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### FURTHER CHARITY WORK.

**A**FTER having devoted so much of our space as we did last week to the question of Masonic Benevolence, it may be thought we are harping too much on the one theme when we again take this subject for the very brief remarks we are able to offer to our readers in our present issue, but a perusal of our pages will convince anyone that it is the subject first in the minds of the English Brotherhood, no matter in what direction we may turn.

Kent—as it has often done before—may be said to take the lead just at the moment, but it is closely followed by Staffordshire, details of whose work is, unfortunately, crowded out this week, Essex, and other Provinces, even our private Lodge reports giving evidence of the great activity and splendid organisation existing on all sides in furtherance of the good cause.

There is sufficient in the remarks of the Deputy Grand Master to his Brethren of Kent to form food for reflection, and afford evidence of much work being done in the future, and we hope to refer at no very distant date to some of the projects he and his followers have in hand.

We were aware some weeks back Earl Amherst was likely to preside at a Festival on behalf of the Girls School, but until the matter was definitely settled felt it best to maintain silence. We hope the Deputy Grand Master will be able to undertake this task at no very distant date, as delays are so dangerous. We feel assured he would have the support of the whole English Craft in the work.

Even if Lord Amherst devoted himself to the Girls School next year, he would not seriously imperil the prospects of his royal chief for the Boys School Centenary of the year following, but probably consideration of such a possibility has much weight with his lordship in regard to this most important question. While we all wish to see the Centenary of the Boys School supported as it deserves to be we must not allow it to imperil the chances of the other Funds, although such a result may be regarded as all but inevitable, in view of the exceptional circumstances of the case, and the support it is receiving from the Grand Master himself.

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

**T**HE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. Robert Grey President in the chair. The Senior Vice-President Bro. D. D. Mercer occupied his usual position, and Bro. T. W. Whitmarsh P.G.P. acted for the Junior Vice-President, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, who was unavoidably absent.

There was a numerous attendance of Brethren for the Board of Masters, who had the business paper for Grand Lodge of 3rd June read to them.

The Board of Benevolence confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master at the April meeting to the extent of £395, and afterwards voted a total of £570 to twenty-eight cases out of a list of thirty-five. The Grand Master was recommended to approve of votes of £40 each in three instances, and £30 each to five petitioners. The remaining votes were £20 each to eleven petitioners, £10 each to seven, and £5 each to two.

### KENT.

**T**HE preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held, by permission of the Mayor, at the Town Hall, Gravesend, on Wednesday. The Provincial Grand Master Earl Amherst Deputy Grand Master of England presided, and was supported by the following Provincial Officers: James S. Eastes Deputy, F. S. W. Cornwallis S.W., Rev. Augustus Jackson Chaplain, William Russell Treasurer, Alfred Spencer Secretary, Albert H. Pitcher D.C., William Brown S.Br., and several others, together with many of the Masters of Lodges in the Province.

The first business was the audit of the Grand Treasurer's accounts, which were received and adopted.

It was decided that the Provincial Grand Festival should be held at Folkestone, on the 17th June next, under the banner of the recently consecrated Radnor Lodge, No. 2587, the Wardens of which attended with an invitation from the W.M. the Earl of Radnor.

The sum of fifty guineas was voted from the Funds in aid of the Scholarship Fund for the Boys School.

Bro. William Russell also proposed, as Bro. Geo. Adamson was desirous that the money now being raised in the Province to present him with a testimonial should be devoted to the Masonic Charities, that the sum subscribed should be used as a nucleus for the purpose of purchasing a perpetual presentation to a Widow's Annuity of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, that the Provincial Grand Lodge should contribute the balance necessary for such purchase, and that it be called the "George Adamson" presentation. This was carried unanimously.

Bro. Russell next proposed that a perpetual presentation to the Male Annuity be purchased, payable in 1899, to be called the "Amherst" presentation, in recognition of their appreciation of the services rendered by the Provincial Grand Master during the past thirty-six years he had presided over them. This was seconded by Bro. J. S. Eastes, but before the proposition was put to the meeting Earl Amherst suggested its postponement, as he did not like the idea of anticipating their income. He had also some announcements to make to them. The Dean of Canterbury had asked his assistance at the celebration proposed for next year at the Cathedral, in aid of the Restoration Fund, and as they had on two occasions accepted the hospitality of the Dean in the Chapter House, he thought they ought to do something. He would certainly prefer to assist in the restoration of the Chapter House, because he considered there was a no more perfect place for hold the Masonic ceremonies to be found in the Province, and if the Brethren would help him he would be glad to head the list with £100. Then there was the Centenary of the Boys School, to be held in 1898, and he would have to ask their assistance on that occasion. The authorities of the Girls School were anxious to have his services at their next Festival, but bearing in mind the several objects the Grand Lodge had in view, he was afraid they would have to wait for a few years.

Bro. Russell explained that the financial part of the transaction had all been arranged and was easy enough. Their income for charitable purposes was about £700 per annum, so the advance could readily be repaid by 1899, and he considered the purchase would be a very good investment for their money. Observations having been made by other Brethren, Earl Amherst said that he had re-considered the matter, and as it was very probable that in a few years it would not be possible to purchase these presentations he therefore, in accordance with the desire of the meeting, withdrew his objection. The proposition was then put to the meeting and carried with applause.

Several grants recommended by the Charities Committee were approved, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Mayor of Gravesend for the use of the Town Hall, and the meeting adjourned. His lordship and a numerous company subsequently dined together at the New Falcon Hotel.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent will be held at Ashford, on 17th July.

## STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Hanley, on the 13th inst., upwards of 450 Brethren being present, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Dartmouth, who was supported by his Deputy Lieutenant-Col. Bindley and several present and past Officers of the Province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the Brethren gave the usual salutes to the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., Grand Treasurer, and other Grand Officers; and the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, held at Walsall.

Letters of apology were read from Colonel Tudor, F. James, and others, after which the roll of Lodges was called, and it was shown that all were represented.

Bro. C. A. Newnham Treasurer presented the financial statement, showing that the receipts had been £301 12s 4d, including a balance of £56 3s 1d in hand a year ago; the expenditure had been £228 7s 11d, leaving a balance in hand of £73 4s 5d. The amount invested was £450. He also presented a statement of the amounts paid and promised towards the endowment of a perpetual nomination to the Orphan Asylum at Wolverhampton. The amount received in 1895 was £295 3s 6d and 1896 £246 18s, which, with promises to the extent of £81 7s 6d, made a total of £623 9s towards the £730 that was required. The financial statement was approved. Bro. Newnham was thanked for his past services, and was re-elected Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Brethren, and proceeded to appoint the following as the Officers of the year:—

Bro. A. Caddick	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Major W. Tunnicliff	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. O. M. Holden	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. A. E. Brisco Owen	-	-	-	
C. A. Newnham	-	-	-	Treasurer
A. Reeve	-	-	-	Registrar
Major G. W. Walker	-	-	-	Secretary
George Wormal	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
James Wearing	-	-	-	
J. J. Smith	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
W. J. J. W. Heath	-	-	-	
A. Newton	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
A. Dewsbury	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
George Bott	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
E. B. Devereux	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. M. Willdig	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. Mason	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
W. H. Newby	-	-	-	
A. D. Parker	-	-	-	Organist
J. D. Steen	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Thomas H. Hamer	-	-	-	Pursuivant
John Forster	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
George Haynes	-	-	-	Stewards
T. Cox	-	-	-	
J. H. Dewes	-	-	-	Tyler.
W. Webster	-	-	-	
E. R. Lane	-	-	-	

The business of the Provincial Lodge was then suspended, and the Brethren attended divine service at St. Mark's Church, Shelton, the remainder of the business being disposed of on their return, and a banquet following in the evening. The whole of the proceedings were of the most interesting character, and as we are unable to devote the necessary space to fully record them this week we hold over further details until our next issue.

## EAST LANCASHIRE.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Gentlemen's Concert Hall, Manchester, there being a very large attendance under the presidency of Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie P.G.W. Provincial Grand Master.

In the absence of Bro. George Mellor P.G.D., who has recently tendered his resignation on account of ill-health, the duties of Deputy Provincial Grand Master were discharged by Bro. C. R. N. Beswick Royds.

On the roll being called it was found that all except two of the Lodges in the Province were represented.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. John Wrigley submitted an abstract of the year's accounts, duly audited. It showed that the receipts for the year amounted to £832 4s 2d, and that the balance handed over to the new Treasurer amounted to £298 7s 6d, as against £405 3s 9d at the beginning of the previous year, the diminution in the balance being due to the greater amount (£333 7s in all) given during the year to the charities.

The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. John Chadwick, who is about to retire from that office, presented his seventeenth, and last, annual report. In May 1879, when he accepted office, there were in the Province 90 Lodges and 4,100 subscribing members; there were now, he reported, 111 Lodges and nearly 5,000 subscribing members. During the past year he had visited twenty-one of the Lodges, and had found in all of them due regard to the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft. For thirty-six

years he had worked, according to the best of his abilities, for the good of the Province, and he hoped that it might go on as prosperously in the future as it had done in the past.

The Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of himself and the Brethren, expressed high appreciation of Bro. Chadwick's long and valuable services, and said he hoped these would be recognised in some tangible form. He referred also to the death of Brother Lancaster Hine, who had been for very many years a tower of strength to the Province and a beacon light for the Masonic body. The Province, the Provincial Grand Master went on to say, was in a flourishing condition, numerically and otherwise. The Lodges he had consecrated during the year had been founded by men many of whom were of high social position, and in that way, he hoped, the Order was gaining, not only in numbers, but in dignity and in social position. He was delighted to see around him so many men representative of the industrial and social life of this great community.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were afterwards appointed and invested:—

Bro. Dr. D. J. Leech 62	-	-	-	Senior Warden
C. D. Cheetham 993	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. W. Challenor 2322	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. J. H. Latham 2529	-	-	-	
S. Shorrocks 381	-	-	-	Treasurer
S. F. Butcher 191	-	-	-	Registrar
G. L. Vaughan 1030	-	-	-	Deputy Registrar
Samuel Catlow 116	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
H. J. Cutter 44	-	-	-	
Charles S. Allott 1009	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
T. L. Buckley 1218	-	-	-	
E. Barlow 300 1052	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
H. Lord 325	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
James Beardmore 852	-	-	-	Dep. Dir. of Ceremonies
Eli Winterbottom 1773	-	-	-	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
J. C. Witham 215	-	-	-	
J. S. Horn 1064	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
H. Walmsley 317	-	-	-	
W. Halstead 1948	-	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
R. H. Phillips 348	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
James Hopkinson 1392	-	-	-	
R. Whitworth 854	-	-	-	Organist
John Miles 1723	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Sergeant Searle 633	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
T. H. Hamer 283	-	-	-	Stewards
C. W. Godby 1077	-	-	-	
J. Holden 1009	-	-	-	Tyler.
J. Garside 317	-	-	-	
G. V. Blakie 152	-	-	-	
Thomas Threlfall 1773	-	-	-	
George W. Davies 1459	-	-	-	
E. H. Flower 999	-	-	-	

It was announced that the post of Deputy P.G. Master, vacant by the resignation of Brother George Mellor, had been offered to, and accepted by Bro. C. R. N. Beswick Royds, who is to be installed at a meeting to be held in November next, or on some other suitable occasion.

After some further business, including the question of a tangible recognition of the services of the retiring Provincial Grand Secretary, had been disposed of, the Lodge was closed.—“Manchester Guardian.”

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex is arranged for the 15th July next, and will be held at Maldon.

The installation meeting of the St. John Lodge, No. 1343, was held on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, Grays, when Bro. Charles Westwood W.M. installed Bro. F. W. Pelling as his successor. We have a report of the meeting for next week.

Brother Charlie Woods W.M. of the Duke of Fife Lodge presided at its regular meeting on Wednesday, when a considerable amount of business was disposed of. A report, for which we have no space this week, will appear in our next issue.

We are very pleased to see that the Boys School Scholarship Fund has received the support of the Province of Kent, which gives fifty guineas; and Staffordshire, from which county ten guineas has been donated. The fund continues to grow—some-what slowly, some will say, but none the less surely, and we think it is as well it should be so, else the funds of the School itself might suffer.

