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## PROGRESS AND INNOVATION.

epidemic, if we may so term it, of progress and throughout Masonic circles that the annual meeting innovation, and the present may be regarded as an of the Drury Lane Lodge (of which Sir Henry Isaacs instance in point. Improvements are being intro- is to be installed Worshipful Master) is to be held duced in various parts of the country which must, this year at the Mansion House, and there are few, ere long, prove of material advantage to the Order we think, who will offer even a word of disapproval throughout the world. In Sussex, where the Right at the peculiar honour thus conferred on our civic Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P., Q.C., has just been magnate. The Drury Lane Lodge has had a short, invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a but eminently brilliant career, and its action on the movement has been started to provide a museum for present occasion is not the first innovation practised Masonic art relics, books, engravings, &c., and an by its members, which include several names of influential committee has been appointed to carry distinction both in Freemasonry and general affairs. out the work. It is hoped that one of the Masonic rooms at this Royal Pavilion, Brighton, will be set energy it has displayed is that associated with the apart for the exhibition, which should have many Savage Club, its roll of honorary members including supporters, and become both useful and interesting the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England to the local Craftsmen.

in West Lancashire, a Liverpool Masonic Literary has been the case in former years, a most brilliant Society having been formed, under the patronage of gathering resulted. The innovation we have to record the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand in connection with this meeting was the receipt of a Master of England, Provincial Grand Master. To telegram from Her Majesty the Queen, at Osborne, show the feeling that is entertained as to the usefulness of such organizations, we may quote the words of the Deputy Grand Master, which he wrote in accepting the first honorary presidency of this Liverpool Society, and which were as follow:— "I think that such a society will prove of great use to the Masonic body generally, and tend to the innovation, and we think it well to warn other enlightenment and instruction of younger Masons. Worshipful Masters not to feel slighted if, should The formation of a Library, will, I hope, give oppor-they send similar messages, no such gracious tunities for the collection and preservation of Masonic recognition be forthcoming, for if Her Majesty was works that are now scattered about and comparatively to reply on every such occasion it would be fair to unknown." This opinion, from one of the heads and reckon on at least fifty telegrams being required each most respected members of the Craft should set at rest what little opposition has hitherto existed in out taking into account the off meetings held six regard to the establishment of Local Masonic libraries or seven times each year, or the many other and literary ventures. Yorks1 re presents another societies that would expect similar attention to that instance of the growth of a desire for knowledge bestowed on Freemasonry. A writer in one of the among Freemasons, somewhat outside the actual provincial papers refers to this instance of Her ceremonies of the Order. In that county several of Majesty's favour as proof of her regard for the the principal towns now have their literary organiz- Masonic Order, and especially as a recognition of ation, and the feeling which actuates them seems to the hearty sympathy that has long existed between point to a friendly rivalry that should lead to important results.

in pointing to the formation of the Clemency Lodge, No. 2341, which will be consecrated in the Province of East Lancashire, at Oldham, early next month. This will make the roll of Lodges in that Province number one hundred and one, and with such a record it is but natural that we should often be called upon ment which is general and continuous in the Craft, to record the good deeds of the local Craftsmen.

Innovations—we may refer to a meeting that is to conducted on the same principles as at present take place on Tuesday next, when the installation of govern it. a private Lodge will be held, by special dispensation,

at the residence of the W.M. elect. It is hardly necessary for us to mention that the brother who is honoured by being thus distinguished is the Lord REEMASONRY seems to suffer at times from an Mayor of London, for it is now pretty well known

Another Lodge that has won distinction from the and his son Prince Albert Victor. The installation A somewhat similar project has been inaugurated meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, and, as acknowledging one sent by the Worshipful Master, announcing that the Savage Club Lodge had heartily drank the health of Her Majesty. We may perhaps be wrong in saying it is unusual for Lodges to thus address the ruler of the Empire, but we think there is no question as to the telegraphic reply being an week for Masonic installation meetings alone, withthe Prince of Wales and the famous rendezvous of Bohemian life in the metropolis with which this As a further instance of progress we have pleasure | Lodge is associated, coupled with the fact—of which Her Majesty is known to be proud—that the Prince is Grand Master of English Freemasons.

These minor events in the inner working of Freemasonry may in themselves appear of small moment, but they point, when taken unitedly, to an advanceand which we hope will proceed at all times, as we Turning to the second portion of our heading-have little doubt it will do, so long as the Order is

## INFORMATION WANTED ABOUT COL. THOMAS PICTON.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

MY attention was called, by my learned friend the Rev. Bro. Oliver A. Roberts, at the Boston Masonic Temple, to a slip from the *Herald* of Vicksburg, headed "Origin of Masonry," of which the following is a copy:—

" English Notes and Queries.

"Upon the base of the 'Cleopatra Needle,' which Egypt has given to America, are certain mysterious characters which so closely resemble the emblems of Freemasoury that prodigious stir has been caused among Masons in this country as to the real character of the inscriptions. If they could be shown to be truly Masonic they would establish the great antiquity of the Order, which is so boastful of its age and descent. Among Masonic scholars the widest differences of opinion exist as to the age of the Institution, some dating it back to the time of Solomon, or even remoter time, and others ascribing its generis to the period which comes within the range of 'Ancient History.' Still there seems to be a prevalent opinion that however ancient the Institution may have been, and whatever traces of it can be discovered in remote times, the Masonry of to-day is a reconstructed and modernised system. An eminent Masonic authority (Col. Thomas Picton), who takes this view of it, says that the origin of modern Masonry can be attributed to Lord Bacon. In the 'New Atlantis' there is a description of Solomon and his house; and it is there said that the king sat apart different days for prosecuting the arts and sciences. The 'New Atlantis' was exceedingly popular among the learned men of Bacon's day, and they tried to establish a society, taking Solomon as an exponent of wisdom. It was encouraged by the court of James I. and his successor Charles I., until the revolution broke ont. Then the royalists, after the death of Charles I., reorganised their society for religious and political motives—the religion for the re-establishment of the Church, the politics for the restoration of the monarchy. Next they invented what is called the legend of the third degree: Hiram Abiff was the murdered monarch; Hiram, the King of Tyre, was the King of France; Solomon was the Church; Hiram's three assassins were the three kingdoms-England, Scotland, and Ireland. The Masons of that day, who were the conspirators—the Jacobites—were necessarily a secret society. They called themselves, as the Masons of the European continent do to the present day, the Sons of the Widow, inasmuch as the King had been beheaded and his son had not been recognised. After the Restoration, the leading men of the movement formed the Royal Society, which exists to the present day, and they openly continued the work of the house of Solomon. The Jacobites in France continued their benevolent organization. In England, mediately after the Restoration, a number of those had been preciously officers. who had been previously affiliated conjoined with a Guild of so-called Operative Masons, a body of freemen of London, meeting in Masons' Lane. They there became Free and Accepted Masons. In 1717 there appeared to be four Lodges in London. They met at the Apple Tree Tavern, and proceeded to organise a Grand Lodge, electing Sir Christopher Wren Grand Master. From that hody originated all the Masonic Lodges at present known to be in

