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FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS SCHOOL.

THE Girls School Festival, held in the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, presented a most unwonted sight when the Chairman of the year, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., called the company to order for grace to be said prior to the banquet, the novelty of the situation being the presence of Ladies, ready to dine side by side with the Brethren, instead of being relegated to the Crown Room, as is the usual custom with this Institution. It is an ill wind that blows no good, they say, and thus it is the Craft had to thank the paucity of Stewards on this occasion—and the ready resource of Brother James Stephens, who proposed and carried an alteration of the arrangements at the last minute, so as to allow the Ladies to dine at the same tables as the Brethren—for an innovation which was a great success, and which it will be very hard to depart from in years to come, when the hoped for return to ordinary conditions may make it necessary or desirable to revert to the traditions of the past.

The announcement made by the Secretary fully bore out all that was anticipated in regard to the Festival, the result being a total of £8,252 8s 6d contributed at the hands of 218 Stewards, but happily a very pleasant surprise followed in the form of a special donation at the hands of Bro. W. F. Smithson, of twelve hundred guineas, which represents the amount that has been in dispute for some little time past between the Institution and those who desired to purchase a perpetual presentation on behalf of Bro. George Heaton, now most regrettably deceased. It may be remembered that 1350 guineas was accepted at the January Court of the Institution for this presentation, and refused at the April Court, so that this magnanimous return of the money to the Girls School in this very necessitous year must be regarded as a stroke of the greatest good fortune, for which the School has to thank the generosity of a few West Yorkshire Brethren rather than the acumen and business capacity of its Committee or the others who organised the crusade which ended in the return of the very large amount accepted in January for the right. However, all's well that ends well, and we think there are few but must be satisfied with the ultimate result of the year's celebration—taking all the surrounding conditions into consideration.

THE FESTIVAL.

AS is remarked elsewhere the Girls School Festival on Wednesday last was of an unusual character in one particular—the Ladies and the Brethren dined together—but we do not think any of those who participated in the function had reason to regret the innovation. The banquet was well served, and if it seemed to lack some of the exuberance of spirit looked for on these occasions the loss in that direction was amply compensated for in the additional comfort of the guests. Wednesday's experience seems to point to the fact that a company of about 300 can be entertained in this famous Masonic home with greater comfort for those who profess to make a trouble of public dining, than is possible when the resources of the establishment are taxed to the utmost, but however it may be we can only look back upon the

gathering of Wednesday as a success—viewed from the standpoint of the man (or woman, in this particular) who enjoys a good dinner.

Grace having been sung, the Chairman proceeded with the toasts of the evening. It was the privilege, he said, of every Chairman at a banquet in England, to give the toast of Her Majesty the Queen, but he was especially privileged on that occasion in having to submit the health of Her Majesty, as Patroness of the Institution. The Queen was respected all over the world, and loved and revered wherever the British flag was flying.

The second toast on the list was that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family. It was twenty-five years since the Prince of Wales took upon himself the office of Grand Master, an office held for many years previously by members of His Royal Highness's family, but which, for a time, had not been filled by them, because there were no members old enough. The Alexandra Hall at the Girls School was a monument to the interest taken by the Princess of Wales in their School, at the time of its Centenary celebration.

The Grand Officers were next toasted; the Chairman saying all knew the great amount of work performed by the heads of the Craft, who ably represented the Grand Master, whose many other duties prevented his personal attention to the affairs of the Craft as often as he desired. Noticing the hearty reception of the name of Lord Lathom the speaker said the Craft did not expect or hope the Earl would ever forget his great grief in the death of the Countess of Lathom, but they hoped on some near occasion he would return to them, for they would indeed regret if anything prevented the Pro Grand Master acting in the position he had so long filled. The Chairman coupled with the toast the name of Lord Folkestone J.G.W.—whose father he had had the pleasure of initiating, and at whose own admission into the Craft he had been present.

Lord Folkestone, responding, said he was bound to say he felt like a newly hatched chicken, who did not know what to do, or how to do it, but he hoped, with the assistance of such Brethren as the Chairman of that day, and his father—who, as they knew, was a Provincial Grand Master—to be able to qualify himself for the duties required of him. It was a gratification to him that Lord Lathom—his cousin—should be so much respected among them as Masons. They rejoiced he had returned from Madeira in improved health, and hoped that he might be able to take a leading part in Freemasonry for many years yet to come. He then made reference to the Chairman's remarks as to the initiation of his father and himself, expressed how pleased he was to be in a position to support him that night, and hoped he might be able to follow in the footsteps he had now shown him in the work of Freemasonry.

The Chairman next gave the toast of the evening, Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He saw around him that night Brethren who knew as much of Charity as he did, men who gave liberally and according to their means. This was a year when, if they had felt a little stronger on behalf of the Girls School it would have been much better. There was not one member of the Girls School, however, who begrudged for one moment what was being done for the Boys. There was really no jealousy between the different Funds, as was evidenced by the fact that every member of the Committee of the Girls School was working as a Steward for the Boys. All they asked this year was that enough might be received to enable them to pay their way—to balance the expenditure by the income, and if they found that the Craft in this Centenary year of the Boys School had enabled the Girls School to pay its way they would be really delighted. But they could not allow the Girls to starve, in spite of all that was wished for the Boys. He had never seen an Institution more carefully or more zealously guarded by the gentlemen on the Board of Management than theirs. Anyone could tell how well the children were watched over, by looking at their happy faces, and watching the behaviour of the old pupils, who took every opportunity of visiting their former home.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Secretary of the Institution then announced the Subscriptions. The Board comprised 218 Stewards, and included four Ladies, one Lewis, and one non-Mason. Bro. Hedges made special reference to the principal lists, his remarks being heartily applauded.

Bro. W. F. Smithson then rose and said a Brother in West Yorkshire had given him a sum of money to be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in exchange for a perpetual presentation. The Institution did not see its way to accept this, and Bro. Heaton (the donor) meantime died, which he (Bro. Smithson) very much deplored. In order to carry out Bro. Heaton's wishes as far as possible, he was going to hand over the amount in his car, and wished it to be distinctly understood that in order to keep his memory alive, the money was given for the purchase of perpetual votes for West Yorkshire, to be known as the George Heaton Memorial. If this was agreeable he should have much pleasure in handing over the sum of 1,200 guineas, it being the wish of Bro. Heaton's widow that this course should be adopted. This was one of the largest sums ever given to the Institution, and it would ever remain as proof that despite all that was being done for the Boys the Girls were not forgotten.

Needless to say this announcement of Bro. Smithson's was most heartily received, the very handsome contribution raising the total of the Festival from £8,252 8s 6d, as originally announced, to £9,512 8s 6d.

Bro. Monckton acknowledged the toast of Success to the Institution.

Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Worcestershire proposed the health of the Chairman, who suitably responded.

The toast of the other Masonic Charities and success to them, was given from the chair, and acknowledged by Bro. McLeod (Boys School).

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where an excellent Concert was given.

Following is a summary showing the number of Stewards and amount

sent up from the different Provinces, fuller details of the Stewards' work being given on the next page:

| Province. | Stewards. | Amount. £ s. d. |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| West Yorkshire ... | 11 | |
| First announcement | 210 0 0 | |
| George Heaton Memorial | 1260 0 0 | 1470 0 0 |
| Middlesex ... | 8 | 506 11 0 |
| Surrey ... | 6 | 163 17 6 |
| Hertfordshire ... | 5 | 161 10 6 |
| Staffordshire ... | 7 | 131 5 0 |
| East Lancashire ... | 6 | 104 4 0 |
| Berkshire ... | 3 | 101 17 0 |
| Hants and Isle of Wight | 5 | 84 0 0 |
| Gloucestershire ... | 4 | 78 15 0 |
| North and East Yorkshire | 4 | 78 15 0 |
| Sussex ... | 4 | 73 10 0 |
| Wiltshire ... | 1 | 71 1 0 |
| Worcestershire ... | 1 | 68 5 0 |
| Oxfordshire ... | 3 | 65 14 6 |
| Durham ... | 1 | 57 15 0 |
| Devon ... | 2 | 53 7 0 |
| Norths and Hunts | 2 | 52 10 0 |
| Cornwall ... | 3 | 43 1 0 |
| Cambridgeshire ... | 2 | 42 0 0 |
| Warwickshire ... | 1 | 42 0 0 |
| Shropshire ... | 1 | 36 15 0 |
| Derbyshire ... | 4 | 31 10 0 |
| Buckinghamshire ... | 5 | 23 2 0 |
| Kent ... | 1 | 21 0 0 |
| West Lancashire ... | 2 | 21 0 0 |
| Cheshire ... | 1 | 15 15 0 |
| Dorsetshire ... | 1 | 10 10 0 |
| Essex ... | 2 | 10 10 0 |
| North Wales ... | 1 | 10 10 0 |
| Suffolk ... | 1 | 10 10 0 |
| Guernsey and Alderney | 1 | 10 10 0 |
| Madras ... | 1 | 10 10 0 |
| London ... | 122 | 5850 8 0 |

PRIZE DAY AT THE SCHOOL.

FAVOURED by splendid weather the large number of ladies and Brethren who assembled on Monday at the Schools, at Battersea Rise, must have been delighted with all they saw and heard. The occasion was the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils, and visitation of the Stewards of the year, and although the number of Brethren who were working in the latter capacity was very small compared with previous years, yet there was no lack of visitors on this occasion, the company probably numbering upwards of five hundred.

Lady Hanson kindly undertook the distribution of the prizes, being accompanied by Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, and their daughter Miss Violet Hanson, the latter of whom replied, on her mother's behalf, to a vote of thanks enthusiastically carried after the prizes had been presented, on the proposition of Sir John Monckton. In doing so, Miss Hanson said her mother had deputed her to say what a very great pleasure it had been to her to pay a visit to the Institution. Personally, she (Miss Hanson) had known the Institution for a long time, had visited it many times, had been connected with it, and knew some of the girls. It had always been a regret to her that a lady could not be a Freemason, because if ladies were Freemasons they would take a great interest in the various Masonic Institutions. However, as ladies could not be Masons, the best thing they could do was to interest themselves in Masonic good works. If all Masons were to take their wives and daughters to see that admirable Institution, and the other Institutions, she was sure those wives and daughters would become governors, and so advance the interests of the School. Miss Hanson concluded by wishing "Health and Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

It was announced by Sir John Monckton Chairman of the House Committee for the day, that Constance Green, the last Gold Medallist, had obtained the second place on a list of 357 candidates in the recent Civil Service Examination, a statement that was loudly applauded.

The programme arranged for the occasion was excellently carried out by the pupils, who evidenced the same careful training as has so long been a marked feature with the children cared for in this excellent Masonic Institution.

The following is a list of the prize winners:

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Gold Medal for Proficiency (with £5 by the late Brother William Winn)—Eleanor Groombridge.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct (with £5 by the late Bro. Wm. Winn)—Ethel Davis.

Cambridge Local Examinations (37 entered, 31 passed.)

Senior.—Constance Green. Class II. Honours. Distinction in English. (With £5 by Bro. D. P. Cama)—Eleanor Groombridge.

Junior.—Agnes Anthony, Gladys Jones, Ethel Issard. Class III. Honours. Dorothy Dean.

Preliminary.—Catherine Castle. Class III. Honours.

