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INTERLOPING BRETHREN.

THE question has often exercised us as to what would be the position of a Lodge, or of the individual Brethren present therein, who were innocently led to violate their obligation, by assisting in the ceremony of opening up in a superior degree in the presence of a junior not entitled to participation therein; the interloping member being well aware of his disability and really maintaining his position by fraudently wearing the regalia of that degree to which he was not entitled. We have propounded the query to more than one Brother learned in the laws and practice of the Craft, and the answer has usually been that such a thing was not likely to happen—that members of the Order were too impressed with the teachings of the Craft to desire to take an unfair advantage of their fellows, and that it would be quite time enough to legislate on such a case when the necessity arose. Well, we learn from our Australian contemporary, "Masonry," that the necessity has arisen, and we are not at all surprised to learn that the Brethren of the antipodes, who unintentionally erred, find themselves in the position we expected such a body would find themselves in—they are rebuked for allowing themselves to be taken in. That is just about the verdict we should expect from the wiseacres of any section of our Brotherhood should a similar complaint be laid before them; it may be logical, from a legal standpoint, and may satisfy a section of the Brotherhood, but it must be very hurtful to the Brethren who felt themselves imposed upon, and who naturally looked to the authorities of their Jurisdiction to support them in what they justly considered an outrage upon their Lodge and its individual members.

In the case specially referred to a Grand Officer of the Jurisdiction, who was not an Installed Master, but who wore an apron on which the distinguishing badge of such—in the former of the levels—was displayed, remained while a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and participated as well as he was able in the work of the superior degree; though, as he afterwards admitted, he was well aware he had no right to be present, and knowing this he endeavoured to copy the signs of his fellows as well as he was able—and succeeded for a time in passing himself off as an Installed Master.

What was the outcome of this grave Masonic offence? The local Board of General Purposes investigated the matter, the Brother who had been improperly present was "censured," and the Lodge admonished to be more careful! Against this "admonition" the members of the Lodge very justly appealed, with the result that the decision of the Board was upheld, but we venture to think this legal decision will be received with disgust by Freemasons generally who give the matter a moment's consideration, and that sympathy for the Lodge and its members will be far more general than respect for such an outrageous official decision.

If the members of the Victorian Board of General Purposes consider that such a grave offence as was admittedly committed—intentionally—by one of its Grand Officers only calls for "censure" we must pity them their idea of the

fitness of things, but when after finding themselves unable to do their duty and adequately punish one high in Masonic rank they turn and add insult to the injury sustained by the Lodge particularly concerned, our pity turns to something approaching contempt—certainly it seems there is one law for the high, and another for the lowly, even in Freemasonry.

An "admonition to be more careful" probably means very little, if anything; in this case it is about on a par with telling a friend who has been robbed of his watch that he should not be so stupid as to carry one, but even that very little must be galling to Brethren who probably reported the case to the authorities because they were so indignant at being imposed upon. We do not know how far the law of the land would uphold more strenuous action on the part of conscientious Brethren who might be similarly imposed upon in this country, but in the event of such an imposition being discovered we would certainly advise the Lodge to cast discretion to the winds, kick the offender out of the Lodge and its precincts, and risk the consequences. They might be summoned for assault, and possibly fined, but they would have the satisfaction of knowing that the contemptible individual who wilfully imposed upon them had met a more adequate punishment than he would be likely to receive if the case were adjudicated upon by the tribunal of the Craft. We should prefer to lynch such a "Mason" rather than run the risk of his being too lightly punished in an orthodox, hum drum manner.

The article in our contemporary, dealing with the subject is far too lenient, in our estimation, it being as follows:

What may happen to a Lodge in Victoria.

OUR report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Victoria will be read with interest by all W.Ms. and P.Ms., and many will be astonished at its revelations. The Victorian Naval and Military Lodge, No. 49, is known throughout the length and breadth of the land for its extreme care and rigid practice of ritualistic and other ceremonies. Indeed this is so remarkable that the Lodge has become an object lesson to country and other State P.Ms. and W.Ms., who avail themselves eagerly of every opportunity to see the exemplary and unusually instructive representation of our ceremonials to be witnessed there. Now this very celebrity is not without some drawbacks, and there are unfortunately a very large number of metropolitan and suburban Brethren who envy the Lodge its widespread acknowledgments, and some of whom are ill-naturedly critical of its proceedings as being something (and it is the best of compliments to acknowledge it) "they have never even seen or heard of before." The Lodge knows full well that this feeling prevails largely and would not on that account expect a very gentle and considerate treatment if such Brethren were to be its judges, and yet it has had the temerity by unanimous vote to go to Grand Lodge on an appeal against a finding of the Board of General Purposes, knowing full well from first to last that theirs was a forlorn hope, but deeming the matter worthy of the widest possible ventilation, as something they had no reason whatever to be ashamed of, but regarded as of such importance to the Craft in general as to require the greatest publicity. The facts of the case are that on the 14th March the installation ceremony took place, the W.M. Bro. J. J. Lock being the Installing Master on the occasion. Grand Lodge was represented by the Deputy Grand Master with the Grand Director of Ceremonies and a number of

his other Officers. On their arrival Lodge was open in the third degree, and from a supposition that the Deputy Grand Master had been summoned for an earlier hour and had been detained, which, however, was quite a mistake, M.Ms. were ordered to retire and had done so. The order had been given by the W.M., repeated by Brother W. B. Edwards acting as I.G., and loudly proclaimed by Bro. Clark, the Tyler, that none but I.Ms. should be admitted and then Grand Lodge was announced and received, amongst the number being two who were only M.Ms., and one whom, after the Deputy Grand Master had been received with honours, at once retired in obedience to his manifest recognition of his duty and his cognizance of the imminence of and preparedness of the Lodge for, a Board of Installed Masters being opened. One Brother not entitled, however, still remained, and was wearing the Grand Lodge regalia with the Master's Level upon it, so that there was no outward or visible sign by which he could have been recognised as not an I.M., and it is noteworthy that the very next day orders were issued that the Master's insignia should be removed from these aprons, a tardy recognition of duty, seeing that in these very columns we had repeatedly pointed out the impropriety of allowing them to be worn. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to open a Board of Installed Masters, asking the J.W. if he was an I.M., and requiring him to secure proofs that all the Brethren present were I.Ms. These proofs were given and repeated in the report of the J.W. to the W.M., and were admittedly copied by the Grand Lodge Officer, who was improperly present and who has since acknowledged that he knew he had no right to be there, and that knowing this he endeavoured to copy the Ss. given! ! ! When the ceremonies closed, and not until then, it was ascertained that this unfortunate circumstance had occurred, and a Board of I.Ms. was opened and the Brother solemnly obligated never to reveal what had improperly become known to him. The Deputy Grand Master made a report to the Grand Master, and the latter referred the matter to the Board of General Purposes, and the day after its next meeting "all the town was agog" with the fact that the Victorian Naval and Military Lodge was to be summoned to answer a charge. So much for the supposed secrecy of the Board's proceedings! A whole month went by and the Lodge heard nothing, and at its next meeting it was resolved to report the circumstances to the Board of General Purposes, showing that the Lodge in no way shirked its responsibilities or shrank from the fullest investigation. The next step was that the W.M. and all the Past Masters who were present on the occasion were summoned to appear before the Board to answer an apparent breach of their obligation, and in June the matter was investigated, the Brother who had been improperly present censured, and the Lodge admonished to be more careful! ! ! Against this admonition by a unanimous vote of its members the Lodge appealed, and on Wednesday night last week the decision of the Board was upheld. No other result was expected by the Lodge, which desired that the fullest publicity should be given to all the facts of the case which are amply stated in our report. The matter suggests some thoughts however which should not be overlooked. The Brother's confession that he knew he had no right there and that he tried to copy the Ss. showed that the Lodge's precautions in opening the Board of Installed Masters were sufficient, nor must it be forgotten that every effort was only lately made by the Board of General Purposes to prevent that ceremony being carried out, and it was only saved by the determined opposition in Grand Lodge of P.Ms. of this very Lodge. That it was quite evident that M.Ms. could see and understand that the Lodge was ready to proceed in a Board of Installed Masters was proved by the retirement of one of the Grand Heralds, and lastly that no proofs are sufficient to prevent such an occurrence as this if Brethren be "weak enough"—very kind words those—to remain when they know they are not entitled to be present, unless the S. and W. be taken from each individual present before proceeding. The Victorian Naval and Military Lodge has undoubtedly done another inestimable service through its sufferings, to the Craft in general, and it was most amusing to hear the advocates for the Board arguing that the question should have been asked whether all present were Installed Masters when they themselves admit that there is no ritual to require it, and they themselves have done their best to prevent that full ceremony which requires that it should be asked. For years past, and until this paper carried the

better plan in the face of a wide-spread opposition, Boards were opened with a gavel stroke, and such a question was not heard once in a hundred times. The President of the Board and some outside most sympathising but officious Brethren have expressed regret that the appeal had been brought, and thought the Lodge would have done well to let the matter drop. There are many people of this calibre, for advice is cheap, but the Lodge thought, and has been confirmed in its opinion, that the widest publicity—even in the face of a foregone conclusion as to the result—was the best thing possible in the interests of the Craft in general, and they have succeeded in making possibilities well and widely known.

LODGE REPRESENTATION AND PROXIES.

IN view of the desire frequently expressed by Brethren throughout the Provinces—and often endorsed by Metropolitan Masons—that some change should be made in the system of electing our Grand Treasurer year by year, the following remarks of the Grand Master of Canada should be carefully studied. It will, of course, be recognised that part of what he says is somewhat irrelevant so far as English Freemasonry is concerned, but on the other hand his comments may teach us what to avoid, when the question comes to be considered, and we feel sure it must be, as to what is best to do, in order to ensure an equitable and popular means of voting, for the one elective Office in the English Grand Lodge which can be competed for by ordinary members of the Brotherhood.

WHILE, my Brethren, laying no claim to any special wisdom by reason of my occupancy of the exalted position you have placed me in, it is nevertheless within my province, as well as in the line of my duty, to present to you such suggestions on any subject as may appear to me worthy of your consideration. In inviting your attention to the present system of proxies which obtains in this Grand Lodge I am doing nothing original. My immediate predecessor urged very strongly a year ago the propriety of considering the apportionment of the voting power on the floor of Grand Lodge, as between the Past Masters and the direct representatives of the Lodges. He spoke strongly of the abuse of the proxy system, and in an interesting statistical table demonstrated that during the preceding fifteen years, 25 per cent. of the Lodges represented at our annual communications were so represented by proxy. The table does not indicate what proportion of such proxies were held by Past Masters of the Lodges—information which would have been of much value. Opinions will probably differ very widely as to the advisability of any action having for its object the curtailment of the voting powers of Past Masters. I am by no means prepared to admit that the time is even nigh when there should be any interference with the status of these Brethren in Grand Lodge. In the vast majority of cases the Past Masters, who devote the time and expense necessary in attendance at Grand Lodge meetings, are men of ripe experience, of much more than ordinary skill in the Craft, and of ability to contribute to our deliberations valuable expressions of independent judgment. Though technically they may not be fresh from the electorate, they nevertheless owe their rank and position to their Brethren, and naturally represent local opinion on subjects of Masonic interest and importance; while the newly elected Master who attends Grand Lodge, it may be for the first time, feels a diffidence, or is restrained by excess of modesty from urging his views on matters which, in his opinion, should be discussed. We all know from observation, how readily and how forcibly the more experienced Past Master will air a grievance, ventilate a fad, or criticise the administration of the business of Grand Lodge. Rightly or wrongly, I confess to having always entertained a strong predilection in favour of maintaining the present rights and privileges of those Brethren who have done the work and acquired the experience implied by the rank of Past Master. Indeed, many years ago I had the privilege of moving the resolution amending the Constitution, so as to enable Past Masters to vote for District Deputies, and I have yet to learn that on the whole such change has not worked beneficially. But as to proxies, without going into any argument in detail, there seems to me room for improvement of our system. It is not a seemly thing that any Brother should come to Grand Lodge armed with or controlling proxies sufficient to ensure

his own election as District Master. None of us may know of such cases specially, but some of this has often been heard of. In view of the infrequency of special instructions from Lodges ever accompanying their proxies, is there not much to be said in favour of Lodges whose Officers cannot attend our annual communications having their choice of proxies restricted to their Past Masters! Some of the undesirable features that crop out in connection with the scrambles for Office would disappear, and peradventure the result might be a larger number of Lodges represented by their own membership.—G.M., Canada.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE General Committee of Grand Lodge held its last meeting for the present year on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Henry Matthews President of the Board of Benevolence in the chair. Bros. D. D. Mercer Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod Junior Vice-President, Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Lake Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd and Bro. G. S. Recknell, and a large number of other Brethren were also present.

