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THE CRAFT AND THE JUBILEE.

WE give below copy of a letter issued from the Grand Lodge of England, in which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales announces to the Craft the way in which he proposes to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign. The letter explains itself, and it is accordingly unnecessary for us to enter into details, but we cannot omit a passing reference to the spirit of true benevolence that marks the Grand Master's project.

Experience has shown that admission to such gatherings as the one arranged for the 14th June at the Albert Hall is eagerly sought by members of the Craft, and accordingly the charge of one guinea for each ticket becomes the means of raising a large sum for whatever purpose it may be devoted to, while it is in no sense a tax upon the Craft, inasmuch as it is quite optional as to whether a Lodge takes tickets or not. As a matter of fact it may be expected that the five tickets allotted to each Lodge will be eagerly taken up, and a handsome sum will, as a result, be available for disposal in the cause of Charity.

On this occasion the Grand Master has decided to devote half the proceeds to the three great Charities of the Craft, and the other half to the Prince of Wales Hospital Fund, which is thus assured a handsome addition to the already large amounts contributed in one direction and another by the Masons of England.

Now that the Hospital Fund is, in a manner of speaking, officially before the Craft, we may briefly summarise the desires of our Grand Master in this direction. The Prince of Wales's wish is to raise such a sum as shall assure a permanent income of £100,000 per annum, to be devoted to the Hospitals of the metropolis, and to do this it is of course very much desired that individuals and public bodies should promise annual subscriptions, as failing them it would be necessary to capitalise at least three millions of money in order to produce the hoped for income. Happily the Prince's appeal has been warmly responded to, but much yet remains to be done, so that the anticipated contribution from the Albert Hall Fund will be very acceptable, especially if, as is most likely to be the case, it is supplemented by separate contributions from those Lodges that have not yet subscribed anything to the Fund.

If we may make a suggestion we would propose that those Lodges where there is a great demand for the five allotted tickets should put all or some of them up to auction, and contribute the difference between their cost and the sum realised direct to the Hospital Fund. This proposal may not meet the hearty approval of some of our more circumspect Brethren, but all is fair in love, and it seems to us that a sale of the tickets to the highest bidder is probably the best possible means of deciding who shall enjoy the privilege of attending. We well know that many more will be anxious to take part in the unique celebration than can possibly be accommodated, and why not take advantage of this fact and

utilise it on behalf of the project the Grand Master of England takes so much interest in?

[Copy]

United Grand Lodge of England,
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St., London, W.C.
3rd May 1897.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER,—I have received the commands of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to acquaint you that, with the view of enabling the Members of the Craft to give expression to their feelings of loyalty and devotion towards Her Majesty the Queen, on the approaching Celebration of her long and glorious reign, His Royal Highness the Grand Master has graciously consented to preside over a great representative Meeting of English Freemasons to be held at the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday, the 14th June, at four o'clock, when a loyal and dutiful address of congratulation to Her Majesty on the auspicious event will be proposed.

It has been decided that, following the precedent of the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee in 1887, the fee for the ticket of admission shall be one guinea, one half of the sum so raised going to the three Masonic Charities, and the other half to that truly Masonic object, "The Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund."

As the accommodation in the Royal Albert Hall will not permit more than five Brethren being present from each Lodge, it is requested that you will inform me, before the 20th May instant, what number of tickets, not exceeding that number, you will require for the members of your Lodge, accompanied by a remittance of one guinea for each.

In the event of any Lodges desiring to be furnished with more than five tickets, it would be advisable if such Lodges were to state what extra number they may wish for, so that in case there should be a surplus by reason of any Lodges not requiring their full number, such surplus may be distributed "pro rata."

I am further authorised to announce to you that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has approved of a special Jewel being worn by every Freemason being a subscribing member of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England on the 20th June 1897, when Her Majesty will complete the 60th year of her accession to the Throne of these realms.

In conclusion I am to state that the Most Worshipful Grand Master is of opinion that the address of congratulation to be voted to Her Majesty at this Meeting in London, should be considered as emanating from the entire body of English Freemasons, and that local addresses will therefore be unnecessary and inexpedient.

I remain, Worshipful Master,

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary.

THE BOYS FESTIVAL.

THE first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the ninety-ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held yesterday (Friday), when it was decided to hold the Festival at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, the date fixed being the 30th June next, when the Right Hon. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland will preside. The Officers of the Board of Stewards were elected, and other preliminary business disposed of.

The visit of Stewards, distribution of prizes to the pupils, &c., is arranged for the day preceeding the Festival—Tuesday, 29th June. Lady Henry Cavendish Bentinck has kindly promised to be present, and distribute the different awards.

THE GIRLS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

EUREKA! All the anxieties of the last few months, as well as the gloomy forebodings of the last week or two, as to the result of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, were satisfactorily dispelled on Wednesday, when subscriptions to the amount of £16,026 6s 6d were announced, and it became possible to describe 1897 as a record year in connection with this Institution, surpassed only on one occasion, and that essentially a special one—the Centenary celebration of the foundation of the School.

To say that we are pleased in being able to announce so grand a result falls far short of expressing all we feel on the present occasion, and we are convinced the Craft of England will join us in our hearty congratulations to the Secretary and the many who worked with him in order to ensure so satisfactory a result for the 109th Anniversary Festival. They have indeed cause for congratulation in the fact that the Board of Stewards responded at the last moment to the call for a special effort, which in turn culminated in the total we have just referred to.

As was mentioned at the Festival the marvel is as to where so much money comes from, but there is the other side of the subject to also consider—the Craft is proud of its Institutions, and recognises that they must be supported, in spite of any other claims that may be made in the cause of Charity—a fact that is clearly demonstrated in the grand total of £16,026 6s 6d announced as the result of the 1897 Festival on behalf of “Our Girls.”

We give elsewhere a report of the Festival gathering, and also details of the different Stewards and their subscriptions. The summaries from the several Provinces were as follow:

Province.	Stewards.	Amount.
		£ s d.
Berkshire ...	5	194 5 0
Buckinghamshire ...	7	171 4 0
Cambridgeshire ...	2	10 10 0
Cheshire ...	5	110 5 0
Cornwall ...	1	68 5 0
Cumberland and Westmorland ...	1	10 10 0
Derbyshire ...	8	327 7 0
Devonshire ...	2	35 10 0
Dorsetshire ...	2	72 9 0
Durham ...	1	52 10 0
Essex ...	9	303 9 0
Gloucestershire ...	7	286 18 0
Hants and Isle of Wight ...	4	153 6 6
Hertfordshire ...	9	399 7 0
Kent ...	9	219 19 0
Lancashire, East Division ...	19	251 5 0

Lancashire, West Division ...	10	224 14 0
Leicestershire and Rutland ...	1	320 5 0
Middlesex ...	6	270 18 0
Monmouthshire ...	9	346 10 0
Norfolk ...	1	110 5 0
Norths and Hunts ...	2	78 10 0
North Wales ...	2	68 5 0
Oxfordshire ...	4	51 7 6
Shropshire ...	3	176 8 0
South Wales, East Division ...	11	1050 0 0
Staffordshire ...	5	225 5 0
Suffolk ...	4	227 10 0
Surrey ...	13	622 7 6
Sussex ...	10	205 9 6
Warwickshire ...	10	210 0 0
Worcestershire ...	4	199 10 0
Yorkshire, North and East ...	4	127 15 0
Yorkshire, West ...	22	420 0 0
Jersey ...	1	241 10 0
Foreign Stations ...	4	126 10 0
Mark Lodges ...	1	36 15 0
London ...	182	8083 2 6

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTIONS.

THE Annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Friday next, when the vacancies on the list of Annuitants will be filled up. As previously stated the ballot paper for the Male Fund shows 65 approved candidates, with 13 declared vacancies; that for the Female Fund 52 candidates, and 18 vacancies.

DURHAM.

THE Provincial Grand Master Sir Hedworth Williamson having considered invitations for the holding of Provincial Grand Lodge, has decided to hold the annual meeting at Stockton, on the last Tuesday of September, and, all being well, the annual meeting of next year will take place at Barnard Castle, under the banner of the Barnard Lodge, No. 1230.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge is appointed to be held at Lichfield, on Wednesday, 26th May. The Earl of Dartmouth Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Bindley Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and many prominent members are expected to be present. The Grand Lodge will be held at the Guildhall. At 2.30 the Brethren will attend service at the Cathedral, and this will be followed by a banquet at St. James' Hall. It is ten years since the last Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the city.

The Prince of Wales will be re-installed as Grand Mark Master of England on Tuesday, 1st June. This will mark the commencement of the twelfth year of His Royal Highness's Mastership of the Degree.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

Patrons (ex-officio)—
 { THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, M.W. PRO G.M.
 { THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL AMHERST, R.W. DEP. G.M.