On the 10th June a festival is to be held at Gainsborough, on the occasion of the dedication of the new Masonic Lodge quarters, the old suite of rooms having been destroyed by fire. Lord Yarborough Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire has promised to attend, says the “Nottingham Guardian,” with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Sissons, and a number of distinguished Brethren in the Provinces.

The Masonic gathering at Preston, on the 7th, excited greater interest than any event which has taken place since the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom as Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire during Brother Edward Samuelson's mayoralty of Liverpool. The geniality of the Earl of Derby, the new W.M. of the Stanley of Preston Lodge, was conspicuous during the whole of the proceedings, says the "Liverpool Mercury," and there is no doubt that his lordship's renewed association with the Craft—which he only temporarily gave up when he assumed the important office of Governor of Canada—will enhance its value in this important Province.

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The ladies have scored another point in connection with Freemasonry, their presence at the banquet to follow the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex being permitted this year by the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master, who has expressed the hope that Lady Warwick will be among the guests on the occasion. If the ladies are ever to be admitted to a participation in the active work of the Craft it is such deservedly popular members of society as the Countess of Warwick who will pave the way for it, by their known sympathy with, and active display of, the best principles of Freemasonry—that of rendering assistance to our less fortunate fellow creatures.

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Freemasonry is very much in evidence in the locality of Hornsey just now. Within the past few months, says the local "Journal," we have seen the foundation of two Lodges—the Crouch End and the Holloway—both of them successfully established and flourishing, and now there is prospect of a third. A warrant will soon be applied for for the Harringay Lodge, to be held in the Church room adjoining St. Paul's Church. There is a considerable number of Masons in Harringay, and many of them will no doubt become members of a Lodge established in that populous and somewhat isolated area. For years the fact was regretted that this part of the London suburbs had no home of Freemasonry, but there will be no longer cause for regret on that score.

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The nomination of the Lord Mayor as Past Grand Warden of Freemasons continues, in Sir Walter Wilkin, a Masonic dignity which some of his predecessors in the civic chair have enjoyed. As far back as 1851 Mr. Alderman Cubitt, who was subsequently twice Lord Mayor, was Junior Grand Warden; in 1875 Mr. Alderman Stone filled the same office; in 1880, Sir Francis Truscott; in 1882, Sir Whittaker Ellis; in 1884, Sir Robert Fowler; in 1887, Sir Reginald Hanson. In 1890 Sir Henry Isaacs was made a Past Grand Warden—a rank which is also held in the Craft by Sir John Monckton, the Town Clerk. Among others of the Aldermanic body, past and present, Mr. J. Ebenezer Saunders, Alderman Sir Polydore De Keyser, Mr. Alderman Green, and the late Alderman Sir John Staples were Grand Deacons, to which office Mr. H. Homewood Crawford, the City Solicitor, has now been appointed.—"World."

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There is activity in almost every Province in Scotland in response to the call from Grand Lodge for the attendance of Brethren on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the new North Bridge, Edinburgh, on Monday, 1st prox. The result should prove gratifying to the Grand Master, who has expressed a desire to be supported by large deputations from Lodges in all parts of Scotland. Grand Lodge will be opened in the Freemasons' Hall, at one o'clock. The Lodges assemble at 12.30 in the St. Andrew Square, where the Brethren will be formed in processional order, and will march to the North Bridge. The members of Grand Lodge will join in at the rear, as the procession marches past the Freemasons' Hall in George Street. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council will join the procession in High Street. The old North Bridge was erected in 1772, says "The Mallet," in his column in the "Glasgow Evening News," at a cost of £18,000. The contract price of the new one is £90,000.

### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

AT Truro, on Tuesday, 12th inst., the remains of Bro. T. C. Mack were laid to rest in St. Mary's burial ground, only a stone throw from his residence, where he died the previous Saturday at the comparatively early age of forty-nine years. The deceased was a member of the Fortitude Lodge, in which he had passed through the chief offices, and by the Brethren of which he was highly esteemed, as was evidenced by the large number present at his interment.

### NEW HALL AT HARWICH.

TUESDAY, 12th inst., was a red letter day amongst the members of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 650, Harwich. For some years, owing to the gradual increase in the number of members, the rooms allotted to the Lodge at the Great Eastern Hotel have become quite inadequate, and representations to that effect having been made to the Railway Company, they kindly undertook to adapt the portion of the Hotel known as the Restaurant into a Masonic Hall. The work was carried out under the direction of Bros. Jones and Amendt, and the result is that the Brethren now have a well-proportioned and roomy Hall, in which to carry out the ceremonies and transact the Lodge business.

Having obtained the new Hall the Brethren felt a natural desire that the event should be celebrated in some special manner, and accordingly the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Warwick was approached with a view of ascertaining if he would honour the Lodge by attending the opening ceremony. His lordship, who is always ready to further the interests of the Craft in his Province, cheerfully acceded to the wishes of the Brethren, and promised to come to the regular meeting of the Lodge on the 12th. His lordship, who travelled from Warwick Castle, reached Harwich at 5 p.m., and was met at the station by the Worshipful Master Bro. A. J. H. Ward (Town Clerk of Harwich), and conducted to the Great Eastern Hotel. On entering the Hall, accompanied by a goodly array of present and past Provincial Officers, under the conductorship of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Bro. Albert Lucking P.G.P., his lordship was received with the honours due to his rank in the Craft. The hymn, "Hail Eternal, by whose aid," having been sung,

The Worshipful Master addressed the assembly. He said this was a very happy day for the members of the Lodge, and they appreciated most highly the kindness of the Provincial Grand Master in coming amongst them on that auspicious occasion. It was an event that naturally led them to consider the history of Freemasonry in that ancient borough. From some particulars kindly supplied him by the Provincial Grand Secretary he found that the earliest record of a Lodge of Harwich was one founded in the year 1764, and named the St. Nicholas, no doubt from the fact that the whole borough of Harwich was comprised in a parish of that name. In this connection it might be mentioned that when some few years ago they started a Mark Lodge in the town, they named it the St. Nicholas, without knowing of this old Lodge, so that the title had been revived amongst them. The St. Nicholas Craft Lodge first met at the Three Crowns Inn, which probably was the Three Cups, and after one or two removals was erased in 1795. Masonry appears to have lain dormant for about eleven years, when the Gothic Lodge was founded, and after an existence of twenty-two years disappeared. A feature of Freemasonry at the close of the last century was the existence of what were known as Regimental Lodges, and one of these—the Wilts Militia Lodge—which was founded at Seaforth Camp in 1794, visited Harwich in the year 1809, three years after the erasure of the Gothic, but its stay was only a brief one, the exigencies of the Service taking it from the place before the year had expired. The visit of this Military Lodge seems to have awakened the Masonic zeal of some Brethren of the 1st Battalion Royal Veterans, then stationed at Landguard Fort, for they very shortly after obtained a Warrant of Constitution to hold a Lodge, which was designated the Veterans Lodge. It was apparently found difficult to obtain sufficient support at Landguard, for two years afterwards it was brought across the water to Harwich, and located at the Three Cups, where the Brethren met for about twelve years, when a removal was made to the White Hart. The stay of the Lodge here, however, was but of short duration, and it shared the fate of its predecessors, and was struck off the roll. This present Lodge Star in the East was founded in 1855, and was first held at the Town Hall. Seven years afterwards it was removed to the Pier Hotel, where the Lodge was held for twenty-four years, when a removal was made to the Hotel in which they were now assembled. Here great prosperity had attended them, as was shown by two significant facts. Firstly the membership had increased from 80 to 138, secondly their votes for the Charities had risen from 50 to over 500. Still new members were coming on, and there was certainly no prospect of the Lodge sharing the fate of its predecessors. Before sitting down he should like to say how much indebted they felt to the Great Eastern Railway Company for providing the new room, and as a work of this kind could not be carried out without considerable trouble to somebody, he must thank Bros. Jones and Amendt for the trouble they had taken and the interest they had exhibited in the work. He would now ask the Provincial Grand Master to declare the Hall open for Masonic purposes.

The Earl of Warwick, whose rising was the signal for an ovation, said he was very pleased to be present at their

meeting on so interesting an occasion, and could quite understand the pleasurable feelings they must have in the prospect of having now a hall in which the impressive ceremonies of Masonry could be carried out with due solemnity and decorum. He believed that this Lodge was founded greatly through the instrumentality of Bro. Bagshaw, one of his predecessors in office, and if those who had departed this life were permitted to witness what was passing here, they might be sure that Bro. Bagshaw would regard their proceedings with all the sympathy and goodwill he always manifested in Freemasonry. For himself he had very pleasant recollections of Freemasonry in this portion of his Province, for it was at Parkeston he held the first Provincial Grand Lodge after his appointment, and the emblem he was now wearing was a memento of that occasion, given him by the then W.M. of the Lodge, Brother Clowes, who he was glad to see present that night. It was most gratifying to his feelings to notice the strides Masonry had made in the Province since that first meeting—they had doubled the number of the Lodges—with a proportionate increase of members, while he was glad to be able to testify that the true spirit of Masonry pervaded them all, particularly as regarded the support given to the charities. Personally he was deeply grateful to the Brethren for the loyal way in which they had supported him on the occasions on which he had been called upon to preside at any of the charity festivals. With regard to the Lodge Star in the East, as Mayor of a Borough himself, he was very pleased to see one of the principal officers of the municipality of Harwich occupying the chair. It was an evidence of Bro. Ward's popularity amongst them; and at the same time he regarded it as a happy thing that Masonry, which would always be found on the side of law and order, should be thus linked with the governing body in the Borough. In conclusion Lord Warwick declared the Hall open for Masonic purposes, and expressed a hope that the Lodge would continue to flourish under its new conditions.

A new member was then admitted into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the initiation ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Ward and his Officers.

Before the Lodge was closed the Secretary Brother Sanders P.M. P.P.G.Stand.B. read letters of regret at their inability to be present from Bros. Lord Claud Hamilton, James Round, M.P., Col. Lockwood, M.P., N. Tracy Prov.G.Sec. Suffolk, and other distinguished Brethren.

The inaugural banquet was afterwards held in the handsome coffee room of the hotel, a splendid repast being served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Amendt, chief of the Company's Hotel department, and Bro. Rees, the Manager of the Great Eastern Hotel.

Toasts usual on such occasions were honoured, all the speakers felicitating the Brethren upon the event of the day.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, again thanked his lordship for having by his genial presence amongst them that day given encouragement to the Masonic work in which they were all so deeply interested. His lordship had in Lodge spoken of the commemoration jewel he was wearing of his first Provincial Grand Lodge, which they were glad to know was held under the auspices of Lodge Star in the East. He would now ask his lordship, as a memento of that day's proceedings, to accept another jewel—one of the pattern they had adopted as the Lodge jewel—and he trusted that Lord Warwick would always be able to look upon the jewel of 1896 with as pleasant recollections as he evidently did the jewel of 1883. Bro. Ward then, amidst the greatest enthusiasm, pinned the jewel upon his lordship's breast.

The Earl of Warwick, on rising to reply, was most enthusiastically received. He repeated his congratulations on the event of the day and his earnest wishes for the continued prosperity of the Lodge. He said he quite felt that it was his duty to come amongst his Brethren as often as possible, but he felt sure he had their forbearance on his shortcomings in this respect, knowing the many engagements he had to fulfil. There was one meeting, however, he knew they all looked forward to, and that was the annual Provincial Grand Lodge. He was pleased to tell them that it was proposed to hold the meeting this year at Maldon, on the 15th July, and he had given his sanction to a new departure, namely, to the admission of their ladies to the dinner, which was always held after the business of the day. He had asked Lady Warwick to join them on that occasion, and he had great hopes that her ladyship, who, as they all knew, managed to get through more in one day than any man could, would be able to honour their meeting by her presence.

Amongst the Brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Sir William Abdy, Bart., P.G.D. P.P.S.G.W., T. J. Ralling P.A.G.D.C. Prov.G.Sec., Richard Clowes P.G.Std.B. P.P.S.G.W. (who was initiated in Lodge Star in the East, and is one of its Past Masters), A. Lucking P.G.P. Prov. G.D.C., F. S. Guy Prov. J.C.W., J. H. Salter P.P.J.G.W., Harold Francis Prov.G.D., J. R. Butler P.P.G.D., Joseph Grimes P.P.G.S. of W.,

H. G. Everard P.P.A.G.Sec., Rev. H. L. Norden, Vicar of Harwich, Wm. Groom Treas. 650 P.P.G.Std.B., M. L. Sanders P.P.G.Std.B., A. C. Parsons P.P.G.Stwd., G. T. Helsdon P.P.G.Stwd., Harold Gurney P.P.G.Stwd., Warren Ellis I.P.M. 650, &c., &c.