Grand Secretary read the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge, which refers among other items of business to the nominations of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and of the Grand Treasurer, the appointment of the President of the Board of Benevolence, the election of Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, the election of members of the Board of Benevolence (and as there were only the requisite number nominated, there will be no contest), the reports of the Board of Benevolence and of the Board of General Purposes, and one appeal. There were no notices of motion.

Board of Benevolence was duly opened. Bro. D. D. Mercer moved, and Bro. Henry Garrod seconded, a vote of thanks to the President for the able, kind and courteous manner in which he had conducted the business of the Board during the last twelve months, and on it being carried Bro. J. H. Matthews acknowledged it, thanking the Brethren, but saying that as he could do nothing without the Brethren's assistance they were by their vote only patting their own backs.

The Board then dealt with the list of petitions, first confirming the grants recommended for the sanction of the Grand Master at the October meeting. There were forty-two petitions on the new list, and of these four were deferred and one was dismissed. Grand Lodge was asked to sanction one grant of £100, and three of £50 each. The Grand Master's approval was asked to six grants of £40 each, six of £30 each, and one of £25. The Board made fourteen grants of £20 each, five of £10 each, and one of £5. The total sum voted was £1,030.

Bro. Mercer said it might interest the Brethren to know the number of cases and the amounts given last year, and compared with those of the year now ended. In the year ended November 1900, there were 304 cases relieved, with a total of £8,539; in the year ended November 1901 the cases relieved were 416, and the amount awarded £10,610.

The Board was then closed.

CORNWALL.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter will meet at Hayle, under the banner of the Hayle Chapter, on Thursday, 12th December, at 2.45. The Chapter will be held in the Cornubian Lodge Room, and the banquet in the Lodge dining hall. A large gathering is expected, as there are a great numbers of Arch Masons in West Cornwall, and Thursday is the half-holiday in Redruth, Camborne, Hayle, and St. Ives. Communications can be addressed to Comp. J. G. Osborn, Mount Pleasant, Hayle.

A graceful compliment was paid to one of the "best of Masons," in one of the "best of Provinces," at a recent meeting of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, held at the Royal Hotel, Bromley, Kent, when in the course of an interesting speech Bro. G. R. Bolton P.P.J.G.W. W.M. explained the pleasure he had in presenting to Bro. W. Russell P.M. 77 Prov.G.Treas. P.G.A.D.C. England a gold jewel, with an appendage of the "White Horse of Kent," in commemoration of his having accepted the honorary membership of the Acacia Lodge. The presentation was made amidst much applause, and Bro. Russell, in replying, said he hoped to hand the jewel

down to posterity, and that he might be spared for many years to enjoy a Fraternal friendship with the members, which had been so happily begun. An inscription on the jewel testified that it was presented "by the Brethren of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, in appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to Freemasonry in general and the Charities in particular."

Although we in England are apt to smile at some of the "records" achieved by our trans-Atlantic cousins, we must certainly at times concede to them points in the race for novelty. The details in regard to a "Masonic Family," given elsewhere in this issue, are certainly sufficient to interest members of the Craft the world over. It is probable many other instances of family association could be recorded, but we are afraid it will take us a long time in "old fashioned" England to attempt comparison with our American cousins in the example of Masonic relationship now quoted. We should imagine there are very few cases where a father and five sons could assist at the initiation of a sixth son; with a grandson, also a Mason, taking part in the ceremony.

Bro. John N. Willis P.M. 483, having served for two years in succession the office of Mayor of Gravesend was upon his retirement on 9th inst. presented with a Past Mayor's badge, and an illuminated address on vellum recording the thanks of the Town Council for his service to the Borough. He was further unanimously elected as an Alderman, and appointed by his successor as Deputy Mayor. These facts speak highly for the great popularity of Bro. Willis, and we congratulate him most cordially upon his fulfilling a very difficult position with tact and discretion.

The installation meeting of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, was held on Tuesday, 19th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, on which occasion Bro. W. Vicars S.W. was placed in the chair. The meeting proved most successful. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

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. We do not sanction anyone attending Lodge meetings as our representative without a specific invitation.

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Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER SAM GARCIA P.M.

"Then fill the bowl—away with gloom!
Our joys shall always last;
For hope shall brighten days to come,
And memory gild the past."

THIS verse of the immortal Moore was forcibly brought to our mind on the occasion of the installation meeting of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, held on Thursday, 14th inst., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, when ample evidence was given that "Our joys shall always last," despite the fact that a painful personal affliction called for special effort to do "away with gloom." We felt on this occasion really too unwell to leave home, but ventured to risk the possibility of an "Allcroft" entertainment being better than a doctor's treatment, and those who know the Lodge of which we write will not be surprised to hear that the result went far to prove that we did not err in the selection of our "medicine."

Memory certainly gilds the past of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, and happily there seems to be very little necessity for the exercise of hope in regard to the days to come, despite the fact that one at least of those who might have been expected to continue his association with the Lodge has thought it desirable to resign, because he feels it unnecessary to continue membership of a Lodge he is unable to attend. We may well ask, with Shakespeare "What's in a name?" That which we call the Derby Allcroft Lodge will probably be as sweet in the future as it would have been with what we cannot help regarding as more fitting associations, but it is not for us to attempt to analyse the feelings of individual Brethren, we can only "shed a tear of sympathy" when we hear of family ties being rudely severed, as they occasionally are, even in Freemasonry.

The Lodge has won a name for itself as an example of what a Lodge should be, and the performances at its installation meeting last week were sufficient to maintain that reputation. The work was good, luxurious comfort was evidenced on every side, and a true Masonic welcome was accorded to visitors and members alike. The attendance was not, perhaps, so numerous as usual, but if anything was lacking in quantity it was amply made up for in other ways.

In regular order Bro. Sam Garcia P.M. was introduced as W.M.-elect, and those who know the Lodge best almost experienced a pang of regret that the particularly efficient Director of Ceremonies they had been accustomed to associate with the Lodge was on this occasion out of his regular place; but Bro. Garcia is but human, and he could hardly occupy two positions at once—despite his special qualification for the Office of D.C. he could not present himself for installation; as a consequence he had to relegate his usual duty to another—for a time only, we venture to think the future will prove.

Having been placed in the chair of the Lodge Bro. Garcia invested his Officers, as follow: Bros. J. H. Mitchell S.W., F. A. Baldwin J.W., R. J. Smerdon Treasurer, R. D. Cummings P.M. P.Z. Secretary, William Short S.D., E. F. James J.D., J. R. Musto I.G., J. H. Moggridge P.M. D.C., Dr. J. F. Haskins Past Prov.G.Org. Herts. and Essex Organist, T. Moore, C. Duvall, A. Benjamin, and E. Wallis Stewards, R. H. Goddard P.M. Tyler.

The remainder of the installation ceremony was regularly gone through, and other business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, when the Brethren repaired to the banquet room, where the rest of a most enjoyable evening was spent.

After an excellent banquet the W.M. submitted the customary toasts. He felt there was little doubt but that the English Brotherhood now had as good a Grand Master in H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as it was possible to find, and if the Duke only had more leisure he was convinced he would do very much more than was now possible for him to undertake in connection with Freemasonry.

In proposing the health of the Grand Officers the W.M. said it was a toast they would all receive with a great amount of pleasure. On that occasion they had four Grand Officers present, Bros. Everett, Spaul, McLeod and J. J. Thomas, each of whom they most cordially welcomed. Personally he felt very grateful to those distinguished Brethren for their attendance, and hoped they had enjoyed their visit.

Bro. George Everett P.G.Treas. responded. He regarded it as a great honour, a pleasure and a privilege, to have his name associated with the toast of the Grand Officers of England. It was a source of gratification to him to be present on that occasion to do honour to the name of Derby Allcroft, the Brother who really broke down the barrier that previously existed in connection with the Grand Treasurership which, until his time was really regarded as a permanent position in the Grand Lodge of England. From the time of Bro. Allcroft until the present there had been a change—a new election—year by year for the Grand Treasurership, and they could but rejoice it was so in face of the fact that the Craft had but two elective Offices. The Lodge at which he had the pleasure of being present was always looked upon as a sort of Grand Treasurers' Lodge, as the result of what he had referred to, and he—as a proud representative of the Office—was indeed pleased to be present at its installation meeting.

Bro. Spaul also responded as a Past Grand Officer.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities. They of the Derby Allcroft Lodge loved all the Institutions, but if they had a tender spot in their hearts it was on behalf of the Boys School, perhaps because, unfortunately, they had had to call upon the resources of that Institution on behalf of sons of some of their deceased members. He was very pleased indeed that the Lodge had voted twenty-five guineas in support of his Stewardship for that Institution, and hoped his list would be liberally supported by the members individually. The other Institutions were equally deserving with the Boys School, but they of the Derby Allcroft Lodge could not get away from the fact that they were specially interested in the one Institution.

Bro. J. M. McLeod replied. He felt the Institution he represented had a particular claim on the Lodge, as he did not think there was any other body of Masons who could point to no less than four pupils elected to the benefits of the School, of whom three were at the present time receiving education and maintenance within its walls. There was a particular feature in regard to one of the lads elected from the Derby Allcroft Lodge that might also be mentioned, as the father was only initiated a few days before his death—he was stricken down in apparent good health, and although he died a mere Entered Apprentice yet his son was elected to the School—a unique case, showing the benefits of Masonic Brotherhood on behalf of the child of so young a member of the Order.

Bro. Nathan Robinson I.P.M. felt he had no mean task to perform in submitting the toast of the Worshipful Master. He did not think it displayed any art of oratory to repeat time after time phrases that had been used on dozens of occasions, and there was also the possibility of remarks being brought up as evidence against one at a succeeding meeting; but he felt he might say the Brethren would do honour to themselves, and please the present Master of the Lodge, if they supported his Stewardship on behalf of the Boys School. Bro. Garcia was known in Freemasonry as an excellent exponent of its principles and would doubtless add to the reputation of their Lodge during his term of Office.