A student of history should endeavour to find out all he can about the origin and originators of fictitious historic narratives or erroneous historic theories; he ought to ascertain where and when these historic fables first appeared, either in manuscript or in print. Unfortunately, Masonic history is crammed with all kinds of fables, and it is only within thirty years that Masonic writers began to expose the falsity of so-called Masonic history. Now in the above extract from "English Notes and Querics" the theory that Masonry originated from Bacon's Atlantis is ascribed to Col. Thomas Thomas Picton. Now, can any one inform me who Col. Thomas Picton was? When he was born, and when he died, and in what book did his theory or fact first appear? If it can be proved that either Bro. Thomas Picton or some other man furnished the story, before 1717, that our Masonry originated immediately after the death of Charles I., or at least that Hiram Abiff was then introduced into the Masonic ritual, then all the hankerers after the antiquity of Masonic legends and degrees would have cause to rejoice. It would not, indeed, prove the antiquity of the Hiramic legend, or the Solomonic origin of Masonry, but it would prove that our pre-1717 Masons knew more than some of us supposed they did.\*

And now I will call attention to something akin, if I may so call it, to the Jacobite supposed origin of Masonry, or rather to a supposed exposé of something Masonic before the year 1717. Bro. Speth came across a pre-1717 ritual, or what Bro. Hughan calls "Old Charges," dated 1677. It is printed in the "Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge," Vol. I. p 128, and on the said MS. some wag wrote a doggerel, which begins thus:

When a Martyrs Grand Daughter, Jn ye Throne of great Brittain makes Capets Proud Son look, You'd Think \* \* \* when yo midway & Mais \* toyether In a Quill

when by Roasting a Priest ye Church has her wishes

ffree Masons beware Brother [Roger] Bacon advises Interlopers break In & Spoil Your Divices Your Giblin & Squares are all Out of Door And Jachin & Boaz shall bee Secretts no more.

The above is introduced as a prophecy of Roger Bacon. Bro. Speth at first admits that the said prophecy was not added to the manuscript until after 1724. But before Bro. Speth finished his comments he took a new departure, or changed his mind. He said:

"It is perfectly clear to me that this couplet must have been written some years before the scheme [South Sea Scheme] became the bubble, i.e., before 1720. But I think we may get a closer approximation still. The prophecy could not have been composed before the Peace of Utrecht, 11th April 1713, to which it alludes. But no mention is made of the Hanoverian succession, which took place on the death of Anne, 12th August 1714, and I unhesitatingly affirm that this prophecy was written during the sixteen months between 11th April 1713 and 12th August 1714. As a consequence we are bound to admit that previous to 1717 . . there existed an ampler ritual than certain amongst us have been willing to concede."

Now, with all due respect to my highly esteemed Bro. Spoth, I will, for the sake of argument, concede that his reasoning is all O.K.; that the doggerel was written in 1713. And what then? Surely no one denies that the pre-1717 Masons had secret words and secret signs, and from the revelation made by the author of the doggerel I cannot infer that the pre-1717 Masons had "an ampler ritual than certain amongst us have been willing to conconcede." But if Bro. Speth could prove that either Col. Thomas Picton or some other writer made known before 1717 that a Hiramic legend was used in the Masonic ritual in the days of Charles II. or James II., then we shall all have to concede that the pre-1717 Masons possessed "an ampler ritual" than many of us supposed.

I shall only add that in Alabone's Dictionary of Authors is a Sir Thomes Picton, a general in the English Army, who was born in 1758, and was killed at Waterloo in 1815, but whether he was an eminent Masonic authority I know not

not.

Boston, U.S., 21st January 1890.

#### WHY FREEMASONRY EXISTS.

TOTHING in human nature is of higher nobility or a more excellent gift of the Divine beneficence, nor does anything more clearly prove that the human soul is not a result of material organisation, but is of divine creation, than the impulses so general, if not almost universal, which compel the poor and the lowly, as well as the rich and the lofty, those of all faiths and callings and all states and conditions of life alike, and, as in civilised lands all see and know, and as every traveller among barbarians has experienced and testified, woman, in larger measure than man, to sympathise with and show kindness to, and relieve and be of service to others, in need or distress, in difficulty or danger, or in deadly sickness.

And it is especially to cherish and cultivate these generous impulses and make them the efficient motives of constant and habitual action that Freemasonry exists. No man can become a Mason without first giving solemn assurance that the seeking has not for its purpose the reaping of any personal benefit; nor without afterward learning that Relief is one of the three principal tenets of Freemasonry. To seek to do good unto others is the highest duty of a Mason, as it is the highest and noblest prerogative of humanity.