During his visit the Earl of Warwick was the guest of the Worshipful Master and Mrs. Ward, at the Gables, Dovercourt, and on Wednesday morning his lordship returned to town, en route for Warwick Castle.—“Essex Standard.”

## CONSECRATION.

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### STANLEY OF PRESTON LODGE.

THE consecration of this Lodge, referred to in our last issue, was followed by a banquet at the Bull and Royal Hotel Preston, under the presidency of the Earl of Derby W.M., who in proposing the toast of the Queen, humourously remarked that if it had not been for her Majesty Masonry would not have had its present Grand Master. She had, therefore, established an abiding claim on the gratitude of the Craft.

Lord Derby, in proposing the toast of the Grand Master, alluded to the excellent manner in which his Royal Highness performed the many duties devolving upon him.

Bro. Lambert P.P.G.Reg. West Lancashire proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. They had, he said, only to mention the name of Lord Lathom to arouse the greatest of enthusiasm. He believed Lord Lathom was the most popular Mason in England. Of course their Royal Brother was always popular, but he ventured to think the Earl of Lathom was the most popular leader of Masonry at the present time, but especially there in Lancashire. The Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Amherst was perhaps not so well known in those parts, but he was well known in the south of England as a hard-working Brother. In the Grand Officers they had such a galaxy of talent that it would be invidious to single any out for special mention. They knew that only men of sterling merit, who had proved their worth, were promoted to the high rank of Grand Officers, and they could take the representatives present as fitting examples of the general high standard of gentlemen occupying such a position.

In responding, Bro. Ashworth P.G.D. said if they looked round they would be bound to acknowledge that East and West Lancashire was governed in a splendid manner. Colonel Starkie in the one, and Lord Lathom in the other, afforded a pattern as leaders to the rest of England. England looked at these two districts with envying eyes when the large amount of money given to the charities was seen. The districts mentioned formed large Provinces, however, and were well worthy the foremost position they occupied.

Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie P.G.W. Prov.G.M. East Lancashire was received with tremendous cheering on rising to propose the health of the Worshipful Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, G.C.B., P.G.W. P.Dep.Prov.G.M. He said: I am sure you do me a great honour in placing in my hands the proposing of this toast, the toast of the evening, and one which, not only in the Masonic body, but in every society and every assembly of men, whether in the county or in this town of Preston, is always received with acclamation and that due respect which the name of Stanley and Lord Derby is bound to evoke. The history of the present Lord Derby, from his entrance into public life to the present, has been a record of duty and honour, and in fulfilling the high important position to which he has been appointed he has performed his duties with the power, the dignity, the honour, and the affability which alone distinguish a high-bred Englishman. The name of the Earls of Derby, and the name of Stanley, is mixed up from the commencement of this country's history to the present. The family are bound by the warmest ties to the county of Lancashire, connected as they have been so long with its fortunes and its prosperity. For generations the Earls of Derby have been distinguished more or less by the great interest they have manifested in the welfare of our community, and now last, but not least, we have the head of that illustrious house with us to-night. Not only in politics, in Parliament, in our colonial enterprise, in military affairs, has an active part been taken, but now we find his name enrolled in golden letters in the Masonic fraternity of England. It would be well that all nations and every community of men of high honour and unimpeachable integrity should associate themselves under the Masonic principles of truth and honour and universal benevolence. I consider it one of the brightest days in my Masonic career when Lord Derby was made Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this great industrial Province of West Lancashire. When I come to my old home in Freemasonry I am received with the same cordiality as was manifested when I



was first initiated, when the grand principles of Masonry were first implanted in my bosom. I feel certain that the example set by your Worshipful Master will bear its fruit, not only now, but in times to come. The name of Stanley, of Lord Derby, will be handed down to posterity through you and others as being a bulwark of Freemasonry, and as an honour to our Order. Pointing to the banner of the new Order reared behind Lord Derby's chair, he said: The banner stands there white as the honour of your Worshipful Master. The motto is "Sans Changer"; long may that motto remain the motto of the family, and long may that family be represented by him who represents it now. No one can fulfil with greater ability the duties attached to Lord Derby's distinguished position than the one who presides over us to-night. May Providence long spare such a noble nobleman to us, and may he long take an active part in the work of the Brotherhood. May "Stanley for ever" be a cry to which Lancashire will ever rally, and may all who follow him be men equally imbued with the principles of high nobility.

The toast was drunk with the highest honours, and those present made the room ring again with their singing of the old political war cry, "Stanley for ever."

Lord Derby, in responding, said: I am deeply moved by the terms in which my kind friend of many years, Brother Starkie, has proposed this toast. I feel that he has left a great deal out of sight, and on the other hand that he has drawn his pictures with too telling colours. I wish the subject of it were by any means worthy of the honour you have paid to him. But I am not egotistical enough to take to myself the whole of this toast or even one-half of it. The principle of our Masonic Order, if I understand it right, is within all reasonable limits a community of property, and I venture on that assumption to trust that some of the kind welcome which friends from various Lodges to-night have given to our body, is really addressed not only to myself, but to my Brethren of the new Lodge, who unite with me in the feeling that we owe much to those who have graced our proceedings. It may, perhaps, not be out of place if I express the feelings which guided us in the creation of the new Lodge. Preston rejoiced in several Lodges, of which the membership was good. The number of Lodges was, however, small, and it was recognised that the establishment of a new Lodge would make promotion for the members quicker, and relieve the other Lodges of much of the pressure of work they have performed so wisely and so well for so many years. This idea has been mooted for a good many years, but a fortuitous meeting not long after I came home from Canada led, I think, somewhat to the events of to-night. It was felt that amongst the wants of Preston—and they are many—there was no building wholly suitable to Masonic purposes, but we did not consider ourselves justified in launching out in the erection of a new building altogether. A slight alteration to this hotel was made, however, whereby it became a much more convenient place for the meetings, not only of this Lodge, but of the other Lodges also. In that work I must give all praise to the Senior and Junior Wardens of this Lodge. They met me on several occasions, went into details most carefully, and though we have not achieved an ideal success, we have what I trust will for many years prove a comfortable home in which the various Lodges may hold their meetings. My right worshipful friend, who was good enough to propose this toast, was kind enough to expatiate on those who have gone before me, and whose name is borne by this new Lodge. From a Masonic point of view I do not think it would be wise to pursue the comparison, though it was gracefully and cleverly put. If he had gone back to former days he would have found that members of this family were addicted not to a constructive, but rather to a destructive policy, and the result of which was not quite so pronounced a unanimity of this Province as existed to-day. The fact is that Masonry has taken a hold of Lancashire in a way second to nothing that has taken place in any Province of the world. East and west, it is a narrow border that divides us; for, except in name, there was no dividing line. The Provinces were bound closely together, an evidence of which was found in the readiness of Colonel Starkie, in the absence of our own Provincial Grand Master, to come and perform the ceremony which consecrated this Lodge to-day, and which ratified its claim to be placed amongst the Masonic Lodges of the county. That ceremony was performed with dignity and clearness, and brought out at once the full solemnity and importance of the occasion to those who might not have appreciated it hitherto, and expressed those unchangeable sentiments dear to the heart of every Mason. He was good enough to bring amongst us one whose memory we are able to look upon as a perfect miracle of Masonic law. I have never heard a charge or a recital of the portions of Holy Writ to be read on such occasions delivered so effectively, or with a fuller weight and dignity of the sacerdotal honours. Addressing Colonel Starkie, the Earl said: We are under a deep obligation to you for your kindness in coming forward to-day, and it is not unnatural that in the order of this evening's proceedings I may, without resuming my seat, be permitted to pass from the thanks

which I must humbly offer for the toast you have drunk, to ask you to respond to a toast which I am sure you will heartily receive. I ask you, Brethren, to drink to the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire Colonel Starkie, the Consecrating Officer of our Lodge to-day. As a much younger and much humbler Mason than yourself, Sir, it would ill become our respective positions if I should endeavour to expatiate on the services which in your life and honoured career you have rendered to Masonry. Amongst all your numerous associations, even at the time when the chase claimed a little of your time, you were always ready, without any considerations of convenience, and at personal sacrifice, to assist our Masonic body, whether it be in one Province or the other. The crowning effort, if we may venture to speak, is the consecration of our Lodge, the ceremony attached to which received a greater lustre by reason of your presence. Our welcome is no idle welcome. On all occasions when you may be good enough to visit this Lodge you will find you have established an undying claim on the hearts of the members of the Stanley of Preston Lodge, and I hope those feelings will remain in accordance with the motto you have duly inscribed on your banner, "sans changer"—without change.

Colonel Starkie, after the toast had been enthusiastically honoured, responded. He said that it was not he who had honoured the Stanley Lodge; it was the Lodge which had honoured him in asking him to perform the ceremony. He questioned whether they were not the largest Provinces of Great Britain and its dependencies. Both Provinces worked hard, in friendly rivalry, and he hoped they would long continue to so maintain the great Masonic charities and advance the principles on which they based their great fraternity. He was cradled in Masonry in the Province of West Lancashire, and had served in every office, and when one came back, as it were, to one's native heath, it made him rejoice that they were all Brethren, all animated by the feelings of charity, hospitality, and friendship, which he hoped would never die. He felt certain that the new Lodge would flourish, and be a benefit to the Order.

Bro. T. Nevitt P.Prov.G.S. of W. proposed the visitors. It had been said that they in Preston ought to be proud of the name of Stanley. Were they not proud of it? He hoped Lord Derby would long be spared to help them, not only with Masonic work, but also in the prosperity of the town of Preston.

Other toasts followed.—"Preston Herald."

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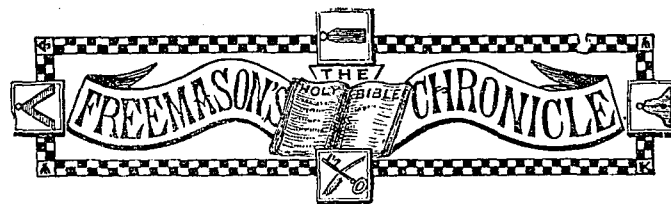
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**THE BOYS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.**

**T**HE first meeting of the Board of Stewards in connection with the approaching Anniversary celebration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Friday, 8th May, the most important piece of business then transacted being the unanimous decision to hold the Festival at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the same lines as proved so successful last year.

It was arranged that Ladies should dine with the Brethren, at 5.15 p.m., which will enable Stewards to leave London as late as 3.50 p.m., and that the Steward's Fee (to include dinner ticket and first class return railway fare between London and Brighton) be two guineas for Brethren, and one guinea for Ladies, additional dinner tickets being provided at 21s and 15s for Brethren and Ladies respectively, with 4s extra in the one case and 6s in the other if railway ticket is to be included.

The following Brethren were unanimously elected Officers of the Board of Stewards:—

**Honorary Presidents:**—Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M. Shropshire Vice-President of Institution. The Earl of Euston Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, Vice-President of Institution. Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham District G.M. Malta. The Earl of Onslow, G.O.M.G., Prov. G.M. Surrey. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer Patron and Trustee of Institution, Chairman of the Board of Management. Charles E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., P.G. Deacon Treasurer and Patron of Institution.

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**Honorary Secretary:**—Bro. J. Morrison McLeod P.G.Sw.B. P.Prov. S.G.W. Derbyshire W.M. 1070 Vice-Patron and Secretary of Institution.

It was further unanimously resolved that a dispensation be applied for to allow of Masonic Clothing being worn; that the following Brethren be appointed a Committee to make all arrangements for the Festival:—The President and Acting Vice-Presidents, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, Bros. Freeman, Hudson and Kent (of Brighton), Marsden, Woodiwiss and Wallis (of Derby), Fairchild, F. A. Powell, Jas. Stephens, J. J. Thomas, Sulley, F. A. White and Thomson-Lyon; that a sum not exceeding 40 guineas be allowed for musical arrangements; that the selection of a suitable badge be left to the Festival Committee, price not to exceed 7s 6d; that scent be provided for the Ladies, to be arranged by the Hon. Secretary; that the toast list and regulations be left to the Hon. Secretary, to consult with the President and Acting Vice-Presidents of the Board; and that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 9th June, at 5 p.m., to receive report of Festival Committee and for the allotment of seats at the banquet table.