The W.M. replied. The remarks he had so far addressed to the Lodge had come spontaneously, but now he appeared to be faced by something quite special. He gave them his most sincere thanks for their reception. He had to follow such good Masters, such good workers, that he feared being able to do all that had been done by them, but he should endeavour to do all in his power for the benefit of the Lodge during his year of Office. He did not know how to thank the members for the honour conferred upon him. Within a few days of the election he had no idea but that the Senior Warden was going on, and when it was announced to him that he had been selected as Master he was particularly gratified, because the Brethren conferred a special honour upon him, inasmuch as they had only seen his work in the one Office of Director of Ceremonies. The Lodge was established as far back as 1887, he joined it in 1888 and had seen Brethren initiated in the Lodge go forward to the chair. In selecting Officers to support him during

the year he might have passed over some who felt they should have been promoted, but what he had done he had attempted in the interests of the Lodge so far as his ability dictated.

The next toast given was that of the visitors, to which Bros. Manuel, Morgan, Lee, and Griffiths responded.

The W.M. afterwards proposed the health of the Installing Officer, which he regarded as really the toast of the evening. The Brethren who had seen the working of Bro. Robinson were able to appreciate what he had accomplished, and the manner in which he had done it. His year of Office had been a most unfortunate one, for in consequence of ill health and domestic worry he had been unable to give that attention to the Lodge he so greatly desired. He trusted he might be spared in health to enjoy the respect he had won from the members. He had much pleasure in presenting him with the jewel of Past Master of the Lodge, and in doing so assured him the intrinsic value of the jewel was really the least part of it in the estimation of the Brethren who presented it. He felt sure Bro. Robinson would support the chair as well as any of his predecessors had done, and trusted they might have the pleasure of seeing him among them for many years to come. The W.M. desired to include in the toast the health of the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, specially referring to the work performed by the latter Brother, whom he regarded as one of the props of the Lodge—really the chief of all. Bro. Cummings was one of the founders of the Lodge and the members felt very pleased indeed that they had such an enthusiastic Brother to support the Worshipful Master in the chair.

Bro. Robinson replied, tendering his thanks, although he said he felt he did not altogether deserve the jewel the Brethren had been good enough to present him. He might say that Brother Nathan Robinson had never been known to forget a kindness. He recognised their kindness that day, and if in the future there was anything he could do to promote the welfare or further the interests of the Lodge he should be delighted to do it. If he said he was not respected by the members of the Lodge he felt he should not be truthful. He again thanked them.

Bro. Cummings also responded—briefly but to the point. He felt the artistes engaged to entertain the company could do much better than he and so would content himself with brief expressions of thanks. The interests of the Derby Allcroft Lodge had long been his first care, and he trusted it would be the same to the end of his days.

Other toasts were given, the proceedings not being concluded until a late hour.

There was a splendid programme of music and entertainment provided, under the direction of Bro. Dr. Haskins, with Madame Steiner at the piano. The vocalists included Bros. G. Uttley, Will Edwards and Frank Hook, while Bro. Dr. F. Byrd Page performed some "Ancient and modern mysteries" with such good effect as to mystify even the most clever and most widely experienced among the company—and in view of what we heard that is praise indeed. It is very certain that Bro. Byrd Page is too clever for ordinary Brethren, despite his manifest desire to show his audience "how the tricks are done." As we wrote on a recent occasion it is most unwise to believe what one sees done with a pack of cards when in the hands of such a clever manipulator as the worthy Doctor. No wonder he can tell stories of his experiences with our last Grand Master and other dignitaries of the empire—he has a world-wide reputation, and when in such form as he was last week at the Allcroft Lodge is well able to sustain and even increase it.

The Visitors included Bros. A. C. Spaul P.D.G.D.C., J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br., George Everett P.G.Treas., J. M. McLeod P.G.Sword Bearer, H. Emllyn 2867, J. Kift 1791, R. G. Robinson 2.M. 55, J. D. Myers P.M. 2020, John Newbery S.W. 2380, W. W. Lee P.M. 2381, N. B. Robinson J.D. 55, T. H. Russell Chaplain 2408, R. M. H. Griffith 1677, C. E. Hutchinson 1418, C. W. Hawtrey S.D. 957, J. E. Hambleton P.M. 1319, W. A. Brown 73, John Bull 780, J. Jacobs P.M. 25, J. R. Evan 1000, Robert Manuel P.M. 1196, D. W. Fowler 511, H. C. Goodall 2817, T. F. Bryen S.D. 2040, W. Rills 1708, R. M. Paul 2020, A. Pettit P.M. 1732, Robert Hume W.M. 1635, E. C. Beall 1507, W. Lewis 1366, H. Reach 55, G. E. Cummings 2708, George Uttley, H. E. Sanders 55, C. Kiefert 1319, D. Gottlieb 1319, Thomas Sweeney 16 (S.C.), C. H. Mossfield 2488, F. Byrd Page 1611, W. W. Morgan 177, S. G. Asher 2488, T. J. Bolton P.M. Sec. 1687, G. H. Barnes P.M. 1687, N. Mitchell 2265, H. B. Marks 405, S. Myers 715, A. Rowland 2020, J. H. Baker 2427, &c.

A MASONIC FAMILY.

THE "American Tyler" gives a photographic group of a Masonic family at Stonypoint, Michigan—Reuben Strait and his descendants, six sons and a grandson. Our contemporary remarks: "Bro. Reuben Strait was made a Mason in Hamilton Lodge, No. 113, Moscow, Mich., in 1864, and has ten times been elected to the Office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge. His sons and grandsons were also initiated, passed and raised in Hamilton Lodge. At the conferring of the degrees on the youngest son, his father and brothers occupied the different stations in the Lodge. Were we given to punning we might remark on how natural it is that such a Strait family should be so closely associated with the level and the square, but we are not." In the group are: Reuben Strait, age sixty-five years; Eugene B. Strait, forty-two; Thomas J. Strait, forty; William H. Strait, thirty-eight; Levi S. Strait, thirty-four; Dewitt C. Strait, twenty-nine; Ralph W. E. Strait, twenty-three; and Ira W. Buchanan, twenty-three.

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

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Books, Music, &c. intended for review, should be addressed to the Editor of the *Freemason's Chronicle*, at Fleet Works, New Barnet.

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On Human Nature as an excuse for sin: an essay addressed to Christians. By Maurice C. Hime, LL.D., sometime headmaster of Foyle College, Derby (1s).—J. and A. Churchill.

OUR distinguished Brother has here given us in permanent form the wise remarks which he delivered this spring before the Y.M.C.A. of Londonderry. The subject of which he treats is one to which it is always difficult to draw adequate attention, and is perhaps, on the whole, more fitted for the study than the parlour; but we should regard it as a good sign if we heard that in the study at least this little book were carefully read. There is not too much really good literature of this description, and that little is seldom read. We would heartily advise those young men who are commencing the study of ethical subjects to read this admirable little book, and they will be dullards indeed if they fail to see that Dr. Hime has told them much in few words, and that what he has said it always distinguished by common sense and ardent desire for the welfare of mankind. One of our millionaires should distribute copies of this book in every town—they will probably put their money to far worse usage. Dr. Hime has deserved well at our hands, and we trust he will see due reward for his philanthropic labours.

Molly Bawn. By Mrs. Hungerford (6d).—George Newnes, Limited.

READERS of Mrs. Hungerford's story, and they are legion, will accord a hearty welcome to this cheap reprint. We can never have too much of what is in itself true and noble, and it is only fair to say that such qualities are always present in the stories of Mrs. Hungerford. There is a briskness of action in the volume before us which never fails to attract, and a deal of that natural, unsophisticated philosophy which is at once the salt and seasoning of prose fiction. Nor is "Molly Bawn" a story to be read rapidly and then thrown away for ever; it should rather be carefully re-read "after many days." For its characters are drawn by one who knows the world and its thousand ways and whims, and who can impart a charm to the commonplace and beauty to the prosaic. We must again congratulate Messrs. Newnes on a happy selection—a most excellent addition to a now famous series.

Captain Bluit. By Max Adeler (Charles Heber Clark). Illustrated (6s).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

THE return of Max Adeler! There is hope for the world yet. Readers of "Out of the Hurly Burly" must have long given up all hopes of another book from the pen that wrote that incomparable miscellany; but here at last is another volume by Max Adeler, and one of good dimensions. We shall certainly discount no man's pleasure by "giving away the show," but will content ourselves by the bare assertion that Captain Bluit is as good in his way as the worthy who figures in "A Master of Craft," and Mr. Adeler will probably think that we can pay him no higher compliment. He has himself told us, in a word of preface, that he has changed his opinion on some matters since he wrote his early, his professedly humorous books, and he seems to take it for granted that readers will now regard him as a new writer. We venture to think that many of his readers will recognise the old hand, and will read "Captain Bluit" and bless the gods who endowed them with life sufficient for the purpose. Alas for the books that he has NOT written during the last twenty years—"the books that never can be mine."

New Century Library (2s net per vol.).—T. Nelson and Sons. The Works of SIR WALTER SCOTT, Bart. Vol. xviii., *Redgauntlet*.

THE doings of Darsie Latimer and Alan Fairford, and the great lawsuit Peebles v Plainstones, are likely enough to furnish favourite reading till the crack of doom. It is difficult at times to discriminate judiciously between what is ephemeral and what is of permanent interest; but "Redgauntlet" contains so much which is true to nature and so much more which is peculiar to Scottish life and manners that it is not likely to be readily superseded. We confess to a strong preference for the first half of "Redgauntlet"; for we have always thought that Herries and Joshua Geddes are more real, more striking characters than the disguised Pretender. But the whole book is one which "no gentleman's library should be without: cela va sans dire." It is full of rare and racy episodes, as, for instance, "Wandering Willie's Tale," and the Quaker's Adventure with Little Benjie. The former is one of the most powerful short stories ever penned, and the writer who could contribute its like to a magazine would certainly come into the heritage of a great reputation. You have read this book before; read it again.

Vol. xix., *The Betrothed*, and *Chronicles of the Canongate, &c., &c.*

THERE is no accounting for tastes. "The Betrothed" has always seemed to us inferior to the short stories that are usually bound within the same cover—"The Two Drovers," "Highland Widow," and "The Chronicles of the Canongate." It is doubtless quite possible that he who should attempt to improve "The Betrothed" by re-writing it would find he had undertaken a difficult task; but we usually judge the novels of Scott by his own standards, and not with the works of other men. We have always felt that this story of the Welsh Castle in troublous days is hardly worthy of the hand that wrote "The Heart of Midlothian"; but, on the

other hand, we have seen the mark of the master in the slight, unpretentious, but truly clever story of the "Two Drovers." It is indeed a brief tragedy so strongly conceived that it has claims upon our notice which have hardly been yet satisfied; it is simple, unadorned, and severe as a Greek play. Messrs. Nelson, by re-issuing the Waverley Novels in so handy a form, have enabled us to carry about with us a world of entertainment in a small pocket.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Stories from South African History. Edited by Wm. Moxon. Illustrated (3s 6d).—Griffith Farran Browne and Co., Limited.

A Double Choice. By James Baker (6s).—T. Fisher Unwin.

Jack Ralston or the outbreak of the Nauscopees. A tale of life in the far north-east of Canada. By Hampden Burnham, M.A. (5s).—Thos. Nelson and Sons.

For the Colours. A boys' book of the army. By Herbert Hayens. With numerous illustrations (6s).—Thos. Nelson and Sons.

Herb of Grace. By Rosa Nouchette Carey (6s).—Macmillan and Co., Limited.

A Kentucky Cardinal and Aftermath. By James Lane Allen. With illustrations by Hugh Thomson (6s).—Macmillan and Co., Limited.

Old King Cole's Book of Nursery Rhymes. Macmillan and Co., Limited.

New Century Library (2s 6d net).—T. Nelson and Sons. The Works of JOHN BUNYAN.

The Pilgrim's Progress, The Holy War, and Grace Abounding.