Like every other human institution, Freemasonry has its faults, its defects, its imperfections, its inefficient methods, its inconsistencies, shortcomings and failures, its periods of inaction and sluggishness. It often has to

<sup>\*</sup> We have Masonic Cyclopædias, Masonic Traditions, Masonic Jurisprudence, and books about other kinds of Masonics. We need, however, a book on Masonic Fictions, and about the origin and originators of those fictions. Should such a work ever be undertaken by a non-partizan brother, I beg to suggest to his consideration whether the notion of a Church-loving Tory-Jacobite conspirator body of Masons having held their meetings in the London Masons' Hall, in Masons' Lane; also, whether the notion about Sir Christopher Wren having been elected Grand Master in 1717; and last, that Colonel Thomas Picton was an "eminent Masonic authority," may not all have originated in the brain of the writer of the above quoted extract from "English Notes and Queries"?

acknowledge and lament, as the churches do, that its power for good is not equal to its will and desire; that it cannot make every one better and wiser who knocks at its doors; that it cannot always prevent disputes and heal animosities and make whole again the broken bonds of he therly love, or keep every member from bringing reproach upon it by falling into evil courses. But it rarely happens that it exerts no good influence at all upon its members; and it has never, by its influence or precepts, made a good man bad, or a bad man worse. It has never made a man rapacious or cruel, a tyrant or persecutor, a libertine or extortioner, corrupt or dishonest, or false or treacherous. No man has ever been taught that he could serve Freemasonry by revenge or retaliation, or by any invasion of the rights of other men.

Whatever its shortcomings and deficiencies, it has never anywhere been ashamed of its mission or afraid to avow and vindicate its principles and purposes. Nowhere has it betrayed the truth committed to its keeping, or been false to any trust confided to its hands. Everywhere it has maintained the chief landmarks planted by the fathers. Everywhere it has been outspoken on the side of political emancipation and religious liberty; everywhere and always the apostle of free thought and free speech. Everywhere it has encouraged men to assert the high prerogatives of their manhood, always to look upward to the sublime heights of human endeavour and attainment, and aspire to the achievement of better and higher things.

It has never exacted of any man, as the price of its aid or protection, or of investiture with its degrees, the putting of his conscience into its keeping, the abnegation of any conviction, the surrender of any principle, the cession of any right, a blind obedience, or aught else that could

lessen his title to his own self-respect.

If it has ever seemed to be more proud than was becoming or dignified, of being protected and patronised by monarchs and noblemen, and of counting among its members the chief magistrates and senators of republics, it has yet not truckled to power, or feared to speak its mind openly in the hearing of kings, or by an unworthy subserviency bought immunity and ignobility, but has always kept unimpared its estate of independence of thought, and freedom of action, and plain openness of speech.

It has not sought to imitate in their ambition, luxury and pomp, the great military and priestly Orders of the Middle Age. It has not prospered by despoiling and plundering, by contributions and exactions; nor engaged in any immoral traffic to augment its revenues, but has always been content with its own modest and decorous way of living at its own expense. It has never permitted wrong to be done, right to be outraged, conscience to be oppressed, cruelty to be perpetrated, by tyrants temporal or spiritual, anywhere, without protesting against it, and if in its power, endeavouring to prevent it. It has never, by an easy recreancy purchased safety, when duty demanded exposure to danger.

It has taken no pay for any service rendered to humanity. When it has embraced the cause of a people oppressed or of a race or sect persecuted, it has never done so with a view to its own aggrandizement. It has never claimed for itself, or endeavoured to secure or attempted to use, any powers whatever over men not of its own household. Nor has it ever bargained for civic offices or honours, titles or dignities for its initiates who have been the benefactors of their country; but it has always esteemed it their immortal honour and its greatest glory, when, in the cause of human liberty, they have died upon the field of battle or on the scaffold.

(To be continued.)

Bro. Henry S. Foster, F.R.G.S., gave a conversazione at the Horns, Kennington, on Thursday, 30th ult., which was a great success and was largely attended by his constituents and friends.

The Metham Mark Lodge, No. 96, has elected Brother W. H. Dillon W.M., and re-elected Bro. W. J. Stanbury Treasurer, and Bro. J. Rashbrook Tyler.

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#### NEW MUSIC.

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"Bel Esprit." Waltz. Composed by Leonard Gantier.

- "Sweet Faces." Waltz. Composed by Theo. Bonheur.
- "Hark, my Soul, it is the Lord." Song. Written by William Cowper, composed by Charles D'Ace.
- "Love-Dreams." Song. Written and composed by R. Wallace Pringle.
- "Kissing goes by favour." Song. Written by Knight Summers, composed by Henry Pontet.
- "The Angle of the Wave." Song. Written by the Rev. Frederick Langbridge, M.A., composed by Stanislans Elliot.
- "Weariness." Song. Poetry by Longfellow, composed by Honry Pontet.
- "Unchanged." Song. Written by Edward Oxenford, composed by John Pridham.
- "Silver and Gold." Song. Written by "Nemo," composed by Henry Pontet.

" Dance Album, No. 2."

London: S. J. Brewer and Co., 23 Bishopsgate Street Within, E.C. Now that the dance season is in full swing, masters of ceremonies will do well not to overlook the two waltzes "Bel Esprit" and "Sweet Faces." They are smooth and tuneful compositions, easy to dance to, with a nice swinging refrain. Both these pieces have been well scored for a band. For more serious amusement, "Hark, my soul, it is the Lord" is a beautiful song, with appropriate music composed by Charles D'Ace. "Love Dreams" is a song that will be popular in the drawing-room; the words and music are by R. Wallace Pringle, who has written a bright and melodious melody. Henry Pontet is responsible for the music to "Kissing goes by favour," which is a capital little composition, written by Kuight Summers. The music is melodious and spirited, and quite in tune with the verses. "The Angle of the Wave" is of the nautical type, with words by the Rev. F. Langbridge, M.A., and music by Stanislans Elliot. The theme is melodious, and should become popular. This song has been dedicated to the National Lifeboat Institution. One of the best songs we have recently heard is "Unchanged"; the melody is so tuneful and bright that great praise is due to John Pridham, the composer; we may confidently anticipate a success for this piece. "Nemo" and Henry Pontet are responsible for "Silver and Gold," and they have managed to provide a song that is so bright and tuneful that it cannot fail to be appreciated. The poetry of Longfellow has been utilised by Henry Pontet for his song "Weariness," and he has availed himself of the opportunity so well that the result is a great success. The theme is very taking and tuneful, and will, we feel sure, be heard frequently. Messrs. Brewer's Second Dance Album contains some capital pieces, including two waltzes, a quadrille, mazurka, gavotte, polka, and galop. All the dances are spirited, and make up a very good selection.