College of Preceptors' Examination (37 entered, all passed.)—Agnes Robinson, Ella Thompson.

Junior Forms.—Doreen Cox.

Civil Service Class.—Edith Wilson.

Proficiency in Lower Classes.—3rd Doris Eagle, 4th Dorothea Roberts, 5th Ida Davey and Mabel Abbott-Smith, 6th Christina Day.

Needlework.—Elsie Kilpin, Alice Cash, Mary Maslen, Mary Jowett.

PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Religious Knowledge. (Bro. Robert Grey)—Ethel Kemp, Agnes Robinson, Edith Lloyd.

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

Arithmetic and Mathematics. (Bro. Thomas Fenn)—Ethel Issard, Catherine Castle.

Mental Arithmetic. (Bro. G. W. Kentish)—Agnes Anthony, Gladys Jones, Marion Taylor.

Music—First Prize. (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Jessie Richards (Senior Associated Board of Music).

Music—Second Prizes. (The "Wentworth Little")—Gladys Jones (Senior A.B.M.), Clare Wettam, Violet White, Elsie Kilpin (Junior A.B.M.).

Music—Third Prizes. Daisy Potter, Rosalie Sherman (Honours in Preliminary A.B.M.).

Singing. (Mrs. Robert Brown)—Esther Roberts.

French. (Bro. Eugene Monteauis)—Rose Davies.

French—Special Prize. (Bro. Oscar Philippe)—Ethel Issard.

Drawing. (The "John Boyd")—Dorothy Dean, Jessie Richards, Muriel Cranfield, Muriel Cape.

Shorthand and Type-Writing. (Bro. R. Loveland Loveland)—Hetty Arkell.

Writing. (The Misses Tobias)—Maude Wallden, Gladys Harding.

Drawing—Special Prize. (Mrs. Henry A. Hunt)—Marjorie Pavey.

Good Conduct—First Prize. (The Supreme Council 33°)—Eleanor Blott.

Good Conduct—Second Prizes. (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Rose Davies, Ina Crowther, Grace Dodd.

The Best Prefect. (Bro. E. Letchworth)—Selina Booth.

Order and Attention. (Bro. Ralph Clutton)—Jessie Hicks, Hetty Arkell, Noel Platt.

Cookery—First Prizes. (Bro. Henry A. Hunt)—Louie Smith, Dorothea Gillbee.

Cookery—Second Prizes. (Mrs. Homewood Crawford)—Alice Wakefield, Alice Cash.

Usefulness in Domestic Duties. (The "Yates," St. James Lodge, No. 842)—Emily Gardner, Clara Jacobs.

Calisthenics and Deportment. (Bro. Col. James Peters)—Selina Booth.

Swimming. (Lady Monckton)—Ethel Goldring, Ethel Davis, Grace Abbott.

Swimming—Special Prize. (Bro. Sir John Monckton)—Violet White.

Amiability.—(Selected by her Schoolfellows). (Bro. John Faulkner)—Grace Abbott.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

General Proficiency. (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Victoria Griffiths.

Arithmetic. (The "Henry Levander")—Margaret Callander.

N.B.—No Girl, however meritorious, can take more than three Prizes, but this rule does not apply to Gold or Silver Medals, or the Cambridge Local or College of Preceptors' Examinations.

CHURCH SERVICES.

THE Commemoration Service in support of the Centenary Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, arranged for Sunday last, at St. Martin's Church, Trafalgar Square, was a great success. Our report of the proceedings and the sermon preached by the Archdeacon of London are unavoidably held over until next week.

IN commemoration of the year of office as Grand Chaplain of the Very Rev. S. Reynolds Hole, Dean of Rochester, and his fifty-sixth year as a Freemason, a Masonic service on an imposing scale will be held at four p.m. on Saturday, 25th June next, in Rochester Cathedral, with a view to its further restoration, a work very near the Dean's heart. The service will be short, and orchestral music a feature, the massed string bands of the Royal Engineers and Royal Marines, Chatham, having been secured under the bâton of a distinguished Mason. Earl Amherst Deputy Grand Master, and a large number of other Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Officers have signified their intention of being present, and it is hoped that the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom will be able to attend. The ceremonial arrangements are under the superintendence of Bro. Thomas Fenn Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies. All applications for tickets should be made to the Hon. Secretary Major Hope Willis, R.M. Barracks, Chatham.

The Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, fixed for 10th June next, at the Royal Albert Hall, will be held at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

Application for tickets and all communications in regard to the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Boys School, by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 7th June, should be addressed to J. M. McLeod, c/o Stanley J. Attenborough, Esq., 18 Piccadilly, London, W.

FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS SCHOOL.—LIST OF STEWARDS AND AMOUNTS COLLECTED. LONDON.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P.,
LL.D., Chairman (including personal donation £252) 1762 9 0

HOUSE COMMITTEE (A).

Bro. Ralph Clutton
Robert Grey
Charles Hammerton
Henry A Hunt
Edward Letchworth, F.S.A.
Peter de Lande Long
R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C. (see also Lo. 1869 Hants and I.W.)
James H Matthews
Sir John Monckton, F.S.A. (see also Lo. 2535)
Col. James Peters
Frank Richardson
Alfred C. Spaul
Edward Terry

1 (Lo.) H J Pfungst 26 5 0
2 Francis S Hanson 26 5 0
2 (Ch.) E Luxmore Marshall (see Mark Lodge 363)
4 (Lo.) Wilson Crewdson 31 10 0
5 B G Gardner 54 12 0
6 Alfred Farquhar 52 10 0
7 (Ch.) W J Songhurst 10 10 0
8 (Lo.) A W Mellersh 30 0 0
14 Ernest A Walker 10 10 0
18 Lt.-Col. Clifford Probyn, J.P. 191 12 6
21 W J Lancaster 80 16 0
23 A A Yeatman 52 10 0
26 Col. Trafford-Rawson 14 14 0
29 David de Lara Cohen 29 8 0
45 Wm Briggs 10 10 0
58 (Ch.) John Smithers 63 0 0
59 (Lo.) Daniel Mayer 42 0 0
91 E B Haselden 27 6 0
92 Wickham Noakes 12 12 0
172 Wm Hunt (see also Lodge 2512) 87 3 0
173 Edward Gilbert 56 14 0
192 George Wetton
197 His Honour Judge W. Masterman, D.C.L. (see also Lo. 1118 and Notts) 70 7 0
227 Thomas Adams 38 17 0
231 F G Ivey 28 7 0
235 John M Courage 15 15 0
259 Sidney H Hargrove 10 10 0
619 E Croft Wise 10 10 0
700 H Pamment 168 0 0
720 William West 30 0 0
1017 Felix Heilbronn 45 0 0
1118 His Honour Judge W Masterman, D.C.L. (see Lo. 197)
1150 Septimus I Notley 36 15 0
1155 Thomas Hales 26 5 0
1155 Fredk Lewin 15 15 0
1155 Chas Clark 15 15 0
1196 Paul Alliston 26 5 0
1259 Frank Adams 42 0 0
1360 T R Porter 60 0 0
1382 Charles H Cooper 10 10 0
1383 Alfred H Bevan 362 5 0
1420 Henry S Windsor 12 12 0
1506 Luke Hansard 33 12 0
1572 W S Whitaker 17 17 0
1615 E B I'Anson 21 0 0
1658 Hy B Buckeridge 47 5 0
1671 T W Withers 137 11 0
1687 Walter Adams 157 10 0
1695 Robert Colsell 15 15 0
1708 W J Batho 58 5 6
1805 James Young 31 10 0
1839 W H Foot 37 5 6
1962 Spencer W Morris 26 5 0
1962 B J C Tilt
2127 Alfred B Bennett (see also Lo. 44 Lanes E.D.) 10 10 0
2242 Richard S Ellis 10 10 0
2361 A H Oldrey 130 0 0
2408 Fredk H Gervis, M.D. 51 9 0
2456 Leopold G Gordon Robbins 42 0 0
2489 Stanley Machin 34 14 0
2512 Wm Hunt (see Lo. 172)
2512 B T Blanco White
2524 Capt. F C Richmond Parry 67 14 0
2535 Sir John Monckton, F.S.A. (see House Committee)
2546 Ernest Westbrook 10 10 0
2578 Major H Vane Stow 10 10 0
2579 Edward Hall 80 6 6
2581 Alderman Sir J C Dimsdale 53 11 0
2625 James Tollworthy 42 0 0
2700 J M McLeod 246 15 0

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

W G Kentish 26 5 0

MARK LODGE.

363 E Luxmore Marshall 42 0 0

GIRLS SCHOOL GENERAL COMMITTEE
DINNER CLUB.

W J Mason 37 16 0

UNATTACHED.

Major Eustace Anderson 10 10 0
bStanley J Attenborough 21 0 0
William Bailey 21 0 0
Chas Belton, F.R.G.S.
bJ Bergmann 10 10 0
Arthur Betts 10 10 0
G R Blades 10 10 0
Henry Bown 10 10 0
H T Brickwell 10 10 0
ADr. A Stewart Brown 43 1 0
T G Bullen
bJ W Elvin
AThomas Fenn 21 0 0
R T Fennell
AViscount Folkestone, M.P.
Sir Forrest Fulton, Q.C. 10 10 0
T H Gardiner 10 10 0
George Graveley 15 15 0
AF R W Hedges 151 1 0
Frank R Kenning
bW R King 10 10 0
R D Longworth
Horace B Marshall, M.A., J.P., D.L. 21 0 0
Alderman W Vaughan Morgan 21 0 0
Perceval A Nairne 73 10 0
Joseph Odell 10 10 0
A W Orwin, M.D. 10 10 0
bOscar Philippe 10 10 0
Fredk Robinson 10 10 0
John Strachan, Q.C. 10 10 0
Thomas C Tanner 26 5 0
A J Thomas 94 10 0
bP G W Typke
James Willing jun. 10 10 0
Fredk Wright 10 10 0

LADIES AND LEWISES.

Miss Violet Hanson 10 10 0
Harold Gordon Miller 5 5 0
Marriott Parkinson 26 5 0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKSHIRE.

414 Bro. A H Bull 28 7 0
574 C E Keyser (see also Lo. 2518 Herts) 52 10 0
574 Reginald Maples 21 0 0

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

591 T G Parrott 2 2 0
1501 James Williams 10 10 0
Unatt. bJames Stephens
J C Fitzroy Tower 10 10 0
bMrs. James Stephens

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

859 Bro. W J Fernie 42 0 0
859 bW J Armitage

CHESHIRE.

2619 Joseph Robey 15 15 0

CORNWALL.

1528 Lt.-Col. G J Parkyn 11 11 0
Unatt. Fleet Paymaster J A Bell 10 10 0
Sholto H Hare 21 0 0

DERBYSHIRE.

1055 Robt Leech (see also Lo. 1219 Lanes E.D.) 10 10 0
1739 bTom P Hewitt
Unatt. Edwin S Woodiwiss 10 10 0
Isaac N Woodiwiss 10 10 0

DEVONSHIRE.

70 F B Westlake 42 17 0
1358 Rev. A H M Hare 10 10 0

DORSETSHIRE.

137 John H Whadcoat, J.P., C.C. 10 10 0

DURHAM Northern Division.

Robt Hudson 57 15 0

ESSEX.