There is a proposal in an English Province to form a Lodge for Aldermen and Councillors. It is pointed out that the London County Council Lodge, a similar Lodge in the Borough of Islington, and others, have met with success. The gentlemen having the suffrage of the Municipality of Glasgow, from the Hon. Lord Provost down, are largely composed of members of the Craft. A City of Glasgow Lodge, where our civic rulers could meet away from the strife of Corporation debate would, no doubt, do much to tone down the bitterness which occasionally arises in Council.—"The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News."

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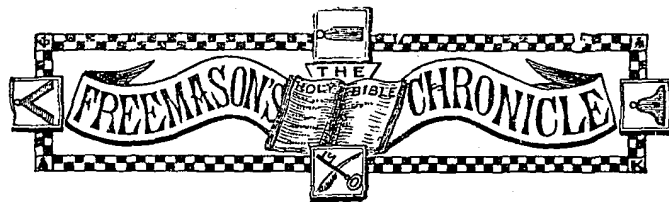
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SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 1901.

LORD SANDHURST'S EXPERIENCES.

A RECEPTION was held by the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, in the Hall of the Lodge, 19 Hill Street, Edinburgh, on the 12th inst., in honour of Lord Provost Steel and Lord Sandhurst, ex-Governor of Bombay, and Past Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, who were admitted honorary members of the Lodge. There was a large attendance, about a hundred and fifty Brethren being present. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. W. W. Robertson, who was supported by the Lord Provost, Lord Sandhurst (who wore the Grand Cross of the Star of India), Sir Mitchell Thomson, Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Sir Andrew McDonald, Colonel Ivison Macadam, the Rev. Dr. John Glasse, the Rev. John Kerr, Dirlerton, David Reid Grand Secretary, E. A. Chisholm Grand Treasurer, &c., &c.

Before the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, Bros. Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael of Castle Craig; William Mitchell Thomson, Apollo University Lodge, Oxford; and Professor John Dunstan, Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh, were affiliated to the Lodge.

On the motion of the W.M., it was agreed to minute an expression of regret at the death of Sheriff Vary Campbell, a member of the Lodge.

The Chairman, on entering upon the toast list, proposed the King and the Craft, reminding the Brethren that his Majesty was a member of the Lodge of Edinburgh.

The Chairman afterwards gave the three Grand Lodges of Scotland, England, and Ireland, with their respective Grand Masters—the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and the Duke of Abercorn. The toast was coupled with Lord Sandhurst, as representing the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England.

Lord Sandhurst, in responding for the toast, said he had been for five years Governor of Bombay, and during the whole of that time, excepting the first six months, he had united under him the Grand Lodges of both Scotland and England, as representing the English Grand Lodge, and as Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. He understood that at one time the Grand Lodge of Scotland had some natural anxiety as to whether that arrangement would be a satisfactory one, holding as he did under the English Constitution. He was glad to be able to tell

them that the arrangement had proved satisfactory, and if there had been some petty jealousies and some little difficulties between the two Constitutions when he took Office they had entirely disappeared before he came away. He had been backed up on all sides by most zealous Officers under both Constitutions, and he had been able to accomplish something of a practical nature in regard to Freemasonry in India, because he had laid the foundation stone and opened a temple for the Craft in Bombay on one of the best sites in the city. They had many scoffers who had not been within their Masonic portals. If anyone doubted the value of Freemasonry he would ask him to travel to the England beyond the seas. To him Freemasonry in India had been of the greatest value, as it brought him in close touch with a vast variety of natives, with whom he had the greatest sympathy, and with whom he should not otherwise have had an opportunity of becoming acquainted. It had been a great factor in bringing Europeans much closer to the natives of India, and depreciating that distance between them, which unhappily still existed to some extent. For the last three and a half years of his term of office as Governor he had to deal with the plague. He visited the Masonic Lodges, and asked the members not to run away, but to stay and help them, and he did not think there was a single Lodge from which he had not received some practical assistance and advice. In conclusion, he suggested that a limited number of photographs should be taken of the valuable minute book of the Lodge, which was of such outstanding interest to the Masonic world.

Sir Mitchell Thomson, in proposing the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council, said the present Town Council was as anxious as any of its predecessors to do what it could for the welfare of the citizens. The municipality had come in for a good deal of criticism of late, and he was not sorry for that if it should have the effect of leading the citizens to take a more active interest in public affairs.

The Lord Provost, in replying, said when he first entered the Town Council their work was comparatively easy, but now it was something stupendous. They had a good deal in hand, and every year was adding to their responsibilities. The Town Council were at present trying to do their best for the city, and their desire was to make it the happiest and most lightly taxed city in the kingdom.

The Chairman then, amid applause, handed diplomas of membership to the Lord Provost Colonel Ivison Macadam, and the Rev. Dr. Glasse.

Treasurer Cranston, in proposing "the Burgh of Leith," said he knew no one who had done more to uphold the honour and to maintain the dignity of the office of the chair than the present Provost.

Sir Andrew McDonald, whose name, in the absence through indisposition of Provost Mackie, was coupled with the toast, said Provost Mackie had reformed the Town Council of Leith, and they had now tackled to their work like the Edinburgh men. No doubt, when amalgamation was spoken of, there was a little friction, but even that was dying down. They were not alone in that respect, for Manchester and Salford were exactly in the same position, those two great towns having built themselves into one another, and yet remaining separate municipalities. He was certain the day was not far distant when Leith would be part of Edinburgh, and that should be done without any jealousy. On behalf of Provost Mackie, he asked the Lodge to accept a full-length portrait of the Provost in his municipal robes, and this was unveiled amid warm applause.

Among the other toasts were those of the Affiliates, by Bro. P. L. Henderson; the Last Links, by the Chairman; and the Past Masters.

During the evening Bro. Sergeant Skeoch Cumming, of the Imperial Yeomanry, was welcomed back from the front, and on behalf of the Lodge Lord Sandhurst presented him with a gold jewel of appropriate design, the shield bearing the arms of the Lodge, surmounted by compasses, and crossed at the foot by two Lee-Metford rifles.

The Lord Provost presented the Cranston cup and badge and other prizes to the winners in the golf competition of the Lodge.

An excellent programme of music was rendered by members of the Craft, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A collection taken for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association resulted in £2 11s being contributed. —"Scotsman."

THE LOGIC CLUB.

THE regular meeting of this Club was held on Sunday, 17th, at the Cavendish Rooms, Cavendish Square, W., and, considering the foggy weather, there was a very good attendance.

On this occasion we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. J. Hart officiating as W.M., he being assisted by Bros. Dr. W. H. George S.W., Dr. J. Eyre J.W., Robert Manuel P.M. Preceptor, R. D. Cummings P.M. Treasurer, J. Percy Fitzgerald P.M. Secretary, H. Saunion P.M. S.D., H. Laban J.D., Sam Garcia W.M. Derby Allcroft Lodge D.C., J. T. Murray Org., W. Anning I.G., S. Ellis P.M. O.G., with Bro. A. G. Duck P.M. member of the Committee, and the following: Bros. W. F. Pedler, T. Feistel, M. Hendelsohn, W. J. Webster, N. S. Lyons, E. Gatfield, W. Laurence, G. H. Peters, J. Goldstein, Duncan Tovey, Blake Adams, W. Foxton, O. Barnett, L. Regnold, J. C. Steiner, F. M. Isaacs, &c.

Visitors: Bros. A. B. Jackson 2127, F. Crocker W.M. 2786, W. Parsons P.M. 753, A. Parolini, J. Wynman, and others.

The principal business was the installation ceremony. The minutes being confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. J. Seaman, as W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. Sam Garcia, who made an excellent D.C. The W.M.-elect having taken the obligation, Lodge was opened in the third degree, after which Bro. Seaman was placed in the chair. After being saluted in the different degrees he proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of investiture of Officers, which was faultlessly and most impressively done. The new W.M. did not forget, at the time he invested Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald P.M. as the Secretary, to pay the well deserved compliment due to him. Afterwards, Bro. J. Hart Installing Master delivered the three addresses, without the slightest hitch or hesitation; his rendition was highly admired, and a well deserved compliment was paid him by the distinguished and popular Preceptor Bro. Robert Manuel P.M., who also complimented Bro. Seaman on the very able manner in which he had invested the Officers.

Bros. Hart and Seaman in brief terms acknowledged the compliments.

Several private communications were read by the Secretary, which the following Brethren were elected members: Dr. Percy Furnival, F.R.C.S., and Dr. T. Gilbert Smith, M.D., both of the London Hospital Lodge, and Bro. Alfred Manners, of No. 2394.

Bro. F. M. Isaacs having been elected a member on the previous Sunday, and now being present, acknowledged the compliment of having been elected in his absence.

Dr. W. H. George S.W. was unanimously appointed W.M. for to-morrow (Sunday).

The third Ladies banquet of the Lord Kitchener Lodge, No. 2767, took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Thursday evening, 31st ult., the W.M. Bro. Lawrence J. de Whalley presiding, and the I.P.M. and first P.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Robert Salter being in the vice-chair. The toast of the King having been honoured, the President, in proposing the Ladies, said he thought the Lodge had been well advised in deciding to have a ladies' night once a year, when Brethren could bring their wives, sisters and daughters to join them and spend a pleasant time. Bro. Clayton made a humorous reply. In responding to the toast of the President, proposed in flattering terms by Bro. Robert Salter, Bro. de Whalley said he had feared that the occasion would suffer by comparison with the two similar functions which had been held. It was always a heavy task to follow a powerful man with like success, but his position was doubly difficult as he was sandwiched between two strong men, and Bro. A. Mearing W.M.-elect had great experience in his favour. However, the greatest assistance had been freely given him by the members, and he felt sure that the result was at least satisfactory. In proposing the Past President, Bro. de Whalley referred to the highly prosperous condition to which Bro. Salter had brought the Lodge. He was sure they found the right man when they persuaded him to accept the first Mastership. In reply, Bro. Salter assured the company of the pleasure he felt in seeing his labours rewarded by so excellent a gathering as they had that evening. The President expressed indebtedness for the services rendered by the Treasurer Bro. C. H. Cooper, and thanked him for a generous gift to the banquet.

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Upton Lodge, No. 1227.

AN enjoyable meeting was held in connection with this Lodge on Thursday, 14th inst., the gathering taking place at the well known home of the Lodge at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, considerable portions of which have recently been rebuilt, while other parts are even now in the hands of the decorator and upholsterer, the probable outcome being one of the most handsome and convenient establishments of its kind in London.

There was a good attendance of Brethren on the occasion, to witness the first working of the Worshipful Master Bro. Robert Fulton Thomson since his installation, and that Brother showed, by the excellence of his performances, that the members of his Lodge had made a wise choice in electing him ruler for the year. Indeed, he proved himself veritably the right man in the right place.

As usual at recent meetings of this Lodge there was a full agenda of business to be transacted: members ready for raising, three candidates desiring to be passed, and five gentlemen putting themselves forward to be balloted for and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. This latter fact is to be regarded as a satisfactory answer to the objections raised by Brethren when the proposition was recently made to increase the fees of admission into the Lodge, and we personally accept it as a proof that the leaders of the Upton were well advised when they sought to carry through the alteration, in opposition to Brethren both inside and outside the Lodge. Facts are stubborn things, and the fact that no less than five candidates came forward at one meeting—with more desiring to be placed on the list, so we understand—is proof that in the earlier days of the change, at least, the increased fee has not had any detrimental effect on the popularity of the Upton Lodge. That such a satisfactory state of affairs may ever continue is our sincere wish.