#### THE THEATRES, &c.

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Westminster Town Hall.—A most successful entertainment, organized by Bro. Alfred Craven Greenwood, took place at the Westminster Town Hall, on Thursday afternoon, the 30th ult., under the patronage of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, the Earl and Countess of Derby, &c., &c. in aid of the Endowment Fund of the Albert Institute Baths and Washhouses, Christ Church, Southwark, before a large and fashionable audience. The following well-known ladies and gentlemen kindly gave their valuable services in support of the programme:—Miss Maud Millett, Miss Norreys, Miss Helen Vicary, Miss Vena Galbraith, Miss McGowan, Miss Constance Adair, Miss Kate Phillips (Mrs. H. B. Couway), &c.; Messre. Charles Allan, Ben Webster, W. Graham Robertson, Adrian Pollock, Charles Collette; Stago Manager, Mr. Henry Zimmerman; Accompanist, Mr. Francois Cramer. Miss Mary Collette was unavoidably prevented from attending. We are pleased to add that after paying all expenses a sum of £55 will be handed over to the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund as the amount realised by the sale of tickets, programmes, &c.

Owing to the gratifying reception accorded to Mme. Carette's first work, "My Mistress, the Empress Eugénie," which is now in its third edition, Messrs Dean and Son have purchased the English rights of the lady's second volume of "Intimate Recollections of the Court of the Tuilleries." The authorised translation will be published immediately, under the title of "The Eve of an Empire's Fall."

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#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THERE was a large attendance at the Quarterly General Court of the Subsbribers, held on the 31st ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight presiding. The minutes of the Quarterly General Court of October having been read, Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer said, that before the question was put that the minutes of the last Quarterly Court be confirmed, he was deputed by the Provisional Committee to make a statement to the brethren. On the minutes was a motion for granting £350 a year as a pension to Bro. Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary. It had been felt by the Provisional Committee that the Institution's money might be saved if that proposition be not confirmed, and he was entrusted by that Committee not to press the confirmation of the minutes in that respect. Probably some of the brethren might not be aware that they were going to propose that the sum should be £250 a year, but it was not now their desire to make that proposition. He made that statement with a great amount of pleasure, and it was made in order to bring about a re-union among the Subscribers to the Institution, and to place the Institution on the firm basis of past years, and consolidating the good feeling of all the Subscribers. They were not going to propose that the £250 be granted, and therefore they withdrew both propositions, while trusting to the generous impulses of Masons to do their utmost for the Institution. They believed thoroughly in the good feeling of the Subscribers and in their liberal desires generally, and therefore they did not propose to the Quarterly Court to give anything like a pension to Bro. Binckes. They had propounded a scheme by which they believed that the feeling of the Committee would be carried out liberally, and that they would be able to have placed at their disposal a sum of money which they could give to Brother Binckes. By the next Quarterly Court they hoped every He therefore proposed that those thing would be settled. minutes be confirmed, with the exception of that part giving the pension to Bro. Binckes. Bro. Jones, as one who proposed that Bro. Binckes ought to resign without any pension at all, with pleasure seconded the proposition of Bro. Eve that the minutes be confirmed with the exception of that part referring to the pension of Brother Binckes. The party who led the opposition had gone through a disagreeable course. They had been bitterly charged, and the outcome of the opposition had brought about a great difference of opinion. However, matters had been now arranged, and therefore he had great pleasure in seconding the proposition of Bro. Eve. The minutes of the last Quarterly Court were then confirmed, with the exception of that portion proposing a pension to Bro. Binckes. The recommendation of the General Committee that the list for the election in April should consist of 68 candidates, and that 30 vacancies be declared, was then confirmed. Bro. James Lewis Thomas moved to alter the existing Law No. 71 in the third paragraph thus:-

"No Candidate shall be eligible for the office of Secretary unless he be a Master Mason and under the age of forty-five years, &c."

This motion was intended to widen the field for candidates for the Secretaryship by increasing the age at which they could be accepted from 40 to 45. He had heard it said there should be no limit at all, but he could not agree with that proposition; it had also been thought that the rules should not be altered too extensively, but that an oppor-house on the 31st December, and the notice would expire on tunity should be given for selecting good men, which could the 31st March, he ought to have six months' notice from the be done by extending the age from 40 to 45. Seeing 1st January instead of from September. Ultimately he the marvellous things that were done by men who were accepted a cheque for £255 in full discharge of all claims really of very old age, they could not say that 45 was at he might have against the Institution, and he signed a all too old to start at. He could not sit down without expressing his sincere wish that whoever might be selected to the honourable and onerous post of Secretary of the Institution would do as much justice to it as the present Secretary had done. The motion having been seconded, Bro. Dr. Woodman said he had sent in an amendment to the original motion, but it did not appear on the agenda. His amendment was to do away with the rule altogether, and leave the age unlimited. He thought he might claim the privilege of bringing it forward now, either as an original motion or an amendment to Bro. Lewis Thomas. He moved that the bye-law be abrogated entirely, and that scheme was plausible as far as it went, but he thought

It would be easy for the Committee to candidates. eliminate from a list of candidates those of great age whom they might think incapacitated. After the discussion that had taken place on pensions, he could not think there was any objection to the Committee appointing a man who was capable of doing his work. If they looked to the officers of the State, to the Church, or the law, they saw plenty of people occupying most important positions, and doing their work well when they were of considerable age. A good man might be found at 46 or 47. The motion having been read by the Chairman, together with the amendment, Brother Scurrali said as it was in contemplation by the Provisional Committee that the whole of the bye-laws of the Institution should be revised and altered, he would ask the brethren present if they did not think it would be a wise thing to let the bye-laws remain as they were at present, and in the future go for a thorough revision of the whole of them. Bro. J. S. Cumberland protested against the matter being left an open question. It was all very well to say that old men were as good as young, but sometimes it was not so good for an Institution of this kind. In an Institution like this they had a right to look further. If they got an aged man they could only count on a certain number of years being left in him for his work, but if they brought in a young man they expected a far larger amount of good work. He did not think it would be well to make the limit 50, 60, or 70; they might go on as far as 80. After other expressions of opinion, a division was taken; result:-

For extending to 45 years of age 108 83 Against 25Majority in favour ...