Unatt. E Charles Lewis 10 10 0
bJames Speller

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

702 A S Winterbotham 10 10 0
Unatt. Baron De Ferrieres, J.P. 31 10 0
R V Vassar-Smith 31 10 0
Mrs. A S Winterbotham 5 5 0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

1331 Bro. Sergt. Mr. Tr. J E Caney 26 5 0
1331 bG H Atkinson
1869 R Loveland Loveland, Q.C. (see also House Committee) 10 10 0
Unatt. Richard Eve 31 10 0
Norman Clinton 15 15 0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

403 Horace J Tuck 23 17 6
404 George E Lake 10 10 0
2323 Edgar C Fisk 24 3 0
2353 O P T Newmann 40 0 0
2518 C E Keyser (see also Lo. 574 Berks) 63 0 0

KENT.

Unatt. A W Duret 21 0 0

LANCASHIRE EAST DIVISION.

44 Alfred B Bennett (see also Lo. 2127 London) 43 0 0
221 S Rothwell 10 10 0
1032 Albert J Cunliffe 21 0 0
1219 Robt Leech (see Lo. 1055 Derby) 20 4 0
Unatt. C D Cheetham
Sir John W Maclure, Bart., M.P. 10 10 0

LANCASHIRE WEST DIVISION.

2360 Dr. R Stopford 10 10 0
Unatt. Capt. C H Garnett 10 10 0

MIDDLESEX.

778 Sir F D Dixon-Hartland, Bart., M.P. 56 14 0
788 Wm Dawson 10 10 0
1237 James M Dexter 26 5 0
1293 Col. H M Gordon, J.P. 10 10 0
1293 (Ch.) Charles Fruen 57 15 0
1310 (Lo.) M McVey 31 10 0
2087 C E Wetton 119 2 0
2381 G R Langley 194 5 0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

1764 & 1911 H Manfield 42 0 0
2634 Herbert I Hankin 10 10 0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

His Honour Judge W Masterman, D.C.L., Grand Supt. (see Lo. 197 London)

NORTH WALES.

Unatt. C K Benson 10 10 0

OXFORDSHIRE.

357 Roger C Parr 27 0 6
1895 E J Mellett 21 5 0
2414 Thos Walker 17 9 0

SHROPSHIRE.

Unatt. W Lascelles Southwell 36 15 0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

347 H W J Ince 15 15 0
546 G C Kent 26 5 0
2149 Thos Taylor 57 15 0
2149 bElijah Jones
2149 bA F Wenger
Unatt. Rt. Hon. Lord Burton 21 0 0
Jas T Howson 10 10 0

SUFFOLK.

1983 T E Key 10 10 0

SURREY.

463 Alfred S Tipson 30 0 0
1347 Tom Cookes 112 17 6
2095 J M Crosley 10 10 0
Unatt. C O Burgess 10 10 0
bJohn Ellinger
bThomas Smith

SUSSEX.

1141 G B Simpson 42 0 0
2676 J Senior 10 10 0
2676 Rev. H G Jameson 10 10 0
Unatt. G W E Loder, M.P. 10 10 0

WARWICKSHIRE.

1031 Geo W Fenwick 42 0 0

WILTSHIRE.

1295 Geo Brooks 71 1 0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Prov. A F Godson, M.P., Prov.G.M. 68 5 0

| YORKSHIRE WEST. | | | YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST. | | | FOREIGN. | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|---------------------|---------|----------|--------------|---|
| 61 | James Duff | | 250 | L P Brekke | 36 15 0 | | | |
| 208 | Joseph T Tolson | | 734 | | 10 10 0 | | | |
| 258 | Thos J Pickles | | 2328 | Herbert Leeds Swift | 10 10 0 | 407 | F Challenger | — |
| 302 | Henry Smith | | 2328 | Fredk Shann | 10 10 0 | | | |
| 306 | Wm Blackburn | | 2328 | John P Carr | 10 10 0 | | | |
| 1001 | W F Smithson | | | | | | | |
| 1019 | Capt. H G E Green | | | | | | | |
| 1042 | Chas Grosvenor | | | | | | | |
| 1102 | Wm Wilson, J.P. | | | | | | | |
| 1542 | C A Phillips | | | | | | | |
| | Mrs. Geo Heaton | | | | | | | |
| | Total from the Province | 1470 0 0 | | | | | | |
| A Included in Chairman's list. | | | B Included in Lodge or Provincial list. | | | | | |

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Monday.

4 Rl. Som. Ho. & P'ness, F.M.H.
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
1632 Stuart, Camberwell
1828 Shepherd's Bush, S'pherd's B'sh
2397 Columbia, Criterion
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
1991 Agricola, York
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.
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
165 Hon. & Gen'sity, Inns of Co.Ho.
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole
2108 Empire, Criterion
253 Tyrian, Derby
564 Stability, Stourbridge
788 Crescent, Hampton Court
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Manchester
1309 Acacia, Hampton Court
1390 Whitwell, Millon
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1580 Cranbourne, Hatfield
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch't'm.
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's

Wednesday.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
753 Prince Fred. Wil'm., Frascati
754 High Cross, Tottenham
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons'-hall
2332 Borough of G'n'wich, E. G'wich
2416 Hiram, Freemasons'-hall
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton
651 Brecknock, Brecon
724 Derby, Liverpool
778 Bard of Avon, Hampton Court
887 Leigh, Birmingham
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1296 Vale of Brislington, Brislington
1633 Avon, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown
1723 St. George, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2186 Striguil, Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2357 Barry, Cadoxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Thursday.

General Committee Girls School,
Freemasons, Hall, at 5.

34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons'-hall
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
1421 Langthorne, Ilford
1523 St. Mary Magdalene, Café Royal
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of C'rt Ho

39 St. John Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Middleton
111 Restoration, Darlington
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
403 Hertford, Hertford
410 Grove, Ewell
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
772 Pilgrim, Glastonbury
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
966 St. Edward, Leek
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1313 Fernor, 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
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1616 Frndship & Harmony, W'rb'ge
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2184 Royal Vict. Jubilee, Rainham
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylelake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester
2418 Hedworth, South Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons'
Hall, at 4.
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall
1591 Studholme, Café Royal
602 North York, Middlesbrough
810 Craven, Skipton
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1777 Royal Hanover, Twickenham
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
1920 Eurydice, Surbiton
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace
1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's
631 Methuen, Taplow
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
1579 St. James, Enfield
1851 Ewell, Kingston
1965 Eastes, Bromley
1982 Greenwood, Sutton
2087 Electric, Hampton Court
2421 Carrington, Amersham

"What's in a name?" asks the immortal bard, and although we must agree that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, we must yet recognise that in the present day very much depends on applying the recognised appellation to anyone or anything we refer to. In our last week's report of the Confidence Lodge reference was made to a well-deserved compliment paid by the acting Master to the Organist of the Lodge, known in Masonic circles as Bro. Edwin Henry Lough, and although some of his more intimate friends are aware that professionally he omits the "Lough," there are some who would fail to associate the "Edwin Henry," whose Musical Sketches at the Piano are so well known outside of Freemasonry, with our esteemed Brother, and as a consequence we might have to reply to Shakespeare's query by saying there is often very much in a name. We hope Mr. Edwin Henry, or Bro. E. H. Lough, as the case may be, may continue to amuse numerous audiences for many years to come.

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The Secret Society Publishing Co., of Columbus, Ohio, has offered two prizes, consisting of fifty and twenty-five dollars cash, for the best articles on "How to make the Lodge Meetings Interesting." A contemporary remarks thereon: We are pleased to learn of this, and trust they may have many responses to the same. The prize articles will be published in the May and June issues of the "Masonic Chronicle" (Columbus). The offer is open to all members of the Fraternity. We believe this is a move in the right direction. [And so do we.—Ed. F.C.]

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I sometimes wonder, remarks the "Figaro," what the eminent and royal Freemason, who is such an ornament to his Order, would say to some of the things that he might read in the French Press. I do not attempt to explain this curious phenomenon, except that the Press and parties, who are as a rule so bitterly anti-Jew, anti-Protestant, and anti-Freemason, are generally the ultra-Catholic, and secular secret societies are forbidden in the Catholic Church.

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On Thursday, 26th May.

To Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Thurles, Limerick, Bray, Ovoca, Ballina, Galway, Sligo, Navan, Greenore, Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, Armagh, Bundoran, Enniskillen, Warrenpoint, Ardglass, Downpatrick, Newcastle (Co. Down), Sligo, Dundalk, Newry, &c., for sixteen days.

On Friday Morning, 27th May.

To Douglas, Isle of Man, via Fleetwood (from Euston only), for ten days.

To Rugby, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Burton, Derby, Leicester, and the North Staffordshire Line, for four, six, and eight days.

To Abergavenny, Dowlais, Merthyr, Tredegar, Brynmawr, Ebbw Vale, Swansea, Llandilo, for four, six, and eight days.

To Shrewsbury, Llandrindod Wells, Llangammarch Wells, Llanwrtyd Wells, Builth Wells, Rhayader, Welshpool, Wellington, Church Stretton, Craven Arms, Hereford, Oswestry, Wrexham, Newtown, Towyn, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Dolgelly, Harlech, Portmadoc, Criccieth, Chester, Birkenhead, Holywell, Rhyl, Denbigh, Ruthin, Corwen, Abergelle, Llandudno, Conway, Llanrwst, Bettwsycoed, Bangor, Llanberis, Carnarvon, Holyhead, &c., for four, eight, eleven, or fifteen days.

On Friday Night, 27th May.

To Carlisle, Moffat, Dumfries, Newton Stewart, Stranraer, Greenock, Gourrock, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumbarton, Balloch, Aberdeen, Montrose, Forfar, Dundee, Perth, Oban, Fort William, Stirling, Inverness, &c., for four, six, eight, and sixteen days.

To Preston, Blackpool, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, Carlisle, the English Lake District, and Furness Line, for three, six, and seven days.

Liverpool, Blackpool, Southport, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, the Lake District, and Furness Line, Douglas (Isle of Man), &c., for three, seven, ten, or fourteen days.

To Douglas (Isle of Man), via Liverpool, for ten days.

To Nantwich, Whitechurch, Stafford, Macclesfield, Stoke, Crewe, Runcorn, Liverpool, Warrington, Widnes, Southport, Wigan, Bolton, Blackburn, Northwich, Stockport, Manchester, Oldham, Stalybridge, Buxton, Ashton, Batley, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Bradford, Halifax, Leeds, &c., for three, five, and seven days.

On Saturday, 28th May.

To Leamington, Kenilworth, Coventry, Warwick, Birmingham, Walsall, Dudley, Dudley Port, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, for three, six, and eight days.

On Whit Monday, 30th May (from Euston and Willesden Junction only).

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

To Berkhamstead, Leighton, Watford, and St. Albans, for one day (from Euston only).

To Wolverton, for one and two days (from Euston only).

On Tuesday, 31st May (from Euston only).

To Wolverton, for one and two days.

On Wednesday, 1st June (from Euston only).

To Newport Pagnell, for one day.

On Thursday, 2nd June.

To Stratford-on-Avon, for half day.

On Thursday midnight (from Euston only).