Treasurer—CHARLES E. KEYSER, Esq., J.P., P.G. DEACON, PATRON OF INSTITUTION.

Bankers—LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK, LIMITED (BLOOMSBURY BRANCH), 214 HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

2244 Boys have received the benefits of the Institution since its foundation in 1798. **279** Boys are now being Educated, Clothed and Maintained. **Permanent Annual Income £1,750 only.**

The **99th Anniversary Festival** will be held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C., on 30th June 1897, under the distinguished presidency of

The Rt. Hon. Lord Hy. Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.,

R.W. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland.

The services of Brethren as Stewards (representing Lodges or Provinces), and Ladies, are earnestly requested, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

Secretary.—J. MORRISON MCLEOD, P.G.S.B., *Vice-Patron*, 6 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

LIST OF STEWARDS AND AMOUNTS.

LONDON.								
HOUSE COMMITTEE.								
Bro. Ralph Clutton (see also Lo 1537)			733	John Welford	36 15 0	2466	Capt. Geo Morrison, R.E.	115 10 0
Robert Grey	21 0 0		766	Arthur E Samuel	69 5 0	2488	Alfred J Thomas	73 10 0
Ald. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bt., M.P.	10 10 0		780	Wm J Gomm	23 2 0	2489	C Stanley Gibbs	67 4 0
Charles Hammerton	105 0 0		861	Henry Witney	70 10 0	2500	George Scott Miller	130 0 0
Henry A Hunt	21 0 0		862	Wm Bradford	60 0 0	2509	J Adolph Witthaus	126 0 0
Edward Letchworth, F.S.A.	55 13 0		862	A T H T Jarvis	—	2509	A J M McLeod	—
Peter de Lande Long	63 0 0		901	Geo H Fisher	52 10 0	2509	A H T Matthews	—
R Loveland Loveland	10 10 0		907(Ch)	James Cook	61 19 0	2509	A William Baddeley	—
James H Matthews	58 15 0		917	Wm Smith	42 0 0	2509	A William Fitch	—
Sir John Monckton, F.S.A. (see also Lo 2535)	—		1044	James Strong	34 13 0	2509	A James Willing jun.	—
Colonel James Peters	10 10 0		1139	Percy H Horley	13 2 6	2509	A Henri Amelot	—
Frank Richardson	210 0 0		1150	Walter H H Jessop	73 10 0	2509	A Frank Attree	—
Alfred C Spaul	94 10 0		1227	Henry Hyde	157 10 0	2512	Frank Adams	26 5 0
Edward Terry	10 10 0		1287	Charles Davis	152 5 0	2513	J Moore Smith	38 6 6
			1298	Frederick J Humphreys	21 0 0	2535	Sir John Monckton, F.S.A. (see also H. C.)	210 0 0
			1381	James Barry	57 0 0	2535	William F Sanderson	—
			1383	Alfred H Bevan	126 0 0	2530	Herbert J Abrahams	68 15 6
			1397	George P Parker	51 9 0	2581	Imre Kiralfy	42 10 6
			1420	Henry J Ollive	31 10 0	2603	Sir George D Harris	78 15 0
			1426	Frank E Bailey	63 10 6	2612	Gordon Miller	50 0 0
			1446	T Hopkins	63 0 0	2625	James Tollworthy	120 15 0
			1446(Ch)	John C Bolton	31 10 0	2648	J R Cleave	182 14 0
			1471	E Blinkhorn (see also No. 2278 Herts)	38 0 0	Mark 363	Thos H Gardiner	36 15 0
			1491	A W Duret (see also No. 1223 Kent)	36 15 0	GIRLS SCHOOL GEN. COM. DINNER CLUB.		
			1537	Ralph Clutton (see also H.C.)	85 1 0	E M Money		
			1572(Ch)	Geo Briggs	12 12 0	UNATTACHED.		
			1586	John A Stock	40 3 0	Stanley J Attenborough		
			1598	James T Galloway	59 17 0	Fredk A Baldwin		
			1601	W Charles Sayers, F.C.S.	63 0 0	Charles Belton, F.R.G.S.		
			1607	James Lawson	111 16 0	Col. F Egerton Bennett		
			1612	Leonard S Guy	46 1 0	Arthur Betts		
			1622	Samuel W Ballard	35 5 0	F J Bonham		
			1627	O Heinemann	105 0 0	J Campbell-Johnstone		
			1635	F C Van Duzer (see also Lo 2397)	30 0 0	Goddard Clarke, J.P.		
			1657	Thomas Briggs	64 1 0	George W Cooper		
			1677	J H Collingridge	110 5 0	A John W Elvin		
			1687	A E Clements	28 17 6	Thomas Fenn		
			1704	Edward Durrant	37 16 0	Mrs. A A Frigout		
			1719	James Randall	94 10 0	Bro Walter Gladding		
			1769	M Schifferdecker	87 3 0	Ralph Gooding, M.D.		
			1769	A Percy Collingwood	—	Edward E Harding		
			1769	A Wm H Gardner	—	W J Ironside		
			1772	Wm Oliver	50 0 0	Frank R Kenning		
			1805	Geo H Fennell	32 9 6	W G Kentish		
			1818	F A Jewson	60 7 6	A Frank W Marrian		
			1900	George Gray	29 0 0	Howard Marsh		
			1928	Geo Tarran	35 10 0	Horace B Marshall, M.A., D.L.		
			2022	James A Dawes	—	Alderman W Vaughan Morgan		
			2023	Robert A Gowan	36 15 0	A Joseph Odell		
			2060	Philip Saillard	115 0 0	E D Oppert		
			2150	W J Mason	141 15 0	A Dr. A W Orwin		
			2192	Cornelius Cope	42 0 0	Oscar Philippe		
			2271	W A Scurrah	170 0 0	Charles C Potter		
			2348	Geo J Hanson	31 10 0	A Mrs. A J Rippin		
			2395	Henry Yates	73 10 0	A Bro E St Clair		
			2397	F C Van Duzer (see also Lo 1635)	105 0 0	John Wyatt Simeons		
			2409	Geo Pidduck	233 0 0	George Spice		
			2409	A Benj H Baker	—	A James Stephens		
			2409	A Fredk J Brown	—	James E Terry		
			2409	A J V Craske	—	A Mrs. F C Van Duzer		
			2409	A B Hurran	—	Bro W J Walsham		
			2409	A A Ingledon	—	A T Blanco White		
			2409	A Henry Leach	—	A Fredk Wright		
			2456	Reginald J Mure	36 15 0			

Queen Victoria's Commemoration, 1837-1897.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND for LONDON, To Commemorate the 60th Year of the Queen's Reign.

President.—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Treasurer.—THE RIGHT HON. LORD ROTHSCHILD.

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SIR SAVILE CROSSLEY, BART.

Honorary Assistant Secretaries.—{ MR. IAN MALCOLM, M.P.
MR. J. G. CRAGGS, F.C.A.

Although the public have responded generously to this appeal, made with the sanction of the Queen, further help is absolutely necessary to raise the amount required. Annual subscriptions are specially invited as the more suitable form of contributing during the present year, when so many appeals are being made. All correspondence and contributions to this fund should be addressed to the Honorary Secretaries, Prince of Wales's Fund, Bank of England, E.C.

Right Honourable Lord Llangattock			
Prov GM Chairman	100	0	0
Prov. Geo Clarry	604	6	0
36 Alfred L Roberts	76	7	0
110 Thomas Wake	52	15	0
237 Herbert G Davies	52	10	0
679 Rees Rees	54	6	6
2453 James Radley	18	0	6
2547 A Charles Jones	—		
2547 Saml Jones	55	0	0
2570 Col. D R Lewis	36	15	0
Unatt. A Mrs. H G Davies	—		