Bro. Major Durrant, in rising to propose the motion standing in his name, did so with a deep sense of responsibility. He moved

"That in consideration of the 14 years Head-Mastership of Dr. Morris at the Boys' School, this Court do vote a sum of £450 in recognition of his valuable services to the Institution."

Every one would agree with him that the educational condition of the School was in all respects satisfactory. took that as his standpoint, on which he asked the Committee to award £450 to Dr. Morris. When Dr. Morris became the Head Master he was 43 years of age; he was now 56; 14 of the best years of his life had been spent in the interest of the Boys' School, and he was sure the Craft would not begrudge an award such as he now asked them to make to Dr. Morris. They knew the educational state of the School when Dr. Morris first became Head Master, and they also knew what it was when he left it. The School had made rapid strides. He hoped and trusted there would be a large number of supporters of his motion; it was not an extravagant one, and when the brethren considered it in all its bearings they would not think it was introduced in an extravagant spirit. Bro. J. S. Cumberland wished to draw attention to the circumstance that the Provisional Committee recommended £500 to Dr. Morris in full satisfaction of all claims Dr. Morris might have upon the Institution, and some of Dr. Morris's friends thought that that was not sufficient They proposed £750. They came before the Provisional Committee, and Dr. Morris said they had given him six months' notice, three months of which would terminate on the 31st December, and it was desired that Dr. Morris should go on that date. Dr. Morris came before the Committee and said that he thought that as he had to leave his receipt for that cheque. Therefore he (Bro. Cumberland) did not see what claim Dr. Morris had upon the Institution. If the recommendation of the Provisional Committee had been carried out he would have received £500, though his friends thought he could get £750. That, however, fell through, and he took less than the Provisional Committee were prepared to give him. As the motion of the pension to Bro. Binckes had been withdrawn he did not see why one gratuity should be paid out of the funds of the Institution when anything of the kind was withdrawn in the other case. Major Durrant's there should be no restriction whatever as to the age of it was right they should have all the facts before them.

Bro. Henry Smith did not know how this motion got on form. It was decided to support him because he was prothe agenda paper, for it ought never to have been there at When Dr. Morris retired he was satisfied with the gratuity he got, and the Institution ought not to entortain any idea as that suggested by Major Durrant. The Chairman said the notice was in order, whether Dr. Morris was now Head Master or not. It was entirely competent for a member of the Court to move that Dr. Morris be granted something in recognition of his past services. The question of the propriety or not of granting it was a different matter. Dr. Morris had signed a receipt in full of all demands. This ought to be stated to the Court, that they might judge and determine whether a further gratuity be granted. Bro. Binckes, by request, read the following receipt:-

Received of the Provisional Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of £255 in settlement of all my claims and demands upon the Institution.

> (Signed) RICHARD MORRIS.

31st December 1889.

Witness, GEORGE CORBLE.

Bro. W. H. Saunders said he seconded the motion of Bro. Durrant as a matter of grace. He also had given a notice of motion, in consequence of the vast improvement in the educational condition of the School, but his notice was not put before the brethren. No man had worked harder for the Boys' School than Dr. Morris, and no institution could show a master of greater position in the educational world. Brother Brackstone Baker P.G.D. said it appeared to him that this was an appeal ad misericordium, but he could not reconcile such an appeal with the position just confirmed, taken up with respect to Bro. Binckes. A Brother said it had been announced by the Secretary reading Dr. Morris' receipt that £255 was paid to Dr. Morris. How much of this was salary due? Bro. Henry Smith: None whatever. Bro. Richard Eve would make a statement. The receipt that had been read was for £255, in settlement of all claims by Dr. Morris, he having been paid his salary due to the end of last year. He (Bro. Eve) was one of the Committee appointed to meet Dr. Morris in reference to his claim. They proposed £500 in lieu of everything, salary and all. The General Committee did not accept it. No doubt the friends of Dr. Morris thought he ought to get more. They conferred with Dr. Morris on his strict legal rights, and they found that he was entitled to six months' notice. Three months of the notice had expired, and he was entitled to something in lieu of salary and rent for the other three months. instead of taking that narrow view, they gave him, in addition to his full salary to Christmas, £255. They told him that it was more than they considered he was legally entitled to, but, if he would give them a receipt in full of all claims he might think he had upon the Institution, they would give him that amount, and they did not anticipate there would be any further objection to it. The motion was rejected. Bro. E. V. Greatbatch, Life Governor, said that in face of what Bro. Eve had said, and the decision come to with regard to the pension to Brother Binckes, he would not persevere with the motion standing in his name. It had been amicably settled between West Yorkshire and Staffordshire, both of which Provinces had consulted together, and they had agreed to guarantee the whole sum that was required from the Provinces. But he would persevere with his motion No. 4:-

