treasurer of their School as their president, and hoped he would often come amongst them. He also thanked the artistes for the able entertainment they had given during the evening.

Bro. C. E. Keyser, in response, said he was very glad to be present, for holding the position he did in connection with the School he naturally felt the keenest interest in the Association, which he looked upon as an outcome of part of their Masonic system. He said he thoroughly understood the need of such an Association, and the good work it was able to do in giving a helping hand to young men at what was probably the most critical period of their lives. He added that he was glad to notice that several of the members had recently become members of the Craft.

The evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. Chandler further announced that contributions to the Benevolent and Grant Fund had been received from Brothers Keyser, Colonel Lambert, and Vassar-Smith, also that Bro. Ewen Treasurer of the South Middlesex Lodge had intimated to him during the evening that his Lodge had decided to make an annual grant of one guinea towards the Fund.

The oldest Freemason is still that Dr. William Salmon to whom a year ago Mr. Gladstone sent "sincere wishes for here and hereafter;" and he has just entered upon his 107th year. In this exceptional case of longevity there is much to interest the profession to which Dr. Salmon belongs; for though he is out of bed for nine hours in the day only, that is from noon till 9 p.m., he sleeps both soundly and long, and keeps a hearty appetite. His own opinion of this excellent health is, of course, that he owes it in the first place to a fine constitution never abused, and next to his having left off smoking at ninety. Tobacco made him wakeful; but he takes his daily modicum of wine at dinner with an excellent effect.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP'S DENUNCIATION.

THE English community in Yatta were greatly incensed lately by the interference of the Yattesei Police, at the instigation of the priests, with their arrangements for a charity performance in aid of the orphans of Freemasons. The interference resulted in the opera house being closed against them, thus limiting their sphere of success. The following is an extract from the Lenten Pastoral issued by His Grace the Archbishop, Bishop of Malta:

"There is a sect a thousand times cursed by the Church which does nothing but say and repeat, in every way, that beneficence and charity are its object, its law, its life. It is Masonry. But is it true that charity animates Masonry? Leaving words to those whom they satisfy, let us examine the facts, and facts tell us that where war is waged against God, where the cry is death to the Papacy, where the fall of thrones is praised, where the image of the crucifix is trampled under foot, where faith is lost and outraged, morals are foul, the heart is corrupted, no love, no charity dwells, but envy, rancour, execrable hatred. 'The facts say,' these are the words of the Great Leo XIII., 'that Masonic patriotism is but sectarian selfishness, desirous of ruling over everything, lording it over the modern states, which gather and centralise everything in their hands. The facts say that in the intentions of Masonry, the words political independence, equality, civilisation, progress, aim at facilitating . . . the independence of man from God, the licence of error and vice, the league of a faction to the detriment of other citizens, the art of the lucky ones of the time, of enjoying life more comfortably and more delightfully, the return of a people redeemed by the divine blood to the divisions, the corruption, the immoralities of paganism.'—(Encyclical Letter of the 8th December 1892).

"It was for these reasons that the same Supreme Pontiff pointed out Masonry to the whole world 'as the enemy, at one and the same time, of God, of the Church, and of the Fatherland.' It is true that these are not wanting, and there are several, especially among us, who, not having yet penetrated the mysteries of the guilty sect, deceived by the mellifluous words of beneficence, brotherhood, charity, are thoughtlessly lulled thereby, and do not care about anything else; but if they truly seek charity, brotherhood, beneficence, are they without a field where to exercise the beautiful virtue, to unite themselves more closely to their neighbour, to be generous to the poor of Jesus Christ, in the bosom of the Catholic Church, to which they one day belonged? Is not the Catholic Church the mother of the beautiful love; she who alone has and can give true love, perfect charity? And even supposing that subsidies are not wanting in Masonry and mutual help among the so-called Brethren, is that sufficient to constitute charity? To love our neighbour with the love of charity, with the true love of friendship, is to wish every happiness to our neighbour, is to help him, as far as we can, to attain to that happiness. And since the greatest good is his eternal happiness, the salvation of his soul, to assist one's Brother in the flesh, to poison his mind, to corrupt his heart, to deprive him of his faith, which is the beginning of all salvation, not only is it not charity, but it is the most execrable of murders. Charity is only from God, whose image we all have engraved in our souls; it is only through Jesus Christ who alone, by his grace, can restore that image in us, whenever it is darkened or erased; it comes to us only from the most pure bosom of the Catholic Church, which infuses the divine image in our soul, with the wholesome milk of her sacraments and the grace of which she is the only trustee."—"Stirling Observer."

The "Masonic Record" is advocating less Masonic talk and more Masonic work—less Masonic saying and more Masonic doing. Less glorying in what Masonry has been and better exemplification of what it should be now. It says: "It is while a Brother lives and can appreciate the efforts made on his behalf, that we must act if we hope to make our actions worth anything at all."

DEPRESSION AND DISCOURAGEMENT.

LODGES, as well as individuals, have their periods of depression and discouragement. It is thought that in the economy of nature the still, frosty night and tossing of the tempest are as necessary to the growth and ultimate strength and perfection of the monarch of the forest as are the pearly dewdrops, the gentle zephyr, and glad warm sunshine. There are times when interest grows dull, enthusiasm ebbs, and the work of the Lodge seems utterly dull and spiritless, when nothing useful has been accomplished, and the time seems worse than wasted. Yet we can never live up to our ideals, cannot always be doing great things. Yet to do one's duty, to do the best one knows, is really, truly great. We must, as individuals and as unit Lodges, remember that we are only one of many, that though our meetings are not large and enthusiastic, and that they may be of seemingly little consequence, yet from night to night, week to week, year to year, throughout the world, meetings of our great family are being held, each doing something for our common cause, each contributing of its means, moral as well as material, for the betterment of the race, each teaching the principles of that fraternal affection that drives from the heart all base passions and brings mankind into sweetest fellowship. Each Lodge, however small, must do its part. We cannot do too much. All are not sufficient "to reach and

minister to the needy and afflicted in all the walks of life." Let each Lodge seek to know and then to do its full duty, then each shall find its reward in the grand sum total of kind ministries that shall help to bless and redeem the race.—"New Zealand Craftsman."

THEATRICAL & ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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"FAUST" has been chosen by Sir Augustus Harris to open the season of opera in English at Drury Lane, on Easter Eve, the principal parts being played by Madame Fanny Moody, Miss Meisslinger, Messrs. Hedmond, Green, and Manners. Other members of the company will be Madame Amy Sherwin, who took part in the Easter season at Drury Lane last year, Madame Duma, Madame Amadi, Miss Strong, Miss Pauline Joran, Messrs. Brozel, Bispham, and Bevan; the conductors being Signor Mancinelli, Mr. Glover, and, it is believed, also Mr. Feld. During Easter week the operas will include "Tannhauser," "Hansel and Gretel," "Cavaleria Rusticana," "Pagliacci," and "Carmen." The English version of "Die Walkure" will probably be revived during the second week, and an English version of M. Bruneau's "L'Ataque du Moulin" is also in contemplation.