The programme of the evening was gone through with evidences of great ability on the part of the Worshipful Master, and it was most interesting to notice that he had carefully studied the ritual of Freemasonry as a true student. It was rather a trying ordeal for a new Master to work the three ceremonies, but Bro. Thomson proved more than equal to the occasion, for not only did he perform the whole of the work to perfection, but we particularly noticed he was ready to give the ancient charge to the candidates, and would probably have done so had not some of the Past Masters drawn his attention to father "Time."

The Master was supported by Bros. W. J. Carroll I.P.M., A. Noble S.W., G. Flatman J.W., L. Geiseke P.M. Treasurer, Chas. John Free P.M. Secretary, Charles W. Cooper S.D., W. T. Hustwayte J.D., H. Hyde P.M. D.C., E. C. Holmes Organist, W. Hartwell I.G., T. G. Rover and T. G. Gunn Stewards, T. Bowler P.M. Tyler, with Past Masters E. M. Jeffery, C. Schmidt, G. A. Peters, W. A. Brav. Edwin Hill, W. Rowberry, and Bros. H. W. Walker, T. Clarke, F. H. Toplis, I. Brickland, S. E. Farrow, J. C. Thomas, H. Hartwell, J. W. Mills, J. A. Giles, H. Dale, G. A. Fisher, H. Fray, R. Thain, G. Hales, F. C. Selkirk, Frank Bills, Christopher N. Cox, W. H. Baker, A. S. Fergusson, A. E. Pound, R. M. Bruce Laing, T. W. Carlton, E. Gardner, T. C. Neill, John Angles, W. Greenhouse, C. Haughton, R. Mayne, E. Greenland, C. Hilley, A. Fieldhouse, W. Barly, S. Falmer, J. E. George, W. Pride, and several others.

Among the visitors we had the pleasure of seeing Bros. W. J. Lean W.M. 131, John Hill 2341, G. H. Grantage I.G. 1586, Walter Upton 1563, John Harris 1563, W. R. Stocks P.M. 1351, F. Boulton 1364, C. Field, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge having been formed the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Frederick Herbert Toplis and Frederick Cecil Selkirk having answered the questions were entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third, and those Brethren having been re-admitted were in due course raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. Frank Binns, Joseph Brickland, and Christopher Norman Cox, who had been initiated on the installation night were examined and entrusted. Lodge was again advanced, and those Brethren passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. This being ended the W.M. most wisely called the Lodge off for a brief rest.

On resumption Messrs. Arthur James Fieldhouse, Walter Henry Barley, F. R. Mountstephens, Stephen Goldwyer Talman, and John James George were presented as accepted candidates for initiation, and in due course they had the honour of being initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry; the impressive manner in which the W.M. rendered the ceremony being such as, we are sure, will make an everlasting impression upon their memory.

Bro. Edward James Gairdner was elected a joining member.

Bro. Noble S.W. informed the W.M. and Brethren that Bro. Smith, a member of the Lodge, had met with a severe accident; he proposed that a letter of sympathy and regret should be sent him from the Lodge. Bro. C. J. Free P.M. Secretary said he had heard of the accident, and directly afterwards wrote to him, but would now write again in the name of the whole Lodge.

Several communications were read concerning the Lodge. A Brother sent in his resignation, and three gentlemen were proposed for initiation. After further Masonic transactions the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren repaired to the magnificent newly built banqueting room, where the tables were most beautifully decorated with flowers and choice fruits. The banquet was provided to perfection, everything being of the finest, and served up so tastefully as to ensure enjoyment.

After the Loyal toasts Bro. W. J. Carroll I.P.M. in short and

complimentary terms gave the toast of the Worshipful Master. He said it was the first time the W.M. had officiated as ruler of the Upton Lodge, and the working he had done that night had proved most creditable to himself and the Upton Lodge. He had worked his way up from the bottom of the ladder, and had proved he well deserved the high compliment paid him by placing him in the chair of the Lodge.

Bro. Thomson, on rising, was most heartily received. He thanked Bro. Carroll I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the Brethren for receiving the toast in such a cordial manner. He felt a little nervous, but was pleased to hear he had given satisfaction thus far.

The toast of the initiates was proposed by the W.M. in very happy terms. He was pleased to say the initiates had paid great attention to the ceremony, and he felt assured they would prove themselves ornaments to the Upton Lodge.

Bro. Arthur James Fieldhouse thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them. For some time past he had wished to enter their noble Order.

Bro. Walter Henry Barley thanked the W.M. for having initiated him in the Craft, and also thanked Bros. John Walter Mills and Alfred James Giles for proposing and seconding him. He also sincerely thanked the Brethren for their hearty reception.

Bro. F. R. Mountstephens, in thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks, said that in time to come he hoped to give the Brethren proof that their confidence had not been unworthily placed in him that evening.

Bro. Stephen Goldwyer Talman also acknowledged the compliments paid him.

Bro. John James George further thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the honour they had done him. He assured the Master that he would never disgrace the Lodge, and again expressed his indebtedness to all the members.

The toast of the visitors was next given from the chair in most cordial terms. The W.M. said the members of the Upton Lodge were always pleased to give visitors a most hearty welcome, and hoped to see them again on several other occasions.

Bros. Stock P.M. 1351, Walter Upton 1563, and J. Hill 2341 made suitable acknowledgment.

Other toasts followed and were regularly responded to. The music provided under the direction of the Lodge Organist added to the general enjoyment of the evening.

Friars Lodge, No. 1349.

ELSEWHERE we refer to a Masonic family consisting of father, six sons, and a grandson—that is an American record, and in speaking of it we say it is doubtful whether it is not a unique one. In this prosaic country we have to be content with occasional instances of father and one, or perhaps two sons, working together in the same Lodge, and it is not very frequently we hear of instances of the latter combination, a fact which is somewhat difficult to explain, in view of the popularity of the Craft among many of its older members, who it might reasonably be expected would exert some amount of influence on the growing generation. An instance of family association in the Craft has just come under our notice, and it is a particularly interesting one, inasmuch as a father, during his year of Mastership, had the opportunity of initiating two of his sons.

This pleasing incident occurred at the regular meeting of the Friars Lodge—the first held since the installation of Bro. A. E. Crabb as W.M.—on Monday, 18th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, and added not a little to the attractions of what proved a particularly pleasant assembly. There was a full agenda of business, but the initiation of the two sons of the Master naturally proved the most attractive feature. We have had the pleasure of seeing the working of Bro. Crabb at meetings of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, but on this occasion he excelled himself, and rendered the ritual of the Craft in an impressive and painstaking manner. Bro. I. Davis as S.W., and Bro. J. A. Abraham I.P.M. as J.W. rendered valuable assistance in securing happiness and unanimity in the Lodge, while the Deacons and I.G. fulfilled their duties without the slightest hitch. We may altogether congratulate the Brethren on having such a skillful worker as Bro. Crabb as W.M., supported by good Officers.

The Lodge was called for 4.30, and punctually at the appointed time the W.M. took his position, supported by the Brethren named, with Bros. Ben DaCosta P.M. Treasurer, E. S. Friedeberg P.M. Secretary, J. Goulston S.D., M. Moses J.D., W. Emerson Org., S. Emden Steward, A. G. Young Tyler; Past Masters L. DaCosta, A. Cohen, Henry Harris, J. De Casseres, M. DaCosta, H. Marks, D. Shuter; and Bros. D. Moss P.P.G. Standard Bearer Transvaal, Marcus Miller, John Durell, John Nanson, F. Englishman, J. Hyams, W. H. Cummins, Chas. Beecham, N. Sampson, L. Marks, Ben. Lyons, S. Issacs, J. Gordon, S. Woolf, H. Woolf, Jos. Levv, H. King, F. Lancaster Smith, A. Scheveren, Leon Sassienne, M. Schwartz, B. Valentine, Chas. Nordheim, Edward H. Lobosky, John DaCosta, and several others.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Alfred Andrews 1764, George F. Gaze 2807, L. B. Newman 334, A. A. Talbot 1306, W. B. Toombs 1804, J. Richmond S.W. 205, A. M. Goodrich 205, A. Israel, S. Solomon, and J. Wynman.

The Lodge being formed the minutes were read and confirmed. Messrs. John Crabb and Michael Crabb were first presented as candidates wishing to participate in our ancient Order, and they had the honour of being initiated by their highly esteemed father. After this Messrs. John Henry Gaze and Henry Durell were presented and also initiated.

The W.M. feeling a little affected vacated the chair for Bro. J. A. Abrahams I.P.M., who, after the usual formalities, passed Bros. Englishman, Miller, Beecham, and Gapes to the degree of Fellow Craft.

The W.M. resumed the chair and Bro. J. Myers having answered the questions leading to the third degree to the satisfaction of the W.M., he was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was advanced, and in due course that Brother had the gratification of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and several communications were read by the Secretary. Amongst them was a letter from Bro. N. Goldman, expressing his inability to attend, on account of indisposition. A petition was signed by the Officers and Brethren on behalf of the widow of a late Brother. Bro. D. Moss P.P.G.Std.B. strongly and effectively recommended the case and we were pleased to see the Brethren so readily answering his appeal.

It is evident the members intend to keep the ball rolling and give their W.M. plenty of work during his year of Office, as several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and a Brother as a joining member. After well earned hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to the magnificent banqueting room where an excellent repast was provided, including the turtle soup for which the famous old establishment is so highly renowned. The dinner was a great credit to Bro. G. L. Meadows, the manager, and added additional kudos to the famous Tavern. Bro. Edward Mayat looked after the comfort of the company with his usual skill and ability.

After the usual Loyal toasts had been honoured, and Bro. D. Moss P.P.G.St.B. had responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, the I.P.M. submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master, whom he complimented on the way in which he had performed his work in Lodge. It was something of a unique proceeding, and something to be proud of, for a father to initiate two of his sons during his term of Mastership. He felt sure the interesting event would make an everlasting impression upon those principally concerned, and that in particular the initiates would remember that night. After the experiences of the day there was no necessity to refer to the ability of the Worshipful Master to properly discharge his duties—the Brethren had had actual proof of what he was capable of, and would, he was sure, heartily honour the toast of his health as a consequence. This was done.

The W.M. acknowledged the compliments paid him. No greater honour could have fallen upon him than to have the opportunity of initiating his sons, who had long expressed a desire to join the Friars Lodge. He had, for a long time, hoped to be able to do this, and was particularly gratified now that he had performed the ceremony. Concerning his working; he had to thank the Friars Lodge of Instruction for the knowledge he had acquired. Three years ago he knew very little of the ritual, and now he had risen to the dignity of Master of the Lodge, and he regarded that position as one of the greatest honours ever conferred upon him. They told him he gave satisfaction—that was ample reward for all the trouble he had taken. He thanked them for the cordial way in which they had received the toast.

Bro. D. Moss proposed the toast of the initiates, whom he complimented on being admitted into the Craft under very favourable auspices. He urged them to attend Lodges of Instruction, as that was the only way in which they could learn to fully appreciate the beautiful lessons of Freemasonry; but by all means they must not neglect their business for the purpose. They should further remember that Freemasonry was found, not in England alone, but all over the world. He had had considerable experience as a traveller in different parts of the world, and felt he could congratulate the new members on having been initiated by one of the best Masters it was possible to have in the chair. On behalf of the Lodge he accorded the new members the most hearty of welcomes.

Bro. John Crabb said he was very pleased he had been initiated in the Lodge, and hoped to rise to occupy the position his father filled at the present.

Bro. Michael Crabb was surprised at the impressive and excellent ceremonial which had had such an effect upon him as would ensure his never forgetting what he had gone through, or the obligation he had given his promise to.