4. "That in Law, No. 35, page 9, in the Book of Laws, the words 'elect, suspend or remove the Secretary' be rescinded." as that had reference to the election of the new Secretary. Some of the brethren, from the remarks they had made that afternoon, seemed to have overlooked the fact that the appointment of the Secretary under the existing laws was vested in the General Committee and the Life Governors, who were spread all over the country, and consisted of Ladies and Lewises, who knew nothing of the duties of the office or of anything else, except paying their own subscriptions. His proposition was that this rule should be rescinded, and that the appointment of a new Secretary should be vested in the Provisional Committee, who had appointed every one else in connection with the Institution, and in whose hands the position of the Institution now stood, and they had done their duty in a way that was perfectly satisfactory. He knew in his own Province they had decided to adopt the candidature of one person, and there was no one of the electors who knew him or anything of him except his testimonials, and

posed by the prominent men in the town. They were asked to support men they knew nothing of, and could know nothing, except by their testimonials. The Provisional Committee, who knew the requirements of the Institution, and who knew what was wanted of the man who was appointed Secretary, could go behind the testimonials, and see what the man's real worth was. It was a time when all officials had to have the confidence of those who were governing the Institution, and while the Provisional Committee had been governing the Institution they had had a very good opportunity of doing so properly since last July. They ought to know everything that was required, and they ought to be put in a position to see the candidates, and select the best man that could be got. The present mode of voting was not conducive of getting the best man that could be got, and in the interests of the Institution he had to propose the resolution which was set in his name. It might be said that this could not have effect for many months, and it would be better to have a man that could do the Institution good rather than get a man elected who might be of little or no value to the Institution. The Provisional Committee took charge of the Institution; if they thought it desirable they could take preliminary steps so as to secure the election of Secretary immediately after these resolutions were confirmed, if they were confirmed. In the interests of the Institution he hoped the best man might be got, and not obtain a man who was voted for simply because he was a friend. Bro. Tunnicliffe seconded the motion. Bro. Eve suggested that it should be "Provisional or General Committee." Bro. J. H. Hawkins said one member of the Provisional Committee was chairman of the Committee of one of the candidates, and this statement called forth some contradictory remarks. Bro. Henry Smith was in favour of leaving the appointment in the hands of the Provisional Committee. Eventually Bro. Greatbach's motive was negatived. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The course of study at Wood Green has been resumed this week. Most of the lads returned from their holidays on Tuesday last, when they were formally received by members of the Provisional Committee and Dr. Hebb, the Head Master. During the vacation, several important alterations as regards the arrangement of class rooms have been effected, and in order that every effort to successfully inaugurate the new régime should be made, even the small proportion of lads (this year fourteen) who usually remain at the School during the recess have had accommodation found for them away from the School. It will be in the recollection of many of our readers that, two years back, when the epidemic of scarlet fever developed itself at Wood Green, a convalescent home was secured for the lads from Wood Green at Southend, where the bracing air and invigorating ozone gave them a "finishing touch," and sent them back to their studies in full vigour. The Provisional Committee-who, despite the complaints made against their predecessors in regard to reckless expenditure in the past, are not niggardly in regard to what they undertake—decided to send the lads to whom reference has been made to Southend, in order that they might have the full benefit of the change of air. As a consequence, these lads declare they have had a fine time of it, and this we can readily endorse. Southend is a well-sustained hotbed of Freemasonry; the brethren here are not half-hearted or perfunctory in what they undertake. The "round thousand" Lodge granted a sum of money towards the special ontertainment of the "poor scholars," while our good friend Capt. W. Phillips placed his services and those of his medical staff at the disposal of the Provisional Committee, should any of the pupils require their aid. Bro. Berry placed a field for football at their disposal; Bro. Bowmaker (proprietor of the Alexandra Theatre) gave them the privilege of entry to his establishment on the occasion of special entertainments. Bros. Ahlfeldt, Crawford and others also interested themselves. Bro. Crawford provided a break, and took the youngers for a long drive. He also provided a "high tea" for them. Altogether our boys will have a lively recollection of Southend and their friends there.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle no one of them knew the duties the Secretary had to per- street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. Marshall, C.C., Past G. Treasurer occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. Robert Grey, H. A. Hunt, F. Richardson, C. Hammerton, C. H. Webb, H. Massey, Henry Smith D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Stanley J. Attenborough, J. Bodenham, E. M. Money, J. K. R. Cama, J. M. McLeod, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), &c. After the verification of the minutes of 25th October, Bro. Hedges read a letter from Bro. J. A. Rucker, expressing his wish to retire, on account of ill-health, from his trusteeship of the General Fund of the Institution. Bro. Robert Grey, in moving that Bro. 1: .cker's resignation be accepted with regret, said he thought it would meet the wishes of the brethren if the Secretary were to write a letter to Bro. Rucker, acknowledging the many services Bro. Rucker had rendered to the Institution for many years past, and expressing the brethron's very great regret that the state of Bro. Rucker's health necessitated his tendering his resignation. Bro. Henry Smith seconded the motion, which was carried nem con. Bro. C. H. Webb moved that name of one girl be omitted from the list of candidates for the April Election; he thought the case should receive further consideration, for several reasons. The case had been recommended by the Petitions Committee by the narrowest majority. When first considered by that Committee it was decided not to recommend it; but, after some further correspondence, by the casting vote of the Chairman the General Committee recommended it for place on the list. In this case there were seven children of the deceased brother, but some were grown up. The father was described as a "gentleman." When the mother died, £6000 capitalised was left for the children, who were now living together; one acting as housekeeper of the family; the others were of an age which should justify them in seeking to obtain their living. The invested £6000 brought in £190 a year, which in the Provinces was equal to £300, or £350 in London. Therefore he thought the case was such as ought not to come forward for this Institution. The father did not appear to have done anything for the Institutions. If this case was elected, a stronger and much more deserving case would be kept out. Bro. Money, in seconding the motion, said it was shown to the Inquiry Committee that two or three of the girls of this family were over 20 years of age. If they were not working they had had a good education, and they ought to teach the younger children, and not appeal for charity. The object of the Committee was not to have too large a list of candidates. Bro. Hedges said he communicated with the brother who brought forward the case after Bro. Webb gave notice to the General Committee, and that brother telegraphed back :- "No further information. Was afraid the income would be fatal." The father of the child was initiated in Warwickshire, and joined a Lodge in Berks and Bucks. Bro. Henry Smith said that the qualifications of the father and the child being correct, the General Committee could not help putting the child on; but it was for the Quarterly Court to say whether or not it should be kept on. Brother Attenborough, in supporting the motion, said the reason he acted as he did on the Committee was that there were a large number of children who were totally dependent on their parents, or one parent, who had no income whatever. In one case there were ten children dependent on one woman; and when they considered this case, where they were able to support themselves, he thought it ought not to be put on. Bro. Richardson on that occasion in giving his casting vote pointed out that cases which nearly approached this case had been accepted, and he did not think he should be justified in opposing the case. It was then decided that this name, together with one other, be omitted, and the list of candidates for election next April was declared to be 43, while the vacancies will be 21. Bro. C. Hammerton P.G.S.B. brought forward the following motion, as Chairman of the Centenary Committee:-

or Society be a Vice-President of the Institution prior to the time of such payment.