AMONG the attractions this season at the Empire of India Exhibition will be a Belvedere Tower, nearly 200 feet high, similar to those erected at the World's Fair, Chicago, and at the Paris and Philadelphia Exhibitions. The tower will be handsomely designed, provided with two passenger lifts, and have several balconied storeys. The top platform will accommodate about one hundred persons, and from this an excellent view may be obtained, while the tower itself will be a striking feature of the Queen's Court, and will, at night, be illuminated by a lighthouse lamp of 4,000,000 candle-power.

A NEW naval drama, "True Blue; or Ashore and Afloat," by Messrs. Leonard Outram and Stuart Gordon, was produced at the Olympic on Thursday evening to an appreciative audience, the spectacular effects being both elaborate and striking, while the acting was good all round. The piece is largely associated with routine life on board a man-of-war, and interest is well sustained throughout. We shall give a more detailed notice at a later date.

THE latest attraction at Olympia takes the form of "Living Photographs." Mr. Paul's theatrograph depicts in most realistic form scenes from popular plays, acrobatic and saltatory turns, &c., in the most effective manner, the movements of the life-size performers being quite astounding in their fidelity to nature.

AN exceptionally interesting programme was presented at the Haymarket Theatre on Thursday afternoon at the performance given "as a compliment to, and for the benefit of Mr. Hermann Vezin." Mr. Vezin himself took part in the third act of "Othello," in which he played the Moor to the Iago of Mr. Beerbohm Tree.

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SCOTLAND FOR 4, 8, OR 16 DAYS.

On Thursday, 2nd April, a CHEAP FOUR AND EIGHT DAYS' TRIP will also be run to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Helensburgh, Ayr, Kilmarnock, &c.; also to Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Arbroath, Forfar, Brechin, Montrose, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c.; leaving St. Pancras at 9.15 p.m., by which THIRD CLASS RETURN TICKETS at a SINGLE ORDINARY FARE for the DOUBLE JOURNEY will also be issued, the tickets being available for return any day within 16 days from date of issue.

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EASTER AT SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

CHEAP WEEK-END and DAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to Southend-on-Sea during the Easter Holidays, as announced in Special Bills.

Tickets and Bills may be had at the Midland Stations and City Booking Offices, and from Thos. Cook and Son, Ludgate Circus, and Branch Offices.

ORDINARY TRAIN SERVICE.

Good Friday, 3rd April.

On Good Friday, the Trains will run as appointed for Sundays, with the following exceptions:—

The Newspaper Express will leave St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m. and call at Bedford at 6.13 a.m., Leicester at 7.16, Nottingham 8.3, Derby 8.10, Sheffield 8.55, Leeds 10.50 a.m., Manchester (Gen.) 11.0 a.m., and Liverpool (Central) 12.20 p.m.

The Up Night Scotch Express will leave Edinburgh and Glasgow at 9.45 p.m., and Carlisle at 12.38 a.m. for London as on week-days.

The 3.32 a.m. Carlisle to Stranraer, and 8.50 p.m. Stranraer to Carlisle (in connection with trains from and to London and the South and West), will run as usual in connection with Steamers to and from Ireland.

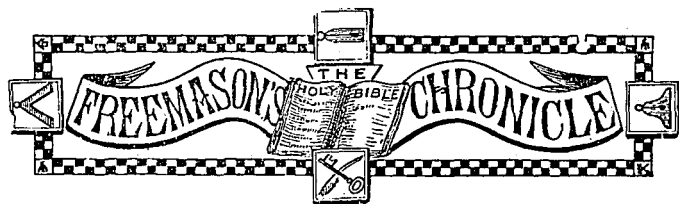
The Steamers between Barrow and Belfast will sail on Good Friday in both directions. That from Barrow will await the arrival of the 4.5 p.m. train from Leeds.

ON EASTER MONDAY, 6TH APRIL,

certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by Special Bills at the Stations.

GEO. H. TURNER, General Manager.

Derby, March, 1896.



SATURDAY, 21st MARCH 1896.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother Mercer Senior Vice-President occupied the President's chair for the first two hours, with Bro. Cottebrune acting as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Tijou as Junior Vice-President. Brother Robert Grey President took the remainder of the evening, and Bro. Mercer returned to his position as Senior Vice-President. Bros. W. Lake, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office.

The Brethren confirmed recommendations of the previous meeting to the amount of £470, and afterwards dealt with the new list, which consisted of forty petitions.

One petitioner on the list had died. Two cases were dismissed and one petition was deferred. A total of £850 was voted to the others. This was distributed as follows: one £75, seven £40 each, seven £30 each, nine £20 each, nine £10 each, and three £5 each. An additional £10 was voted to a case to which £10 was voted at the February meeting.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL be worked on Wednesday next, 25th inst., in the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, at the Crown, Lambeth Road, S.E., commencing at 7 p.m. The chair will be occupied by Bro. I. Moss S.D. 141, with Bro. W. S. Whitaker P.M. 1572, &c., as S.W., H. Whitney S.W. 861 as J.W., E. Walker P.M. 72 Preceptor and Treasurer, E. W. Lewcock P.M. 72 and 2262 Secretary, &c. The following Brethren will assist :

FIRST LECTURE:—Bros. W. S. Robinson 72, E. Horton W.M. 72, W. D. Dickinson S.W. 2048, Plant S.D. 101, M. A. Krellwitz W.M. 511 1853, Haslett P.M. 145, J. Knight J.D. 861.

SECOND LECTURE:—Bros. G. Body S.D. 72, W. Smith S. 72, J. Cohen J.W. 72, H. Whitney S.W. 861, R. Whiting P.M. 87.

THIRD LECTURE:—Bros. R. Sandland 2398, F. W. Bate S.W. 788, J. Packer J.W. 1558.

FATHER CHEW AND FREEMASONRY.

THE following editorial appears in the "Bournemouth Observer": Evidence to character is not so easily got rid of in such an argument as he has been engaged in as Father Chew seems to think. In fact, in dealing with the proceedings of a society whose ritual and beliefs cannot be produced by one of themselves, it is evidently the most reasonable way of appealing to the confidence of a necessarily unenlightened public. When the Craft can claim as members such eminent Christian expositors as the Deans of York, Rochester, Hereford, Archdeacon Sinclair, Professor Shuttleworth, and many others too numerous to mention, the public will not readily accept the sinister suggestions of outside criticism. With the insertion of letters from Father Chew and the Rev. Dr. White in to-day's issue, the controversy, so far as we are concerned, must cease.