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Thursday, 26th May.—To Cork, Killarney, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, Maryborough, Kilkenny, Belfast, Armagh, Enniskillen, Larne, Giant's Causeway, &c., allowing a fortnight; to Newbury, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., returning 30th May (certain stations only), 2nd or 9th June; to Weston-super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, &c., returning 3rd or 10th June; to Minehead, Lynton, Lynmouth, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, &c., returning 30th May, 3rd or 10th June; to Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., returning 29th, 31st May, 2nd or 9th June; and to Ross and Hereford, returning 2nd or 9th June.

Friday, 27th May.—To Bath, Bristol, &c., returning 30th, 31st May, 2nd or 9th June; to Chipping Norton, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, &c., returning 2nd June; to Market Drayton, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c., returning 30th May, 1st or 2nd June; to Shrewsbury, Welshpool, Aberystwyth, Llangollen, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bettws-y-Coed, Carnarvon, and other North Wales stations, returning 30th May, 2nd, 6th, or 9th June; and to Douglas (Isle of Man), to return any week-day to 6th June inclusive.

Friday Night, 27th May.—To Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, &c., returning 30th May, 3rd or 10th June.

Saturday, 28th May.—To Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c., returning 30th May, 2nd or 4th June; and to Douglas (Isle of Man), to return any week-day up to 6th June inclusive, and on Friday, 10th June.

Saturday midnight, 28th May.—To Bath, Bristol, &c., returning 30th, 31st May, 2nd, or 9th June; and to Chepstow, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, &c., returning 30th May, 1st, 2nd or 9th June.

Whit Sunday.—To Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., returning same day or 31st May, 2nd or 9th June.

Whit Sunday midnight.—To Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c., returning 30th May, 2nd or 3rd June.

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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 20th May 1898,

W. Bro. JOHN A. FARNFIELD,

Patron, Past Assist. Grand Dir. of Cers. England, in the Chair,
 After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 17 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 57 Candidates, and 12 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 62 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

| No. | Name | Votes. | No. | Name | Votes. |
|-----|----------------------|--------|-----|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Bro. Hy. Crosby | 5639 | 10 | Bro. R. Day | 4879 |
| 2 | Bro. M'Gee | 5574 | 11 | Bro. R. Solomon | 4758 |
| 3 | Bro. J. Parker | 5458 | 12 | Bro. G. F. Crane | 4596 |
| 4 | Bro. W. H. P. Martin | 5310 | 13 | Bro. T. I. Tyer | 4584 |
| 5 | Bro. T. Rendel | 5090 | 14 | Bro. E. Smith | 4401 |
| 6 | Bro. C. Knell | 5059 | 15 | Bro. W. Perry (deferred) | 4340 |
| 7 | Bro. W. P. Cockeram | 5037 | 16 | Bro. J. C. Crocker (deferred) | 4261 |
| 8 | Bro. E. Farrar | 4951 | 17 | Bro. J. J. West (deferred) | 3698 |
| 9 | Bro. H. Wilson | 4919 | | | |

WIDOWS.

| No. | Name | Votes. | No. | Name | Votes. |
|-----|--------------------|--------|-----|---------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Mrs. S. E. Bellamy | 7280 | 17 | Mrs. L. R. Atkinson | 5658 |
| 2 | Mrs. M. E. Kenyon | 7102 | 18 | Mrs. M. Woodman | 5346 |
| 3 | Mrs. S. F. Lovell | 6359 | 19 | Mrs. Clara James | 4944 |
| 4 | Mrs. L. Laxton | 6079 | 20 | Mrs. L. H. Symonds | 4944 |
| 5 | Mrs. S. Speight | 5689 | 21 | Mrs. H. Hester (deferred) | 4839 |
| 6 | Mrs. E. Bingham | 5686 | 22 | Mrs. M. Hurd (deferred) | 4120 |

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked A are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

The three lowest on the Poll (both Male and Female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order,

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron and Secretary.

20th May 1898.

The next Anniversary Festival will be held on the 22nd February 1899, under distinguished presidency. The services of Brethren and of Ladies to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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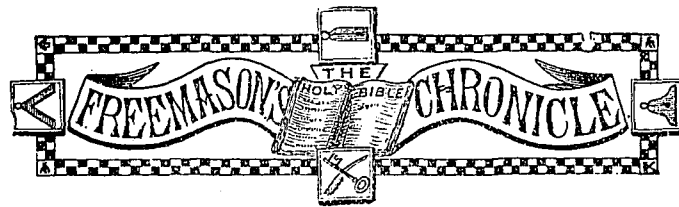
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SATURDAY, 21st MAY 1898.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting and election of annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held yesterday (Friday), at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London.

The fourteen vacancies on the Male Fund were increased to seventeen, by reason of deaths among the annuitants since the voting papers were issued. There were fifty-seven candidates on the list, one of whom had, however, withdrawn his application, thus there remains a list of thirty-nine to carry forward. The votes polled by the successful candidates ranged from 5,639 to 3,698.

On the Widows side there were also three additional vacancies caused by deaths since the papers were issued, and thus the number to be elected was increased to twelve; with a list of sixty-two candidates, reduced to fifty-nine by two deaths and one withdrawal. Forty-seven candidates therefore remain to go forward. Those successful polled votes ranging from 7,280 in the case of No. 1, to 4,120 for No. 12.

The consolation grants, of £7, £6 10s, and £5 respectively, were secured by No. 27, Thomas Knowles, 3,647 votes; No. 37, John Alford, 3,514 votes; and No. 46, Charles Henry Prichard, 3,449 votes, on the Male side; and by No. 16, Matilda Nottelle, 4,065 votes; No. 48, Catherine Hilton, 4,043 votes; and No. 21, Sarah Matilda Hodges, 3,849 votes, among the Widows.

The advertisement above gives the names and particulars of the successful candidates, lists of the unsuccessful, and the number of votes recorded on behalf of each, will be found on another page.

An explanation of the Royal Arch Jewel, by Comp. F. Brown, will be the chief attraction at the meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement on Tuesday next, 24th inst., at the Eastcheap Restaurant, 27 Eastcheap, E.C., where meetings of this Chapter of Improvement are held every Tuesday evening, at 6.30, from October to May inclusive.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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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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DUNCOMBE LODGE, No. 1486.

THE Installation meeting of this successful Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Duncombe Street, Kingsbridge, on Monday, 9th inst., and was attended by a large number of Brethren, some of whom came from distant villages at least ten miles away. This Lodge is one of those country ones held near the full moon, as it is more pleasant travelling in the Devonshire lanes by moonlight than when the nights are dark.

The retiring W.M. Bro. Edgar Harry Dibben occupied the chair, being supported by Bros. Hooper P.P.G.S.Wks., Joseph Balkwill, Philip Trant Jr., Robert Chase, J. R. Gill, Rev. T. C. Lewis P.P.G.C., F. Jarvis, Past Masters; Ben Johnson P.M. 1805 S.W. and W.M.-elect, E. J. Wilson J.W., W. Pengilly S.D., H. G. Richards I.G., Joseph Foale Treas., Joseph Cranch Org., Periton, Hathaway 153, Gibraltar, Beaumont 1805, Sims 1461, Southampton, and many others.

A telegram from Bow to Bro. Ben Johnson, which ran thus, "Hearty good wishes from Coborn, Bow; and Benevolentia to self and Brethren," was read.

The Rev. Jas. Henning P.P.G.C. P.M., who has lately been appointed Vicar of Cockington, Torquay, wrote resigning his membership of Duncombe Lodge, as he intended joining a Lodge in Torquay, having accepted the office of Chaplain. Great regret was expressed at his leaving, inasmuch as the Rev. Brother had embellished the internal part of the new Lodge room at his own expense, while he was Master.

The W.M. opened the Lodge at 3.45, and after the minutes were read and confirmed Bro. J. Foale Treasurer was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of his splendid services ever since the Lodge was established in 1874.

Bro. Foale in a suitable manner heartily thanked the Brethren for their kindness, and stated that only a small amount remained to clear off the debt on the building, at which several Brethren expressed satisfaction.

The Lodge being opened in the second degree Bro. G. Hooper P.P.G.S.Wks. P.M. D.C. presented Bro. Ben Johnson as W.M.-elect. Bro. Chase P.M. Installing Master administered the usual obligation. The ancient charges and regulations were assented to, after which a strong Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Johnson was duly installed as W.M.; but owing to the fact that he had already passed the Master's chair in Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, Bow, the ceremony, though impressively rendered, was somewhat curtailed. Bro. E. H. Dibben was appointed I.P.M.

On the Brethren being re-admitted Bro. J. Balkwill P.M. proclaimed the W.M., and led the salutations in the three degrees in his usual effective manner. The addresses to the W.M., Officers and Brethren were rendered by Bro. G. Hooper P.M. in his usual faultless way.

The W.M. appointed the following as Officers: Bros. E. J. Wilson S.W., W. Pengilly J.W., Rev. T. C. Lewis P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Joseph Foale Treas., Robert Chase P.M. Sec., H. G. Richards S.D., W. J. Port J.D., George Hooper P.M. D.C., Joseph Cranch Org., W. J. White I.G., John Lee Tyler.

The appointment of a Representative on the Committee of Petitions was next proceeded with. Bro. J. R. Gill P.M., who for the last five years has splendidly carried out the work (having never missed an attendance except when ill), stated that in consequence of a great increase in his business, which necessitated his journeying three of four hundred miles every week, he reluctantly felt compelled to relinquish the office; and accordingly asked the Brethren to accept his resignation. With great regret this was acceded to, and a proposition was ordered to be recorded on the Lodge books testifying to the great ability and zeal shown by Bro. Gill in the execution of his work.

Bro. Geo. Hooper P.M. was unanimously elected in his stead.

Brother C. C. Elliot wrote saying it was his eightieth birthday, and that he was too ill to attend Lodge. As he was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and unremitting usually in his attendance, the Secretary was requested to forward congratulations on his birthday, and to wish him speedy recovery from his illness.

Another Officer's merits were now recognised, Bro. Joseph Cranch, Organist of the Parish Church of Loddiswell for many years, and who was one of the first initiated in the Lodge, having carried out his duties effectively in the musical part of the ceremonies, was ordered to be presented with a handsome jewel.

Several letters from Brethren regretting their unavoidable absence were now read. It is the general custom before Lodge is closed to make what is called a "Penny Collection." This useful little function is intended for those in necessity, and if not so applied has been sent, when a sufficient sum has been obtained, to one of the Masonic Institutions. A Life Governorship for the Lodge has been the result.

The Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel banqueting room, where Bro. Startup provided a most excellent and recherché banquet; the tables being splendidly decorated with rare plants and flowers, and the walls draped in a most artistic manner. For the creature comforts of the Brethren everything was served in that perfect way for which the Hotel is celebrated.

The menu card and toast list was an artistic piece of work, the frontispiece being a life-like portrait of the W.M., wearing his invariably lovely orchid in his buttonhole.

The usual Loyal toasts were given and responded to.

The I.P.M. Bro. E. H. Dibben next gave the health of the W.M., remarking that he knew Bro. Johnson, who had already been a Master of one of the London Lodges, would carry out the work to the complete satisfaction of all the Brethren, and at the expiration of the year would receive the approbation of the Lodge.