"The right to place a Memorial under this resolution shall cease at such time as the Centenary Committee by resolution shall determine."

He said there was a desirability in having windows decorated with coats of arms from different Lodges, as they would materially assist the beauty of the building. The hall itself, when finished, would look very handsome, but painted windows would add to the effect. What was worth doing at all was worth doing well. and putting these windows in at such a cost would be a very moderate way of finishing it off. Many Lodges had already intimated their desire to put in windows, but he wished now to alter his proposition as printed, because as it now read it excluded Lodges which he was of opinion should be included. A letter had been received, stating that it precluded some coming in because the money did not come out of the Lodge on the Centenary List, one Lodge sending something like £300 contributed by the members of the Lodge, and not by the Lodge, so that it would exclude them. Bro. Hammerton then altered his motion to the following form: "Auy Lodge, Chapter, or Society having been represented by a Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Institution shall, in recognition thereof, be entitled, at the discretion of the Centenary Committee, on the payment of the sum of £13 for each memorial light to cover the cost, to place (under the superintendance of the architect of the Institution) a memorial in one or more of the lights of the windows or on the wall-framing of the Centenary Hall. And shall be further entitled, in respect of the same, to two votes in perpetuity, for each sum of £13 so paid, or to four votes in perpetuity, should the Lodge, Chapter, or Society be a Vice-President of the Institution prior to the time of such payment. The right to place a memorial under this resolution shall cease at such time as the Centenary Committee, by resolution, shall determine." Bro. C. H. Webb seconded the motion. He thought the proposition quite correct. It would not prevent the completion of the work or the opening of the hall when finished, which he hoped would happen at no distant period. It would enable every Lodge to contribute. In answer to questions, Bro. Frank Richardson said if they had more applications than space, the Committee would have to decide when to stop. If there was a Lodge which had never contributed a penny piece, it ought to stand out. Bro. Henry Smith, in supporting the resolution, said the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire would be one of those bodies which would have been excluded but for Brother Hammerton's suggeted altocation in the wording of the resolution, although altogether West Yorkshire contributed about £3000. The resolution, as altered, was then carried. Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., Patron, moved—"That the Trustees of the Institution be and are hereby requested and authorised to sign a petition to each House of Parliament against the 'Various Powers Bill' presented by the London Brighton and South Coast Railway, so far as the same relates to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to make such opposition thereto as Counsel may advise, or may be necessary for the protection of the property of the Institution." The bill of the Brighton Railway was a very important one. They had scheduled the new gates which had been put up at a cost of £100 facing the Common; they proposed to take 12 out of 18 feet of land at the side of the main building, and half of the Junior School itself and the whole of the frontage to the high road. The House Committee had retained Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., and he (Bro. Richardson) thought they should be on the safe side, and petition against the Bill, for, if carried, the railway would come within six feet of the building. It would be in a cutting twenty-five feet deep, and it would be absolutely dangerous to the structure. If the railway damaged the place like that, they would have to take it altogether, and it was worth a quarter of a million. He then moved his resolution, which was put and carried. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

#### BIRTH.

WOODFIELD.—On the 31st uit., at 35 Huddleston Road, Tufnell Park, t'c wife of Geo. W. Woodfield of a daughter.

#### DEATH.

KIDDER.-On 31st January, at 20 Claremont Square, N., Edward Edwin Barratt Kidder, solicitor, aged 41 years, only son of W. B. Kidder, Eq., solicitor.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Any Lodge, Chapter or Society having contributed upon the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Institution shall, in recognition thereof, be entitled, on the payment of the sum of £13 to cover the cost, to place (under the superintendence of the Architect of the Institution) a Memorial in one of the lights of the Windows or on the Wall framing of the Centenary Hall. And shall be further entitled, in respect of the same, to two Vo es in perpetuity, or to four Votes in perpetuity, should the Lodge, Chapter

#### ROYAL ARCH.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comps. Rev. H. Adair Pickard G. Supt. Oxon as M.E. G.Z., Col. R. Townley Caldwell G. Supt. Cambridge as G.H.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope G. Supt. Cheshire as G.J.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., Sir Robert N. Fowler as G.S.N., Robert Grey President of Committee of General Purposes, Sir Brace M. Seton G.P. Soj., James Glaisher as G. 1st A. Soj., Rev. Thos. Robinson as G. 2nd A. Soj., Frank Richardson, Dr. Jabez Hogg G.S.B., C. Belton P.G. Standard Bearer, R. G. Venables G. 3rd Standard Bearer, George H. Hayden G. 4th Standard Bearer, Eugene Monteuuis Deputy G.D.C., Henry Garrod A.G.D.C., A. Pendlebury A.G.S.E., &c., &c. After preliminaries, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Grand Chapter approved of the recommendations embodied in the agenda paper as printed by us last week, and this completed the business. Grand Chapter was closed.