We append the latter part of Father Chew's letter to our contemporary :

"You state, Sir, in last week's issue, that Masonry is justified in the eyes of the public by the fact that the character of the persons concerned is itself a proof that they cannot but be taking a lawful oath. By this statement the direct arguments which I advanced, as to the intrinsic unlawfulness of the oath itself, are evaded, and recourse is had to the indirect appeal to character. A "testimony to character" is the last resource of "counsel" in forensic defence, when he feels unable to destroy the force of the direct evidence given by witnesses on the other side. Your appeal to character could at most prove that men of good repute would not advertently take an unlawful oath. This I did not dispute. Indeed, I prefer to believe that Masons in England for the most part take the oath without serious advertence to the nature of the act; and that, once the performance of the ritual is over, they consider that as men of honour they should keep the secrets entrusted to them, especially as they find membership useful in many practical ways. But this is no justification of the system. There is no one who would reasonably object to works of benevolence and charity; but the objection is the being forced to take an unlawful oath in order to secure these advantages.

You refer to Biblical expressions in connection with the taking of the oath. But you will not find any Biblical authority (1) for an oath to keep the secrets of a society which, in its corporate capacity, has no authorisation from civil or ecclesiastical government; and (2) of a society, therefore, which holds itself responsible, in its corporate capacity, to no civil or ecclesiastical authority, and from which, consequently, there is no appeal to authority without a violation of the very secrecy which is sworn to; and (3) for an oath taken under a penalty which the civil government does not sanction, but regards as a crime, if carried out.

And you will certainly find no authority in the New Testament for a Christian to join in common formal worship with Jews and Mahomedans and Infidels, but commands to the contrary.

F. CHEW, S.J.

Bournemouth, March 1896."

The beginning of genuine Masonic literature was in 1834. Prior to that date there was nothing worthy of the name. Now the Masonic press is respected and honoured in all the Masonic world, but never has found a specific for the Mason who has no time—no will—to read anything Masonic, nor for the Craftsman who has plenty of money to spend in gratifying his appetites and passions, but "cannot afford" a Masonic paper or magazine.—"Voice of Masonry."

A volunteer corps is in process of formation among the actors of the London stage, and Lord Methuen has already given the necessary permission. Bro. Harry Nicholls, the comedian, will be one of the Officers, and among those who have already expressed their determination to "recruit" are Bro. Farren Soutar (the clever son of Nellie Farren), Mr. F. R. Benson, Mr. Rollo Balmain, Mr. Percy Brough, Mr. Julius Knight, Brother Alfred Bishop, and Mr. Frank Gillmore, of the Lyceum, who is Hon. Secretary of the movement.

THE Duke and Duchess of York, with their suite, were present on Friday of last week at the St. James's Theatre, and witnessed the performance of "The Prisoner of Zenda;" they on Wednesday attended the Court Theatre, for the performance of "Mrs. Ponderbury," and on Thursday the Lyceum, to see the new play "For the Crown."

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THIS Lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, 10th inst., when Brother Joseph Rushforth W.M. was well supported, all the Lodge Officers being present. Bro. Boswell answered the necessary qualifying questions, and was passed.

Attention having been given to the correspondence, Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a well-served supper, after which the customary toasts and harmony agreeably passed a couple of hours.

CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

THE regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, under the presidency of Bro. James Speller P.M., who acted in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Dr. Hunter. He was supported by Bro. J. Mansell S.W., S. Fletcher J.W., Alf. Goode P.M. Sec., Sheppard S.D., A. Humphreys J.D., U. Ladler I.G., A. Tarling S., F. Humphreys Org., and others.

Visitors: Bros. Lambert Perry, of St. John at Hackney Lodge, No. 2511, and Bro. Reeves, Kingland Lodge, No. 1693.

Bros. Even Jones and Small answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree, and were passed as Fellow Crafts.

Twenty-eight Brethren sat down to an enjoyable dinner, and later in the evening Bro. J. M. McLeod Secretary R.M.I. Boys put in an appearance and made an earnest appeal for funds for the Boys School. Brother Dr. Hunter W.M. will represent the Lodge at the next Boys Festival, and it is hoped he will be well supported by his Lodge and friends.

IMPERIAL LODGE, No. 1694.

THE regular meeting was held at Bro. Watt's Restaurant, 24 Victoria Street, Westminster, on Monday, 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. G. R. Krehl W.M., who was supported by Bro. T. Braddick J.W., Reid Todd P.M. Treasurer, J. N. Frye P.M. Secretary, Tuckey S.D., Beveridge J.D., Davison I.G., Past Masters Hicks, Woods, Bradley, and several other members, with Bro. T. Watt 2030 as a Visitor, and S. Ellis P.M. 1981 Tyler.

The business of the meeting included the initiation of Mr. William Seymour and some routine work, after which the company sat down to one of those excellent dinners for which the establishment is famous.

SOUTHGATE LODGE, No. 1950.

HAVING permanently removed from the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, to the Masonic Hall at Beale's Restaurant, Holloway Road, the members held the installation meeting on Thursday, 5th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. T. Winsor.

The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. Dewey and Mr. Shaw into the mysteries of the Craft. He then vacated the chair in favour of the I.P.M. Bro. G. R. Newman Installing Master, who installed the S.W. Bro. R. E. Gilmour as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner.

After several new candidates had been proposed the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a banquet in the large hall, which had been specially prepared by Bro. W. Beale for their enjoyment, and presided over by the newly-installed Master Bro. Gilmour.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and, in response to his health, the W.M. assured the Brethren present that he would use his best endeavours to emulate the deeds of his predecessor in the chair, so as to ensure the future welfare and success of the Southgate Lodge in its new and comfortable home.

The toasts of the Installing Master and Past Masters were replied to by Bros. Newman, Winsor, and Sefeber, and that of the Treasurer and Secretary by Bros. Phipos and Trewinnard.

There was a goodly attendance of visitors, the toast being responded to on their behalf by Bro. Ball P.P.G.R. Berks, Bro. Woodrow P.M., and Bro. Headley.

During the evening a handsome diamond and gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. T. Winsor, in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the Southgate Lodge as Worshipful Master during the past year.

DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THE installation meeting was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham, on Wednesday, 18th inst., and proved an unqualified success.

Among those present were Bros. John Langdon W.M., A. Harvey I.P.M., Charlie Woods S.W. Master-elect, John Mitchell P.M. J.W., Robert Steele P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Folkard P.M. Secretary, T. Morris S.D., A. Robertson J.D., G. F. Winny I.G., W. W. Westley P.M. D.C., W. Baldwin Std., Geo. Everett P.G. Treasurer, S. Cochrane P.M. P.G.Treas., E. Beaven P.M., Hearsey, Highway, C. W. Shannaw, Roberts, John Wyer P.P.G.D.C. Kent, Wilfred Stracey, Hy. Mitchell, Taylor, F. Beckwith.

Visitors:—Bros. R. J. Voisey P.M. 1329, Hy. Lynn P.M. 217, J. J. White W.M. 2513, John Hernaman P.M. 1329, J. B. Dixon D.C. 2513, Woodley 2417, A. Higerty 2437 P.P.G.J.W. Herts, Oscroft 902, Hor. Mitchell 1056, and J. Billing S.W. 2244.