Bro. John Gaze tendered his especial thanks for the honour conferred upon him in being received as a member of the Friars Lodge.

Bro. Henry Durell expressed his delight with the ceremonies through which he had passed. He was very pleased indeed to have been received into the Craft, and thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having admitted him into their Lodge.

Bro. H. Harris P.M. gave the toast of the visitors. He considered he had a very difficult task to perform, as he desired to tender to each of the guests the very hearty welcome the members of the Lodge always desired to accord their visitors. He referred to each in turn and expressed the hope, on behalf of the Lodge, that all had enjoyed themselves and would desire to come again on an early opportunity.

Bro. Gaze responded, expressing thanks on behalf of the guests. He had been very pleased to see his brother initiated in that Lodge, because he recognised the working had been such as to make a most beneficial impression upon him.

Bro. Newman expressly thanked the Brethren for their good wishes for his safe return to his home in South Africa. His cordial reception in the Friars Lodge would make a lasting impression upon him. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Da Costa for upwards of twenty years and had spent a most delightful night in his company, and in admiring the excellent working of the various degrees of the Craft, which had really been most impressively rendered.

Bro. Richmond complimented the W.M. on his working. He was Senior Warden in his own Lodge and felt he could not do better than follow the excellent example set by the W.M. of the Friars Lodge when it came to his turn to occupy the chair.

Bro. Andrews expressed heartfelt thanks for his reception. He had never visited an outside Lodge before, and was very agreeably surprised at the excellence of the working he had witnessed. He

thanked the W.M. for his kind invitation, and the members generally for the heartiness of their welcome. He had enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

Bro. D. Moss, by desire of the W.M., proposed the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, to which Bro. Marks responded, and then the Tyler gave the concluding sentiment.

The musical entertainment provided was excellent, amongst those who contributed being Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Phillips, Bro. M. DaCosta P.M., Bro. Toombs, and others.—A most successful meeting of a popular Lodge.

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Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.

ON Sunday, at Bro. W. J. Purcer's, the Green Dragon, Maddox Street, Regent Street, W., Bros. W. Vicars W.M., Leon Rolfe S.W., T. Burgess J.W., J. Goldstein P.M. acting Preceptor, Denny P.M. Treasurer, J. I. Moar P.M. Sec., J. Seaman S.D., E. Haking J.D., Lothian I.G., A. Carlstrum, S. H. Lavington, J. Wynman, Cleghorn P.M.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, including the full explanation of the working tools, Bro. Lavington acting as candidate. Bro. Carlstrum was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered and highly appreciated by the Brethren. Bro. S. M. Lavington 1807 was elected a member, and Bro. Leon Rolfe was chosen W.M. for to-morrow (Sunday).

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

At the meeting on Wednesday, 6th inst., the Brethren turned up in strong force, and being Officers night, the chair was occupied by Bro. Fells, who was supported by Bros. Davey S.W., Bushell J.W., Haughton S.D., Hattersley J.D., Done I.G., Green Treasurer, J. K. Pitt Secretary, Davey P.M. and Cohn W.M. 1668 acting Preceptors.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Nat. Wood being candidate. The ceremony of raising was next gone through by the W.M., Bro. Smith candidate. Lodge was called off and on.

Hearty greetings were given to Bro. Fells on the occasion of his birthday, and in reply he stated that unfortunately his birthday only came once a year; he was sorry he could not have two during his term of Office.

On the 13th, there was again a large attendance, when Bro. Davey occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Mears P.M. S.W., Cook J.W., Green S.D., Cohn J.D., Russ I.G., Done Steward, Spice Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Secretary, Past Masters Sheppard, Stenner, Hill, Davey, &c.

The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed in an admirable manner, Bros. Smith and Stenner P.M. being candidates.

At the third rising Bro. Pitt proposed a vote of congratulation to Bro. Preceptor Spice, on his recovery from a long illness. This was seconded by Bro. Green, and supported by Bros. Mears, Baillie, and Done. Bro. Spice returned thanks in well chosen words, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many old faces once more; at the rapid growth of the Lodge of Instruction, and the progress made by the younger members. He also thanked Past Masters Mears, Latham, Stenner, Davey, and Cohn for their services as acting Preceptors during his absence.

The W.M. announced that a ballot for one of the Masonic Charities would take place in a week or two, and he hoped the winner would place it on his list as Steward for the Old People.

New Concord Lodge, No. 813.

THE Brethren of this old school of Freemasonry, which is so well known for perfect working of the ritual under the able Preceptorship of the esteemed Bro. H. Gush P.M., held their usual weekly meeting at the Farleigh Hotel, Stoke Newington, which commodious establishment is under the personal supervision of a new host, Mr. Edwin Hartley. Those present included Bros. H. Parsons W.M., W. E. Jeanes S.W. 548 S.W., Vic. Smith J.W., H. G. Gush P.M. Preceptor, T. A. Powell Treasurer, B. Barton Secretary, F. J. Chubb S.D., A. Russell J.D., W. Chittock I.G., J. Howard W.M. of the Mother Lodge, T. Feistel P.M., H. Reed, H. Biscoby, F. H. Cole, F. Hemsley, J. Mathews, and J. Wynman.

Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. Cole answered the questions leading to the third. He was entrusted and, the Lodge being further advanced, Bro. Powell Treasurer worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. Gush Preceptor assisting the Brethren with the answers when necessary. The ceremony of raising was proceeded with, after which the Lodge was closed down.

Bro. W. E. Jeanes was elected W.M. for Wednesday, 4th December, next Wednesday being at the disposal of the principal Officers of the Mother Lodge.

We cannot let the opportunity pass without adding our congratulations to the compliments paid to the W.M. by the worthy Preceptor for the excellent working. Bro. Gush had quite an easy task, as the W.M. required very little prompting; his working was a great credit to himself, and to the Preceptor of the Lodge from which he had acquired his knowledge.

Friars Lodge, No. 1349.

At the Three Crowns, Stoke Newington, on Thursday, 14th inst., Bros. Crabb W.M., Davis S.W., D. Moss P.M. J.W., L. A. Da Costa P.M., and a select number of Brethren.

This being Officers' night the three ceremonies were rehearsed.

Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425.

ON 18th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, Paddington, W., Bros. W. H. Handover P.M. 1642 W.M., W. Smith-Rose S.W., G. B. Oberti J.W., H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Sec., A. N. Taylor S.D., F. Spink J.D., H. H. Bagnall I.G., E. Spink Steward, H. Foskett P.M. 1642 Deputy Preceptor, C. S. Mote P.M. 1732, G. Weaver P.M. 733, A. J. Taplin, E. Stevens, and R. J. Houlton 733.

Bro. Houlton was examined for the second degree and retired. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Bagnall. Lodge was opened in the third degree and Bro. Mote instructed the Brethren in "entry drill." Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Houlton candidate; he was afterwards elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Smith-Rose was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.

ON Tuesday, 12th inst., we visited the Town Hall Tavern, High Street, Kensington, and found a large gathering of Brethren.

The Tuesday before the meeting of the Mother Lodge being set aside for the purpose of the Officers rehearsing the work the chair was occupied by the Senior Warden Bro. F. Miller W.M.-elect, who was supported as follows: Bros. R. M. Meyer S.W., C. G. Hatt P.M. J.W., W. Hillier P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Secretary, J. J. Mackey S.D., Joseph May J.D., W. G. Watson I.G. There were also present Bros. Henry Webster W.M. of the Hemming Lodge, Arthur Williams P.M., W. Dresden P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., J. Smith, W. Askew.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree and Bro. Askew answered the questions leading to the third. The raising ceremony was then rehearsed, Bro. Smith taking the place of the candidate. The Lodge was closed to the first degree.

Being the night of election the following Brethren were re-elected unanimously to fill the several positions they have occupied for many years past. Bros. W. Hillier P.M. Prec., W. B. Neville P.M. Treasurer, F. Craggs P.M. Secretary. Bro. Hillier replied in a very neat speech, and thanked the Brethren on behalf of himself and Bros. Neville and Craggs for the confidence those present had placed in them. Auditors were next appointed.

Before the Lodge was closed Bro. F. Craggs explained how well the West London Masonic Election Association was being supported, enabling it to carry its candidates in at every election.

ROYAL ARCH.**Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890.**

ON the 15th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, Paddington, W., Comps. H. Foskett M.E.Z. 185 M.E.Z., C. Webster J. 1642 H., H. J. Dunaway 59 J., H. E. Dehane P.Z. 890 P.P.G.P.S. Essex Scribe E., W. J. Lewis N. 890 and 173 Scribe N., H. Foskett 890 Treasurer, G. F. Ridge 1st A.S. 890 P.S., A. F. Hardyment J. 1489 P.G.D.C. Norfolk 1st A.S., R. N. Larter M.E.Z. 186, H. J. Pearn J.-elect 2621, A. L. Butters J. 890, E. Stevens 733.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pearn candidate. The Officers were elected, Comp. Hardyment M.E.Z. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Ridge for the manner in which he had rehearsed the duties of P.S. for the first time.

VITRUVIAN LODGE PRESENTATIONS.

ON Saturday evening the annual supper of the Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87, was held at the Duke of Albany, Kitto Road, Nunhead, when an interesting presentation was made to the Preceptor Bro. Chas. W. Mayo P.M. 1686 and 1541, and to Bro. James Reynolds Secretary S.D. 87.

Notwithstanding the dense fog, there were upwards of forty Brethren present. Bro. W. H. Bale P.M. 87 presided, the Vice-Chair being occupied by Bro. A. B. Clayton W.M. 1686. Among others present were Bros. C. W. Mayo P.M. 1686 and 1541, James Reynolds S.D. 87, W. F. Lamonby P.A.G.D.C. Surrey, R. Gabell P.M. 1658, R. W. Benns P.M. 749, W. Parkhouse P.M. 804 and 1834, W. A. Hardy I.P.M. 87, H. B. Spaul P.M. 145, A. J. Jeffery S.W. 73, A. Bennetts S.W. 1986, G. Russell S.W. 946, A. Wilson J.W. 1686, J. H. Wills J.D. 73, A. S. Jennings I.G. 73, R. Fitch Stwd. 87, R. G. W. Fitch 704, C. Harris 87, W. R. Jarvis 862, E. Hancock 87, G. D. Hand 1928, C. G. Butler 414 and 2043, J. Sugg 1815, F. W. Dew 87, Omash, G. Elliott 87, A. Anderson (Calcutta), Maffey, Collins, Richard Tonking Organist, R. F. Ramsden 87.

The host, Bro. R. F. Ramsden 87, provided a cold collation which gave great satisfaction. The tables were prettily arranged, and were rendered very charming in appearance by the tasteful addition of choice chrysanthemums and other flowers. Brother Richard Tonking Organist Burgovne Lodge, No. 902 was the accompanist.

After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Bale P.M. made the presentations. He said the members of the Lodge had desired to take the opportunity of showing some outward indication of the high appreciation they had for the work so admirably carried on by Bros. Mayo and Reynolds. It would be difficult to find Brethren who did their work more thoroughly, and there was an entire absence of favouritism and a cheerful rendering of assistance that had rightly earned for them the highest respect and affection of every member. Quietly and gently this instruction was given, and it would not be easy to accurately estimate the immense amount of good that had been done in consequence of the work so unostentatiously carried on at this Lodge. He asked them to accept the little presents as an indication of the feeling he had endeavoured to express.

The presents took the form of smoking cabinets, identical in pattern and contents. They are formed of fumed oak, have plate glass doors and oxydised silver repousse fittings, and were filled with cigars, tobacco, pipes, &c., each bearing a suitable inscription on a silver plate.