F. R. W. HEDGES, *Secretary*, 5 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

STAFFORDSHIRE.			1821	V W Burdon	38 17 0	306	Alfred Redmayne
637	J B Ashwell	112 12 6	1829	E Rushbridge	10 10 0	408	Hugh S Holdsworth
726	Geo Wormall	112 12 6	2483	W N Oldham	17 5 6	652	James Graham
2582	A John E Chambers	—	WARWICKSHIRE.			904	Frederick Cleaves
2582	A Wm H Fendrick	—	925	Cornelius Chambers	136 10 0	904	P Bancroft Coward
Unatt.	A S B Dickinson	—	925	A Thos Ballington	—	1019	Jesse A Thornton
SUFFOLK.			925	A Harry Meredith	—	1102	William Wilson, J.P.
Prov. & Lo 1224	C J N Row	157 10 0	925	A W S Stevens	—	1102	Walter Bailey
376	Geo Turner	70 0 0	925	A R B Morgan	—	1102	Thomas G Howell
936	Geo H Garrett	—	925	A Chas Hodgkinson	—	1102	John France
SURREY.			1031	Joseph J Kendall	36 15 0	1462	Frederick G Browne
416	C Attersoll Smith	37 15 0	1031	Arthur Rodway	26 5 0	1513	Crowther Sugden
889	Geo R Scott	65 12 6	1431	Wm Hillman	10 10 0	1513	Wilton Brooke
1046	Frederick Stroyan	21 0 0	1431	W F Jeffery	—	1513	Frederick Atkinson
1362	Alexander Edis	18 18 0	WORCESTERSHIRE.			Total from Province 420 0 0	
1395 (Lo & Ch)	A H Bowles	50 0 0	1204	Andrew A Brockett	78 15 0	JERSEY.	
1872	Charles W Emson	10 10 0	2034	Samuel G Mason	36 15 0	Prov.	Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier 241 10 0
1981	Francis Neale	70 0 0	2385	J Round	36 15 0	FOREIGN.	
2096	W D Hayward	81 18 0	Unatt.	J J B Arter	47 5 0	MALTA.	
2222	John Ellinger	91 7 0	YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).			Malta C.A.	W E Cook 115 10 0
2422	Chas P King	49 7 0	Prov.	W A Hutchence	36 15 0	CYPRUS.	
2422	A E G Wilson	—	312	John H Harrowing, C.C.	70 0 0	2402	F H Parker 11 0 0
2473	E L Berry	115 10 0	1511	George L Shackles	—	EGYPT.	
Unatt.	C O Burgess	10 10 0	Alexandra M.C.A. George Leigh		21 0 0	1105	Major-Gen. H L M Rundle
SUSSEX.			YORKSHIRE (WEST).			ST. HELENA.	
40	Percy Beer	38 1 0	154	Wm A Statter	—	488	Guy W Hogg
40	H Boyce	10 10 0	154	Henry S Childe	—		
315	B Drury	15 15 0	208	Robt I Critchley, J.P.	—		
315	E White	21 0 0	275	Alfred Armitage	—		
732	Harry Manwaring	32 11 0	289	Henry B Wilson	—		
1110	E H Trotter	10 10 0	302	Henry Smith	—		
1110	H G White	10 10 0	306	William Blackburn	—		

ROYAL ARCH.

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DUKE OF FIFE CHAPTER, No. 2345.

THE annual festival was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, 5th inst., Comp. A. Harvey Z.

The installation of Principals was performed in a most exemplary manner by Comp. Voisey, who installed Comps. J. A. Randall as Z., W. G. Boswell as H., and S. G. Bonner as J.

Comp. Randall, who had been very ill, then, with the full sympathy and permission of the members, vacated the chair while Comp. J. W. Folkard P.Z. invested the Officers for the year, viz.:—Comps. C. Woods S.E., A. Robertson Treasurer, J. Mitchell P.S., T. Morris 1st Assist. Soj., C. J. Fitch 2nd Assist. Soj., J. Smith Steward, J. A. Barton Organist, and C. Patrick Janitor.

The S.N.-elect, Comp. Munslow, being absent, was not invested.

Comps. Taylor and Sinclair, the Auditors, presented the report of the Audit Committee, congratulating the Chapter on its sound financial position.

Comp. Morris reported the illness of Comp. Wyer P.Z., and the S.E. was instructed to send him a letter of hearty sympathy, also to express a hope that he would soon be fully restored to health.

Comp. Voisey P.Z. read the communication from the Grand Master, giving particulars of the Grand Diamond Jubilee Meeting to be held at the Albert Hall, on 14th June. Other communications were read and the S.E. drew attention to the meeting of Freemasons, at the South London Cathedral, on Ascension Day.

A candidate was proposed for the next meeting, after which, all business being concluded, the Convocation adjourned.

Comp. J. W. Folkard presided over the festive board, and after doing justice to a most recherché banquet, well worthy of the traditions of the house, the usual Loyal and Arch toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Folkard proposed the Grand Officers, referring to their action generally in the interests of the Order.

Comp. A. Harvey, in proposing the M.E.Z., said he did so with pleasure and yet with regret, pleasure that Comp. Randall had reached the high and honoured position of their first ruler, regret that he had been so ill, and consequently had been compelled to run away. Every member knew how earnest and energetic their M.E.Z. was. He had from the commencement of their existence been held in high esteem, and had their very heartiest sympathy at this time.

Comp. Folkard suitably responded; after which he proposed the H. and J., both capital fellows, good ritualists, earnest workers, good-hearted Masons. In their hands the interests of the Chapter were sure to be well watched.

Comp. Boswell, as the first baby in the Chapter, was glad his efforts were appreciated. He should still work hard.

Comp. Bonner expressed similar sentiments, and also referred to the careful and impressive installation of himself by Comp. Voisey.

The M.E.Z. proposed the Installing Principal. Comp. Voisey had aided them from the very first. His attendance, advice, and help were always forthcoming; and were always much appreciated by the members. He had that evening installed the Principals in a manner that was simply perfect. They wished him long life, health and happiness.

Comp. Voisey said that he had been present at the Chapter at its consecration, and had watched it carefully ever since. He would do anything he could for it. His pleasure at installing Comp. Randall was very great. He had watched his Masonic career, and had put him through almost every step that he had taken. As a Mason he was a very capital fellow, and would make a good ruler over their meetings.

Other toasts followed.

FARMHOUSE, SEASIDE, AND COUNTRY LODGINGS.

THE Great Western Railway Company has issued a nicely illustrated pamphlet, containing lists of Farmhouses, seaside and country lodgings, Hotels, and Boarding Houses in the districts served by the Great Western

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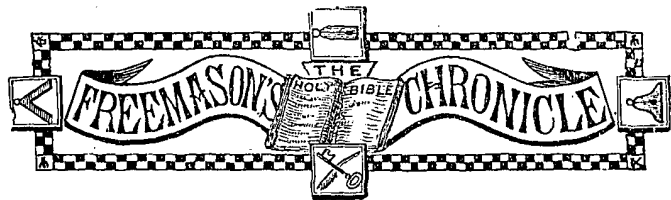
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SATURDAY, 15TH MAY 1897.

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Monday, 10th inst., on the invitation of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, York. Comp. Lord Bolton Prov. H. presided.

The Chapter being opened the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, also the Treasurer's balance sheet. A touching reference was made to the loss the Province had sustained in the death of Companion Joseph Todd P.Z. late Treasurer.

On the motion of Comp. G. Robinson, seconded by Comp. M. Rooke, Comp. G. Potter-Kirby was unanimously appointed Treasurer of Provincial Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Comps. T. B. Whytehead and G. J. Hodgson were appointed Auditors.

The Marquis of Zetland Grand Superintendent of the Province, through the President, appointed for the ensuing year:—

Comp. Lord Bolton	-	-	-	H.
Rev. C. E. L. Wright	-	-	-	J.
M. C. Peck	-	-	-	Scribe E.
R. Redfern	-	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
J. Mackerill	-	-	-	Scribe N.
W. Martenson	-	-	-	Registrar
J. T. Towler	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
W. Storey	-	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
A. Jones	-	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. Graham	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Fidler	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
Hamper	-	-	-	
G. Shepherd	-	-	-	Organist
J. G. Wallis	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. W. Williams	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
W. Travis	-	-	-	Janitor.

N. AND E. YORKS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE fifth triennial festival of the Educational Fund of North and East Yorkshire was celebrated on Monday, by a banquet at the Station Hotel, York. In the unavoidable absence of the Marquis of Zetland Prov. G.M. the chair was taken by the Very Rev. the Dean of York P.G.Chap. England, who was supported by ninety of the Brethren who were present at the Provincial Grand Chapter in the afternoon.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the Queen, said from its earliest days the Masonic body had been distinguished for its loyalty, and from the histories he had studied he had never found that the authorities in England had ever been disquieted by the existence of Freemasons in their midst. There had been abroad, even of late years, a feeling that the Masonic body had engaged in surreptitious movements that threatened the order of the community, but that never seemed to have occurred in England, because it had always been felt that the English Freemasons were a true and loyal body. If in the past the Masons of England had been loyal and felt that they had cause to be, they felt doubly so in the present year. This year was a wonderful epoch in the history of the country; an epoch which never happened before and which it was very improbable would ever happen again, for they commemorated the sixtieth anniversary of the longest, and of the happiest and most brilliant reign. They recognised the fact that during the past sixty years England had been a nation at peace with itself, and a nation in which intellectual and spiritual progress of every sort had advanced, because it was a nation in which order prevailed, and he believed that that order had prevailed because of the personality of the Throne had by her character and conduct drawn all classes to herself, and, therefore to one another. Through those sixty years there had run like a golden thread the

personality and influence of the Queen, and the influence of a true loving woman had been shed abroad from the Throne. When they thought that such an influence had been preserved to them they all felt deeply grateful. "God save the Queen."