Bro. Taylor was raised, and Bro. Beckwith passed, the chair being occupied by Bro. Harvey I.P.M. Bro. Charlie Woods was installed by Bro. Langdon. Mr. F. W. Sinclair was initiated by the newly-installed Master. The report of the Audit Committee was received, being very satisfactory.

On the motion of Bro. S. Cochrane P.G.T., seconded by Bro. G. Everett P.G.T., the sum of three guineas was voted to the Boys School Scholarship Fund.

The banquet which followed was also a success, and the harmony of the evening was enhanced by the musical efforts of Bros. Winny, Woodley, Langdon I.P.M., Horace Mitchell, C. W. Shannaw, Harvey, and Wilfred Stracey.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

AT Bro. Butcher's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, on Tuesday, 17th inst., Bro. W. M. Roberts W.M. 733 W.M., C. T. Brown S.W., F. Wortham J.W., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., F. Wortham Sec., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, G. Weaver S.D., C. Lilly J.D., R. J. Hearnden I.G., W. R. Playford P.M., G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362, T. W. Mogford, J. W. Curtis P.M., W. H. Faircloth P.M., and G. C. Butcher.

Lodge was opened to the second degree, Bro. Playford was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Brother Playford candidate.

Lodge resumed to the first degree. At the request of the W.M. Brother Hearnden assumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of Officers, Bro. G. D. Mogford acting as D.C.

It was proposed by Bro. Dehane, and carried, that the votes of the Lodge be handed to Bro. Curtis P.M. in favour of the son of the late Bro. Hitchcock, of the Mother Lodge.

Bro. Brown will take the chair at the next meeting.

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PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE, No. 753.

ON Tuesday, 17th inst., at Bro. C. Stallibrass's, The Eagle, Clifton Road, Maida Vale, Bro. T. B. Harpham W.M., J. Hands S.W., T. Treadwell J.W., W. H. Handover S.D., T. Cox J.D., G. Wood P.M. 1681 Preceptor, H. J. Thomas W.M. 753 Secretary, W. J. Stratton P.M. 753 Treasurer as I.G., Manne, T. N. Morris, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), M. Shelton, J. H. Chandler, William Van Praagh, and others.

The acting W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Manne candidate. The W.M. then kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. J. Thomas W.M. 753, who opened the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. T. B. Harpham was examined, entrusted, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Both ceremonies were given in an excellent and perfect manner, with the able assistance of the Officers.

The W.M. Bro. Harpham resumed the chair. Bro. Hands was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

The fifteen sections were worked in this Lodge, at the meeting on the 10th inst., when a large number of Brethren attended, and were highly interested.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

ON Wednesday, 18th inst., at Bro. Witte's, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, Bro. Gaskin W.M., Jackson S.W., Howard J.W., Peters S.D., Feistel J.D., Denton I.G., Gush Preceptor, Heslop Secretary, Bescoby, Matthews, Witte, and Davison.

Lodge was opened in the three degrees.

The first section was worked by Bro. Bescoby and brethren. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Matthews candidate. Bro. D. Jackson was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight.

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DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

ON the 17th inst., at the Lord Truro, Dalston Lane, N.E., Bro. S. C. Kaufman W.M., Alderman S.W., W. Clark J.W., F. Dunstan Preceptor, W. S. Harvey Sec., Willsmer, G. H. Clark, Cunningham, George Clarke, and other brethren.

The Lodge was opened to the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The brethren assisted Bro. Preceptor to work the first section of the second lecture. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree and Bros. Friedlander and T. Mathews were elected members. Several of the brethren then offered their congratulations on the choice of the new place of meeting, this being the first assembly at the new home, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

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MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, No. 1446.

ON the 17th inst., at the Havelock Arms, Naylor Road, Peckham, S.E., Bros. J. Morse W.M., H. Cornford S.W., J. Frampton J.W., A. E. Mullins Sec., Sherborne, Stewart, Tofts, Clarke.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and called off. Lodge called on and resumed to second degree. Bro. Clarke answered questions, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Clarke candidate. Lodge was resumed.

Bros. Clarke 1693, and Frampton 1901, were unanimously elected members. They responded, thanking the Brethren for their election.

Bro. Cornford was elected W.M. for ensuing week, and appointed Officers in rotation.

Ballots were taken in connection with the Benevolent Association attached to this Lodge, four Subscriberships (£21 0s 0d) being disposed of, and falling to Bro. Stewart 1563, Mrs. Miles, Bros. Lane and Omash.

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

AT Brother F. Weight's, the Lord Napier, London Fields, on Saturday, Bro. J. Hands W.M., C. Bestow S.W., J. Ives J.W., Friedlander S.D., Burgess J.D., J. Crispe I.G., R. E. Fairclough Preceptor, G. Edwards Asst. Preceptor, F. Keibell Secretary, J. Bunker P.M. Treas., P. Felthensal Org., Rogers P.M., Wilde, Baragwanath, Hope, Frost, Islip, Hide, W. W. Robinson, and others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hope candidate.

The first and second sections of the second lecture, and the first and third of the first lecture were rehearsed.

The fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge on Saturday, the 28th inst., at 7 o'clock. Bro. P.M. Hodges W.M.

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CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

ON the 13th inst., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, Bro. R. Stebbings W.M., A. G. Ball S.W., A. White J.W., W. J. Hunter Treas., E. Dimes Sec., C. Weeden Preceptor.

Bro. Henson answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed.

Bro. Burns answered questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and that ceremony rehearsed.

Lodge was resumed and closed.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E., on Wednesday, 18th inst., Bro. G. Fennell W.M., N. Napthali S.W., A. Marks J.W., G. Warn P.M. S.D., W. Boyce P.M. J.D., H. Alberg I.G., De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, F. Thornton Sec., Joss.

The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M. Bro. Fennell vacated the chair in favour of Bro. De Casseres Preceptor. Lodge was opened in 2nd degree, and Bro. Warn P.M. answered the questions leading to the third, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed in his favour.

Bro. Fennell resumed the chair and closed the Lodge. Bro. Napthali was elected to the chair for Wednesday next, 25th inst.

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CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON the 13th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., Bro. J. J. Lamigeon W.M.-elect Clissold Lodge W.M., Thomas Feistel S.W., H. J. Calley J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Sec., and several other Brethren.

The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Ives P.M. and Willsmer acting as candidates.

Bro. Thomas Feistel was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

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UPTON INSTRUCTION LODGE ANNUAL SUPPER.

THE third annual supper and Ladies' night of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, was held on Monday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, under the presidency of Bro. E. M. Jeffery W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who, in his old genial way took up his position as chairman, being ably supported by his Wardens (Bros. Peters and Hyde) and the Past Masters of the Lodge, with the exception of Brother C. Schmidt and John Stroud, the latter being unfortunately absent through illness at home.