The Annual Fete, and visit of Festival Stewards and their friends, will be held at the Institution, Wood Green, on Tuesday, 23rd June. The Prizes will be distributed by Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire. Tickets and particulars will be sent at a later date.

The Annual Sports will be held at Kempton Park, on Saturday, 13th June, when the attendance of the Stewards and their friends is invited. A circular giving details of special train arrangements, &c., will be sent in due course.

The Hon. Secretary will be greatly obliged if those Stewards who have not yet paid their deposit fee will kindly forward the amount to him at the office of the Institution.

## THE BENEVOLENT ELECTIONS.

THE following is a list of the unsuccessful candidates at the elections last week, with the number of votes brought forward and then recorded on behalf of each. As usual the votes will be carried forward for the next contest :

## MALES.

No. on List.	Name	Votes : Forward.	Polled.	Total.
40	Maidwell, Thomas John	...	20	3305
34	Walesby, William Warne	...	38	3270
9	Eastabrook, Joseph ...	...	2045	871
41	Fenner, Alfred William	...	20	2436
27	Pilgrim, Abel	...	597	1497
8	Brown, George Thomas	...	1533	99
28	Wilson, Henry	...	1041	405
19	Smith, Edward	...	678	725
1	Musham, John	...	699	97
21	Ransom, Alfred	...	417	151
6	Moxon, John	...	505	58
23	Day, Richard	...	185	345
55	Dawson, John William	...	...	488
52	White, John	...	...	410
2	Nichol, Robert	...	360	33
3	McLean, William John	...	252	15
51	Hose, Samuel James	...	20	238
16	Mott, James	...	208	40
4	Winsor, Henry	...	139	28
7	Graham, William B.	...	110	8
36	Simmonds, Richard	...	...	63
11	Hatton, Peter Valentine	...	36	17
5	Stockman, Thos. S.	...	13	30
38	Benson, Richard Hodge	...	...	36
25	Delve, John	...	21	—
33	Carpenter, Edward	...	7	14
18	Richmond, William Miles	...	5	4
48	Cartmel, William	...	...	8
29	Williams, William	...	—	7
43	Webb, Edward Joseph	...	...	5
46	Gee, Nathaniel	...	...	4
60	Crosby, Henry	...	...	3
45	Frew, James	...	...	1
17	Kessell, Solomon	...	...	—
22	Hooper, Thomas	...	Dead	Dead
47	Letton, Charles	...	Dead	Dead

## WIDOWS.

20	Randal, Margaret Vernon	...	906	158	1064
50	Hood, Mary Ann	...	...	940	940
52	Rowe, Jane	...	...	519	519
41	Clinch, Martha	...	...	439	439
23	Dickinson, Eliza Emma	...	337	56	393
12	Wagner, Katherine E.	...	286	61	347
13	Blight, Sarah	...	345	7	352
2	Mannington, Eliz. Atkinson	...	285	48	333
32	Burfield, Mary Ann	...	...	315	315
1	Salisbury, Jane	...	146	151	297
5	Russell, Olivia	...	259	35	294
3	Foot, Mary Ann	...	243	28	271
11	Meador, Sarah	...	170	94	264
7	Cowell, Nancy	...	209	17	226
45	Tarling, Ann	...	...	130	130
6	Olive, Elizabeth	...	106	8	114
10	Cartledge, Annie	...	82	16	98
9	Clarke, Elizabeth	...	49	32	81
4	Ionn, Elizabeth	...	47	20	67
15	Snart, Mary Ann	...	35	7	42
22	James, Clara	...	33	7	40
19	Deller, Arabella	...	26	10	36
18	Scholfield, Ruth	...	30	2	32
26	Reid, Mary	...	—	21	21
8	Lemon, Charlotte	...	17	3	20
27	Sargent, Agnes Adelaide	...	12	8	20
14	Miller, Margaret	...	11	8	19
24	Banning, Ann	...	11	2	13
48	Fitzgerald, Matilda Ann	...	...	8	8
29	Wright, Martha Frances	...	1	6	7
43	Wadsworth, Hannah	...	...	7	7
44	Nottelle, Matilda	...	...	7	7
49	Woolley, Mary	...	...	—	—
25	Huxham, Ann Catherine	...	Dead	Dead	Dead

## PRESENTATION AT SHEFFIELD.

ABOUT seventy Brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Ensor Drury P.M. 296, for the purpose of acknowledging in a permanent and substantial manner the great and indefatigable services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. H. J. Garnett, during a period extending over nearly forty years.

Supper was served, and on the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. A. Drury introduced the chief business of the evening, which was the presentation of his portrait to Bro. Garnett, on behalf of the Masons of Sheffield, in recognition of his many years service and devotion to the Craft. Bro. Drury gave an account of the origin of the presentation. It had long been, he said, the wish of the Brethren in Sheffield to recognise in some permanent manner the very great and valuable services of Bro. Garnett. A committee was formed, with Bro. E. T. Barker as Honorary Secretary—to whom thanks were due for the great trouble he had taken in this matter—and after consideration of the best means to carry out the wish of the Brethren it was decided to commission Bro. Ernest Moore to paint Bro. Garnett's portrait. He was sure that the Brethren would agree when the portrait was unveiled that the artist had carried out his commission very faithfully, and to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. In addition to the portrait the committee decided to present Bro. Garnett with an illuminated address, containing the names of all the subscribers to the

portrait, and to hand over the unexpended balance to Bro. Garnett, to be dealt with in supplementing the testimonial in such a manner as he might think best. Bro. Drury went on to give a resumé of the career of Brother Garnett in Freemasonry: Initiated in 1859, he was elected Worshipful Master of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, in December 1865. His other Masonic honours included:—Prov.G.S.B., 1873; Founder and first W.M. Wentworth Lodge, 1868; Z. Loyal Chapter, 1869; Z. Paradise, 1871; Prov.G.H., 1888; Mark Master, 1870; G.D. of England, 1882; E. P. De Furnival Preceptory, 1869; First Grand Standard Bearer Eng., 1891; Hon. P.M. Ivanhoe, Phoenix, and White Rose of York Lodges; Hon. P.Z. Phoenix and White Rose of York Chapters; N.W.S. Rose Croix; M.P.S. Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. At the conclusion of his speech Bro. Drury unveiled the portrait. It was received with loud and prolonged applause. He asked Bro. Garnett's acceptance of it on behalf of the Brethren in Sheffield.

Bro. Garnett, in reply, began by thanking the Immediate Past Master of the Britannia Lodge Bro. Dickenson for his constant kindness, and the amount of labour he had expended in connection with this object; and he thanked the Masonic Brethren for this very high mark of their esteem, which he greatly valued. Bro. Drury and himself, he said, were initiated in the same year, and from 1859 until the present time they had always pulled well together. They started with the intention of becoming good Masons, and they had a grand Preceptor to teach them, in the person of the late Brother Danby, one of the finest workers in the Craft. Alluding to his own career, he said that after being fully initiated he was at once put in office in the Britannia Lodge, and he had remained in harness ever since. The first great honour that fell upon him was that of being elected W.M. of the Britannia Lodge. On his installation in 1865 there was a great gathering of old Masons, who he felt sure had come to censure him for his presumption in undertaking the responsibility of so high an office while so young a Mason, but after the ceremony was over he was agreeably surprised to receive, instead of censure, great congratulation. Bro. Dr. Wood was present on that occasion, and no one who knew Bro. Wood would say that he would pay a compliment unless it was well deserved, but it was his good fortune to receive Dr. Wood's congratulations as well as those of others. The same year was celebrated the centenary of the Britannia Lodge, when there were present several of the Brethren of the Brunswick Lodge, who invited him to their own Lodge centenary when that occurred. The Britannia centenary was in 1865, the Brunswick in 1893. He believed that of those present at the Britannia centenary in 1865 only three were present that evening namely, Bros. Arnison, Drury, and himself. In 1867 he received an illuminated address and a gold Past Master's jewel containing three diamonds, and could there be any wonder that after that he stuck loyally to Masonry? In conclusion, Brother Garnett asked the Worshipful Master of the Britannia Lodge, his Mother Lodge, to accept the portrait, to be kept in memory of the occasion.

Brother Middleton W.M. 139, received the portrait on behalf of the Britannia Lodge, speaking a few suitable words of gratitude for the present; and the speech-making concluded with the toasts of the health of Bros. Arnison and Barker.

In the course of the evening the proceedings were enlivened by song from several Brethren.—"Sheffield Independent."

## LECTURE AT GATESHEAD.

ON the 7th inst. Brother William James Hughan, of Torquay, P.G.D. of England, the well-known Masonic historian, gave a lecture in the Industry Masonic Hall, Gateshead, on "The Old Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland." There was a large attendance, under the presidency of Bro. R. B. Reed.

Bro. Hughan, in the course of his lecture, maintained that Lodges had existed in Great Britain from the fourteenth century. Having spoken upon the relationship of the three degrees, and the fact that the "Mason's word" was a term met with in the ancient records, he quoted a number of most interesting minutes of the Mason's Company in London; the initiation in Newcastle in 1641, during the time the Scottish army was in Newcastle and had some time on their hands, when they initiated General Moray as a Speculative Mason. The date of their oldest document was of the fourteenth century, which was a manuscript in the British Museum. There were several Lodges in Scotland and elsewhere which were not connected with any Grand Lodge. This was the case with the ancient Lodge at Alnwick. In time these Lodges joined Grand Lodges in Scotland and London, and there were fraternal visits between those of the Lodges who had joined the Grand Lodges, and they were received just as those who had been in the Lodges which were previously connected with the Grand Lodge. Bro. Hughan also referred to the initiation of Mrs. Aldworth, the lady Freemason, in the eighteenth century, of which they had authoritative records.

Bro. W. Logan moved, and Bro. R. Hudson seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was passed with hearty acclamation; and Bro. Hugh Jackson proposed, and Brother W. J. Hughan seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was given with enthusiasm.—"Newcastle Journal."

## FAREWELL SUPPER AT LOSTWITHIEL.

THE Master and Brethren of Restormel Lodge entertained Bro. C. Haddy at supper on Thursday, 14th inst., prior to his leaving the Post Office, Lostwithiel, for a more lucrative position at Shaftesbury.

Proposing Our Guest, the W.M. feelingly referred to Bro. Haddy's early departure, and assured him he would take away the best wishes of all the Brethren for his health and happiness, and would leave behind him an example of Masonic consistency which it would be well to emulate.

Bro. Haddy, in his response, spoke of the pleasant time he had had at Lostwithiel, and the sympathy and good cheer of the Brethren of 856. Having been honoured with the highest position the Lodge could bestow on any member he thought it very unlikely he should soon dissociate himself from it.

AN APPEAL is being made on behalf of the Princess Louise Home—National Society for the protection of young girls—which, since its establishment, in 1835, has rescued some 1700 young girls from all parts of the kingdom from bad surroundings. The annual subscriptions, which some thirty years ago averaged £700, are now under £300 a year, and help is asked for in this direction. In addition it is proposed to expend a sum of £3,000 in additions and improvements in the home at Kingston Hill, the charitable public being urged to supply the funds for the good work. Further particulars may be had of the Secretary, 32 Sackville Street, Piccadilly, W.

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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## MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1218.

THE annual installation meeting took place on Thursday, 7th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, Bro. Major Thomas Easterbrook W.M., Chas. J. Pitcher S.W., S. F. Cornish J.W., T. A. Harper P.M. Treas., W. J. Messenger P.M. Sec. Past Masters Turner, Baxter, Style, Marshall, Nevill, Harvey, Hale, Davis, Hastie, and Bradley, also Bros. Lovelock, Dale, Maude, Hinton, Hemings, Harden and others, the company numbering nearly sixty members and visitors, among the latter being D. Everest P.M. 720, G. R. Steel P.M. 1, E. Crouch P.M. 357, A. Bernberg P.M. 1728, C. A. Hooper P.M. 1613, J. Strachan P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, E. C. Crouch P.M. 857, C. Cowland P.M. 902, A. Walton P.M. 1257, W. H. Hooker P.M. 1670, R. H. Stimpson P.M. 59, Capt. Geo. Hearn P.M., T. Rashleigh P.M. 902, J. Pitcher 44 (father of W.M.-elect), T. A. Bennett 1997, C. Donaldson 1963 W.M., A. V. Fariter 1818, S. C. Batson 1892, W. Herring 2416, G. J. Rossiter 907, A. Moore 91, A. Grover 1706, W. T. Hellyer W.M. 2099.