After the Loyal toasts, Bro. Cowper Grand Standard Bearer England responded for the Grand Officers, and was received with loud applause. He said he had a difficult task to perform, because that was the first time that he had responded on behalf of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. He did so with great pride, because he felt that the honours conferred on him by the Prince of Wales were not so much to him personally as to the Province. It was an honour of which any man might be proud. Whatever might be said of Masonry, that it was merely a society where the pipe and glass went round, and where little Sunday School stories were told—all this was said outside—they were really in earnest and were proud of being presided over by the Dean of York. He had heard the Dean on more than one occasion say that he never regretted entering into Masonry, and he might add that if more of the Dean's cloth entered into Masonry they would make not only better men but better parsons. He alluded to the valuable services of Bro. Peck and Bro. Whytehead.

The Chairman later on proposed the toast of the Educational Fund of North and East Yorkshire. He said they were assembled for the purpose of celebrating the fifth festival of the Educational Fund of the Province, which had now become an Institution of great usefulness. It was established in 1887 for the benefit of the children of deceased Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire, and was under the direction of the Charities Association, which included a representative elected annually by each Lodge in the Province. The meetings were held in May and November, at York, and were well attended, the representatives generally taking much interest in the proceedings. Since its foundation 44 children had received the benefits of the Fund, and there now remained 30 children upon the books, seven having been elected that day. A pleasing feature in connection with the administration of the Fund was that the Committee had by the liberality of the Craft been able so far to admit every applicant, without the necessity of issuing voting papers. Since the Elementary Education Act was passed, the Fund had been adapted to provide for the maintenance and clothing in cases where the children were educated in Board Schools. It might be unhesitatingly stated that the Education Fund had satisfactorily effected the object for which it was established, and, therefore, was worthy of all the support which the Craft could bestow. Those of the brethren who were fortunate enough to attend the first Festival, held in the York Lodge, in May 1889, would remember the enthusiasm and generous rivalry of the representatives of the leading Lodges in the Province, as to which should present the largest contribution. This friendly contest was exceedingly valuable, since it materially assisted the funds, causing much amusement to the Royal guest, the late Duke of Clarence, who honoured the festival with his presence on that occasion. The result of that meeting was the handsome sum of £1,143. The second festival was held at Hull, in 1890, and the proceeds were £557 11s 6d, and the third festival was held at Scarborough, in 1891, and the proceeds were £537 19s. It was resolved that in future the festivals should be held triennially, in order to avoid the continual appeals to brethren. The fourth festival was accordingly held in York, in May 1894, and resulted in £539 13s 6d. It gave him great pleasure to propose the toast. He understood that each child elected received £6, £8, and sometimes £10 per annum for its education, and sometimes something additional for clothing, and when they knew that it was possible for a child to be on the Fund for ten years, and to receive from £60 to £100 for its education, they would feel that such a substantial contribution must be a great comfort to the widow, and of the greatest benefit to the child itself. They could not help feeling that the Fund was a step in the right direction. There was a tradition that Freemasons did nothing, but the existence of that Fund, amongst others, was a standing proof to the contrary. There could not be a more practical or humane work carried on by any body of men.

Bro. Peck Prov. Grand Sec. announced that the total contributions amounted to £985, to which were added other sums by brethren in the room. The largest contribution was £150 from the York Lodge.

Bro. Colonel Pudsey, Kingston Lodge, Hull, announced that whatever sum was wanted at the close of the evening to make the total up to £1,000 his Lodge would subscribe it.

Bro. Sykes Rymer proposed the great Masonic Charities, which was acknowledged by Bro. Cowper.—"Yorkshire Herald."

The Annual Athletic Sports day of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the School, at Wood Green, on Saturday, 29th inst.

THE GIRLS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

WHATEVER doubts or misgivings there may have been in the minds of the Committee of Management of the Institution, or of the worthy Secretary Bro. F. R. W. Hedges in particular, must have been at once dispelled by the appearance of the Grand Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern on the occasion of the 109th Anniversary Festival, which took place on Wednesday. It is true that the Board of Stewards was not quite so strong as usual, but those who volunteered for the duty had worked well and arduously to achieve success, with a result that considerably surpassed the expectations of even a week ago. The Provincial Grand Master of South Wales Eastern Division Lord Llangattock presided, and was supported by a large number of Officers of both Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand rank.

A very recherché banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and at its termination no time was lost in getting to the business of the evening, in view of the high class entertainment provided in the Temple.

The president, who was received with acclamation, proposed the health of the Queen, a toast that Britons were never tired of hearing, because as a lady Her Majesty had secured their love and respect, and as a Sovereign she had secured their respect and gratitude. "May the Great Architect grant her many years to reign over a happy and prosperous people." Needless to say the toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

In submitting the health of the Grand Master, Lord Llangattock said our Prince was constant and indefatigable in his duties, and had made for himself a lasting home in the hearts of the people, his Brethren in the Craft. He was not only heir to the throne, but he was more, he was their Brother Mason, the head of their noble Order, and as such they revered and adored him.

Bro. Thomas Fenn acknowledged the toast of the Grand Officers, who, he said, always took interest in the affairs of the Craft, and endeavoured to discharge their duties to the best of their ability. They were always ready to perform any duty that might be required of them, and he thought that their compliment was not altogether undeserved.

Sir John Monckton in graceful terms proposed the Chairman, who was one of the most estimable of noblemen, and the best of good-hearted Masons in the country. He had first made his acquaintance years ago at a gathering assembled at his country seat, which was instituted for the benefit of the Old People. He had responded in an altogether hearty manner when asked to preside at the Festival, and his Province had responded most thoroughly to his call to arms. He and Lady Llangattock had attended at the Prize Distribution at the School, and had thoroughly inspected the Institution.

Lord Llangattock, who was again received with loud applause, said he was always at a loss to respond when his health was proposed, but how much so on the present occasion, when their kind reception made it so much more difficult. He did not intend to say much about himself, but he was proud of being Provincial Grand Master of his district. He had twenty-one Lodges in his Province, and was happy in their loyalty, for they all worked well together. He was pleased to have the opportunity of publicly thanking his Deputy Grand Master, and also the Stewards who had helped to bring up such large sums, which he must acknowledge very much surpassed his expectations. It was a most difficult year, because so many calls were made upon their benevolence in consequence of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

The Chairman next proposed the toast of the evening, and trusted that success would continue to follow the Girls School. The toast was one that would recommend itself to the acceptance of everyone present. He gave a short resumé of the history of the Institution. Founded in 1788, by M. Chevalier B. Ruspini, it had grown from a very small affair until now it was one of the most successful Institutions in the country. He had the pleasure of being present at the Distribution of Prizes last Monday. He had inspected the building, and found to his surprise there was no "switching room"; he was informed there was no occasion for it; the girls were brought up with love and care, and their lives were made a blessing. The result showed itself in the excellent reports of the examinations. He could not speak too highly of Miss Buck and her assistants. It was a glad sight to see the girls as they came up to receive their prizes, and he was glad to tell his Brethren from South Wales that one was a child from their district. The School resembled a happy family, and he trusted it would have a continuous and increasing prosperity. They were not present that evening merely to enjoy a good dinner, and to wear their clothing, but to do their best to carry out the principles of the Craft.

Bro. Peter de L. Long acknowledged the toast, and congratulated the President on the able manner in which he had spoken on behalf of the Institution—it was most gratifying to hear the School so highly spoken of. They all hoped that the brilliant and satisfactory career of the past would be continued in the future. He trusted that the result of the Stewards' labours would be commensurate with the deserts of the Institution. He thanked his Lordship for the favour of his presence, which had conducted so much to the success of the Festival.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Secretary then read the Stewards' lists, printed in detail on another page. There were 395 Stewards, and four Ladies—London being represented by 182, and the Provinces by 213. Among the principal items were donations brought by Bros. Alderman Vaughan Morgan £105, A. H. Bevan £126, George Scott Miller £130, Henry Hyde £157 10s, W. A. Scurrab £170, George Pidduck £233, Sir J. B. Monckton £210, Frank Richardson £210, the total for London being £8,083 2s 6d. The Provinces also sent up large amounts:—Derbyshire £327, Essex £303, Herts £399, Kent £219, Leicester and Rutland £320, Monmouthshire (the native county of the President) £346, Surrey £622, West Yorks £420, Malta £115, and Lord Llangattock's list for South Wales £1,050, making a total of £7,943 4s, the two together amounting to the magnificent sum of £16,026 6s 6d.