The attendance was most satisfactory, the company numbering close on ninety, of whom nearly one half were Ladies. Altogether the event must be described as a red-letter day for the Upton Lodge of Instruction, everyone present thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Songs, recitations and music helped to fill up the intervals between the toasts of the evening and kept the company thoroughly entertained until close upon midnight. Each of the Ladies was presented with a hamper of chocolate as a souvenir of the occasion. We must not omit to mention that much of the success of the meeting was due to the efforts of Bro. C. J. Free P.M. Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. G. A. Peters its Secretary, each of whom did all that was possible to ensure the enjoyment of the company.

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CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 364.

THE annual installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Neath, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. Geo. Palmer was installed W.M. by the outgoing Master Bro. Matthew Whittington.

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PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

AT the Masonic Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth, on the 12th inst., in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft, Bro. Charles F. Brown was installed W.M. by Bro. John Brickwood P.P.J.G.D.

The new Master presented Bro. John Brickwood with his portrait in oils, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, and an illuminated address which recites that it is presented as a mark of the high appreciation in which the services of Bro. J. Brickwood as W.M. of the Lodge for two successive years are held by his Brethren; and to congratulate him upon having that day completed the sixth successive Mastership of five different Lodges in the Borough of Portsmouth.

Bro. Brickwood feelingly acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him, and he presented the portrait to the Lodge to hang upon the walls of the Lodge Room.

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ARBORETUM LODGE, No. 731.

THE installation meeting took place on Wednesday, 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren, as well as members of the Lodge, and the ceremony was most impressively performed. Brother Samuel Tinkler was installed as Master.

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PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.

ON Thursday, 12th inst., a successful conversazione was held in the Victoria Temperance Hotel, Southend, under the auspices of this Lodge.

Among those present were the W.M. Bro. E. J. Bowmaker, Bros. Albert Lucking P.M. Prov.G.D.C. P.G.P., T. J. Ralling Prov.G.Sec. P.G.A.D.C., W. Lloyd Wise, and others, the company numbering about 170.

A pleasing incident was the playing by the Metronome Band of a waltz specially composed by Mr. Harry Read, and dedicated to Bro. E. J. Bowmaker W.M., which met with a most hearty reception.

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STAMFORD LODGE, No. 1045.

THE annual installation was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday, 2nd inst., when Bro. W. H. Jones S.W. was installed W.M. by Bros. H. H. Mayor W.M., John Siddeley P.M. P.P.D.D.C., and Joel Foden P.M.

Bro. Newhouse Prov. Grand Sec. extended the congratulations of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Egerton to the newly-installed W.M.

NYANZA LODGE, No. 1197.

THE installation of Brother A. Poole was impressively performed by the D.P.G.M. of Somerset and P.G.D. of England Bro. R. C. Else.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

LARGE and spacious is the room adjoining Sincerity Lodge, at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, and when suitably decorated, as was the case on the 17th, it makes a magnificent banqueting hall, the electric light adding much to its appearance. Following the installation meeting on Monday, the Lodge held its customary banquet in the above hall, Bro. A. E. Maddock presiding, the vice-Presidents being Bros. J. Maunders S.W., and E. T. Woolcock J.W. The customary toast list was afterwards gone through.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 6th inst., Bro. Charles Rawle W.M. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, principal among whom were, Bros. Thos. Albert Holland S.W., J. Coupland J.W., W. T. Hesketh P.M. Sec., A. Redfearn S.D., J. R. E. Birkett J.D., Arthur A. Moss P.M. D.C., Ed. M. Beebee I.G., Wm. Rushton Org., H. W. Bloomer, John M. Crone Stewards, Henry Nall P.M. Prov.G.Treas., Jas. J. Lambert P.M. P.P.G.Reg., A. G. Collins P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Cyril H. Beever P.M., Jno. G. Bromley P.M., Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, Wm. Flint.

Visitors:—Bros. Thos. Black P.M. 1170 P.P.G.D., Wm. Sturm P.M. 1170, E. P. Woodhouse 1887.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. Dr. Andrew Denholme was passed by the W.M., the working tools being presented and explained by the J.W. Lodge having been advanced, Bro. C. A. Klindworth was raised by Bro. Cyril H. Beever, in his usual very careful and excellent manner.

In consequence of the death of Bro. Bradshaw P.M., late Treasurer, it became necessary to elect another in his stead, and this duty was rendered very easy by the unanimous adoption of Bro. Henry Nall P.M., &c., who had hitherto acted in the capacity of Secretary.

PRINCE ARTHUR LODGE, No. 1570.

THE installation was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, 17th, in the presence of a numerous gathering of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. John Clayton the out-going Master, who installed as his successor Bro. John Plumpton.

As a token of the esteem in which the outgoing Master was held, a beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to him, and in further recognition of his services to the Lodge, a full set of Elkington's silver cutlery, in a polished oak case, was handed to him for Mrs. Clayton.

URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, 9th inst. As there was no particular business to engage the attention of the Brethren, an early adjournment was made to the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly relieved by the vocal and recitative efforts of Bros. Walter Bowers W.M., George R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.Treas. Sec., J. H. Marsh P.M., E. W. Barratt, and Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

The W.M. proposed the toast of the Provincial Officers, to which Bro. Edward L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas. responded in his usual happy manner. He gave a fitting meed of praise to those members of the purple whose interest in matters Masonic brought their names constantly before the Brethren, not forgetting his colleagues of the Urmston Lodge, who, he said, always evinced great interest in its prosperity.

Bro. John Walton jun. I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who said, in reply, he hoped to announce some work, and that before long; at the same time advising his Officers to make themselves proficient, this being a necessary requirement.

Bro. Bowers proposed the health of the I.P.M., the latter responding. Bro. Walton said he gathered from the remarks of Bro. Bowers that his work in the past had been satisfactory, and he could assure them that in the future his efforts would be directed to the same end. He was pleased to hear that there was a probability of work for them to participate in, and in conjunction with the W.M. he advised the Officers to apply themselves to study, so that they might be prepared for anything which might arise.

Besides those mentioned above there were present—Bros. J. Ormrod J.W., Hedley Jones J.D., George A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., J. Bowers P.M. Org., Arthur Hawkins I.G., John Slyman P.M. P.P.G.D., W. H. Ashworth, R. Appledore, and others.

Visitors:—Bros. G. V. Blaikie P.M. 152, J. Saunders P.M. 152.

TRINITY LODGE, No. 1734.

THE installation was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh, on Wednesday, 4th inst., when Bro. G. M. Watson was installed by Bro. F. G. Grayson P.M. P.P.G.W.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. F. Golding P.M. on his leaving the chair, and he with great generosity presented the Lodge with a handsome carved oak W.M. chair, the wood of which is very old, while the carving represents sprigs of oak, acacia, and Masonic emblems. The whole is the work of the father of Bro. Golding, a gentleman eighty-three years of age.