When Bro. Johnson rose to respond, there was round after round of applause. He stated that he felt proud of his position that day in being W.M. of a Freemasons' Lodge in his native town of Kingsbridge, after thirty years absence from it. He assured them that he meant to work, for he was persuaded there was ample scope, when the introduction of some of the leading men of the town took place; and as they were such good men and citizens he wondered why they had not already become Masons. The

valuable assistance of the P.Ms. he was assured of, and spoke of his Officers as being well grounded in the work of the various degrees, and hoped they would perfect what was deficient.

The W.M. next presented the toast of the Installing and Immediate Past Masters, and coupled with it the names of Bros. R. Chase and E. H. Dibben.

Bro. Chase, in responding, stated that when Bro. Dibben was installed Master of the Lodge he promised to help him to the utmost of his ability. That promise he had endeavoured to carry out, and when asked to perform the ceremony of installation for his very old friend Bro. Johnson he felt it a peculiar privilege and honour, inasmuch as the W.M. Bro. Johnson was one of his friends more than thirty years ago, before he went to London, and that friendship had continued through the whole of that period. He stated it was a peculiarly onerous task to instal one who had already received that benefit. He hoped, however, that though he felt it necessary to curtail somewhat, the ceremony was not shorn of its stateliness.

Bro. Dibben sincerely thanked the W.M. for his very kind words, and was glad to see that things had gone so nicely that day. It pleased him greatly to see that the financial position of the Lodge had improved, and he had no doubt that the small debt now owing would soon be paid off.

In responding to the Masonic Charities Bro. J. R. Gill P.M., who is enthusiastic on this matter, stated how interested he was in securing such large amounts for the relief of one of the distressed members of the Lodge, and also for the widow, and that the latter was first on the list in the Province to receive further help, which would be shortly forthcoming.

Bro. the Rev. T. C. Lewis P.M. was very humorous in proposing the health of the Visitors, the play on the "Square" being received very pleasantly.

Bro. Sims appreciated having his name associated with the Visitors, and said what great pleasure it had given him to attend the Lodge, and to see the work carried out in such a perfect manner.

Brother Hathaway (Gibraltar) had never seen the installation done so thoroughly, and sincerely thanked the W.M. for permitting him to speak.

The Treasurer Bro. J. Foale, in responding, was highly gratified at receiving the handsome jewel, and said that it would be an incentive for him to do his work in the future as well as he could.

The Secretary was then given by Bro. P. Trant jun. P.M., and in a few felicitous terms he approved of the choice which the W.M. had made, as he knew Bro. Chase would perform the work well, having been called upon to assist in balancing the Treasurer's accounts during the past year as well as on several previous occasions.

Bro. Chase heartily thanked the last speaker for his flattering remarks, and said he was always willing to assist as well as he could. He stated that the Treasurer's accounts were correct, and that he had presented the W.M. with a balance sheet made up to the date of the Installation.

Bro. Joseph Balkwill, in responding to the toast of the Past Masters, said he regretted not having attended Provincial Grand Lodge, as some of the others had, as he knew that great benefits accrued in learning its working.

Bros. Bond P.P.G.J.D., and G. Hooper P.P.G. Supt. Wks. also spoke, the latter remarking that he had had the privilege and honour of attending Grand Lodge in London once, and that before saying anything definitely he should like to attend a few times more.

The Tyler's toast finished the list.

The W.M. Bro. Ben Johnson must be heartily congratulated on carrying out the arrangements so successfully. In order to add to the pleasure of the Brethren the Kingsbridge Orchestral Band, under the leadership of Brother J. Cranch Organist, was engaged, and performed several capital pieces of music, among the greatest favourites being selections from the "Bohemian Girl," and from "Corelli." Mr. Ben Johnson jun. sang splendidly "On the Goodwins" Piccolomini, "Come my beloved" Weatherley, and "Jack's the boy" Geisha; the latter being the greatest favourite. Being in capital voice each piece was vigorously re-demanded by those present. The following Brethren also contributed to the harmony of the evening: S. Coad, Jarvis, Chase, Richards, Startup, the latter assisting the choir in rendering the "Grace" from the "Laudi Spirituali" (A.D. 1545) very sweetly.

Another feature which specialised this record banquet was that several ladies, on the invitation of Bro. Ben Johnson, graced the proceedings by their presence and were specially provided for in an adjoining room. To add a graceful finish to the day's proceedings Bro. the Rev. T. C. Lewis P.M. promised to present the Lodge with six new Collars for the Officers.

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ST. GILES LODGE, No. 1587.

ON Tuesday, 2nd inst., the members celebrated the festival of St. John, at the Town Hall, Cheadle, when the Rev. W. G. Mayne, Vicar of Tean, was installed Master of the Lodge.

The attendance, though not so large as last year, when Lord Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master was present, was nevertheless quite up to the average, and would probably have been even larger but for the fact that Provincial Grand Lodge was being held at Stafford next day.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. Brickel P.M. P.G.A.P.

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned to the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served by the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham.

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WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John of Jerusalem took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Saturday, 7th inst., there being an attendance of nearly sixty members and visitors to the Lodge.

After the reading of the dispensation, necessary on account of the change of day, and also the confirmation of minutes, successful ballots were taken for Messrs. James Lee Mercer, Schoolmaster, Cheetham, and Richard Wiseman, Insurance Manager, Greeheys, who were desirous of making their advent into Freemasonry; the initiation of these gentlemen, in consequence of pressure of work, was deferred until a subsequent Lodge night.

The principal business of this meeting was that of installing Brother George Hargreaves S.W. into the chair of King Solomon, the duty being undertaken by Bro. William Harris P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. and Treasurer, who had the assistance of such an excellent auxiliary of Past Masters as Bros. Chas. Crowther, N. T. Holyoak, W. W. Siddell, John Dean, Walter Taylor, and John Hatton Secretary, and it goes without saying that the ceremony, governed by such a catena of accomplished Officers, was admirably performed.

The Board of Installed Masters consisted of Bros. Harris as Installing W.M., Dean as S.W., Hatton as J.W., A. T. McGregor P.M. 654 P.P.G.D. as I.G., and Crowther as Deacon, Bro. Harris, than whom Prometheus

about to snatch the fire from heaven could not have been more anxious, opened the proceedings in his usual careful manner. Bro. Crowther presented the W.M.-elect to receive the benefits of installation, and the latter assented to all the ancient constitutional questions put to him by Bro. Hatton Sec.

The following is a list of Officers for the ensuing year, who were invested by the W.M., and addressed by Bros. Holyoak, Siddell, Crowther and Dean: Bros. T. C. Newey S.W., Alfred Ogden J.W., John Dean P.M. Treasurer, John Hatton P.M. Secretary, N. T. Holyoak P.M. Dir. of Cer., W. W. Siddell P.M. Char. Rep., Henry Holt S.D., J. G. Pittam J.D., G. H. Constardine I.G., C. H. Thompson Org., Samuel Dearden, J. H. Norris, Henry Beattie, J. H. Wright Stewards.

Bro. Harris concluded with the address to the Brethren generally.

We have expressed our satisfaction with the work of the Installing Master, and that of the Worshipful Brethren who assisted him, but it would be unfair to neglect a passing mention of the solo, "Be thou faithful until death," rendered with effect by Bro. F. Ridsdale Bowley P.M. 1213, and the anthem (quartette), "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is Brethren to live together in unity," as given by Bros. Pittam, Ward, Bowley, and T. M. Rushworth. Nor must we omit mentioning the fact that the very engaging harmony of this anthem was the special composition of Bro. Thompson Organist, who is an Associate of the College of Organists, and F.G.O.

Hearty good wishes having been expressed by visiting Brethren, Bro. Hargreaves W.M. introduced the name of Bro. Sharp, his predecessor in the chair, explaining that he was absent that day through a serious bereavement, namely, the death of his wife. After a few touching references by other Brethren it was proposed and unanimously carried that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with him, expressing in feeling terms the sorrow of the Brethren at his sad loss.

Ladies had been invited to participate in the proceedings which were to follow, and Lodge having been duly closed in peace and harmony, the Brethren retired for the purpose of escorting the members of the fair sex to the Worshipful Master and Mrs. Hargreaves, who held a general reception in the Lodge room. From the enthusiasm displayed on this occasion we cannot help thinking that the newly-installed W.M. will command a hierarchy of respect, not only from his Officers, but from all those who may happily be associated with him during his occupancy of the principal chair.

A banquet had been provided by Miss Brandon, the hall caterer, to which members and visitors alike sat down, numbering over 100, and to our untutored gastrographic mind, the menu seemed an abundant and satisfactory one, embracing as it did soups "all sprung from the same stock," fish "from the sands of the sea, where the tide regularly ebbs and flows," joints of which it was modestly suggested "I need not here dilate on their many excellencies," ducklings, chickens, and game not ashamed to confess that they were "of mature age," puddings, ices, &c., of which one was "taught to be cautious," and dessert "the last and greatest trial."

The various Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly varied by the efforts of a musical septet, consisting of Misses A. Hooson and Sabina Colebourn, Mr. F. T. Lindley, Bros. F. R. Bowley P.M., W. H. Cradock, J. H. Maccann P.M. and C. H. Thompson Organist and Director. The ladies were in excellent voice, and sang selections from Cowen, Behrend, and other composers with great taste. Mr. Lindley's recital with zither accompaniment was a very clever performance, and his humorous song was tastefully selected, while Bro. Cradock's song "Revenge" was a marvel of vocalism. Bro. Maccann, who, by permission of Bro. E. H. Jones, came specially from the Manchester Grand Theatre of Varieties, is an accomplished artist on the concertina, or rather on two concertinas, for he played a couple of those instruments at one time, by way of illustrating a selection composed by Bro. Dan Godfrey; and he gave various imitations, among others that of a bugle, a brass band, an organette, bells, church organ, &c., which were so full of humorous and contrapuntal expedients that the audience was in a roar of laughter from the beginning to the end.

Bro. C. D. Cheetham P.M. 993 Past Provincial Grand Warden, in responding on behalf of the Provincial Officers, said that the innovation of admitting ladies to the festive board would be better if oftener carried out. He spoke very flatteringly of the ceremony of installation, reverting particularly to Bro. Harris, saying he was proud of his fellow colleague, and of the fact that he had done his work in so admirable a manner, he having satisfactorily proved that he was worthy of the honour which the Provincial Grand Master had bestowed upon him. He was also glad that Bro. Past Master Siddell would in a fortnight's time be numbered among the Provincial Brethren, by being invested with the purple, and he added a tribute to this worthy Officer by saying that no case brought by him before the Board of which he (Bro. Cheetham) was chairman, had been refused, and in a measure attributed this success to the excellent advocacy of their Charity Representative. Such panegyrics from a source like this may be accepted as highly complimentary to the Wolseley Lodge, for Bro. Cheetham is by no means a "poseur," nor does he praise work which is merely of a perfunctory or negative kind.