The Lodge was opened at 5.45 p.m., the installation of Bro. Charles J. Pitcher into the chair of K.S. being performed by Bro. Baxter P.M., who was ably assisted in the addresses by Past Masters Bridges and Marshall.

The W.M. invested the following Officers: S. F. Cornish S.W., H. J. Pearn J.W., T. A. Harper P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Messenger P.M. Secretary, Alfred England S.D., F. Pullan J.D., F. B. Williams I.G., Major G. H. N. Bridges, V.C., P.M. D.C., H. Leslie Smith Organist, Jas. Howard S., A. W. Jones C.S., Whiteman Tyler.

The Brethren voted £5 5s from the charity fund to the R.M.I. for Boys, to be placed on Bro. P.M. G. Waterall's list; they also voted £5 5s 0d to the prize fund of the 1st Surrey Rifles, to which corps this Lodge is so closely allied.

The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented Brother Major Earlesworth with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the able way in which he had performed the duties of his office, during the past year.

The Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a splendid programme was gone through, songs by Bros. Ager Grover, Alfred Moore, George Robins, also a mandoline solo by Brother A. W. Jones, excellently accompanied by Bro. Leslie Smith, interspersed with the usual toasts and replies, all helped to make the evening a success in every way.

In response to the visitors' toast Bro. Fariter, of the Clapham Lodge, gave an interesting account of a portion of his travels, showing the universality of Freemasonry, and how his being a member of the Craft saved his life amongst the Arabs of Morocco.

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## UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

AN ordinary meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., on Thursday, 14th inst., when the W.M. Bro. Edwin M. Jeffery presided, and was assisted by Bros. G. A. Peters S.W., H. Hyde J.W., Samuel Toye I.P.M., Charles Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, Charles J. Free P.M. Secretary, C. Schmidt P.M., Edwin Hill P.M., W. Athol Bray S.D., H. B. Brown J.D., H. J. Kowberry I.G., A. H. Church Organist, S. H. Baker 898, A. Goldsmith 2398, C. Bexfield 1607, W. C. Ferris 1901, James Muller 1987, Orlton Cooper 211, and a large number of the Brethren.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, for the convenience of the business, as there were candidates for initiation and advancement. On resuming to the second degree Bro. William Thomas Hustwayte, a candidate for the sublime degree, proved his proficiency, and was subsequently raised as a Master Mason in ancient form.

Bros. Frederick William Ward and Thomas W. Payne were passed to the degree of Fellow Crafts.

The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. John Baker, Ernest Buckley, and Alfred Barnard Noble. These gentlemen being in attendance, were properly prepared and regularly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry.

The whole of the ceremonies, which included the full traditional history, were admirably rendered by Bro. Jeffery, whose proficiency in the ritual amply demonstrated the usefulness of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, wherein he was taught the work, while the effectiveness of the ceremonies were considerably enhanced by the excellent music played by Brother A. H. Church.

One candidate was proposed for ballot at the next meeting in June, and one Brother tendered his resignation. A vote of sympathy was directed to be sent to a member whose wife was seriously ill. The W.M. having received the good wishes of the visiting Brethren, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and the company adjourned to supper.

A very pleasant evening was subsequently spent, during which the customary complimentary speeches were made, agreeably interspersed with songs and music.

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## WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE annual dinner took place on Tuesday, 12th inst., at Bro. Butcher's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, when the chair was occupied by the worthy Preceptor Bro. H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.S.G.D. Essex, and about forty Brethren sat down to an excellent repast.

After the loyal toasts Bro. John Mason P.P.G.D. Surrey proposed the health of the president, he saying it afforded him the greatest pleasure to offer a compliment to Bro. Dehane, whom he had had the gratification of knowing twenty-eight years, during which time he had always found him worthy of the greatest regard. Bro. Dehane was a kind hearted Mason, and a hard worker in the cause of charity, ever ready to lend his assistance where possible.

The Chairman expressed his thanks. He was pleased to look back and call to mind the fact that thirty-one years ago that very night he was raised

to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Years after, when he had the pleasure of being Preceptor, he had promised his Brethren to do his utmost on their behalf, and he hoped the course he had pointed out had proved for their benefit. Bro. Dehane concluded by again thanking all for their kind reception of the toast.

A song "Blind leading the blind," by Mr. W. F. Moss was much admired, that gentleman giving "The Speaker's eye" as an encore.

The chairman next proposed the toast of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, having much pleasure in coupling with it the names of Brother Roberts W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and Brother R. J. Rogers P.M. and Treasurer of the Instruction.

The former, replying, thanked the president of the evening for coupling his name with the toast. He thought that was one of the most enjoyable evenings he had ever spent, and although he had hoped to have no occasion for a speech yet it was a pleasure to respond to this toast, as it was entirely through the untiring patience of the Preceptor of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction that he was able to go through his work in the Mother Lodge. He assured the Brethren that if they would only attend regularly they would receive the same kind assistance as he had. He was really delighted to see the Lodge under such able guidance and in such a prosperous condition.

Bro. Rogers followed, thanking the Brethren very much for the hearty way in which they had received the toast. He had been in hopes of seeing Past Masters Walker and Cottebrune in their midst that evening, but fate had ruled it otherwise. He was, however, glad to welcome Bro. Mason. It was very gratifying to find the Lodge had the hearts of the Brethren with it, as was shown by a telegram he had received from Bro. Curtis P.M. He regretted the absence of many Brethren associated with the Lodge, and hoped the next anniversary would be even better supported than the present one. He was pleased to state the Lodge was established on a very firm basis and then bore testimony to the excellent training which aspiring young Masons might obtain if they would only join the Lodge, where they might be always sure of a hearty reception.

The toast of the Visitors was coupled with the name of Bro. Dymott, who suitably responded.

The health of the Officers was acknowledged by Bro. Wortham Secretary, who, having tendered his thanks, had much pleasure in referring to the grant of five guineas made by the Lodge to the Benevolent Institution, and hoped that during the present year they would send another five guineas. He wished prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, and if it did not prosper it would certainly not be from any lack of interest on his part.

The toast of the Host, the Hostess and family was next given, and, in response, Bro. Butcher said the way in which he had been received made that one of the happiest days of his life. Their task had been a hard one, but it was a great pleasure to himself and to his wife, who had so ably assisted him, to learn from the speeches that their efforts had given so much satisfaction.

Brother Roberts W.M. of the Mother Lodge proposed the health of the entertainers, who included Brothers G. Goddard, G. Mogford, G. Barter, G. Miles, R. J. Rogers P.M., &c., with Brother R. B. Hopkins as accompanist. Brother Roberts felt sure the company desired to thank them for their kindness in adding to the enjoyment of the evening. He hoped that Bro. Goddard would bring some of his able supporters to the Mother Lodge, so that its members would have an opportunity of listening to them. The meeting was shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion.

The company included, in addition to those already referred to, Bros. C. J. Brown S.W. 733, G. E. Lilly, G. E. D. Mogford W.M., T. W. Mogford S.W., G. Weaver, Miller J.W., Halston, Butters, E. Stevens, Armstrong, J. Wynman, Faircloth P.M., Bagnall, Beasley, &c., with the following visitors: Bros. Grimwood, Chapman, Lawrence, Norris, Coombes, Wheeler, &c.

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## DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

ON the 12th inst., at the Lord Truro, Dalston Lane, N.E., Bro. Alderman W.M., McLachlan S.W., Russell J.W., Geo. Clarke Treasurer, W. S. Harvey Sec., F. Dunstan Preceptor, Friedlander, S. C. Kaufman, Schlosshauer, Barnes, Cunningham and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which Bro. S. C. Kaufman occupied the chair, and rehearsed the 2nd degree. The Brethren assisted the Preceptor to work the first section of the second lecture. Bro. Jos. Coulthard, of the Lebanon Lodge, was elected a member.

On the 19th inst., Bro. McLachlan W.M., Russell S.W., Barnes J.W., Dunstan Preceptor, Harvey Secretary, Alderman, Kaufman, Geo. Clarke, Matthews, G. H. Clark, Collon, Walter Clark, and others.

The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Collon candidate; after which the chair was occupied by the Preceptor, who rehearsed the third ceremony.

Bros. G. Larner and A. F. Holland, of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, were elected members.

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## HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON Monday, 11th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, Bro. H. Campbell W.M., H. Crookes S.W., A. S. Fowles J.W., J. Chubb S.D., A. Clark P.M. 1668 J.D., J. Smith I.G., J. W. Ferguson P.M. Deputy Preceptor acting Sec., J. H. R. Kelly Steward, C. Riemann, Harris, Wynman, Hood, W. R. Playford P.M. 1608, Le Claire and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother C. Riemann candidate, the work being most ably rendered by Master and Wardens.

Brother Harris being examined and entrusted in the second degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and we may further compliment the W.M. on his working in connection therewith.

The ceremony of investiture of Officers was gone through. Brother H. Crookes was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

On the 18th inst. the chair was occupied by Bro. Henry Crookes, who was assisted by A. S. Fowles S.W., W. Smith J.W., C. Riemann S.D., H. Harris J.D., W. LeClaire I.G., S. Manne Steward, H. Dehane P.M. Secretary, W. J. Ferguson P.M. Preceptor, Lambie, Wynman, Gallon, &c.

After the Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Campbell was offered the chair, which was thankfully accepted. He rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Gallon P.M. candidate, which ceremony was given in perfect order.

Bro. Ferguson, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the lecture, and then the W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Ferguson offered himself as a candidate, was examined, entrusted, and subsequently raised, this ceremony being also perfectly rendered.

Bro. A. S. Fowles was unanimously elected W.M. for next Monday, and thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the appointment.



## ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 167.

THE regular meeting was held at the Court House, Harlesden, on Thursday, 21st, Brother W. G. Tebbitt P.M. 2045 W.M., M. Moss 1767 S.W., Peradon 72 J.W., W. Hillier P.M. 1366 2090 Preceptor, F. S. Priest 1637 Secretary, Moore 1637 S.D., W. Roche Playford P.M. 1608 J.D., Edge 1608 I.G., C. Neville P.M. 1767, Lawrence P.M. 1326 P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Hussey W.M. 1637, Bartlett P.M. 1637, Arthur Jones 1637, J. Bailey P.M. 1805, Geo. Chapman 1805, F. J. Ortner, Isaac Cohen 188, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Tompsett 1767.

Bro. George Chapman offered himself as a candidate for the ceremony of initiation, which was rehearsed in a most laudable manner by the popular W.M. of the evening. The Lodge was called off and on.

Bro. F.M. Neville was examined and entrusted in the second degree, the ceremony of raising being subsequently rehearsed. Bro. Moss S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Before the closing of the Lodge Bro. Hillier Preceptor rose and said: Bro. Playford had worked with a great deal of enthusiasm, and under his direction the St. John Lodge had made the most wonderful progress of any school of Instruction. Since its inception it had contributed nearly half its funds to the Benevolent Associations. He proposed that for their past services Bros. Playford and Chapman be elected Honorary members of the Lodge, and on behalf of the members he begged to make a presentation to Brother Playford, for his past services as Secretary. He hoped Bro. Playford might live for many more years to enjoy the gift, and trusted that he might assist them in future as he had done in the past, long enjoying the esteem of the members of the Lodge, for which he had done so much to merit their applause.

Bro. Lawrence P.M. seconded the proposition and added a few remarks, expressive of the pleasure he felt in seeing the amount of interest the Brethren took in forwarding the presentation to Bro. Playford, who was the hardworking member of the Lodge. The testimonial was especially contributed to by the working members of the Lodge, those who worked week by week with Bro. Playford and knew his worth.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and the W.M. felicitously announced the same.

Bro. Chapman suitably thanked them all for the unexpected honour paid him; it would be an increased incentive to further Benevolent Association work.