As Bro. Percy Beard will represent the Lodge as steward at the coming festival of the Girls School, the sum of £10 was added to his list, partly from voluntary subscriptions. During the evening a draw in connection with the Lodge Charitable Association took place for a life vote to one of the Masonic Institutions. Brother Sidney Smith P.M. and Sec. was the successful competitor, and he proposes adding it to Bro. P. Beard's list.

ROYAL LEEK LODGE, No. 1849.

THE annual installation took place on Friday, 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, when Bro. Hugh C. Vincent was installed W.M.

ST. THOMAS LODGE, No. 1914.

ON the 10th inst. the members and some friends presented to Bro. John Randle Busbridge an illuminated address, which was couched in complimentary terms, on his leaving the country, through ill-health, for Australia. Bro. A. Bailey made the presentation, which was signed by Bros. A. Bailey W.M., F. Stonier S.W., S. B. Turner J.W., Dr. J. Steele S.D., J. Buckley J.D., D. Boulton I.G., and E. Nall Secretary.

WAVERTREE LODGE, No. 2294.

THE annual installation took place on Wednesday, 11th inst., at the Coffee House Hotel, Wavertree, under most auspicious circumstances.

After the customary ceremonies the incoming Master Bro. F. W. Connor was installed by Bro. Thomas G. Parkes W.M., and in a thoughtful and fervent manner he thanked the members for his election to such a responsible position.

During the evening Bro. Parkes was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in addition to a scarf ring, scarf pin, and a crayon portrait of himself, by the members, in appreciation of his services.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2360.

AT a meeting at Southport, on the 17th inst., Bro. J. F. Roberts P.P.A.G.D.C. handed to the W.M. Bro. C. Dann a drawing-room clock and candlesticks en suite, copied from an Etruscan design in Venice, as a tribute from the Brethren on his approaching marriage.

LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE regular meeting was held at the Club House, Longsight, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Brother William Gadd W.M. Among those present were Bros. Ald. Lloyd Higginbottom S.W., G. H. Russell Treasurer, Council. John Pythian Sec., W. H. Wilson S.D., E. H. Ritson J.D., Henry Wood I.G., Henry Grimshaw I.P.M., Frederick G. Berry P.M., Council. Thomas Uttley P.M. P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire, Thos. Glynn.

Visitors:—Bros. David Bradley P.M. 307, Rd. Stephenson P.M. 1166, Robert Potter 275, J. Sutcliffe J.D. 815, Chas. W. Dove 2185, J. G. Bromley P.M. 1375.

Two ceremonies were due, viz., an initiation and a raising. In the first instance Mr. Henry Shepherd, Salesman, Heaton Chapel, made his advent into Freemasonry, and Brother Samuel Crowther was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., both ceremonies being performed by the W.M., assisted by Brother Hy. Sheard J.W., who presented and explained the working tools of each degree.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, the candidates having the opportunity given them of fully expressing their ideas with regard to first impressions of the Craft, and they did so in neat and effective speeches.

Bro. J. W. Fitton, in responding for the first time to the toast of the "rank and file," made a very good impression upon his auditors. He praised the efforts of those Masters who so far had occupied the chair, and exhorted all Brethren who, like himself, had not yet attained any position in the Lodge, to be loyal and true to those who might be selected to lead them.

Songs, recitations, &c., were given by Bros. C. S. Cotton Asst. Sec., L. R. Entwisle Org., T. Hesketh Meade, Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), J. Sutcliffe, and C. W. Dove.

VALE OF EDEN LODGE, No. 2493.

THE annual festival was held at the Tufton Arms Hotel, Appleby, on Thursday, 12th inst., when Bro. Geo. Thomas was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested his Officers.

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ST. MARTIN CHAPTER, No. 510.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liskeard, when the principals, Comps. B. H. Williams Z., W. H. Huddy P.Z. H., and R. Faul J. were installed.

Two candidates were admitted. The Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted, and the roll reported on as the largest since the Chapter was warranted.

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METHAM LODGE, No. 96.

THE annual meeting was held at the Working Men's Hall, Plympton, on Wednesday, 11th inst., when Bro. J. C. Revell was installed W.M. by Bro. Major Strode-Lowe D.P.G.M.M.

The Treasurer's accounts showed a very satisfactory balance in favour of the Lodge.

BRO. GEORGE C. BUTCHER'S ANNUAL CONCERT.

THE first annual concert was held at Bro. Butcher's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., on Thursday of last week, a numerous number of Brethren and their friends being present.

Several Brethren kindly contributed their services, giving some excellent songs. Amongst others who were present were Bros. G. Goddard, R. Armstrong, T. Mogford, H. Bridges, W. Clark, R. Rogers, G. Mogford, W. Evans, H. Buckland, T. Gale, T. Diamond.

Mr. M. G. T. Miles contributed some excellent selections on the harp, Mr. R. Thomkins gave some clever performances on the flute, and Monsieur Rossi on the mandoline. Mr. Windeyer Clarke, F.C.O., L.R.A.M., accompanied.

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.

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26 Castle of Harmony, Savoy Ho.
28 Old Kings Arms, Freemasons'-h
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrew, Albion
706 Florence Nightingale, W'olwich
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel
1632 Stuart, Camberwell
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
1828 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Mark M. Hall
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
61 Probity, Halifax
62 Social, Manchester
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
408 Three Graces, Haworth
483 Hope, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Oldham
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
613 Unity, Southport
1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Lincoln
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1575 Olive, Market Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1752 Ogmores, Bridgend
1991 Agricola, York
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
2187 Adur, Henfield
2257 Powell, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester
2429 Research, Leicester
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
165 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole
1158 Southern Star, Bridge Ho. Ho.
1348 Ebury, Criterion
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
2108 Empire, Criterion
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham
160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford
253 Tyrian, Derby
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
366 St. David, Milford
484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callender, Manchester
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1358 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millom
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1942 Minerva, Fenton
2001 Narberth, Narberth

- 2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2351 Ermine, Lincoln
2358 Mona, Castletown
2404 Lord C. Beresford, Chatham
2405 Ionic, St. Helens

Wednesday.

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall
201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
753 Prince Frederick William, Frascati
754 High Cross, Tottenham
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall
1818 Clapham, Criterion
2332 Borough of Greenwich, East Greenwich
2395 Avondale, Brixton
2416 Hiram, Freemasons'-hall
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross
2562 Papyrus, Criterion
32 St. George of Harmony, L'pool
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
86 Loyalty, Prescott, Lanc.
117 Salopian Charity, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
250 Minerva, Hull
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
320 Loyalty, Mottram
321 Unity, Crewe
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
380 Integrity, Morley
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton Moor
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
540 Stuart, Bedford
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
651 Brecknock, Brecon
697 United, Colchester
724 Derby, Liverpool
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
887 Leigh, Birmingham
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
996 Sonnes, East Dereham
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1343 Saint John, Grays
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1576 Dee, Park Gate, Cheshire
1633 Avon, Manchester
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1714 Albert Edward, York Town
1723 St. George, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church, nr Accrington
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
1953 Prudence and Industry, Chard
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2186 Strigul, Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2233 Euston, St. Neots
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2357 Barry, Cadoxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2435 Wineslai, Winslow
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Thursday.