Bro. Harris, on rising to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, said it must be obvious and patent to all present that this was the most important toast of the evening, and he felt his inadequacy to do justice to it. During his connection with the Lodge, which embraced a period of sixteen years, he had never risen to propose a toast with greater pleasure. Since his initiation into the Lodge by him (the speaker) the W.M. had been fortunate in getting into office. Still he had been diligent in his work, and the honour which he had now gained was by sterling ability and downright application. He had not only attended to his Lodge, but he had also acted as Secretary to a Lodge of Instruction, and they were proud of him. Bro. Harris then took a pleasing retrospect in connection with the Wolseley Lodge, but in returning to the present time said that this was a red letter day in its existence, and Bro. Hargreaves occupied a splendid position as Master. The Lodge was in a gratifying position too, so far as regarded finance; it boasted of members numbering between sixty and seventy, and was well represented in other ways. In passing, he touched upon the fact that the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, which held its meetings at Heaton Moor, had sprung from the Wolseley Lodge. With regard to the forthcoming Boys Festival, they would be able to send two representatives to London. Had more time been accorded to Bro. Cheetham he might have spoken at length upon this Festival, and have told them that the Craft would help the Charity by no less a sum than £100,000.

The W.M., who in responding under such circumstances had as many excuses for being prolix as old Burton had for indulging in melancholy, very wisely restrained any "penchant" he might possess in that direction, and confined himself to a very sensible speech, thinking perhaps that words, like the precious perfume of the East, are liable to exhaustion. He said he felt deeply grateful to Bro. Harris for the kind and eulogistic manner in which he had proposed his health, and also for the ability with which he had conducted the ceremony of installation that afternoon. He also felt grateful to the

Ladies and Brethren for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast. When he looked round on that large gathering of good, true, influential men, and such a galaxy of beauty presented by the lady friends, he felt that he might reasonably be guilty of a pardonable pride in having the distinguished honour of presiding over that brilliant assembly. Continuing, he said this was one of the proudest and happiest moments of his life, truly a red-letter day, to which the major portion of Masons aspire. But it was not his intention to inflict upon them a Masonic speech, for two especial reasons. Firstly, he was afraid that if he were to enumerate the many pleasures and privileges which Masons derive from work and social intercourse, the ladies would be clamouring at the Lodge doors for admittance, with a strong desire to share in those privileges, which would hardly be compatible with Masonic traditions. Secondly, he had an excellent programme before him provided by the musical Brethren and friends, and this he felt sure would be far more entertaining than a speech. He would therefore content himself by saying that he sincerely hoped he would prove himself to be worthy of the confidence which they had reposed in him, by unanimously electing and installing him into the office of Worshipful Master of the Wolseley Lodge. He assured them that it would be his great aim always to preserve unscathed the chain which he wore, and prevent it losing any of the lustre imparted to it by his predecessors. It was an old saying and a true one, that "the proof of the pudding was in the eating," and he therefore hoped that when he might be called upon to surrender the reins of office to his successor, he would be able to do so with the full conviction that he had satisfied and pleased them, and had done his duty.

The W.M. introduced Bro. Dean to the company, stating that he had something of importance to say to them.

Bro. Dean at the onset stated that it was his pleasing duty that evening, and on behalf of the Brethren, to recognise a Past Master. The members had contributed a sum among themselves (and he emphasised the fact that no amount had been taken from the Lodge funds), in acknowledgment of excellent services rendered by Bro. Hatton, and the latter would receive from him a very handsome present in the shape of a gold watch. Though this was a recognition of past services, yet it did not follow that they were about to lose his assistance in the Lodge, where they hoped to see him for many years performing his accustomed duties. The watch bore the following inscription:

Presented to

BRO. J. HATTON P.M.

by the Brethren of the Wolseley Masonic Lodge, No. 1993,
after fifteen years of faithful services as Secretary.

7th May 1898.

In conclusion Bro. Dean said he felt honoured in having to discharge the duty of presentation, and hoped that in the future Bro. Hatton would have pleasant reminiscences of his connection with the Lodge, and of his association with the Brethren.

Bro. Hatton said he did not know how to thank the members of the Wolseley Lodge for their valuable present, of which he had not the remotest knowledge before that moment. Strange to say they had hit upon the thing which of all others he required the most.

Bro. Crowther intimated that he had had a paper put into his hands conveying the intimation that "these were happy moments," an expression which seemed to be the motto of the evening. Well, there was a good deal of truth in the saying, for those were happy moments for some people. It was his pleasure and duty to perform a similar function to the last, this time in connection with Bro. Harris, for, in commemoration of his twenty-fifth year as a member of the Craft, the Brethren had purchased for him a gold medal, which was intended as a pendant for his watch chain, and he had very great pleasure in handing to him this small token of esteem. The token bore the following inscription:

Presented

to BRO. W. HARRIS P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C.

by the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993,

in commemoration of his twenty-fifth Masonic anniversary.

10th February 1898.

Bro. Harris, in reply, said this was one of those occasions when one had as it were a marble in the throat, being unable to find words by which to express what was intended to be said. He then commenced a speech which we must admit was couched in enjoyable argot, and imbued with a rich vein of humour. Amongst other things he stated that the Brethren seemed to have had an intuitive knowledge of what he required, and had presented to him just the right thing. Some years ago, when located at the old King Street rooms, the Brethren had presented to him a gold pencil case and a diamond pin, and also a small Past Master's jewel. In these matters he seemed favoured, and it led him to believe that no one was better thought of than himself in the Lodge, where he would admit he had spent some of the happiest moments of his life. In conclusion, he thanked them for their great kindness.

The W.M. rising once again, said he regretted that the opportunity of pinning a Past Master's jewel on the breast of the I.P.M. was denied him, but his auditors were probably aware that Bro. Sharp was absent from this meeting on account of a severe bereavement. The duty would therefore be postponed until a future occasion. The inscription on the jewel was as follows:

Presented to

BRO. WILLIAM SHARP P.M.

by the Brethren of the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993,
for past services.

May 1898.

Brother Crowther proposed the health of the Visitors, to which Brother McGregor responded.

Bro. Holyoak proposed the health of the Ladies, saying this was one of the principal toasts of the evening. He could not, however, understand why he was called upon to perform the duty. Perhaps it was because he was a bachelor, and did not know much about Ladies. He was very pleased to see them present, gave them a cordial welcome, and asked for a hearty response to his toast.

Bro. Rushworth, St. John Lodge, No. 325, Salford, responded in a very humorous speech, as follows:—Worshipful Master and Brethren. It is with the greatest pleasure that I arise on behalf of the Ladies to respond to the toast of their health, which has been so eloquently proposed and so enthusiastically received. In identifying myself with them to-night, may I, in the first place, congratulate you, Worshipful Sir, upon having attained the high position which you now occupy, and in the second place, may I thank the Brethren generally for the hospitality they have so liberally bestowed upon us. We mete out to you a full measure of sympathy, that at your

ordinary meetings you are deprived of our presence; but on what I may term your state occasions, such as this, you are pleased to have us with you, to benefit by our society, to gaze upon our fair faces, and graceful proportions. As the petals of the flower form the chief attractions of its unfolded loveliness, so do we, the Ladies, form the greatest charm of the highest type of civilisation. Without us, man would deteriorate, would become effete. Deprived of us, where would be those blissful moments in cosy nooks—for two? Those delightful walks by running brooks, 'neath leafy trees—also for two? And where, in later life, would be those little quarrels, which I am informed on a most credible authority, go so far to make up the sum total of connubial bliss? Man, without us, would become, as Carlyle says, "A forked radish with a fantastically carved head."

" Dame Nature swears the pretty dears
Her noblest works she classes O;
Her prentice han' she tried on man,
And then she made the lassies O."

So sang the poet, and whilst avoiding all false modesty, we are fully alive to our undoubted superiority; still we do not wish to discourage you. We would rather take you by the hand, and endeavour to raise you up to our own high level, though years must go by ere we can hope to succeed in our aim. It is true that the wisest of men once said, "I have found woman bitterer than death;" but surely Solomon said this in one of his atrabilious moods. Further, it is a well-known fact that over repleteness produces exactly the opposite effect to that which would be produced by an elegant sufficiency, and whilst one of us is the true embodiment of all sweetness, still a thousand of us are far too many for one man. No, I prefer to take another dictum of Solomon, spoken in a calmer and more thoughtful mood, when he said, "He who hath found a woman, hath found a good thing." In conclusion, permit me again to thank you all for your hospitality, also for the good things you have said about "a good thing."

Brother Siddell proposed the Masonic Charities, and adduced many instances of their practical usefulness. His speech was a Homeric hymn upon Charity; he introduced in words and descriptions gradatorial the varying lights and shades of Freemasonry, and portrayed in a pleasant and artistic manner the impressive universality by which we, as members of the Craft, are surrounded and governed, touching a chord of thoroughly philanthropic cadency which vibrated sensitively among the audience.

Besides those mentioned above, we noticed in the number of visitors Bros. I. Davies P.M. 1147 P.P.G. Supt. Works, M. Naylor W.M. 44, Thos. P. Cooper W.M. 1458, Samuel Gaskill P.M. 163, A. B. Sidebottom P.M. 582, J. M. Williams P.M. 1011, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, Nathl. Dumville P.M. 2156, John Walker P.M. 2359 and S.D. 37, S. Dixon P.M., J. H. Dean I.G. 44, John Townend 163, H. A. Kay 2359, and many others.



BRO. GEORGE HARGREAVES
Worshipful Master.

Bro. George Hargreaves, the newly-installed W.M. of the Wolseley Lodge, whose portrait we produce, is a very active Freemason. In the higher degrees he is connected with the Royal Arch through the Benevolence Chapter, No. 226, Littleborough, where since his exaltation he has evinced the greatest interest, and now holds the office of P.S. Last year he joined the Starkie Chapter, No. 935, thus at the present time being attached to two Chapters. At the November meeting 1896 he was advanced in the Saint Andrew's Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 94, Manchester, where he has gained the position of M.O. It will thus be seen that he is making headway for the principal chairs both in the Royal Arch degree and also in Mark Masonry.

He is the printer and publisher of the "Manchester Programme, and Tram Guide," being part Proprietor of the same, in conjunction with Mr. Howarth, a resident of Didsbury. The more active part of the business, however, is in the hands of Brother Hargreaves, who issues a smartly illustrated, as well as useful and entertaining pamphlet, which is a faithful record of theatrical and other public proceedings in Cottonopolis and neighbourhood.

Of Brother Harris it is not necessary to say much, except that he is a well-known Manchester personality, and is actively connected with the extensive printing firm of Messrs. William Harris and Sons, 21 Cannon Street, in the above mentioned city. The menu and toast list previously reverted to in this report was issued from his establishment, and was of that recherché description which usually distinguishes his numerous Masonic undertakings.



BRO. WM. HARRIS P.M. P.P.G. A.D.C.
Installing Master.

IXION LODGE, No. 2501.

THE annual meeting was held at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, on the 12th inst., when Bro. W. J. Barnes was installed. We shall give a report of the meeting next week.

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PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE annual meeting of this well known metropolitan Lodge—consecrated in 1857—was held on Monday, at the Balham Hotel, Balham, when Bro. W. E. Reeve W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. T. Holland S.W. W.M.-elect, E. J. Dillutt J.W., G. Treves P.M. Treas., E. G. Young Sec., W. J. Woodward S.D., G. R. Huntley J.D., T. E. Comins I.G., W. Graham acting Org., T. Sheppard Tyler; Past Masters G. Nott, A. C. Wood, and others; together with Bros. H. Callan, T. Hurdle, H. H. Symonds, F. Wells, A. Hewes, J. Bitter, W. Jones, C. Cartwright, G. Rutson, J. G. Roberts, J. Gillham, &c.