Bro. Playford replied, visibly affected by this token of brotherly love. He protested that all he had done was only a labour of love, and that his heart had always been and still would be with this school, whose success he so much desired. He heartily thanked the Brethren for allowing his reign of office to be one of peace and harmony, and trusted that the Brethren present would often visit him, and see how the knives and forks worked on his table.

The case of silver knives and forks bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

BRO. WALTER ROCHE PLAYFORD P.M. 1608,

by the St. John Lodge of Instruction, No. 167,

in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary.

21st May 1896.

The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The highly successful Benevolent Association of this School of Instruction held a ballot last week, which resulted in favour of Bro. W. H. Thomas 2098.

## ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

A VERY pleasant and happy meeting, to celebrate the successful termination of the year's work of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Tuesday, when the chair was taken by Bro. C. M. Coxon P.M. P.P.G.D.Herts., who deserves praise for the able manner in which he fulfilled the duties of President.

Bro. H. Wharton Wells, F.R.C.O., opened the concert with an excellent solo, followed by Bro. Philip Upton I.P.M. 1328, who gave an excellent song. The following kindly added to the most enjoyable evening with their humorous songs and recitations: Bro. Charles Isler, song, "Funicule, Funicula"; Bro. W. Roberts, song, "Ding, Dong"; Bro. Sergeant Lee, a humorous recitation of "Hans Breitmann's Bicycle"; Henning, D. C. Hatwater, G. Wheeler, S. Abell, W. J. Raynet (who gave a superb solo on the violin), A. Donald King, H. Bower, Ch. Nicole, Houghton, Bower, Parkinson (recitation), &c.

There were also present the following Brethren:—J. Duncan P.M. 59, H. Parkinson J.D. 1328, R. Philip Upton I.P.M. 1328, Sidney Napper P.M. 1471, G. T. Peall P.M. 2361, John Mason 1328 P.P.G.D. Surrey, C. Smith S.W. 1328, J. Wynman, Thos. H. Kemp W.M. 43, C. W. Rayner J.W. 1681, W. Sergeant Lee P.M. 2488, J. W. Clarke P.M. 1512, A. Wolter P.M. 1791, R. W. Nicole W.M. 2278, F. A. Stone I.G. 1298, J. Petch P.M. 2278 P.P.G.S.B. Herts, E. Harrison J.W. 1471, T. W. Peart I.G. 11, S. Abell P.M. 2032, H. Hill P.M. 1305, W. Hancock P.M. 2191, D. C. Ritchie W.M. 1471, T. Williams 2278, there being about eighty in all.

The Chairman called upon Bro. Philip Upton P.M., who said, Chairman and Brethren, It is with the greatest of pleasure I rise to the command of your Committee. Brother Walter Hancock Past Master and Preceptor, it is the Brethren's desire to express to you their high esteem and appreciation of the services you have rendered to this Lodge of Instruction, as well as the affection and esteem with which they regard you personally. We all know that a Lodge of Instruction is a School to learn Masonic duties, and to make it a success we must have a Preceptor and Treasurer; we could not do without them, but principally we must have a Preceptor, and we have found a good one in you. Bro. Hancock, he continued, took the important post in 1887, and under his able instruction the Lodge had since flourished; he was full of patience, and did his utmost to instruct the Brethren. He need not say more, as every Brother present knew the Preceptor, but he might add that during his tenure of that office they were able to secure five Life Subscriptions. On behalf of the Brethren of the Islington Lodge of Instruction he had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Hancock with two silver side dishes, as a mark of the Brethren's gratitude for his valuable services and with the hope that he would use them for many years to come, in the best of good health. At the same time they hoped he would continue to act as their Preceptor for many years.

Bro. Hancock rose, and was enthusiastically received. He said he was never more in difficulty than at present, by reason of their kindness; he was very grateful to be there that night, but felt the honour shown towards him ought to be shared with Bro. J. Petch their Treasurer, Bro. J. Duncan and Bro. C. M. Coxon the two Secretaries. His connection with the Lodge was rather singular, as intending to attend a Lodge of Instruction he was introduced to the Islington, and he was still there as he deemed it was the duty

of every Brother to attend a Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Hancock proceeded to refer to the differences of working between English and American Lodges of Instruction, approving of the English system, which allowed a Brother to receive instruction every night if he desired it. He was afraid ill-health would compel him to resign his post as Preceptor, but he assured them he would remain at their service so long as he was able. He was pleased to say there had never been an unpleasant word uttered towards him during his term of office. He concluded by again thanking his Brethren for the handsome present they had made him, and hoped he should live for many years to use their gift.

Later in the evening a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Coxon, for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of Chairman.

The supper was well served, and was in keeping with the high reputation of this well-known establishment. The service was under the personal supervision of the able and attentive Manager Bro. F. R. Wenn, and was highly commended.

## CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

AT the Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, E.C., on Friday, 15th inst., Bro. Blake W.M., Henry S.W., Cully J.W., Doubtfire S.D., Ball J.D., Le Beau I.G., Weeden Preceptor, Dimes Sec.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Luetchford answered the questions leading to the third, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

The Preceptor, in the name of the Brethren, very eloquently presented the Secretary with a valuable gold watch, bearing the following inscription:

Presented to

BRO. E. DIMES,

by the members of the Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, as a mark of respect and esteem for services rendered as Secretary.

May 1896.

The Secretary briefly returned thanks, the Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned until the 22nd.

## BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 20th, Bro. W. Joss W.M., J. Holland S.W., A. Marks J.W., B. Pollock S.D., W. Boyce P.M. J.D., W. Johnson I.G., J. De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, F. Thornton Secretary, Johnson P.M., C. Slater, Citron, Parker and E. Gibbs.

Bro. P.M. Boyce answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, he acting as candidate.

The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the Brethren assisted Bro. De Casseres to work the first section of the lecture, and afterwards assisted Bro. Boyce to work the first section of the first lecture.

Bro. J. Holland was elected to the chair for Wednesday, 27th inst.

## CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE sixtieth meeting was held at Bro. Witte's, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, on Friday, 15th inst., when there were present: Bro. Thomas Feistel W.M., M. Friedlander S.W., H. J. Calley J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. P.A.G.D.C.Middx. Preceptor, T. I. Bird P.M. P.Z. P.G.S.B.Middx. Treasurer, Geo. Clark P.M. and V.P.M.C. Association, Harry Willsmer Secretary, J. R. Jones S.D., Bishop J.D., W. S. Clark I.G., S. Crane P.M., I. P. Cohen P.M. Preceptor Percy Lodge of Instruction, J. J. Lamigeon W.M., A. Rusby, Captain Schlosshauer, Witte, T. Matthews, W. E. Jeanes, D. Jackson, J. Howard, Alderman, A. A. Barnes, J. Abrahams, R. Heslop, Ditchman, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lamigeon candidate.

The first and second sections of the lecture were worked.

The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. who, on behalf of the Brethren, presented Bro. F. Dunstan, the worthy and esteemed Preceptor and President of the Masonic Charities Association, with an undress suit of clothing in case, of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of Middlesex, the Provincial rank conferred upon him last year by Lord Geo. Hamilton P.G.M. Middlesex; a framed testimonial of a Masonic character, and a framed photo of the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. Cohen referred in eulogistic terms to Bro. Dunstan's estimable qualities as a Preceptor, his genial and kindly presence having endeared him to all the Brethren who attended the Citadel meetings, of which he had been present 58 out of the 60 that had been held since November 1894, when the Lodge was formed.

Bros. S. Crane P.M., Geo. Clark P.M., T. I. Bird P.M. Treasurer, and W. E. Jeanes also alluded to Bro. Dunstan's valuable services, which have always been so willingly tendered to the members of this Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Alderman, a member of his Mother Lodge, referred to the respect in which he is held by the members of the Lebanon Lodge, stating that he should have much pleasure in telling the members at the meeting on the morrow at Feltham, how much their Brother was respected in North London.

Bro. Dunstan acknowledged the compliments that had been paid him and the handsome testimonies of the regard of the Brethren for him.

Bro. Friedlander was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Bros. Alderman and Dixon were elected members.

At the preceding meeting, on the 8th inst., the chair was occupied by Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M., who was supported by Bro. Thos. Feistel S.W., M. Friedlander J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. P.A.G.D.C.Middx. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, H. J. Calley S.D., J. R. Jones J.D., D. J. Witte I.G., and Matthews, when the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Matthews candidate in each case.

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## HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

THE 7th of May is always an interesting date in Hull Freemasonry, it being the anniversary of laying the foundation-stone of the Humber Lodge, Hull. The Brethren assembled on Thursday, 7th inst., in large numbers to celebrate the 69th anniversary.

The Lodge having been opened in due form, the numerous visiting Brethren were received, after which the W.M. Bro. Thos. Morrill called upon

Bro. H. J. Oldroyd the past Junior Warden to make a presentation to the Immediate Past Master Bro. M. J. Martenson, as a token of the great esteem he was held in by the members of the Lodge, and a recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. The testimonial, which consisted of a very handsome silver tea service, artistically engraved, was greatly admired.

Bro. Martenson suitably responded. The visitors expressed their hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the Humber Lodge, after which the Lodge was closed, and the company sat down to banquet.

#### HARMONY LODGE, No. 133.

THE installation meeting took place on Monday, 11th inst., at Faversham, when Bro. T. G. Gillett was installed as Master by Bro. A. J. Tassell P.M. After the usual work of the annual meeting the Brethren repaired to the banquet, held at the Ship Hotel, under the presidency of the new W.M.

#### LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. H. Forss presided at the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday, 13th inst., when he was supported by his Officers, Bros. W. Hawkey S.W., Charles Matthews J.W., A. Walkin acting S.D., J. N. Willis J.D., T. W. Galler I.G., T. T. Hogg P.M. Treas., J. Aylen Organist, E. Ingram, J. A. Gillett, R. J. Beamish P.M. P.Prov.A.D.C., Henry Doughty P.Prov.G.S.B., J. P. Moore P.M., Allen Luchhurst, J. A. Axcell, Spencer Bowen, T. Smith, W. P. Wilson, E. G. Rayfield, C. F. Lavis, &c.

The visiting Brethren were A. Hart 677, J. M. Watson 2313, Alfred Matthews 781, Horace Reynolds 2182, G. Williams 1536, and Nathan Cohen P.M. of Emanuel Lodge, No. 654 of New York.

The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes confirmed. The ballot was taken, and proving unanimous in favour of Mr. Thomas Elliott Braine, he was admitted, and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bros. H. O. Toms, W. Attwater and H. White, having proved their proficiency, were passed to the degree of Fellow Crafts. Both ceremonies were worked by Bro. Forss in his customary excellent manner.

The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the Steward's list, and it is interesting to note that during the evening a telegram was received from Bro. Ronaldson stating that over £15,000 had been subscribed. Another candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the business of the evening being finished the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to supper.

The usual complimentary toasts were given, Bros. Doughty and Beamish responding for the Provincial Grand Officers.

The W.M., in reply to the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. T. H. Lygo P.M., said he was greatly encouraged in his work by the punctual attendance of his Officers.

Bro. Braine, the initiate, stated the pleasure he had in being admitted a member of the Lodge, and hoped he would prove a credit to the Craft.

Bro. Nathan Cohen returned thanks on behalf of the visitors. He had enjoyed himself thoroughly, as it was the first time he had visited an English Lodge. Of course he was not there to criticise the English working, but as everybody liked his home the best, he was bound to confess that he preferred the American ritual and working generally. At the same time he appreciated the conviviality of the fourth degree, and wished it might be introduced in the United States. He had been initiated twenty-one years ago, and had filled every office in his Lodge, having passed through the chair about six years since. Should any of the Brethren ever visit New York, he could assure them a cordial welcome from the Emanuel Lodge.

During the evening a pleasant programme of songs and recitations was given by Bros. Lavis, Horace Reynolds, Alf. White, Luchhurst, Gee and Drake, Bro. Aylen officiating at the piano.

#### WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 949.

ON Monday, 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, North Bridge Street, Sunderland, in the presence of a large number of Provincial Officers, visiting Brethren from local and distant Lodges, and members of the Lodge, Brother Thomas Harrison was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The impressive charge was given by Brother E. Lautebach W.M., and when his successor had duly qualified, the Officers were invested.