Bro. Past Master Mayo, in his reply, thanked the Brethren for their very handsome present. He reminded them he had been Preceptor for twelve years, and he assured them that when the destroying hand of time rendered it impossible for him to continue the work he should look back always with gratification on the many pleasant evenings he had spent in that Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Reynolds also made a suitable response, assuring the Brethren that his work was a labour of love, and that he heartily thanked them for the most useful and ornamental present.

The toast of the visitors was primarily answered by Brother Allister G. Anderson, of St. John Lodge, No. 486, Fort William, Calcutta. Bros. Elliott, Collins, Maffey, and Tonking also replied.

Bro. A. B. Clayton proposed the toast of the President Bro. Bale P.M. He said Bro. Bale was always most willing in giving assistance in the work of the Lodge when it became necessary; he did his part as Treasurer most admirably, and the success of that evening was chiefly due to his most active efforts, indeed, the idea of the presentation originated with him. The toast was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Bale, in his reply, said the Lodge had now 176 members. It was impossible for it to be better officered, and he heartily wished it the continuance of the success it had met with. He concluded by proposing the toast of the Vice-President Bro. A. B. Clayton, saying he was the best Master his Lodge had had for many years.

Bro. W. F. Lamonby P.A.G.D.C. proposed the toast of the Sister Lodges of Instruction, and Bro. J. Ellinger P.M. replied. He congratulated the Brethren upon the very cordial and close feelings of friendship which existed amongst the local Lodges of Instruction, and said the assistance afforded by the Vitruvian Lodge in a case in which they were successful in getting a Brother elected to one of the Masonic Charities would never be forgotten. Bros. J. Wimble P.M. Preceptor of the Selwyn Lodge, and Joseph Pointon P.M. had particularly desired to be kindly remembered and to express regret that previous engagements of long standing prevented their being present that evening.

The toast of Bro. F. W. Dew Secretary of the Presentation Committee was then drunk amidst hearty applause, as was also the final toast, the Host and Hostess, to which Bro. R. F. Ramsden suitably responded.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was given, Bros. Omash, Bennetts, Clayton, Mr. Bradshaw and others taking part.

CHESHIRE.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge has been convened in connection with the local celebration of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master's Masonic Jubilee, which occurs on 10th December next. Some handsome presentations will be made to Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd on the occasion.

CHURCH SERVICE.

FOR some ten years past an annual Masonic Service has been held at St. Paul's Church, Devonport, having been organised by Bro. Rev. Andrew J. Hamlyn. This year's Service took place on the 27th ult., and, so far as the collection was concerned, it was the best received since these special Services were inaugurated.

It may be interesting to our readers to know what sums have been raised for the Royal Albert Hospital at these Services. They have been as follow: 1892, £7 18s 5d; 1893, £2 11s 9½d; 1894, no service; 1895, £5 16s 8d; 1896, £4 19s 10½d; 1897, £5 13s 5½d (supplemented by £1 8s from St. Aubyn Lodge); 1898, £4 15s (supplemented by 10s from St. Aubyn Lodge); 1899, £6 4s; 1900, £7 8s (supplemented by 17s from St. John Lodge); 1901, £10 11s 2d. So that the total raised at these services has been close on £60, a record of which the organiser may justly be proud.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Friday, 22nd inst., by the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Mail Coach, 60 Farringdon Street, E.C., commencing at 6.30 p.m. Bro. F. P. Weinell P.M. 1828 W.M.-elect 1745 will be in the chair, supported by Bros. H. Hill P.M. 1305 as I.P.M., J. Knight P.M. 861 S.W., A. B. Clayton W.M. 1686 J.W., S. Moyle S.W. 1686 I.G. and Bros. W. E. Bull P.M. 1828, G. Knights W.M. 1828 and Hayward 1745 Stewards. The sections will be worked by the following Brethren: First Lecture—Bros. W. Hayward 1745, A. B. Clayton W.M. 1686, G. Knights W.M. 1828, W. R. Witt P.M. 1745, N. P. Lardner P.M. 1745, J. Knight P.M. 861, and H. Hill P.M. 1305. Second Lecture—Bros. J. A. Hoffmann J.W. 1623, G. Newnham J.W. 145, J. D. Webb Prov.D.G.D.C. Kent P.M. 1745, H. Martin P.M. 211, and R. Fitch Asst. Steward 87. Third Lecture—Bros. J. D. Hand 1928, P. K. Rottenberger 1623, and P. Waldvogel P.M. 1628.

CORONATION GIFT TO HIS MAJESTY.

THE following appeal is now being distributed to offices and workshops: Coronation Day, probably on or about the 25th June 1902, will be a day of universal rejoicing. The whole Empire will show its loyalty and gratitude in countless ways. Preparations are already proceeding apace to mark the great event.

London citizens desire some permanent scheme for the benefit of the sick and suffering, and to give pleasure to their King. His Majesty has for years been seeking to emancipate the Hospitals of London, and to open all Hospital beds to the poor. Every day medical science is discovering more certain means of cure, and every day special treatment is more necessary than before.

The Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund has already done great things. It has secured the help of many of the wealthiest and many of the ablest men among us. It has sent them to inspect the existing Institutions; to suggest better methods; to see that every Hospital is up-to-date, is properly managed, and supplies suitable accommodation. It has obtained many large donations; secured long lists of annual subscriptions from the well-to-do; helped to renovate wards; to enlarge buildings; and has opened hundreds of closed beds in the teeming metropolis.

A Coronation Gift is now proposed to free the Hospitals. The time is short! The need is pressing! Will you not help? Every one may give according to his means. Five shillings approximately pays the cost of a bed for a single day. No large amount is asked for, and every little helps. Please say how much you will give per week.

Printed subscription sheets will be furnished on application. Remittances should be made as early as possible after the end of every month to the Honorary Secretaries, Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London (Department O.C.), Bank of England, London.

In response to this appeal the following among other amounts have been received at the Bank of England: The employees of Messrs. Walker, Harrison and Garthwaite, Ltd., £16 19s 6d; the employees of Messrs. Steinhart and Eiser, £2 2s; the employees of Messrs. Mathieson and Sons, £1 11s; the employees of Arc Lamps, Ltd., £1 7s 6d; the employees of Messrs. R. and J. Dick, £1; the employees of Dr. Ridge's Food Mills, £1; the employees of Messrs. Lea and Francis, Ltd., 7s; the employees of the British Asbestos Co., Ltd. (2nd), 6s 5d; the employees of Messrs. Caspar and Co. (monthly), 6s.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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APOLLO. 8, Kitty Grey. Matinee, Saturday, 2.
CENTURY. Wednesday, 27th November, 8, The Belle of New York.
COMEDY. 8.15, When we were Twenty-one.
CRITERION. 8.30, The Undercurrent. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.
DALY'S. 8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
DRURY LANE. 7.45, The Great Millionaire. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 1.45.

GAIETY. 8, The Toreador. Matinee, Saturday, 2.

GARRICK. 8, Iris. Matinee, Saturday, 2.

GR. QUEEN STREET. 8.15, The Journey's End. 9, Uncles and Aunts. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.

HAYMARKET. 8.30, The Second in Command. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.

HER MAJESTY'S. 8.15, The Last of the Dandies. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.

LYCEUM. 8, Sherlock Holmes. Matinee, Saturday, 2. Friday, 2, Much ado about nothing.

LYRIC. 8, The Silver Slipper. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.

PRINCE OF WALES'S. 8, Becky Sharp. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

PRINCESS'S. 8, The Shadow Dance.

SAVOY. 8.15, The Willow Pattern. 9.15, Ib and Little Christina. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.

ST. JAMES'S. 8.15, The Likeness of the Night. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.

SHAFTESBURY. 8, Charity begins at Home. 9, Are you a Mason? Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

STRAND. 8, A Chinese Honeymoon. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.

TERRY'S. 8.15, A Tight Corner. 10, Sheerluck Jones. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.

VAUDEVILLE. 8, Scrooge. 9, Sweet and Twenty. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday 2.

WYNDHAM'S. 8.30, The Mummy and the Humming Bird. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.

ALEXANDRA. Next week, 7.45, Nicandra.

GRAND. Next week, 7.45, The Messenger Boy.

OPERA HOUSE, CROUCH END. Next week, 8, The Silver Slipper.

ALHAMBRA. 7.45, Variety Entertainment, Gretna Green, Inspiration, &c.

AQUARIUM. Varied performances, World's Great Show, &c.

CANTERBURY. 7.40, Variety Entertainment.

EMPIRE. 3 and 8, Variety Entertainment. Old China, Sousa and his band, &c.

LONDON PAVILION. 7.45, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.30 also.

METROPOLITAN. 8, Variety Entertainment.

OXFORD. 8, Variety Entertainment. Saturday 2.15 also.

PALACE. 7.45, Variety Entertainment. American Biography, &c. Saturday, 2 also.

TIVOLI. 7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.

CRYSTAL PALACE. Varied attractions daily.

EGYPTIAN HALL. 3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.

LONDON HIPPODROME. 2 and 8, Varied attractions.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S (Baker Street Station). Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.

POLYTECHNIC. 3, Our Navy. Cruise of the Ophir, &c.

ST. JAMES'S HALL. 8, Mohawk and Moore and Burgess Minstrels. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 3 also.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.**Monday.**

4 Rl. Somerset H. & Inverness, F.M.H.
26 Castle of Harmony, Savoy Hotel
28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall
79 Pythagorean, Ship, Greenwich
144 St. Luke, Holborn Restaurant
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrew, Albion
706 Florence Nightingale, Woolwich
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel
905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall
1017 Montefiore, Trocadero
1540 Chaucer, St. James's Restaurant
1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square
1632 Stuart, Frascati
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion Restaurant
1745 Farringdon Without, Holborn Via. H.
1828 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel, W.
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall
2306 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel
2397 Columbia, Hotel Cecil
43 St. Paul, F.M.H., Birmingham
48 Industr. F.M.H., Gateshead
61 Probity, F.M.H., Halifax
62 Social, Queen's, Manchester
85 Faithful, Swan, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Angel, Dukinfield
102 Unanimity, King's Arms, N. Walsham
148 Lights, Austin Cham., Warrington
264 Nelson of the Nile, F.M.H., Batley
270 Royal Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
302 Hope, F.M.H., Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
388 Prudence, F.M.H., Halesworth
408 Three Graces, Masonic Room, Haworth
433 Hope, Duke of Well'ton, Brightlingsea
491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
543 Cleveland, F.M.H., Stokesley
557 Loyal Victoria, F.M.H., Callington
607 Chicheley, F.M.H., Thrapston
613 Unity, F.M.H., Southport
609 Boscawen, F.M.H., Chacewater
985 Alexandra, F.M.H., Sutton Bridge

1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
1110 Tyrian, Gildredge, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, F.M.H., Tenby
1258 Kennard, F.M.H., Pontypool
1272 Tregenna, F.M.H., St. Ives, Cornwall
1280 Walden, Rose & Crown, Saffron Walden
1282 Ancholme, Masonic Rooms, Brigg
1286 Bayon, F.M.H., Market Rasen
1312 St. Mary, F.M.H., Braintree
1325 Stanley, F.M.H., Liverpool
1486 Duncombe, F.M.H., Kingsbridge
1542 Legiolium, F.M.H., Castleford
1575 Clive, Raven, Market Drayton
1600 Hamilton, F.M.H., Alford
1688 Buxton, Palace, Buxton
1752 Ogmire, F.M.H., Bridgend
1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton
1757 King Henry VIII, Hemel Hempstead
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar, Maldon
1991 Agricola, F.M.H., York
2042 Apollo, F.M.H., Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
2237 Earl of Leicester, New Hall, Wells
2257 Powell, F.M.H., Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Manchester
2429 Research, F.M.H., Leicester
2502 Gatwick, Chequers, Horley
2547 Llangattock, F.M.H., Cardiff
2553 Rufford, F.M.H., Nottingham
2654 Arter, Moseley Institute, Moseley
2724 St. Lawrence, Church Sch., Northfield
2759 Rolle, F.M.H., Exmouth

Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall
46 Old Union, Cafe Royal
141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel
145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall
165 Honour & Generosity, Inns of Court
186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall
205 Israel, Holborn Restaurant
1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
1348 Ebury, Criterion Restaurant
1411 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall
1728 Temple Bar, Frascati

2108 Empire, Criterion Restaurant
2424 St. Stephen, Art Club, Blackheath
2606 Arcadian, Hotel Cecil
2705 Playgoers, Tivoli Restaurant
126 Silent Temple, Bull, Burnley
160 True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford
253 Tyrian, F.M.H., Derby
299 Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford
310 Union, F.M.H., Carlisle
357 Apollo University, F.M.H., Oxford
373 Socrates, George, Huntingdon
378 Loyal Welsh, F.M.H., Pembroke Dock
448 St. James, F.M.H., Halifax
484 Faith, Gerard's, Ashton-in-Makerfield
506 Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley Gate
564 Stability, Talbot, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, F.M.H., Holyhead
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
789 Dunheved, F.M.H., Launceston
855 Sympathy, Swan, Wotton-under-Edge
859 Isaac Newton Universities, Cambridge
910 St. Oswald, F.M.H., Pontefract
943 Sincerity, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal, Crewe
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughborough
1016 Elkington, F.M.H., Birmingham
1036 Bowyer, F.M.H., Chipping Norton
1052 Callendar, F.M.H., Manchester
1067 Ry. Forest of Dean, Newnham-on-S.
1168 Benevolence, F.M.H., Sherborne
1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
1256 Fidelity, F.M.H., Poulton-le-Fylde
1265 Vale of Catmos, Agri. Hall, Oakham
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1358 Torbay, F.M.H., Paignton
1390 Whitwell, F.M.H., Millom
1447 St. Matthew, Barton-upon-Humber
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1482 Isle of Axholme, F.M.H., Crowle
1522 Olicana, New Masonic Hall, Ilkley
1533 Loyalty, F.M.H., Marlboro
1536 United Military, F.M.H., Plumstead
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1587 St. Giles, Town Hall, Cheadle
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, F.M.H., L'pool

1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1650 Rose of Raby, Scarth Hall, Staindrop
 1674 Ancient Briton, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1678 Medway, F.M.H., Tonbridge
 1779 Ivanhoe, F.M.H., Sheffield
 1799 Arnold, Marine, Walton-on-Naze
 1834 Duke Connaught, F.M.H., Landport
 1896 Audley, Town Hall, Newport, Salop
 1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms, Bedlington
 1990 Hampshire of Emulation, Eastleigh
 2025 St. George, F.M.H., Plymouth
 2154 Joshua Nunn, George, Halstead
 2328 Albert Victor, F.M.H., York
 2339 Mistle, White Hart, Manningtree
 2358 Mona, F.M.H., Castletown
 2404 Lord Beresford, Sun, Chatham
 2405 Ionic, Impl. Bldgs., S. Helens, Lanc.
 2414 Wychwood, F.M.H., Burford
 2536 Staines, Town Hall, Staines
 2595 Trinity, Assembly Rm., Buckfastleigh
 2692 Hastings, Castle, Hastings
 2784 Legge, F.M.H., West Bromwich
 2814 Fleetwood, Walton Inst., Liverpool

Wednesday.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall
 201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall
 212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
 754 High Cross, Great Eastern Hotel
 822 Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal
 898 Temperance in East, Assy. R., Poplar
 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
 1360 Royal Arthur, P. of Wales, Wimbledon
 1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's Hotel
 1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
 1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall
 1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall
 1818 Clapham, Criterion Restaurant
 2332 Borough of Greenwich, E. Greenwich
 2395 Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton
 2416 Hiram, Freemasons' Hall
 2455 St. Martin, Town Hall, Charing Cross
 2456 Chancery Bar, Hotel Cecil
 2650 Christ's Hospital, Newgate Street
 32 St. George Harmony, Adelphi, L'pool
 76 Economy, F.M.H., Winchester
 82 Foundation, F.M.H., Cheltenham
 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
 163 Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester
 220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
 250 Minerva, F.M.H., Hull
 257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 290 Huddersfield, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 304 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Leeds
 372 Harmony, F.M.H., Budleigh Salterton
 387 Airedale, Saltaire Inst., Shipley
 409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford
 420 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
 461 Fortitude, Commercial, Newton Moor
 533 Eaton, F.M.H., Congleton
 540 Stuart, Swan, Bedford
 555 Fidelity, Crown, Framlingham
 651 Brecknock, Castle, Brecon
 724 Derby, F.M.H., Liverpool
 750 Friendship, F.M.H., Cleckheaton
 785 Twelve Bros., F.M.H., Southampton
 818 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Abergavenny
 887 Leigh, F.M.H., Birmingham
 996 Sondes, F.M.H., East Dereham
 1024 St. Peter, F.M.H., Maldon
 1039 St. John, George, Lichfield
 1083 Townley Parker, Grand, Manchester
 1110 St. Bede, F.M.H., Jarrow
 1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1219 Strangeways, Boar's Head, M'chester
 1283 Ryburn, F.M.H., Sowerby Bridge
 1343 St. John, Queen's, Grays
 1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Council H., Cannock
 1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head, Dunmow
 1544 Mount-Edgcombe, F.M.H., Camborne
 1645 Colne Valley, F.M.H., Slaithwaite
 1714 Albert Edward, D. York, York Town
 1723 St. George, F.M.H., Bolton
 1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, L'pool
 1760 Leopold, F.M.H., Scarborough
 1775 Leopold, Comm., Church, Accrington
 1793 Sir C. Bright, Clarence, Teddington
 1808 Suffield, Angel, North Walsham
 1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
 1868 Unity, F.M.H., Oldham
 1953 Prudence and Industry, George, Chard
 1967 Beacon Court, Ghuznee, N. Brompton
 1984 Earl of Clarendon, F.M.H., Watford
 1980 Strirling, F.M.H., Cleator Moor
 2019 Crook, F.M.H., Crook
 2064 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall
 2120 Abbey, F.M.H., Chertsey
 2140 Gordon, F.M.H., Hanley
 2186 Striguil, F.M.H., Chepstow

2216 Egerton, Conservative Club, Swinton
 2259 St. Nicholas, Masonic Rooms, Thorne
 2320 St. Martin, Church Inn, Castleton
 2373 Hardwick, F.M.H., Chesterfield
 2385 Godson, Talbot, Oldbury
 2477 Wineslai, Bell, Winslow
 2444 Noel, St. James Hall, Kingston-on-T.
 2448 Bradstow, F.M.H., Broadstairs
 2571 Holmes, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2630 Tutbury Castle, Castle, Tutbury
 2701 Radcliffe, Boar's Head, Radcliffe
 2762 Lindisfarne, F.M.H., North Shields

Thursday.

Gen. Com. Girl's School, F.M.H., at 5.
 22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
 34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall
 65 Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant
 66 Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall
 507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel
 766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel
 858 South Middlesex, Walham Green, S.W.
 861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
 871 Royal Oak, Trafalgar, Greenwich
 1421 Langthorne, Angel, Ilford
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
 1563 City of Westminster, Cafe Royal
 1608 Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant
 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
 1974 St. Mary Abbott, Bailey's Hotel
 2012 Chiswick, Criterion
 2192 Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 2264 Chough, City Terminus Hotel
 2319 Scots, Holborn Restaurant
 2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Ho.
 2780 Royal Warrant Holders, Cafe Royal
 39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
 51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78 Imperial George, Middleton, Lanc.
 111 Restoration, F.M.H., Darlington
 129 Union, St. George's Hall, Kendal
 202 Friendship, F.M.H., Devonport
 215 Commerce, Commercial, Haslingden
 324 Moira, Wellington, Stalybridge
 346 Un. Brethren, Grosvenor, Blackburn
 348 St. John, F.M.H., Bolton
 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
 449 Cecil, Sun, Hitchin
 450 Cornubian, F.M.H., Hayle
 456 Foresters, Town Hall, Uttoxeter
 469 Hundred of Elloe, F.M.H., Spalding
 472 Friendship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
 475 Bedfordshire of St. John Bap., Luton
 594 Downshire, F.M.H., Liverpool
 625 Devonshire, F.M.H., Glossop
 636 De Ogle, F.M.H., Morpeth
 761 St. John, Old Bell, Dursley
 772 Pilgrims, George, Glastonbury
 784 Wellington, Public Hall, Deal
 787 Beaureper, Red Lion, Belper
 807 Cabbell, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 809 United Good Fellowship, Wisbech
 935 Harmony, Griffin, Lower Broughton
 966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
 971 Trafalgar, F.M.H., Batley
 1032 Townley Parker, Mas. Rms., Chorley
 1097 St. Michael, Swan, Tenbury
 1151 St. Andrew, F.M.H., Tywardreath
 1163 Emulation, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1166 Clarendon, Queen's, Hyde
 1184 Abbey, F.M.H., Battle
 1313 Fermor, F.M.H., Southport
 1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-u-Ly.
 1345 Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles
 1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lanc.
 1404 St. Vincent, F.M.H., Bristol
 1418 Fraternity, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees
 1437 Liberty of Havering, Gol. L., Romford
 1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge
 1501 Wycombe, Amersham Hill, H. Wycom.
 1514 Thornhill, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 1519 Albert Ed., Albion, Clayton-le-Moors
 1578 Merlin, F.M.H., Pontypridd
 1630 St. Michael, Queen's, Coventry
 1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport
 1741 Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss
 1763 St. Mary, F.M.H., Thame
 1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge, Shoeburyness
 1884 Chine, F.M.H., Shanklin
 1957 Grove, Cock Inn, Hazel Grove
 1971 Army and Navy, Imperial, Aldershot
 2017 Duke of Portland, F.M.H., Nottingham
 2101 Bramston Beach, F.M.H., Godalming
 2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere
 2158 Boscombe, Club, Bournemouth
 2189 Ashburton, F.M.H., Ashburton
 2195 Military Jubilee, F.M.H., Dover
 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, F.M.H., Hanley

Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons' Hall, 4.
 2766 Putney, Parish Offices, Putney
 355 Royal Sussex of Emulation, Swindon
 401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
 404 Watford, F.M.H., Watford
 460 Sutherland of Unity, Newcastle-u-Lyne
 602 North York, F.M.H., Middlesborough
 751 Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Ledbury
 810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
 1034 Eccleshill, F.M.H., Bradford
 1303 Pelham, F.M.H., Lewes
 1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391 Commercial, F.M.H., Leicester
 1435 Anneslev, F.M.H., Nottingham
 1739 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Swadlincote
 1822 St. Quintin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge
 2380 Beneventa, Wheatsheaf, Daventry
 2471 Kingsley, F.M.H., Northampton
 2605 Wyreside, Town Hall, Garstang

Saturday.

House Committee, R.M.B.I., Croydon, at 3.
 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
 2647 Alleyn, Crown & Greyhound, Dulwich
 1284 Brent, Globe, Topsham
 1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose & Crown, Penistone
 2201 Earl of Sussex, R. Pavilion, Brighton
 2609 Travellers, F.M.H., Chester

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