The reading of the lists was greeted with considerable applause, but when the grand total was announced the hall re-echoed with cheers, hurrahs, and congratulations, as such a result was quite unexpected. The President thanked them all on behalf of the School for their valuable assistance.

When quiet was again restored Bro. Richard Eve proposed the other Masonic Charities, and congratulated the President upon the success that had resulted. The large sums collected astonished outsiders, who could not understand where the money came from. He hoped the Boys School would achieve a like success, for while the Craft loved the Girls, they liked the Boys, and esteemed the Aged Masons.

Bro. McLeod, in responding for the toast, added his congratulations on the evening's success, and considered it little short of wonderful that so large a sum could be collected in such a year, when innumerable calls were made upon benevolent Brethren. His colleague of the Old People's Institution had also done very well, while he had already 175 Stewards for the Boys Festival, and hoped that number would be largely increased before long.

The Deputy Grand Master of South Wales Bro. Marmaduke Tennant P.A.G.D.C. proposed the Stewards, and paid a deserving tribute to their

noble efforts in the cause of charity. His Province had been called upon at short notice, but he thought it had liberally responded to the appeal. The grand result was no doubt owing to the great respect in which the President was held, which had unquestionably inspired the Stewards to use their utmost endeavours.

Bro. Edward Terry Chairman of the Board of Stewards acknowledged the compliment in a humorous speech, and the Brethren then adjourned to join the ladies in the Temple, where a very high-class entertainment was provided by Bro. Franklin Olive, who was assisted by Miss Esther Palliser, Miss Florence Bethell, Miss Lydia Care, and Miss Ethel Bevans, and Bros. Herbert Grover, Reginald Groome, Robert Grice, and Turle Lee. This formed a happy ending to an altogether successful Festival.

STEWARDS VISIT TO THE SCHOOL.

THE annual visitation took place at the Institution on Monday, when the chairman of the year Lord Llangattock was accompanied by Lady Llangattock, who subsequently presented the prizes to the successful pupils. The meeting was in every way a success, and great satisfaction was expressed at the appearance of the pupils as well as the general arrangements of the Institution.

The following is the Prize list:

PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Gold Medal for Proficiency (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn).—Constance Green.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn).—Selina Booth.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.—(41 entered, 38 passed).

Senior.—Mabel Bohli, Class III. Honours, Distinction in Religious Knowledge.

Junior.—Constance Green, Class I. Honours, 1st Division, Distinction in English, French, and Religious Knowledge.

Agnes Anthony, Eleanor Blott, Alice Cash, Ethel Brine, Rose Davies.

Preliminary.—Mabel Collins, Class III. Distinction in Religious Knowledge. Gladys Jones, Distinction in English.

COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS' EXAMINATION.—(31 entered, 25 passed).
Jessie Richards.

Proficiency in Lower Classes.—3rd, Ada Mathew; 4th, Margaret Sims; 5th, Bertha Sanders; 6th, Agnes Robinson.

PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Religious Knowledge (Bro. Robert Grey).—Mabel Bohli, Constance Green, Mabel Collins.

English Subjects (Bro. A. C. Spaul).—Constance Green, Margaret Vivian.

Arithmetic and Mathematics (Bro. Thomas Fenn).—Eleanor Groombridge, Selina Booth.

Mental Arithmetic (Bro. G. W. Kentish).—Catherine Castle.

Music, First Prize (Bro. J. H. Matthews).—Gwendoline Robson.

Music, Second Prizes (The "Wentworth Little").—Mabel Messenger, Jessie Richards.

Singing (Mrs. Robert Brown).—Ethel Davis.

French (Bro. Eugene Monteunis).—Constance Green.

French, Special Prize (Bro. Oscar Philippe).—Mabel Bohli.

Drawing (The "John Boyd").—Eliza Pether, Mabel Messenger, Mary Harrison, Mary Maslen.

Shorthand and Type-Writing (Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland).—Florence Gauntlett.

Needlework (The Misses Tobias).—Selina Booth, Edith Morgan, Ruby Butcher, Elsie Kilpin.

Fancy Work, First Prize (Mrs. Henry A. Hunt).—Lizzie Simcock.

Fancy Work, Second Prize (Mrs. Homewood Crawford).—Edith Buck.

Good Conduct, First Prize (The Supreme Council 33°).—Jessie Codling.

Good Conduct, Second Prizes (Bro. Frank Richardson).—Hilda Collard, Kitty Randall.

The Best Prefect (Bro. E. Letchworth).—Florence Gauntlett.

Order and Attention (Bro. Ralph Clutton).—Ethel Davies, Hetty Arkell, Jessie Hicks.

Cookery, First Prize, £5 (Bro. D. P. Cama).—Lizzie Simcock.

Cookery, Second Prizes (Bro. Henry A. Hunt).—Mary Prince, Edith Winterbottom.

Usefulness in Domestic Duties (The "Yates," St. James Lodge, No. 842).—Emma Branthwaite.

Calisthenics and Deportment (Bro. Col. James Peters).—Kate Rath.

Swimming (Lady Monckton).—Beatrice Turner, Clare Whettam, Violet White.

Amiability—Selected by her Schoolfellows (Bro. John Faulkner).—Alice Cash.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

General Proficiency (Bro. Frank Richardson).—Gladys Hogg.

Arithmetic (The "Henry Levander").—Noel Platt.

A Masonic ball, under the united banners of St. Peter Lodge, No. 1024, and the Blackwater Lodge, No. 197, took place in the Public Hall, Maldon, on Friday, 7th inst. The arrangements were made by a joint Committee of the two Lodges, of which Bro. C. F. Rush P.P.G.O. and Bro. Geo. A. Eustace P.P.G.Swd.B. were the Hon. Secs. The company numbered about seventy.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 6th instant, the Grand Master Lord Saltoun presiding, while the Wardens chairs were occupied by the Earl of Rosslyn and Major Allan respectively.

The Grand Master, before entering on the business of the meeting, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to unveil a bust of Past Grand Master the Earl of Haddington, who was one of the most popular Grand Masters that had occupied the throne of Scottish Freemasonry. His Lordship had done everything in his power to promote Masonry, and it was with deep regret that the Craft heard of his retiring from the high office he held because of ill-health. He was sorry to say that that ill-health still continued, and he suggested that the Grand Secretary be authorised to send a sympathetic letter to Lord Haddington in his illness, and expressing the hope that he would have a speedy recovery. The artist who had been entrusted with the work had executed his task admirably, the likeness being in all respects admirable and worthy to be placed among the busts of former Grand Masters. His Lordship then, amid loud applause, unveiled the bust, which is a duplicate in marble by Brother W. Grant Stevenson, R.S.A., of the bronze bust which was presented in March last by Grand Lodge to the family of the Earl of Haddington, in acknowledgment of his Lordship's services as Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

A communication was submitted by Grand Committee from Western Australia, reporting that the recently erected Lodge Bonnie Doon, Perth, No. 839, had been consecrated by the District Grand Secretary of Queensland Brother R. Lee Bryce, in presence of His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, Colonel Sir Gerard Smith, of the English Constitution, and a large assemblage of Craftsmen—the Installing Officer having travelled 3000 miles to perform the ceremony of Consecration and Installation. In the course of Brother Lee Bryce's visit a conference of Scottish-holding Brethren was held, at which a unanimous wish was expressed that the Lodges in Western Australia should for the present be placed under the Masonic jurisdiction of Queensland. It was resolved to grant this request.

On the motion of the Grand Master, it was resolved to present an address of congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

The Earl of Rosslyn called attention to the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge, and, with a view to avoiding the conflicts which had recently taken place on the subject of the suspension of Lodges, moved that the names of all intrants, with dates of entry, passing, and raising, be notified by daughter Lodges direct to Provincial Grand Lodge, and subsequently by the Provincial Grand Lodge to Grand Lodge. Brother R. F. Shaw-Stewart seconded the motion. Brother James Berry pointed out that the proposal would almost be unworkable because of the increased duties which would be imposed on Provincial Grand Secretaries, who would require to be well-paid officials. Brother James Muir, Glasgow, moved the previous question, and this was seconded by Bro. Dr. Dickson, Edinburgh; but the motion was carried by 104 to 85.

From a statement prepared by Grand Secretary showing the number of intrants recorded in the books of Grand Lodge in each year since the beginning of the century it appears that during the ninety-seven years there was a total of 245,750 intrants, being an average a little over 2,533 per annum. In 1,800 the number of intrants was 1,906, and last year it was 5,343, but the largest number recorded in the period embraced by the return was 6,078, in the year 1891.—“Scotsman.”

Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire presided at the eight-fifth anniversary dinner of the Yorkshire Society's School at the Holborn Restaurant this week. In proposing success to the School, he said he quite admitted that Yorkshiremen had their faults and failings, but they possessed a grit of some value, and if they had not the clannishness of Scotchmen or the eloquence of Irishmen, they possessed the characteristic of regarding their word with as much sacredness as any man on the face of the earth. Sir James Kitson, M.P., and others, were amongst the remaining speakers.

A conscience void of offence is a blessing to any man. It will bring health and happiness. Few, however, can look into their hearts and find nothing to condemn. Thoughts will come into the mind that stain the tablets of memory, and desires will arise that cause the cheek to blush. Sins of omission and commission both give offence to conscience. Blessed is the man who can say with the old coloured woman who was accused of stealing: “De Lord knows I ain't stole nuthin', an' I knows I ain't, an' life is too short for me to be splanin' and provin' all de time. I leaves my repitation with de Lord.”—Exchange.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

METROPOLITAN.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE ordinary meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Monday, 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. Smith W.M.

The first business was to raise Bro. G. Cross, after which Bros. G. R. Irvine, Peter White, H. C. Smith (son of the W.M.), and Hans Schwemmer were passed. The ballot having been favourably taken for Mr. Christopher Berry, that gentleman was initiated in due form.

Bro. A. Darch P.M., in conformity with notice given, proposed, and the Lodge resolved, to hold a ladies summer outing, and a strong Committee was formed to arrange for the purpose of carrying the resolution into effect. The Committee consists of the W.M., Past Masters Dunn, Turner, Darch, and Taylor, Bros. Body J.W., and Bantick.

It was resolved that the collection after the banquet in the evening should be given to the Princess of Wales Fund for the Poor of the Slums, which collection resulted in the sum of £2 7s 6d being handed to the Treasurer, for despatch to the Lord Mayor of London.

The usual toasts followed the banquet, and some admirable songs were given by Miss Conisbee and Bros. G. Horton, Bantick, Lightfoot, Barton, &c.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

BRETHREN who are accustomed to visit many Lodges cannot but be struck by the different receptions with which they are greeted, and by the manner in which the Masonic ceremonies are worked in various parts of London. In some Lodges the ritual is carried out so strictly that the slightest deviation is resented, and the visitor almost feels oppressed by the rigid adherence to the working that is insisted upon. In these cases there is usually a lack of warmth in the fourth degree; with them the work's “the thing,” and so long as that is perfectly rendered very little regard is paid to the social side of Freemasonry. In other Lodges again, one is received with open arms and a cordial welcome that goes far to compensate, we regret to say, for the shortcomings in the Lodge Room. But when one is able to visit a Lodge where competency and conviviality are judiciously combined it is a real pleasure, and is often referred to as “a Masonic treat.” Such Lodges are fortunately not rare, and to this class belongs the Upton, the members of which pride themselves on conducting the ceremonies in a proper manner, at the same time extending a friendly greeting to visiting Brethren, who quickly find themselves “quite at home.”

A regular meeting of the Lodge took place on Thursday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., when Bro. George Albert Peters Worshipful Master presided, and was assisted by his Officers:—Bros. Henry Hyde S.W., W. A. Bray J.W., Charles Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, Charles John Free P.M. Secretary, W. J. Carroll acting S.D., A. A. Butcher J.D., H. J. Rowberry I.G., Thomas Bowler Tyler.

There were also present Bros. Samuel Toyé P.M., John Stroud P.M., Edwin Hill P.M., John Bell, W. Prior, Frederick White, A. B. Noble, W. T. Hustwayte, F. W. Ward, J. Baker, F. Wiegand, R. F. Thomson, G. A. Fischer, Albert Crocker, Arthur J. Millington, C. E. Snowden, J. W. Isaacs, G. Norris.

Visitors:—Bros. J. H. Frankenstein 12, Thos. Feistel 171, W. Jennings 1598, R. J. Hamilton 781, W. C. Ferris 1901, and Orilton Cooper St. Michael, P.M. 211.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. E. M. Jeffery, in the temporary absence of the W.M. Bro. G. A. Peters, after which the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Theodore Martin, Ernest Claude Holmes, and Joseph William Holmes, and those gentlemen being in attendance, were admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft by Bro. Peters, who had then assumed the chair. Bro. Walter Hurley having answered the questions leading to the second degree, was advanced to the rank of a Craftsman. Bros. John Angles and Charles William Cooper having proved their proficiency in that degree, were regularly raised as Master Masons, and took their seats in the Lodge. All the ceremonies were creditably performed by the Worshipful Master, and elicited the hearty approval of the Brethren. We must specially notice the admirable assistance rendered by Bro. W. J. Carroll as Senior Deacon, which was conspicuous in each of the ceremonies, and conducted in no small degree to the impressiveness of the ritual.

The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree the Secretary announced the death of Bro. Benjamin Picking P.M., one of the Founders of the Lodge, who had passed away since the last meeting. Three candidates were proposed for initiation. A petition of a distressed Brother to the Board of Benevolence was duly signed by the Master and Officers on behalf of the Lodge. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to supper, after which a pleasant evening was spent.

ST. MARTIN LODGE, No. 2455.

ON Monday evening, 10th inst., at an emergency meeting, the W.M. Bro. H. T. Brickwell was assisted by the following:—Bros. W. B. Fendick I.P.M., James Willing jun. P.M., E. W. Browning S.W., Thomas Mason J.W., W. Farthing P.M. Treasurer, E. W. Murnane P.M. Secretary, Charles William Cole S.D., J. C. Greenfield jun. J.D., William Challice I.G., James Connah Organist, J. R. Godson and Charles Maynard Walker Stewards.

The W.M. initiated into the secrets of Freemasonry Messrs. Charles St. John Denton, David Fowler, Frederick George Latham, George Moore, and Alfred Southerland. The members of the Lodge turned up in full force, and among the visitors present, who afterwards attended the banquet at the Grand Hotel, were:—Bros. J. D. Beveridge P.M., W. Sergeant Lee P.M., Harry Nicholls W.M. 2190, E. S. Berry W.M. 2473, E. J. Lonnen, Lugui Labalache, John Crook, Walter Lonnen, Herbert Budd, Fred W. Crellin, Arthur Collins, H. G. Hibbert, and others.

The musical arrangements were capably carried out under the superintendence of Bros. S. Hemsley and James Connah.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE weekly meeting was held on Thursday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. H. Gomm as W.M., S. J. Parker S.W., Justice Allen J.W., F. Larkman P.M. Treasurer, R. H. Williams P.M. Preceptor, J. H. Cumming P.M. Secretary, C. Jacob S.D., J. Halstead J.D., R. W. Robinson I.G., H. R. Worth Steward, F. Craggs, H. Johnson, F. Ridley, W. Crowhurst P.M., J. Wynman, and several others.

The W.M. proposed to rehearse a passing, and Bro. Ridley having answered the questions, the Lodge was advanced and the ceremony gone through. The W.M. resumed to the first degree, and the Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Larkman Treasurer having offered himself as candidate was examined, and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the charge.

Bros. W. P. Cockburn P.M. 2090 and Richard Steel were elected members, while Bro. Parker was chosen as W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the excellent working of the W.M. for the first time.

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MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, No. 1446.

A MEETING was held on Tuesday, at Bro. John Mason's, Rockingham Tavern, Newington Causeway, S.E. The Brethren assembled in strong force to celebrate the first meeting at their new quarters, and were presided over by Bro. A. S. Mullins as W.M., assisted by Bros. J. Brown S.W., Jones J.W., J. Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Thos. Tofts as Sec., E. Mitchell S.D., J. Buckridge P.M. J.D., F. Isherwood I.G., J. Hopkins, F. Upton, R. O'Mash, D. T. Medcalfe, A. G. Billinge, C. Plant P.M., T. Stewart, E. M. Mullens, O. P. Boret P.M., J. Wynman, and several others.

The W.M. worked the second section of the first degree, and by desire of the W.M. the S.D. gave the ancient charge. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. G. Billinge acting as candidate.

Lodge was advanced and Bro. J. Andrews P.M. Preceptor worked the first section of the second lecture.

Bros. D. J. Metcalfe, A. G. Billinge, and E. M. Mullens were elected members, while the compliment of honorary membership was conferred on Bro. J. Wynman.

The Lodge was afterwards adjourned to Tuesday next, at 7.30 p.m., the regular meetings being held weekly on Tuesdays, at that hour.