The Visitors included Bros. W. Shaw J.W. 1772, G. Graham 1420, G. Wetton P.M. 1624, F. Morgan P.M. 2353, E. De Vere P.M. 1772, F. Higham W.M. 1772, C. Mead S.W. 2316, G. Ingram W.M. 2469, E. Sinclair P.M. 1441 Secretary of Terriers Lodge of Instruction, J. Wynman, S. M. Samuels, G. Le Brumm 1772, and others.

The Lodge being duly formed the minutes were read and confirmed, whereupon Mr. Alfred Davidson was presented as a candidate for initiation, the ballot having been previously proved unanimous in his favour. This gentleman was regularly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Bros. Herbert H. Symonds, Henry Callan, and John Gillham, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, now sought preferment at the hands of the Master. They answered the usual questions in a very satisfactory manner and were entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the three Brethren were passed as Fellow Crafts.

The second ceremony being ended, as satisfactorily as the former, the W.M. proceeded to instal as his successor Bro. Thomas Holland, who was regularly presented to the Installing Master by Bro. G. Treves P.M. Treasurer. Bro. Holland gave his consent to the charges and regulations, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was regularly placed in the chair as ruler of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren the new Master was saluted in the three degrees, and then proceeded to invest the following as his Assistant Officers: Bros. C. J. Dillutt S.W., W. J. Woodward J.W., G. Treves P.M. Treas., E. G. Young Sec., G. R. Huntley S.D., T. E. Comins J.D., W. T. Clarkson I.G., F. G. Welsh D.C., T. McCormick A.D.C., E. Price and A. Francis Stewards, C. H. Cartwright Org., T. Sheppard Tyler.

Great praise is due to the new Master for the ability he displayed in the investiture of his Officers, his remarks as to the duties of each, and the work they had to discharge for the benefit of the Lodge, being most impressively given. Bro. Reeve completed the ceremony with the delivery of the usual addresses.

A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge, having first received the hearty good wishes of the numerous visitors who were present.

After an enjoyable banquet the new W.M. was fairly put upon his mettle, and proved himself equal to the occasion, the way in which he proposed the different toasts showing him to be fully qualified for the position he now occupies.

In proposing the Loyal toasts the W.M. remarked on the great popularity of the Prince of Wales in Freemasonry, and paid a high tribute to the Grand Officers, who rendered their chief every support.

Bro. Reeve I.P.M. having assumed the gavel, in flattering terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, wishing him every success during his year of office. By the perfect way in which he had invested his Officers it was evident they had elected the right man as the ruler of the Panmure Lodge, and he felt the Brethren would join most heartily in drinking to his very good health, which was done with considerable enthusiasm.

Bro. Holland W.M. met another hearty reception on rising to respond. He tendered sincere thanks for his reception, and expressed the pride he felt in being Worshipful Master of the Panmure Lodge. He assured the Brethren he should always study the welfare of the Lodge, and do everything in his power to make it, if anything, more prosperous than it was at the present moment.

The next toast afforded the W.M. very much pleasure to bring under the notice of the Brethren, being that of the Immediate P.M. Bro. Reeve. All knew him to be one of the best workers of the Lodge, who had done everything that could be desired of a Worshipful Master, and had given general satisfaction. Under such circumstances it became a very pleasant duty to present to him the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and in doing so the W.M. tendered his best wishes, and expressed the hope he might live to wear it in good health amongst them for many years to come. The jewel bore the following inscription:

Presented
by the Brethren of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720,
to BRO. W. E. REEVE,
for able services as Worshipful Master.
May 1898.

The I.P.M. suitably returned thanks. He felt their cordial reception and the jewel that had been presented him that evening proved he had given satisfaction during his year of office. He most sincerely thanked the Past Masters and Officers for their kind support during his term of Mastership, and concluded with another expression of his indebtedness to the members one and all.

The next toast was that of the Initiate, which the W.M. submitted in fitting terms. He felt sure they had admitted a Brother that day who would make an excellent Freemason.

Bro. Alfred Davidson thanked the W.M. for having initiated him, and the Brethren for receiving him as a Brother amongst them. In time to come he hoped he would be able to show that the confidence reposed in him had not been misplaced.

The visitors were next toasted, and in proposing their health the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in being able to tender the guests a most hearty welcome. The members of the Panmure Lodge were always pleased to see visitors, and they hoped all had enjoyed themselves.

Among the Brethren who responded to the toast was Bro. Sinclair P.M., who said he had known Bro. Holland for a considerable time, and from the eloquent way in which he rendered the ceremonies in the Lodge of Instruction he felt the Brethren would soon discover they had a Master who not only knew the ritual, but was able to give it in that impressive manner which could not fail to impress the candidate and the members alike.

The Past Masters were next honoured. The W.M. regarded them as the

supporters of the Lodge, Brethren whose advice or help was ever ready when needed. Bro. Reeve I.P.M. had specially distinguished himself that day, by the way in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master.

Bro. Nott, replying, said he was very pleased to be numbered among the Past Masters of the Panmure Lodge, and gratified to know they had elected the right man to preside, over the Lodge. He wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Reeve said the meeting had been a very enjoyable one. It had been a great pleasure to him to have the opportunity of installing Bro. Holland in the chair. It was too late to do more than sincerely thank them for the toast.

The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, the W.M. regarding those Officers as most efficient workers. They were always in their place, and always fulfilled their duties in a most satisfactory manner.

Each of those Officers replied, thanking the company for the compliment paid them.

The Officers were next toasted, and suitable response was made on their behalf.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

A MEETING of this popular Lodge was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Hyde W.M., assisted by his Officers and a large attendance of members and Visitors, those present including Bros. Bray, Gieseke P.M. Treas., C. J. Free P.M. Sec., Butcher, Rowberry, Chapman, Carroll, Jeffery P.M., Hill P.M., Stroud P.M., Schmidt P.M., Toye P.M., Burridge, Holmes, Noble, Bell, Angles, Cooper, Prior, Truland, Fischer, Hustwayte, Sasserath, Martin, Ward, Jones, Cooper, W. H. Baker, J. Baker, &c., with Bro. Bowler W.M. 1861 Tyler.

The Visitors were Bros. G. D. Carr 548, Smith P.M. 192, Archer W.M. 1524, Noble 212, Howard 1158, Keable W.M. 174, Rozier S. 2332, Harry Willsmer 1567, Francis W.M. 879, Grontage 1586, Ritson 2647, Solomon P.M. 1732, &c.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. R. J. Burridge to the degree of Master Mason.

Messrs. W. H. Baker, Joseph Cooper and W. J. L. Jones having been balloted for and approved, the W.M. initiated them into the mysteries and privileges in a very careful manner, each of the three gentlemen appearing much impressed with the ceremony, the performance of which, with the other degree, proved that the choice of the Brethren, in having selected Bro. Hyde to preside over them, was a good one.

A proposition for initiation at the next meeting was received.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that sums of £10 10s each should be placed on the lists of Bros. Toye P.M. and Carroll I.G., who are representing the Lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Boys Institution.

A motion by Bro. Bray S.W., respecting a Ladies night, was very freely discussed by the Brethren, it being generally thought that it was somewhat too late in the season for a banquet, and that it would be advisable to consider the question of a summer outing instead. After remarks by the W.M., Bros. Free Secretary, Jeffery P.M., Toye P.M., and Peters P.M., it was decided to let the matter stand over.

The sum of £1 1s 0d was voted for the benefit of the funds of the Earlwood Asylum.

The Brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., interspersed by songs and recitations by Bros. Smith P.M., Keable, Bell, Wall, Burridge, and others.

The Charity box collection realised 16s 6d.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE Great Western Railway Company will run excursions on Wednesday night, 25th May, to Chepstow, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, Milford, and other stations in South Wales; and on Thursday, 26th, to Cork, Killarney, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, Newbury, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Lynton, Lynmouth, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, &c. On Friday, 27th, excursions will be run to Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Chester, Manchester, Rhyl, Llandudno, Carnarvon, Liverpool, Douglas (Isle of Man), &c.; on Friday night to Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, &c.; on Saturday, 28th, to Oxford, Birmingham, &c., Douglas (Isle of Man); and at Saturday midnight to Bath, Bristol, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, &c.

On Saturday, 28th inst., excursions for Guernsey and Jersey will leave Paddington Station at 8.50 a.m. (Daylight Sea Passage) and at 9.15 p.m. (Night Passage).

On Whit Sunday a cheap train will be run to Swindon, Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and at midnight on Sunday an excursion will leave Paddington for Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c.

On the Bank Holiday cheap trains will be run to Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Oxford, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, &c., and on Whit Tuesday an express half-day excursion will be run to Oxford, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon.

Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged.

Cheap tickets are issued daily from London and many suburban stations to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Burnham Beeches, Henley, Goring, Wallingford, and other riverside resorts. These tickets can be obtained throughout the Whitsuntide holidays, and in fact during the whole of the summer months. The train service to and from the riverside stations has also been considerably improved.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 28th inst., the Company will run in duplicate the 11.45 a.m., 3.0, 6.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; the 1.30, 4.45 and 6.50 p.m. trains to the North; and the 12.0 noon and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford and South Wales. The first portion of the 11.45 a.m., 3.0 p.m. and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 11.40 a.m., 2.55 p.m. and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long

distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers.

Ordinary and excursion tickets are issued at the Company's City and West-end Offices, and tickets can also be obtained at Victoria (L. C. & D. Railway), Kensington (Addison Road), Uxbridge Road, Hammersmith, and other stations.

The booking office at the Paddington Station will be open all day on 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th May, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the Great Western Railway can do so at their convenience. Ordinary tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday next, 23rd inst., to Whit Monday, 30th inst., inclusive, so that Passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the train.

Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of Passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the Town Receiving Offices of the Company.

On Saturday, 28th May, special trains will leave Euston at 11.55 a.m. for Birmingham and Wolverhampton, and at 1.20 p.m. for Llandudno, Holyhead, and Welshpool: a special express train will also leave Euston Station for Birmingham at 4.25 p.m., calling at Northampton and Coventry. On Sunday, 29th, a special train will leave Euston at 8.50 a.m., for Harrow, Watford, King's Langley, Boxmoor, Berkhamsted, Tring, Cheddington, Leighton, and Bletchley. On Whit Monday the 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. trains from Euston will leave at 12.10 noon and 4.10 p.m. respectively; the 4.30 p.m. train from Euston will not run. Passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m., except those for Peterboro', Market Harboro', Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, and the Great Northern Line, who on this date will travel by the 3.0 p.m. train from Euston. The 5.30 p.m. from Euston will not be run. Passengers will leave at 5.35 p.m., and be due to arrive Liverpool at 10.10 p.m., and Manchester 10.5 p.m. Dining Cars will be attached. The dining and Breakfast Cars on the following trains will not be run on Whit Monday: —6.55 a.m., Wolverhampton and Birmingham to London; 7.0 p.m., London to Birmingham and Wolverhampton; 4.10 p.m., London to Liverpool; 5.30 p.m., Manchester to London; 4.5 p.m., Liverpool to London. The Dining Saloons on the up and down Corridor trains, and the Breakfast and Luncheon Cars on the up and down Irish Mails and Boat Expresses, will run as usual. On Whit Monday numerous residential trains will not be run.