- General Committee, Girls School, F.M.H., 5
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
34 Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall
99 Shakespeare, Albion
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge H. H.
766 William Preston, Cannon Strt. Hotel

- 861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
871 Royal Oak, Deptford
1421 Langthorne, Ilford
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
1608 Kilburn, Kilburn Gate
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
1974 St. Mary Abbott, Gloster Road
2192 Highbury, Highbury
2264 Chough, City Terminus Hotel
2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel
39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
71 Unity, Lowestoft
78 Impl. George, Middleton, Lanc.
111 Restoration, Darlington
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
208 Three G. Principles, Dewsbury
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
318 True and Faithful, Helston
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
361 Industry, Hyde
403 Hertford, Hertford
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 Friendship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
475 Bedfordshire of St. John the Baptist, Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
710 Pleiades, Totnes
761 St. John, Dursley
772 Pilgrims, Glastonbury
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Norwich
809 U Good Fellowship, Wisbech
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
966 St. Edward, Leek
998 Welchpool, Welchpool
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
1313 Fermor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1392 Egerton, Bury
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1630 St. Michael, Coventry
1702 Suburban, Great Stanmore
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport

- 1817 St. Andrew, Shoeburyness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, I. of W.
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Army and Navy, Aldershot
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham
2028 Granite, Marlborough
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling & Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, Manchester
2418 Hedworth, S. Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle Wilbraham, W. Derby
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

- Council Boys School, F.M.H. at 4.
60 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. Art. Co.
2000 Earl Mornington, Café Royal
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H.
355 Ro. Sussex Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Watford
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
445 Fidelity, Towcester
460 Sutherland Unity, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
566 St. Germain, Selby
602 North York, Middlesboro'
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
712 Lindsey, Louth
810 Craven, Skipton
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-the-Wold
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1712 St. John, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

- 1297 West Kent, Sydenham
1584 Loyalty & Charity, Kew Bdge.
1679 Henry Mugeridge, Anderton's
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
2472 Walthamstow, Walthamstow
149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.
308 Prince George, Todmorden
336 Benevolence, Marple
370 St. George, Chertsey
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
1579 St. James, Enfield
1777 Royal Hanover, Twickenham

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

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THE MASON'S HEART.

THE Mason's Heart Eternal Summer knoweth
If he be true to all the Craft's pourtrayings;
In it Goodwill and Peace for ever floweth
And Truth will guide and show him no betrayings.
The Mason's heart true Prudence ever sheweth,
No stumbling blocks retard with their waylayings,
For it is Free and where it lists it goeth
If but it heeds our noble works and sayings.
The Mason's Heart is one perpetual morning—
It ne'er grows old for all its ways are youthful;
It wakes renewed, refreshed, with each glad dawning,
And ne'er deceives for all its deeds are truthful.
Grant, Oh Thou Architect of Earth and Heaven
Hearts like to this to Masons aye be given!

Winder House, Bradford,
13th March 1896.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., 7-30
 174 Sincerity, Blackwell Railway Hotel, London Street, E.C., 7
 180 St. James's Union, St. James Restaurant, Piccadilly, 8
 211 St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison Road North, W., 8
 511 Zetland, The Falkland, Falkland Road, N.W., 8
 548 Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross Road, S.E., 8
 1975 Rose of Denmark, L. and S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth Road, 7-30
 1139 South Norwood, Jolly Sailor Hotel, South Norwood, 8-15
 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., 8
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Loughborough Junction, 8
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6
 1349 Friars, 94 White Horse Lane, Mile End Road, E., 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, 7-30
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Rd., 8
 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 7-30
 1572 Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 6-30
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8
 1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church Road, Upper Norwood, 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, 8-15
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8-30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctor's Common, E.C., 7
 1804 Coborn, George Hotel, Woodford, 8
 2029 King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., 7-30
 2150 Tivoli, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 7
 2242 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Rectory Road, Stoke Newington, 7-30
 2319 Scots, Craig's Restaurant, 184 Fleet Street, E.C., 7
 2400 Brentford, Castle Hotel, Brentford, 8
 2472 Walthamstow, Masonic Hall, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Cock Tavern, N., 8

Tuesday.

- 25 Robert Burns, Frascati, 32 Oxford Street, W., 8
 55 Constitutional, Cursitor Street, Chancery Lane, 7
 79 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich, 8-30
 140 St. George (M.M.), New Cross Hall, 8
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, Westminster, 8
 177 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7-30
 188 Joppa, Boundary Tavern, 109 Aldersgate Street, 7-30
 238 Pilgrim, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, 6-30
 263 Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W., 7-30
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis Street, Woolwich, 8
 706 Florence Nightingale, Roy. Mortar Ho., Beresford Sq., Woolwich, 7-30
 733 Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, 8
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, Covent Garden, 8
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Vale, 8
 858 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., 7-30
 860 Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston Lane, N.E., 8
 861 Finsbury, Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, E.C., 7
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd., 8
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's Schoolroom, Battersea Rise, 8
 1076 Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, 6
 1155 Excelsior, Dover Castle Hotel, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., 8
 1196 Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, 9
 1321 Emblematic, St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, 8
 1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town, 8
 1420 Earl Spencer, Albert Palace, Battersea, 8
 1446 Mount-Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor Road, Peckham, S.E., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, Islington, 7-30
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, High Street, S.E., 8
 1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, 8
 1766 St. Leonard, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park Road, South Hackney, 8
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwards Square, Kensington, 8
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, 6-30
 1899 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cannon Street, 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, Herne Hill, 8
 2032 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8-30
 2184 Royal Victorian Jubilee, The Feathers, 116 Lambeth Walk, S.E., 8
 2206 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, 8
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., 8
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, Phoenix Street, St. Pancras, 8

Wednesday.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 27 Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate Street, 7
 30 United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto Road, Nunhead, 7-30
 45 Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164 Fenchurch Street, 6-30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge Street, E.C., 7
 72 Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth Road, 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, 7-30
 186 Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, 8
 193 Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14 Lime Street, E.C., 7
 228 United Strength, Hope Tavern, 179 Stanhope Street, Euston Road, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Frascati, 32 Oxford Street, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, E., 7-30
 813 New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, 8
 871 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wootton Road, Deptford, 8
 898 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow Lane, Poplar, 7-30
 933 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., 8
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney, 8
 1421 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, Essex, 7-30
 1475 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1601 Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, S.E., 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Rest., Victoria St., Westminster, 7-30
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, W., 8

- 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, 8
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, W., 8
 1685 Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone Road, E., 8
 1708 Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Church End, Finchley, 7-45
 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E., 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1928 Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office Court, E.C., 7
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8
 2090 Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath & Wash-house Co., Hammersmith, 7
 2168 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, 8
 2266 Cator, Railway Hotel, Beckenham
 2310 London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria Street, 8-30
 2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton Street, W.C., 7-30
 2384 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Amherst Club, Amhurst Road, Hackney, 8

Thursday.