#### PENTANGLE LODGE, No. 1174.

THE members held their annual festival in their commodious Lodge room, at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, on Monday, 11th inst., when Bro. the Rev. W. H. Robins, D.D., Vicar of Gillingham, was duly installed W.M. for the year, the ceremony of installation being performed by the W.M. Bro. Lieut.-Col. S. K. Ray, Brigade Surgeon. The Pentangle Lodge is one of the few purely service Lodges, its members being drawn chiefly from the Navy and Army or from the liberal professions, says the "Rochester Journal."

The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, including the disposal of a sum for charitable purposes, the Brethren partook of their annual banquet, presided over by the newly installed W.M., when the customary Masonic toasts were honoured.

#### URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, the 11th inst., Bro. Walter Bowers W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the W.M. made a very satisfactory and successful initial attempt to explain the tracing board of the first degree.

At the social gathering which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Geo. R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.Treas. Sec., John Bowers P.M. Org., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, and Samuel Gaskill W.M. 163.

Bro. John Slyman P.M. P.P.S.G.D., in proposing the health of the W.M., alluded to the fact that the latter had not been confronted with an extravagance of work, but the speaker looked forward to an early period when Bro. Bowers might be able to evince to them that he was (judging by his efforts of that evening) capable of sustaining the high reputation of the Urmston Lodge for excellent ceremonial.

Bro. Bowers W.M. responded, saying in effect that he preferred to have a barren year rather than be a party to the admission of those who could not in every way justify the expectations formed with regard to candidates desirous of joining their ranks.

We may mention in passing that Bro. Slyman was heartily congratulated upon the fact of his having qualified as a Justice of the Peace for the Stretford Division.

#### ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THIS Lodge held its regular meeting at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, 15th inst., Bro. Jas. Clough W.M. There was an attendance of about forty members and visitors, prominent among the latter being Bros. J. Barker P.M. 1134 P.P.G.S.W., Edwd. L. Littler P.M. 1730 P.P.G.P. and J. Bowers P.M. 1730.

Three ceremonies had been announced, but only two were performed. The initiation of Mr. Fred. Daniels, Builder, Pendleton, after a successful ballot, was undertaken by the W.M., the Working Tools being presented and explained by Bro. Wm. Lambert J.W. and the Historical Charge delivered by Bro. T. M. Brown S.W. Following this was the raising to the sublime degree of M.M. of Bro. John Horricks by Bro. T. T. Sefton P.M.

Bro. Council. Thos. Kay P.M. afterwards presented a Founders' jewel to Bro. W. Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G.D.C., who has only recently returned from a protracted trip abroad, undertaken on account of ill health. Past Masters Bro. Eli Winterbottom and Thos. Threlfall were congratulated upon having received Provincial honours two days previously, the former as D.D. of C., and the latter as Steward, after which the Lodge was closed, the Brethren adjourning to tea.

#### PRUDENCE AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 1953.

ON Wednesday, 13th inst., Bro. Jesse Symes was installed as Worshipful Master at Chard, the ceremony being performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. England.

#### LOXFIELD LODGE, No. 2450.

THE annual installation was held at the Public Hall, Uckfield, on Wednesday, 13th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. Wright W.M. The chief business was the installation of Bro. W. Flint, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. W. Wright, who was assisted in the charges by Bro. R. L. Thornton.

#### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### DUKE OF FIFE CHAPTER, No. 2345.

THE installation convocation was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Saturday, 16th inst., when there were present Comps. J. Wier P.Z. as M.E.Z., A. Harvey H., T. Grummant P.Z. 1275 as J., S. Cochrane P.Z. P.G.Treas., Charlie Woods S.E., W. G. Boswell S.N., S. G. Bonner P.Soj., Morris Std., A. Robertson Treas., R. J. Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1329.

Visitors: Comps. H. Bond M.E.Z. 2395, A. C. A. Higerty P.Z. 946 P.P.G.Soj.Middx., T. Grummant P.Z. 1275, Herbert Longhurst Org. 1216, and Geo. White 975.

Ballot was taken for, and proved unanimously in favour of Bros. J. Langdon I.P.M. 2345, J. Smith J.W. 1598, and C. J. Fitch S.W. 2345.

Bros. Smith and Fitch were duly exalted. Comp. R. J. Voisey impressively installed Comp. Harvey as M.E.Z., and Boswell as J.

The Officers were invested, viz., Comps. Charlie Woods S.E., S. G. Bonner S.N., A. Robertson Treasurer, T. Morris 2nd Asst. Soj., Patrick P.Z. Janitor.

The following were unavoidably absent: Comps. J. W. Folkard M.E.Z., J. A. Randall H.-elect, C. W. Munslow P.Soj.-elect, J. Mitchell 1st Asst.Soj.-elect, and J. D. Clayton Steward-elect.

Comp. T. Morris presented a satisfactory report from the Audit Committee.

The Companions afterwards enjoyed one of those most carefully arranged banquets for which the house is noted, and afterwards the Loyal and Arch toasts were honoured. The harmony was increased by songs and recitations contributed by Comps. Longhurst, Grummant, Smith, Fitch, Woods, and Bonner.

#### BLAGDON CHAPTER, No. 659.

ON Wednesday, 13th inst., the annual convocation was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Blyth, under the presidency of Comp. John Tweedy P.Z. P.G.S. There was a large attendance of Companions, including representatives of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

The Chapter was opened by Comp. Tweedy, and after the exaltation of two candidates, the installation of the following Companions took place:—Wm. Robson as Z., Wm. Charlton jun. as H., and C. Reay as J.

The convocation shortly afterwards closed, and the Companions adjourned to the Star and Garter Hotel, where the annual banquet was held.

#### HOLMESDALE CHAPTER, No. 874.

A WELL-ATTENDED convocation was held at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on the 5th inst., when the installation of the new Officers took place. Comp. J. S. Fletcher was installed Z., A. T. Simpson H., C. J. Gallard J., the ceremony being impressively performed by the retiring Z.

The balance-sheet and report, which were very satisfactory, were approved, and a P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. Ragau Martin, on his retirement from the chair, as a token of the fraternal regard and high esteem in which he was held by all the members of the Chapter.

#### MARK MASONRY.

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#### ST. ANNE LODGE, No. 351.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, on Tuesday, 12th inst., when Bro. S. Cook was installed W.M.

The banquet was afterwards admirably served by Bro. Cook at the Ship Hotel. The W.M. presided, and the usual toasts were honoured.

## LEBANON LODGE, No. 325.

THE annual meeting was held at Lostwithiel on Thursday, 7th inst., when Bro. C. Haddy was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the interesting ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Major Shanks and Bro. T. W. Perry.

Great regret was expressed at the prospect of Bro. Haddy's early departure from Lostwithiel, and he was assured that the hearty good wishes of all the Brethren would accompany him to his new sphere.

## THEATRICAL &amp; ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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**Lyceum.**—The last performances of the romantic play "For the Crown" are announced for next Saturday, 30th inst., morning and evening, so that those who are desirous of witnessing this finely written and admirably acted piece must avail themselves of the few remaining opportunities. Time has enabled the principal performers to give a very finished portraiture of their various characters, and it seems almost a pity that the play is so soon to be withdrawn; but arrangements for the production of "Magda," a translation by Bro. Louis N. Parker of Sudermann's "Heimat," interfere with its further run. It is certainly worth while to leave the sunshine, for the sake of seeing Mr. Forbes Robertson, Miss Winifred Emery, Mrs. Patrick Campbell and Mr. Charles Dalton in this fine piece.

**Criterion.**—Mr. Charles Wyndham has successfully produced a new play, entitled "Rosemary," an account of which will appear in our next issue.

It is announced that Bro. Edward Terry Past Grand Treasurer has joined the executive Committee of the Theatrical Mission and Institute.

## MEDICAL FREEMASONS.

THAT many members of the medical profession take an interest in Freemasonry is obvious for various reasons, among which the following may be noted. From time to time appear in our columns accounts of the meetings of the Æsculapius Lodge, which was founded for the convenience of medical Freemasons, and the members of which are, we believe, at the present time all medical men. The Rahere Lodge, if not entirely medical, being recruited from St. Bartholomew's Hospital, must be predominantly so. The University of London Lodge necessarily includes a very considerable proportion of medical graduates. And there is probably scarcely a Masonic Lodge throughout the country which does not contain at least one medical practitioner. The important part played by members of our profession in the history of Freemasonry has been well shown by a distinguished Masonic writer, Mr. R. F. Gould, whose paper on the subject we reviewed in our issue of 26th January 1895 (p. 246). It is therefore deserving of record in the "Lancet" that on the recent occasion of the twenty-first anniversary of the Prince of Wales's installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England high Masonic honours have been bestowed upon several medical Freemasons. Bro. George Cowell, F.R.C.S. Eng., senior surgeon to Westminster Hospital, and Bro. Henry Sutherland, M.D. Oxon., M.R.C.P. Lond., have received the honour of the rank of Past Grand Deacon, and Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D. Aberd., of Darlington, and Bro. Geo. Mickley, M.B., M.C. Cantab., Medical Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital for Lunatics, that of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. The number of those who received brevet honours on this special occasion was twenty-one, corresponding, we presume, to the number of years during which the Prince of Wales has been Grand Master, and it will be seen that our profession has received a generous proportion—nearly one-fifth of the whole number. We also notice in the list of the Grand Officers for the present year the name of Mr. Frederick Gordon Brown, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., who has been appointed one of the Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies. We congratulate our medical Brethren (this last word ought to be as highly prized and respected in our world as it appears to be in that of Freemasonry) on their well-won promotion. Since the above was written information has been received of the death, at the great age of 106, of Mr. W. Salmon, M.R.C.S. Eng., of Cowbridge, Glamorganshire. It is hardly to be doubted, seeing that the date opposite his name in the Calendar is 1809, that Mr. Salmon was the Senior Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. The honour was also generally claimed for him of being the oldest Freemason in the world, although the validity of this claim has, we believe, been questioned in the Masonic papers. Be this as it may, we may safely look upon him as having been the oldest medical Freemason.—"Lancet."

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. BULLOCK.

IN connection with the recent conferring by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of the honour of Past Grand rank upon a number of prominent Freemasons in the city, a very interesting ceremony took place at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on Wednesday, 13th inst., when Bro. T. A. Bullock, the popular London superintendent of the Eastern Telegraph Company, was presented by his Brethren of the Telegraph Cable Lodge with his clothing as Past Grand Sword Bearer.

Brother Bullock was instrumental, in conjunction with the Marquess of Tweeddale, the late Sir George Elliot, and the present Master Brother Hibberdine, in founding the Lodge, which is, perhaps, unique in the Craft, as, although as yet only in its infancy, it includes in its ranks distinguished electricians and telegraphists hailing from all parts of the world.

The ceremony at the Ship and Turtle was an impressive one. The Master, in presenting Brother Bullock with his clothing, congratulated him upon his well-merited accession to so distinguished an office, and expressed the hope that he would live long to enjoy his well-earned honours.

Brother Bullock, who was deeply touched by the Master's kind remarks, replied in suitable terms.

A very singular illustration of the close connection between the Telegraph Cable Lodge and the submarine cable was afforded at a recent meeting, when the captain of one of the Eastern Telegraph Company's repairing steamers (Captain Pattison) having lifted a cable in mid-ocean, with true Masonic foresight utilised the occasion to send his congratulations to his Brethren in Lodge assembled. A more remarkable instance than this has never been known in Masonic history, and Brother Bullock must be congratulated upon being the recipient of a high Masonic distinction in association with such a Lodge.—"City Press."

## BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SHOW.

THE site selected for the Bath and West of England Counties Agricultural Society's Show at St. Albans is situated close to the main line of the Midland Railway, running between London and the North. A competent carting staff will be available to ensure the prompt delivery and collection of traffic to and from the Show Ground, and a special staff will be on duty both at the station and the Show. An office will, as usual, be provided in the Show Ground, where all information relating to fares, transit arrangements, &c., may be obtained. A complete service of fast trains will be run, and in view of the large traffic anticipated by the Midland Railway, the Company have decided to carry passengers by ordinary trains to St. Albans and back from London (St. Pancras and City Stations), Leicester, Market Harborough, Kettering, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Northampton, Bedford, Luton, and intermediate stations, at a single fare and a quarter. An additional ordinary train will leave St. Pancras under this arrangement as 12.45 p.m., and be due at St. Albans at 1.25 p.m. Cheap excursion trains will also be run.

## THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE Great Western Railway Company announce that on Saturday, 30th inst., the first of the weekly excursions will leave Paddington Station for Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Frome, Ycovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., and a special express excursion will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m., each Saturday, for Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, Carnarvon, Llanberis (for Snowdon), and other resorts in North Wales. Return tickets will also be issued to Guernsey and Jersey at 2s 6d, available by the boat express leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m. on Saturdays. On Thursdays, 4th and 18th June, excursions will be made to Cork, and on Fridays, 5th and 19th June, to Waterford, Dungarvan, Clonmel, Limerick, Kilkenny, and other places in the south of Ireland, on Tuesday, 16th June, and Friday, 26th June, cheap tickets will be issued to Belfast, Armagh, Larne, Portrush, Giant's Causeway, &c., and on Thursday, 18th June, to the Lakes of Killarney, via New Milford and Waterford.

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## The Theatres, &amp;c.

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Covent Garden.—Italian Opera.  
Drury Lane.—Jo.  
Lyceum.—8, Shades of Night. 8.45, For the Crown. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
Prince of Wales's.—7.45, A Woman's Caprice. 8.15, John Jenkins at Biarritz. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Terry's.—8, Outward Bound. 8.45, Jedbury Jun. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Avenue.—8, Two of a trade. 9.30, The New Barmaid. Matinée, Saturday; Haymarket.—8.30, Trilby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Duke of York's.—8, The Gay Parisienne. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Lyric.—8.15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Savoy.—7.40, After All. 8.20, The Grand Duke, or the Statutory Duel. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Adelphi.—8, One of the best. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Comedy.—8, The Guinea Stamp. 9, A Mother of Three. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
St. James's.—8, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.  
Princess's.—8, The Span of Life.  
Opera Comique.—8.15, Shamus O'Brien. (Last night.)  
Shakespeare.—8.15, A Matchmaker.  
Daly's.—8, The Gheisha; A story of a Tea-House. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Garrick.—8, The Rogue's Comedy. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
Vaudeville.—8.15, Papa's wife. 9, A night out. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Royalty.—8.20, Kitty Clive. 9.10, The new baby.  
Grand.—On Monday, Mrs. Ponderbury.  
Criterion.—8.15, Rosemary. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Strand.—8, Good-bye. 9, Josiah's Dream; or the Woman of the Future.  
Alhambra.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 9.10, Blue Beard. 10, The Animatographe. 11, Lochinvar.  
Empire.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. 8.5, New Ballet Divertissement, La Danse. 9.45, Cinematographe. 10.20, Second edition of Ballet Faust. The Cinematographe, every afternoon, 3, 4, and 5 o'clock.  
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c. Matinée, Saturday, 2.15.  
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30.  
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Olympia.—Grand Pleasure Gardens. Cycle Races, Concerts, &c.  
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Exhibition of Motor Carriages.  
Royal Aquarium.—Open at 10; close at 11.30, Constant Amusement.  
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.30 also.  
The London.—Grand Variety Entertainment.  
Mohawk Minstrels.—(Agricultural Hall).—Daily.  
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. Maskelyne's Magical Entertainment.  
Moore and Burgess Minstrels.—St. James's Hall, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 3.  
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street).—Open daily.



## NEXT WEEK.

Further particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

## Monday.

- 4 Rl. Som. Ho. & Fness, F.M.H.  
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle  
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.  
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's  
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
1615 Bayard, 33, Golden Square  
1632 Stuart, Camberwell  
1745 Farringdon (Without), Holborn  
1828 Shepherd's Bush, S'pherd's B'sh  
2397 Columbia, Criterion  
43 St. Paul, Birmingham  
46 Industry, Gateshead  
61 Probity, Halifax  
85 Faithful, Harleston  
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield  
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley  
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley  
302 Hope, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge  
388 Prudence, Halesworth  
408 Three Graces, Haworth  
433 Hope, Brightlingsea  
467 Tudor, Oldham  
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey  
543 Cleveland, Stokesley  
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington  
607 Chickeley, Thrapston  
613 Unity, Southport  
699 Roscawen, Chacewater  
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'  
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, St. Edm'ds  
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne  
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne  
1177 Tenby, Tenby  
1218 Prince Alfred, Asht'n-und'r-Lyne  
1258 Kennard, Pontypool  
1271 F'dship & Unity, Bradf'd-on-Av'n  
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives  
1286 Bayon, Market Kasen  
1312 St. Mary, Bocking  
1325 Stanley, Liverpool  
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge  
1542 Legiolium, Castleford  
1575 Clive, Drayton  
1600 Hamilton, Alford  
1688 Buxton, Derby  
1741 Montgomerie, Diss  
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend  
1753 Obedience, Okehampton  
1895 Thames, Henley  
1977 Blackwater, Maldon  
1991 Agricola, Castlegate  
2042 Apollo, Liverpool  
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't  
2187 Adur, Henfield  
2229 Lathom, Southport  
2279 Thornham, Thornham  
2309 Christopher, Eton  
2257 Powell, Bristol  
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester  
2429 Research, Leicester  
2547 Llangatock, Cardiff  
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

## Tuesday.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall  
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle  
165 Hon. & Gen'sity, Inns of Co. Ho.  
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole  
2108 Empire, Criterion  
160 True Friendship, Rochefort  
253 Tyrian, Derby  
299 Emulation, Dartford  
310 Union, Carlisle  
335 Rectitude, Corsham  
357 Apollo University, Oxford  
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Wareham  
448 St. James, Halifax  
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows  
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate  
564 Stability, Stourbridge  
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead  
599 Sherwell, Banbury  
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent  
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby'Z'ch  
788 Crescent, Hampton Court  
789 Dunheved, Launceston  
855 Sympathy, Wooton-un.-Edge  
859 Isaac Newton, Cambridge  
943 Sincerity, Norwich  
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport  
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe  
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro  
1016 Elkington, Birmingham  
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton  
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton  
1052 Callander, Manchester  
1067 Ry'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'u

- 1214 Scarborough, Batley  
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde  
1200 Honour & Friendship, Blandfo'd  
1309 Acacia, Hampton Court  
1358 Torbay, Paignton  
1390 Whitwell, Millon  
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station  
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-H'mber  
1479 Halsey, St. Albans  
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle  
1522 Olicana, Ilkley  
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'  
1536 United Military, Plumstead  
1580 Cranbourne, Hatfield  
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle  
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool  
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton  
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop  
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool  
1678 Medway, Tonbridge  
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield  
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze  
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare  
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport  
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bellington  
1942 Minerva, Fenton  
2025 St. George, Plymouth  
2328 Albert Victor, St. Saviourgate  
2339 Mistle, Manningtree  
2351 Ermine, Lincoln  
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch't'm  
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's  
2414 Wychwood, Burford

## Wednesday.

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall  
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant  
753 Prince Fred. Will'm., Frascati  
754 High Cross, Tottenham  
898 Temperance, in East Poplar  
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon  
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons'-hall  
2332 Borough of G'wich, E. G'wich  
2416 Hiram, Freemasons'-hall  
76 Economy, Winchester  
82 Foundation, Cheltenham  
128 Prince Edwin, Bury  
163 Integrity, Manchester  
220 Harmony, Garston  
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth  
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield  
304 Philanthropic, Leeds  
372 Harmony, Salterton  
387 Airedale, Shipley  
409 Stortford, Bishop's Stortford  
439 Scientific, Bingley  
461 Fortitude, Newton  
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead  
533 Eaton, Congleton  
555 Fidelity, Framlingham  
606 Segontium, Caernarvon  
651 Brecknock, Brecon  
724 Derby, Liverpool  
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton  
778 Bards of Avon, Hampton-ct.  
887 Leigh, Birmingham  
1024 St. Peter, Maldon  
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester  
1039 St. John, Lichfield  
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow  
1219 Strangeways, Manchester  
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge  
1296 Vale of Brislington, Brislington  
1343 Saint John, Grays  
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock  
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb  
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Camborne  
1633 Avon, Manchester  
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite  
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown  
1723 St. George, Bolton  
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh  
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1760 Leopold, Scarborough  
1775 Leopold, Church  
1808 Suffield, North Walsham  
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey  
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton  
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor  
2019 Crook, Crook  
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall  
2149 Gordon, Hanley  
2186 Striguil, Chepston  
2216 Egerton, Swinton  
2259 West, Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse  
2320 St. Martin, Castleton  
2357 Barry, Cadoxton  
2385 Godson, Oldbury  
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames  
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs  
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

## Thursday.

- General Committee, Girls School, 5  
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons'-hall  
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel

- 1421 Langthorne, Ilford  
1523 St. Mary Magdalene, Café Royal  
1524 Duke of Connaught, And't'n's  
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell  
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns Crt Ho.

- 39 St. John Baptist, Exeter  
51 Angel, Colchester  
78 Imperial George, Middleton  
111 Restoration, Darlington  
129 Union, Kendal  
132 Unity, Ringwood  
202 Friendship, Devonport  
215 Commerce, Haslingden  
324 Moira, Stalybridge  
346 United Brethren, Blackburn  
348 St. John, Bolton  
361 Industry, Hyde  
403 Hertford, Hertford  
410 Grove, Ewell  
449 Cecil, Hitchin  
450 Cornubian, Hayle  
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding  
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury  
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton  
590 La Cesaree, Jersey  
594 Downshire, Liverpool  
625 Devonshire, Glossop  
636 De Ogle, Morpeth  
707 St. Mary, Bridport  
761 St. John, Dursley  
772 Pilgrim, Glastonbury  
784 Wellington, Deal  
787 Beaureper, Belper  
807 Cabbell, Norwich  
904 Phoenix, Rotherham  
935 Harmony, Salford  
966 St. Edward, Leek  
971 Trafalgar, Batley  
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley  
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury  
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath  
1163 Emulation, Birmingham  
1160 Clarendon, Hyde  
1313 Fernor, Southport  
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1345 Victoria, Eccles  
1392 Egerton, Bury  
1404 Saint Bincent, Bristol  
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees  
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford  
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield

- 1519 Albert Edward, Clayt'n-le-Moors  
1578 Merlin, Pontypidd  
1616 Fr'ndship & Harmony, W'yb'ge.  
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore  
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport  
1763 St. Mary, Thame  
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness  
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight  
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot  
1957 Grove, Grove  
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming  
2184 Royal Vict. Jubilee, Rainham  
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton  
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover  
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria  
2215 Anfield, Anfield  
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield  
2269 Peace, Wigan  
2335 Cycling & Athletic, Liverpool  
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake  
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chest'r  
2418 Hedworth, South Shields  
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool  
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash  
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

## Friday.

- Council, Boys School, 4  
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall  
355 R'l S'x, Emulation, Swindon  
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn  
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme  
602 North York, Middlesborough  
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth  
810 Craven, Skipton  
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill  
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale  
1303 Pelham, Lewes  
1391 Commercial, Leicester  
1435 Annesley, Nottingham  
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote  
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe  
2380 Beneventa, Daventry  
2415 Tristram, Shildon  
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

## Saturday.

- 631 Methuen, Taplow  
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone  
1965 Eastes, Bromley

The Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master has been pleased to appoint Bro. John Owen Marsh, J.P., P.G.S., St. Ronan's, Abergavenny, Provincial Grand Mark Master of Monmouthshire.

The Earl of Lathom, as Great Prior of the Order of the Temple, presided on the 8th inst. over the half-yearly meeting of the National Great Priory, held at Mark Masons' Hall. The Earl of Euston was elected Grand Master, and installed by the Earl of Lathom. Viscount Dungarvan was appointed Great Seneschall, and the other Officers were nominated and invested.

An application has been made to the Town Council of Sandwich, from the Cinque Ports Lodge, for the use of the Guildhall for their meetings. The Lodge has hitherto met at the Bell Hotel, but the room they have used is required for other purposes. After some discussion it was agreed to entertain the application. The rent is to be £10, and the details are to be settled by a Committee appointed for the purpose.

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