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CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

A MOST successful meeting was held on Saturday, at the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, under the presidency of Bro. W. Hillier P.M., with M. Spiegel P.M. S.W., F. Craggs P.M. Treasurer J.W., A. Williams I.P.M. Preceptor, R. Josey P.M. Secretary, Fox P.M. S.D., R. N. Larter P.M. J.D., Cumming P.M. I.G., A. W. Larkman W.M., Ortnor P.M., Herring, Botley P.M., Hide W.M., Jacob Powell, R. Reid J.W. 1275, Dinnes, W. Handover, A. W. Larkman, Kirkham W.M., J. Wynman, and several others.

The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed to the second, when Bros. Powell S.W. 2246, M. Spiegel, Ortnor, Reid, and Craggs worked the five sections of the degree.

After a short interval Bros. A. Williams, Larkman, and Larter worked the three sections of the third degree. It was proposed by Bro. Barton Jones and seconded by Bro. W. Handover, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the most perfect and able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair, also that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Brethren who had worked the different sections, to which suitable response was made.

Bros. Larkman and Handover were elected members. During the evening a Brother was temporarily relieved.

This Instruction Lodge is held every Saturday, at 7.30 p.m.

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SYMPATHY LODGE, No. 483.

AT the Star Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday, 10th inst., Brother T. H. Lygo W.M., J. A. Gillett S.W., F. Pettingall J.W., E. Ingman Sec., Spencer Bowen S.D., T. Smith J.D., P. White I.G., H. Forss Preceptor, J. Sweet, J. Allen, H. L. Thumell, T. H. Mason, T. A. Mummary, H. Andrews.

The ballot was taken and proved in favour of Bro. E. Harrison, as a member of the Lodge.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the Officers, Bro. Mason acting as candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were asked by the W.M. and answered separately by Bros. Harrison, Thumell and Mason, candidates for passing at the next regular Lodge. Bro. Gillett was elected as W.M. at the next meeting. Two Brethren were proposed as joining members, and there being no other business the Lodge was closed in due form and the Brethren adjourned.

Afterwards the ninth ballot of the Lodge Charitable Association was taken, with the result that Bro. Ernest Ingman is able to send five guineas to either of the Masonic Institutions, thereby becoming a Life Subscriber, and has selected the Girls School for the donation. Forty guineas have already been forwarded, while Bro. Hawker W.M., representing the Sympathy Lodge at the Girls School Festival, took up eighty-five guineas.

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ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

A VERY good attendance of Brethren marked the meeting of this Lodge held at the Masonic Hall, Choriton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 7th inst. Brother Holland W.M. is travelling abroad, and the principal chair was assumed by Bro. Alfred Pickford P.M., who raised Bro. John Webster to the sublime degree of M.M., being assisted by Bros. Redearn S.W., and Birkett J.W., the former delivering the address in the S.E., and the latter presenting and explaining the Working Tools.

Upon the conclusion of Lodge business, the Brethren adjourned to the

festive board, where a very enjoyable evening was spent in songs, &c., the contributaries being Bros. Henry Nall P.M. P.P.G.Tr. Secy., Arthur A. Moss P.M., Wm. Rushton Org., R. Kastner, C. Klindworth, and Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459. In the absence of Bro. Beaver P.M., Bro. Nall officiated as D.C.

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STRANTON LODGE, No. 1862.

A VERY large gathering assembled on Wednesday, 5th inst., on the occasion of a visit of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. The meeting was held in the new Masonic Hall, Hart Road, West Hartlepool, and the visitors received a very hospitable welcome. The W.M. Bro. Joseph Burns P.G.Std. presided.

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CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Major George Kershaw W.M. The summons contained the names of four candidates, but one was postponed by consent, viz., Bro. Capt. Francis Isaac Bentley, who was eligible for raising to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Capt. Jas. Andrew P.M. P.P.G.D.C. passed Bro. Lieut. Alan Ramsay to the degree of F.C., the Working Tools being presented and explained by Bro. Capt. T. W. Ashworth S.W.

Following this were two raisings, viz., Bros. Lieut. James Albert Fallows, and Lieut. Alfred John Bailey, the first ceremony being undertaken by Bro. Surg.-Capt. A. H. Smith I.P.M., and the latter by Bro. Col. Henry L. Rocca P.M. P.P.J.G.D., who also presented the Working Tools.

A very excellent supper ensued, after which the Brethren returned to the Lodge room for the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly varied by songs, &c.

Besides those already mentioned we noticed Bros. Surg.-Capt. Dr. J. J. Kent Fairclough J.W., Rev. J. W. Challinor P.P.G.Chap. Sec., Col. Henry J. Robinson P.M. P.P.G.R., Captains P. Nightingale S.D., H. S. Hardy Org., and T. A. Jones, Surg.-Lieut. J. T. Smith.

Visitors:—Bros. W. H. Humphries W.M. 44, and T. Preston P.M. 269 P.P.G.J.D.

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LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE regular meeting was held at the Club House, Birch Lane, Longsight, on Wednesday, 5th instant. The principal business of the evening was that of passing Bro. Richard James Scofield to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Alderman Lloyd Higginbottom W.M., assisted by Bro. Wm. Hy. Wilson J.W., who presented and explained the Working Tools to the candidate; and the raising to the third degree of Bro. Frederick George Anton Ballantine, the Working Tools in this case being also presented by the J.W.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, songs and sketches being contributed by Bros. C. S. Cotton J.D., Danl. Lee, Henry Shepherd, Albert Jarrett 645, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, and H. S. Greenwood 2387.

HANDEL FESTIVAL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

THE programme for the Selection Day of the triennial Festival, Wednesday, 16th June, is now complete. The solo vocalists are: Mdme. Albani, Miss Ella Russell, Mdme. Nordica, and Miss Clara Butt; Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Barton McGuckin, Mr. Santley, and Mr. Andrew Black. The Choruses selected for the Choir are: "The mighty Power in whom we trust" (Athaliah), "We hear" (Judas Maccabæus), "Immortal Lord" (Deborah), "Your Harps and Cymbals sound" (Solomon), "Envy, eldest born of Hell" (Saul), "Wretched lovers" (Acis and Galatea), "As from the power" (Dryden's Ode on Cecilia's Day).

For the performance of the "Messiah," on Monday, 14th June, the soloists are: Mdme. Albani, Miss Marian McKenzie, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Mr. Santley.

For "Israel in Egypt," on Friday, 18th June, the soloists are: Miss Ella Russell, Mdme. Clara Samuel, Miss Marian McKenzie, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Santley, and Mr. Andrew Black.

The first rehearsal of the London contingent of the Choir was held on Monday evening last, the work taken being "Israel in Egypt," when Mr. Manns was highly gratified. To ensure, however, the complete success of this masterpiece of choral writing, five general rehearsals instead of four have been arranged. The cast of solo vocalists for this rendering of "Israel" has never been surpassed.

The auditorium will present a grander appearance than ever this year, the great stage having been cleared away and replaced by tiers of raised seats, crowned by the Royal Boxes and roomy private boxes. This alteration has effected the most marvellous improvement in the acoustic properties of the Handel Festival auditorium.

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LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Fuller 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.

- 1 Grand Masters, F.T.
- 8 British, Freemasons'-hall
- 21 Emulation, Albion
- 720 Panmure, Balham
- 1694 Imperial, Westminster
- 2060 La France, Café Royal
- 2265 Barnato, Piccadilly
- 2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
- 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
- 77 Freedom, Gravesend
- 148 Lights, Warrington
- 236 York, York
- 248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
- 270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley
- 302 Hope, Bradford
- 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
- 312 Lion, Whithy
- 359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
- 382 Royal Union, Uxbridge
- 388 Prudence, Halesworth
- 424 Borough, Gateshead
- 455 Perseverance, Kettering
- 466 Merit, Stamford Baron
- 543 Cleveland, Stokesley
- 607 Chicheley, Thrapston
- 699 Roscawea, Chacewater
- 737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
- 827 St. John, Dewsbury
- 840 Scientific, Wolverton
- 872 Lewis, Whitehaven
- 925 Bedford, Birmingham
- 949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
- 986 Hesketh, Croston
- 1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
- 1113 Angelsea, Manai Bridge
- 1146 De Moulham, Swanage
- 1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
- 1199 Agriculture, Yatton
- 1208 Corinthian, Dover
- 1255 Dundas, Plymouth
- 1271 F'dship & Unity, Brad'd-on-A'vn
- 1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
- 1337 Anchor, Northallerton
- 1443 Salem, Dawlish
- 1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
- 1502 Israel, Liverpool
- 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
- 1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
- 1741 Montgomerie, Diss
- 1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke
- 1814 Worsley, Worsley
- 1895 Thames, Henley
- 1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
- 1977 Blackwater, Maldon
- 2049 Ellan Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.
- 2069 Prudence, Leeds
- 2074 St. Clare, Landport
- 2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
- 2114 Prudence, Liverpool
- 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
- 2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
- 2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
- 2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
- 2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
- 2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
- 2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
- 2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, F.M.H. 5
- 704 Camden, Anderton's
 - 857 St. Mark, Camberwell
 - 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
 - 2045 Wharton, Willesden
 - 2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
 - 2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill
 - 213 Perseverance, Norwich
 - 223 Charity, Plymouth
 - 378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock
 - 384 St. David, Bangor
 - 386 Unity, Wareham
 - 418 Menturia, Hanley
 - 432 Abbey, Nuneaton
 - 448 St. James, Halifax
 - 452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon
 - 476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
 - 506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate
 - 551 Yarborough, Ventnor
 - 560 Vernon, Stourport
 - 599 Sherwell, Banbury
 - 660 Camalodunum, New Malton
 - 667 Alliance, Liverpool
 - 681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
 - 779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby'Z'ch
 - 830 Endeavour, Dukinfield