- 13 Union Waterloo (M.M.), Earl of Chatham, Thomas Street, Woolwich, 8
 15 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, 8
 70 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, 8
 144 St. Luke, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude Street, Chelsea, 8
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, 8
 167 St. John, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., 7-30
 212 Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell Street, Aldgate, 8
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, 8
 551 Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, I.W., 8
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, 8
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Rooms, White Hart, Lewisham, 8
 902 Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348 Clapham Road, S.W., 7-30
 907 Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6-30
 1017 Montefiore, St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, 8
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington Rd., S.E., 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, 7
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, 7-30
 1278 Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Queen Victoria, Exmouth Street, Stepney, 8
 1366 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland Road, N.W., 8
 1441 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddleton, Star and Garter, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, The Town of Ramsgate Inn, High Street, Wapping, 7-30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., 5-30
 1791 Creation, Shepherd's Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 2
 1815 Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, 8
 1816 Victoria Park, George Hotel, Broadway, Stratford, 7-30
 1986 Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, Crystal Palace Rd., E. Dulwich, 8
 1996 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton
 2202 Regent's Park, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 8
 2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, 7
 2467 Pickwick, 134 Kingsland Road, N.E., 6-30

Friday.

- 9 Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., 7
 169 Temperance, Railway Tavern, near L. B. Station, New Cross Road, 8
 217 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, 6
 256 Unions (Emulation Improvement for M.M.), Freemasons' Hall, 6
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7-30
 704 Camden, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras Road, N.W., 8
 765 St. James, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica Road, S.E., 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells Tavern, Hammersmith, 8
 1056 Victoria (Metropolitan), Coach and Horses, Farringdon Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, 7-30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, 8
 1310 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, 50 High Street, Marylebone, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, 7
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1381 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, 8
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, 7-30
 1607 Loyalty, 206 Mare Street, Hackney, 8
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, 8-30
 1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, E., 8
 1891 St. Ambrose, St. James Restaurant, Piccadilly, S.W., 8
 1897 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham, 8
 2000 Earl of Mornington, 49 Queen Anne Street, 8-15
 2021 Queen Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, 8
 2030 Abbey, Town Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, 7-30
 2190 Savage Club, Savage Club, 7 Adelphi Terrace, 6
 2409 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., 8
 M.M. Grand Masters', Mark Masons' Hall, W.C., 1st and 3rd Friday, 6

Saturday.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, Kitto Road, Nunhead, 7-30
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, Islington, 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Broadway, 7
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1348 Ebury, The Grapes, 123 Borough High Street, 8
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Napier, West Side, London Flds., Hackney, 8
 1541 Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 7-30
 1624 Eccleston, The Victoria, 46 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., 7-30
 1719 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, S.E., 8
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, 7-30

Sunday.

- 205 Israel, Rising Sun, Globe Road, Bow, E.

EASTER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

ON Thursday, 2nd April, the Midland Railway Company will run cheap Excursion Trains from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., &c., returning the following Tuesday; and from London (St. Pancras) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, Stirling, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c., returning Monday, 6th April, or Friday, 10th April. Tickets will also be issued by the Scotch excursion at a single ordinary third class fare for the double journey, available for returning on any day within sixteen days from date of issue.

On Easter Monday, 6th April, cheap day excursion trains will be run to St. Albans, Harpenden and Luton.

Cheap week-end and day excursion tickets will also be issued to Southend-on-Sea during the Easter holidays, for particulars of which see special bills. Tickets for joining the trains at St. Pancras station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the offices of the Company.

Cheap excursion trains for six days will also be run on Thursday, 2nd April, to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Lincoln, Newark, &c., and from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c., for five or six days. On Good Friday, 3rd April, from Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Manchester, &c., for two or four days, and from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Leicester, &c., for one, four, or five days. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, and other South Coast Stations, and to the continent; those for the continent having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within sixteen days. Cheap three-days trips will also be run to London on Friday night, 3rd April, from Colne, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, &c., and on Saturday, 4th April, from Manchester, &c.

On Easter Monday, single day trips will be run from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Northampton, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, &c., and a one or two days trip from Birmingham and the South Stafford District.

To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 1st, 2nd and 4th April, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their offices throughout London. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

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Friday, the same as on ordinary week-days. The steamers between Barrow and Belfast will sail on Good Friday in both directions. That from Barrow will await the arrival of the 4.5 p.m. train from Leeds. On Easter Monday, 6th April, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations.

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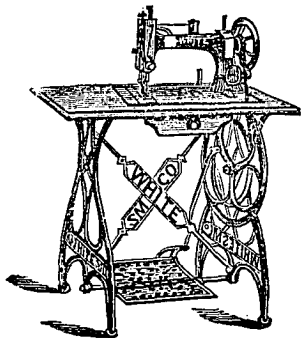
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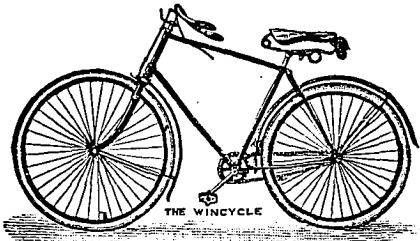
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Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Prince of Wales's.—7.35, A Woman's Caprice. 8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Criterion.—8.30, The Squire of Dames. Matinée, 3. (Last day.)
Terry's.—8, An Old Garden. 8.45, Jedbury Jun.
Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Avenue.—8, The New Barmaid. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Daly's.—8.15, Second edition of An Artist's Model.
Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Comedy.—8.30, Gossip. (Last day.)
Haymarket.—8.30, Trilby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Lyric.—8.15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Savoy.—8.25, The Grand Duke, or the Statutory Duel.
Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Adelphi.—8, One of the best. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Olympic.—7.30, True Blue; or, Afloat and Ashore.
Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Vaudeville.—8.30, Merrifield's Ghost. 9, The Romance of the Shopwalker. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Court.—8, A Highland Legacy. 9, Mrs. Ponderbury.
Matinée, Saturday, 3.
St. James's.—8, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Royalty.—8, Kitty Olive—Actress. 8.40, The Chili Widow. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Princess's.—7.45, My neighbour's wife. 8.20, East Lynne.
Opera Comique.—8.15, Shamus O'Brien. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Alhambra.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 10.55, Lochinvar. 9.10, Blue Beard.
Empire.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. 8.5, Second of Ballet, Faust. 10.35, New Ballet Divertissement, La Danse. Cinematographe, &c.
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