The Company also announce they will run excursions to and from London, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, and the Cambrian Line, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the English Lake District, Scotland, Ireland, &c.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

THE Midland Railway Co. will run cheap excursion trains from London to different parts of Ireland, for sixteen days, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 26th, 27th and 28th inst., fuller particulars of which may be had from St. Pancras and other Midland Stations and Town booking offices. On Friday cheap trips will be run from St. Pancras to Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, the Lake District, and Isle of Man, and the same night other excursions will start for the north of England and different parts of Scotland, returning the following Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday, or third class tickets at a single ordinary fare will be issued, available for return at any time within 16 days. On Saturday, 28th, there will be excursions to the chief midland towns, to Lancashire, Yorkshire, Newcastle, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., returning the following Monday, Thursday, or Saturday, and to Douglas (Isle of Man) for ten days.

On Whit Monday the usual day trips will be run from St. Pancras, and on Thursday, 2nd June, a train will start at midnight for Manchester (for the Races), returning on Saturday.

The season excursions from St. Pancras (London) to Matlock, Buxton, Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, Lytham, St. Anne's-on-Sea, the Isle of Man, Morecambe, Lancaster, the English Lake District, &c. will commence on Wednesday, 1st June, the tickets being available for passengers to return in either 6, 9, 13, or 16 days. Cheap week-end tickets are now issued every Friday and Saturday from London (St. Pancras) and other principal Midland Stations to the chief holiday and pleasure resorts in the "Peak" District of Derbyshire, Yorkshire, the North East Coast, and other parts. The tickets are available for return on the following Sunday (where train service permits), Monday or Tuesday. For the Whitsuntide Holidays these tickets will also be available for returning on Wednesday, 1st June.

Cheap Excursion trains for five or eight days will also be run to London, from all parts of the system.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

THIS Company announces cheap excursions from London on Friday, 27th inst., to the principal stations in the north of England and Scotland, tickets being available for return in 4, 6, 8, or 16 days. On Saturday, 28th, other excursions will run for 3, 6, or 8 days, while on Whit Monday, 30th, there will be the usual one day trips to St. Albans and other Stations in that locality, to Peterborough, Skegness, &c., &c. A two days excursion will be run on Thursday night, 2nd June, to Manchester, for the Races.

CONVERSAZIONE AT BOURNEMOUTH.

UNDER the auspices of the Horsa Lodge, No. 2208, of which Bro. G. M. Bridge is the Worshipful Master, a conversazione was given in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, 9th inst.

The hall was suitably arranged, and there was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. During the evening Bro. Niel Macgillycuddy, M.R.C.P., gave a demonstration of the induction coil, vacuum tubes, and Rontgen X ray apparatus, and a selection of microscopes, lent by Mr. George Pearce, were displayed under the charge of Bro. J. H. Williams. A capital programme was also carried out under the direction of Bro. H. Holloway, Mus. Bac. Oxon.

R. M. B. I. ELECTION.

THE following were the unsuccessful candidates at yesterday's election, with the number of votes secured by each :

MALE.

| No. on List. | Name. | Votes : Forward. | Polled. | Total. |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------|--------|
| 27 | Knowles, Thomas ... | 255 | 3392 | 3647 |
| 37 | Alford, John ... | — | 3514 | 3514 |
| 46 | Prichard, Charles Henry ... | — | 3449 | 3449 |
| 26 | Sturge, Edwin ... | 935 | 2489 | 3424 |
| 22 | Janeway, Thomas ... | 890 | 2023 | 2913 |
| 44 | Smith, John William ... | 20 | 2877 | 2897 |
| 5 | Mott, James ... | 1422 | 1137 | 2559 |
| 15 | Hose, Samuel James ... | 1207 | 1092 | 2299 |
| 17 | Hills, William ... | 820 | 1477 | 2297 |
| 28 | Darton, James ... | 774 | 1429 | 2203 |
| 30 | Davey, Charles ... | 590 | 1582 | 2172 |
| 36 | Smith, John Ruberthan ... | 20 | 2068 | 2088 |
| 24 | Hills, John ... | 747 | 1232 | 1979 |
| 34 | Smith, James ... | 603 | 1317 | 1920 |
| 9 | Ransom, Alfred ... | 975 | 298 | 1273 |
| 18 | Harrison, Albert William ... | 222 | 465 | 687 |
| 47 | Blake, William Thomas ... | — | 624 | 624 |
| 1 | Nichol, Robert ... | 425 | 192 | 617 |
| 2 | McLean, William John ... | 277 | 25 | 302 |
| 25 | Blake, Robert ... | 78 | 217 | 295 |
| 36 | Druce, Henry ... | — | 194 | 194 |
| 3 | Stockman, Thomas S. ... | 69 | 89 | 158 |
| 51 | Perry, Thomas ... | 40 | 104 | 144 |
| 12 | Benson, Richard Hodge ... | 54 | 81 | 135 |
| 49 | Godfree, George Richard ... | — | 117 | 117 |
| 4 | Hatton, Peter Valentine ... | 65 | 25 | 90 |
| 57 | Nicholl, William ... | 60 | 30 | 90 |
| 54 | Templeman, James ... | — | 70 | 70 |
| 53 | Coney, Thomas Worts ... | 40 | — | 40 |
| 29 | Beech, John ... | 15 | 22 | 37 |
| 32 | Lazenby, Thomas Cradock ... | 17 | 17 | 34 |
| 7 | Richmond, William Miles ... | 13 | 18 | 31 |
| 13 | Frew, James ... | 7 | 20 | 27 |
| 21 | Nicholson, Matthew ... | 2 | 22 | 24 |
| 6 | Kessey, Solomon ... | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| 33 | Wareing, John ... | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 52 | Price, Thomas Ullock ... | — | 7 | 7 |
| 55 | Collins, Thomas ... | — | 7 | 7 |
| 40 | Wood, William B. ... | — | 2 | 2 |
| 48 | Shaw, John ... | Withdrawn. | | |

FEMALE.

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|----|--------------------------------|------------|------|------|
| 16 | Nottelle, Matilda ... | 1211 | 2854 | 4065 |
| 48 | Hilton, Catherine ... | — | 4043 | 4043 |
| 21 | Hodges, Sarah Matilda ... | 1674 | 2175 | 3849 |
| 19 | Stuart, Elizabeth ... | 320 | 2427 | 2747 |
| 36 | Randall, Emma ... | — | 2734 | 2734 |
| 47 | Very, Jeannie ... | — | 2207 | 2207 |
| 55 | Leary, Emma ... | — | 1857 | 1857 |
| 17 | Hosgood, Margaret ... | 1110 | 488 | 1598 |
| 57 | Giles, Mary Matilda ... | — | 1356 | 1356 |
| 60 | Williams, Mary Ann ... | — | 1354 | 1354 |
| 43 | Lewis, Louisa ... | — | 1277 | 1277 |
| 26 | Pooley, Elizabeth ... | — | 1144 | 1144 |
| 18 | Weaver, Mary Ann ... | 350 | 655 | 1005 |
| 1 | Salisbury, Jane ... | 614 | 216 | 830 |
| 53 | Davis, Hannah ... | — | 772 | 772 |
| 42 | Simmons, Mary Ann ... | — | 749 | 749 |
| 39 | Fauvel, Susannah Eliza ... | — | 616 | 616 |
| 11 | Banning, Ann ... | 16 | 510 | 526 |
| 10 | Dickinson, Eliza Emma ... | 449 | 74 | 523 |
| 2 | Mannington, Eliz. Atkinson ... | 415 | 77 | 492 |
| 31 | Letton, Emily ... | — | 477 | 477 |
| 24 | Allan, Louisa Anne ... | 270 | 146 | 416 |
| 40 | Pook, Mary ... | — | 406 | 406 |
| 35 | Warr, Mary ... | — | 384 | 384 |
| 44 | Bordeaux, Elizabeth ... | — | 157 | 157 |
| 6 | Cartledge, Annie ... | 111 | 27 | 138 |
| 3 | Ionn, Elizabeth ... | 84 | 23 | 107 |
| 8 | Snart, Mary Ann ... | 51 | 15 | 66 |
| 50 | Wright, Deborah ... | — | 53 | 53 |
| 27 | Alexander, Mary ... | — | 50 | 50 |
| 12 | Reid, Mary ... | 48 | — | 48 |
| 34 | Rumball, Esther ... | — | 46 | 46 |
| 14 | Wright, Martha Frances ... | 15 | 19 | 34 |
| 5 | Lemon, Charlotte ... | 23 | 7 | 30 |
| 7 | Miller, Margaret ... | 22 | 6 | 28 |
| 13 | Sargent, Agnes Adelaide ... | 20 | 6 | 26 |
| 15 | Wadsworth, Hannah ... | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| 49 | Dyer, Kate Elizabeth Sarah ... | — | 9 | 9 |
| 20 | Claisen, Maria ... | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 33 | Moore, Mary Ann Smith ... | — | 4 | 4 |
| 62 | Acton, Jane Ellen ... | — | 4 | 4 |
| 61 | Hyne, Jane Grey ... | — | 1 | 1 |
| 28 | Rocke, Eliza Lanyon C. ... | — | — | — |
| 32 | Peacock, Eliza ... | — | — | — |
| 38 | Wilkinson, Margaret ... | — | — | — |
| 51 | Jew, Maria Henrietta ... | — | — | — |
| 52 | Smart, Martha ... | — | — | — |
| 58 | Godden, Eleanor Ann ... | Withdrawn. | | |
| 4 | Cowell, Nancy ... | Dead. | | |
| 25 | Platt, Ruth ... | Dead. | | |

The Theatres, &c.

Covent Garden.—On Monday, Die Walkure. Tuesday, Tristan und Isolde. Wednesday, Faust. Thursday, Mefistofele. Monday and Tuesday at 7-30, other evenings at 8.

Drury Lane.—7-45, The White Heather.

Lyceum.—8, The Medicine Man. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Cæsar. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

Haymarket.—8-30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.

Adelphi.—8, The Heart of Maryland. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.

Vaudeville.—8-20, The French Maid. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30.

Daly's.—8-15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Savoy.—Next Saturday, The Beauty Stone.

Lytic.—8-15, Don Quixote. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Prince of Wales's.—8-15, La Poupée. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Garrick.—8-15, An Attic Drama. 9, Too much Johnson. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Gaiety.—8, A Runaway Girl.

Criterion.—8-15, The Liars. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

St. James's.—8-15, The Conquerors.

Strand.—8-15, Elaine. 9, The J.P. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Globe.—8, When George the fourth was King. 8-15, The Master. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Duke of York's.—8, The Lady Wrangler. 8-45, The Dove-Cote. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Court.—8-30, Trelawny of the "Wells." Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Comedy.—8, Constancy. 8-30, Lord and Lady Algy. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Avenue.—8-15, Love Wisely. 8-45, The Club Baby. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 2.

Royalty.—8, Ruth's Romance. 9, My Innocent Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Parkhurst.—Next week, Union Jack.

Grand.—Next week, The French Maid.

Alexandra.—Next week, A night out.

Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, Charley's Aunt.

Alhambra.—7-50, Variety Entertainment. One of the Boys, &c.

Empire.—7-50, Variety Entertainment. "The Press" Ballet, &c.

Palace.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c.

London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.

Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2-30 also.

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