- 855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge
- 958 St. Aubin, Jersey
- 1006 Tregulow, St. Day
- 1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
- 1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
- 1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
- 1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'n.
- 1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
- 1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
- 1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
- 1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
- 1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
- 1276 Warren, Seacombe
- 1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
- 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
- 1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber
- 1522 Olicana, Ilkley
- 1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
- 1551 Charity, Birmingham
- 1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
- 1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
- 1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
- 1787 Grenville, Buckingham
- 1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
- 1893 Lumley, Skegness
- 1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
- 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
- 2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
- 2155 Makersfield, Newton-le-Willows
- 2316 Princes, Liverpool
- 2339 Mistley, Manningtree
- 2351 Ermine, Lincoln
- 2360 Victoria, Southport
- 2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
- 2414 Wychwood, Burford
- 2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

- General Committee, Grand Lodge, & Board of Benevolence, F.M.H., 5.
- 619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
 - 700 Nelson, Plumstead
 - 969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
 - 1278 Burdett Courts, London Tavern
 - 1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
 - 1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll
 - 2140 Huguenot, Criterion
 - 2241 Cordwainer Ward, C'non St. Ho
 - 2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
 - 20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
 - 32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
 - 121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
 - 127 Union, Margate
 - 128 Prince Edwin, Bury
 - 137 Amity, Poole
 - 175 East Medina, Ryde
 - 178 Antiquity, Wigan
 - 200 Old Globe, Scarborough
 - 210 Duke of Athol, Denton
 - 221 St. John, Bolton
 - 243 Loyalty, Guernsey
 - 246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
 - 261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
 - 285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
 - 290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
 - 311 South Saxon, Lewes
 - 325 St. John, Salford
 - 342 Royal Sussex, Landport
 - 372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
 - 376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
 - 2421 Carrington, Amersham
 - 387 Airedale, Shipley
 - 409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford
 - 451 Sutherland, Burslem
 - 504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
 - 533 Eaton, Congleton
 - 555 Fidelity, Framlingham
 - 581 Faith, Openshaw
 - 591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
 - 606 Segontium, Caernarvon
 - 610 Colston, Bristol
 - 662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
 - 68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
 - 726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
 - 750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
 - 795 St. John, Maidenhead
 - 823 Everton, Liverpool
 - 865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
 - 874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
 - 889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
 - 934 Merit, Whitefield
 - 950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
 - 962 Sun and Sector, Workington
 - 972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
 - 1019 Sincerity, Wakefield

- 1024 St. Peter, Maldon
- 1040 Sykes, Driffild
- 1086 Walton, Liverpool
- 1114 Joppa, Fakenham
- 1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
- 1136 Carew, Torpoint
- 1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
- 1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
- 1212 Elms, Stoke Dameral
- 1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
- 1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
- 1323 Talbot, Swansea
- 1334 Norman, Durham
- 1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
- 1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
- 1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
- 1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
- 1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
- 1544 Mount Edgumbe, Camborne
- 1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
- 1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
- 1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
- 1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1808 Salford, North Walsham
- 1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
- 1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
- 1868 Unity, Oldham
- 1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
- 2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
- 2135 Constance, Consett
- 2153 Hope, Gosport
- 2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
- 2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
- 2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
- 2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
- 2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
- 2475 Border, Blackwater
- 2514 City, Liverpool
- 2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

- House Committee, Girls School, Battersea, at 4.30.
- 6 Friendship, Criterion
 - 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
 - 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel
 - 1420 Earl Spencer, Lavender Hill
 - 1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons'-h.
 - 1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
 - 2310 London Scottish Rifles, Crit'ion.
 - 42 Relief, Bury
 - 56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
 - 57 Humber, Hull
 - 98 St. Martin, Burslem
 - 100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
 - 132 Unity, Ringwood
 - 203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
 - 215 Commerce, Haslingden
 - 230 Fidelity, Devonport
 - 245 Mechanics, Jersey
 - 267 Unity, Macclesfield
 - 268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
 - 280 Worcester, Worcester
 - 286 Samaritan, Bacup
 - 322 Peace, Stockport
 - 324 Moira, Stalybridge
 - 343 Concord, Preston
 - 345 Perseverance, Blackburn
 - 350 Charity, Farnworth
 - 363 Keystone, Whitworth
 - 367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
 - 430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
 - 489 Benevolence, Bideford
 - 523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
 - 600 Harmony, Bradford
 - 605 Combermere, Birkenhead
 - 625 Devonshire, Glossop

- 659 Blagdon, Blyth
- 758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
- 777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
- 802 Repose, Derby
- 833 Afan, Aberavon
- 939 Pelham, Worksop
- 940 Philanthropy, Stockton
- 971 Trafalgar, Batley
- 1000 Priory, Southend
- 1011 Richmond, Manchester
- 1037 Portland, Portland
- 1042 Excelsior, Leeds
- 1184 Abbey, Battle
- 1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
- 1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
- 1332 Unity, Crediton
- 1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
- 1393 Hamer, Liverpool
- 1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
- 1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
- 1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
- 1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
- 1534 Concord, Prestwich
- 1562 Homfray, Risca
- 1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.
- 1776 Landport, Landport
- 1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
- 1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.
- 1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
- 1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
- 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
- 2226 St. David, Rhymney
- 2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
- 2302 St. Mary, Southwell
- 2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
- 2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
- 2341 Clemency, Oldham
- 2352 Universities, Durham
- 2374 Shurmur, Chingford
- 2390 Exmoor, Minehead
- 2430 Runnymede, Wraysbury
- 2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
- 2555 England Centre, Weedon

Friday.

- Annual General Meeting, Benevolent Institution.
- 143 Middlesex, Albion
 - 1118 Oxford and Cambridge, F.M.H.
 - 2157 St. Mark's College, H'lbom Rest
 - 2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall
 - 152 Virtue, Manchester
 - 271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
 - 347 Noah Ark, Tipton
 - 541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 - 993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
 - 1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
 - 1311 Zetland, Leeds
 - 1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
 - 1357 Cope, Sale
 - 1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
 - 1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
 - 2005 Brooke, Chingford
 - 2063 St. Osyth Priory, C'Pet'n-on-Sea
 - 2231 Talbot, Stretford
 - 2380 Beneventa, Daventry
 - 2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

- 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace
- 1679 Henry Mugeridge, Anderton's
- 1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
- 1579 St. James, Enfield
- 1851 Ewell, Kingston
- 1982 Greenwood, Sutton
- 2087 Electric, Hampton Court

The annual festival of St. John Lodge, No. 1343, will be held next Wednesday, 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Grays, when Bro. Edward Ayres will have the honour of being installed in the chair by Bro. T. J. Ralling Provincial Grand Secretary of Essex, who has kindly consented to perform the ceremony.

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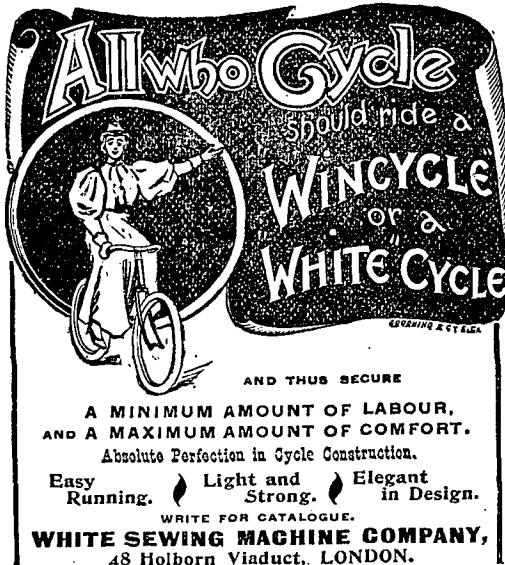
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