#### PROV. G. CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on the 3rd inst., under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent (Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who was supported by Comps. J. E. LeFeuvre P.G.H., Colonel J. F. Crease, C.B., P.G.J., J. G. Tilling P.G. Treas., E. Goble P.G.S.E., G. F. Lancaster acting as Assistant P.G.S.E., J. W. Gieve P.P.G.S.N., H. Cawte P.P.G.J., H. P. Holley, J. G. Mason, H. H. Wheeler, H. Durrant, E. Groves, D. T. Rule, F. V. Paxton, Revs. T. F. Morton and A. C. Hervey, W. Miller, E. Nayler, J. Collings, E. W. Watts, D. S. Pring, &c. The accounts were presented by Comp. G. J. Tilling and passed, and Comp. Tilling was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer. On the motion of Comp. Jellicoe, seconded by Comp. H. J. Atkins, the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Grand Superintendent addressed the Companions, referring to the work in the Province during the past year, and to the satisfactory condition of the Chapters in the Province. He alluded to the retirement of Comp. Binckes from the Secretaryship of the Boys' School, and explained the scheme recommended by the Board of Governors of the Institution, whereby the sum of £2500 to purchase an annuity for Comp. Binckes might be raised without in any way touching the present funds of the Institution. Comp. LeFeuvre further explained the scheme, by which each Lodge in England would be asked to subscribe a small sum to meet the liability. He suggested that the Grand Superintendent, in his capacity of Provincial Grand Master, should be invited to call a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge to deal with the proposal. The Grand Superintendent then appointed the following Officers for the year:-

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre ... J. Cole 394 E. Goble 309 S.E. Rev. A. C. Hervey 309 G. J. Tilling 1461 ... Treasurer И. Р. Holley 487 ... R. Sharpe 130 ... ... Registrar ncipal Ernest Groves 175 1st A. Soj. John Harvey 195 ... 2nd A. Soj. • • • G. Cross 359 Sword Bearer E. Naylor 1776 D. S. Pring 151 Standard Bearer D. of C. W. Miller 2068 A.D. of C. ... Organist F. Rutland 175 ... Rev. A. A. Headley 309 Assistant S.E. ••. J. Exell Janitor

After the Chapter had been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet presided over by the Grand Superintendent.

G. W. Richardson S.E., Palmer S.N., T. Dunn P.S. Jame: Turn'ull 1st. A.S., Bywater 2nd A.S., S. Fenny Treasurer. The permanent Committee were:—Comps. Rev. J. Lawson, T. Bell, J. Todd, G. W. Richardson, W. Logan, Walker, and W. H. Oliver. Comp. W. H. Patterson, 124, was duly exalted by Comp. W. Coxon acting Comp. W. H. 1st Principal.

#### VIRTUE CHAPTER, No. 152.

THE bi-monthly convocation was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester. Present—Comps. G. W. Wilson P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. acting Z., E. L. Irving H., J. Halden J., G. V. Blaikie P.Z. Treas., A. Williams S.E., J. E. Ashton S.N., T. R. Peel P.Z. P.P.G.P. Soj., W. Jaffrey P.Z., Thos. Elliott, C. S. Allott, W. Colbert, and J. Bonehill. Visitors—Comps. G. Hunt P.Z. Treas. 1496, W. Byway P.Z. 204, F. W. Lean P. Soj. 935, A. B. Buttrick 613, R. A. Eldershaw P.Z. 204, and R. R. Lisenden late 317. Chapter was opened in due form, at 6 o'clock Lisenden late 317. Chapter was opened in due form, at 6 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous convocation was read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. James Rome P.M. 1009 P.P.G. Stwd., G. F. Pringle 1009, J. Crosland 1009, W. H. Bibby 1009, and David Conway W.M. 152, who were all unanimously elected, and, with the exception of Bro. Bibby, who was absent, exalted to the Holy Royal Arch by Comp. G. W. Wilson, who performed the work in a most admirable manner. Comp. Ashton fulfilled the important duties of P.S. when Bros. Rome and Pringle were exalted, and Comp. Lean, at the request of the M.E.Z., performed the same office for Comps. Crosland and Conway. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the Chapter was closed in peace and harmony, at 7.45. The Companions afterwards supped together, and the health of the newly-exalted Companions were proposed and responded to.

#### SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 189.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 27th ult., at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, to instal the Principals for the ensuing year:-Comps. A. S. Hendy as H., and J. B. Moulder as J. Comp. C. Dunsterville the Z. elect was prevented from being present. The Installing Officers were:—Comps. R. H. Rae P.P.G. Third Principal, Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon P.P.G. Third Principal, and C. Croydon Prov. G. Sword Bearer. The Board of Installed Principals being closed, the other Officers were invested, as follow: -Comps. G. Hawken I.P.Z., R. H. Rae S.E., Sterling Graves S.N., G. Dunsterville P. Soj., J. Harrison and George Stowell Assistant Sojs., A. W. White Treasurer, and J. Gidley Janitor.

#### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

THE installation meeting was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, 28th ult., when there were present Comps. Addington M.E.Z., Crook J., Benedetti S.N., Fleck P.S., Meierhoff 1st [A.S., Woods 2nd A.S., Major Williams P.Z. Treasurer, Capt. Williams P.Z. S.E., F. Hilton P.Z., T. Grummant P.Z., Dr. Makcham, Stone, North Towers, and H. Martin. Visitors: Comps. Capt. Vincent P.Z. M.E.Z. 1329 P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1329, Lyon P.Z. 1329, and Folkard 1329. The Officers installed or invested were Comps. Crook as M.E.Z. (by dispensation), Benedetti II., Fleck J., Williams P.Z. Treasurer, Williams P.Z. S.E., Meierhoff S.N., Woods P.S., and Dr. Makcham A.S. Comp. Addington was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel. At the banquet which followed the usual toasts were well received.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—At the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, 31st ult. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. M.E.Z. and Preceptor, Addington P.Z. H., Hill J., Stone S.E., Bannister S.N., A. C. Wood P.S., H. Martin, and T. Grummant P.Z. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Addington was elected Z. for the next meeting.

Freemasons of Dawlish have formed themselves into a building company, for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall, where they can meet in comfort at their own convenience. A site has been obtained on the Barton Estate facing the main road from the Strand to the old Dawlish Church. The structure will comprise on the ground floor an entrance lobby, reception or banqueting room, Tylers' room, and layatories, with a bold staircase leading to the Masonic Hall, which is practically situated on the first flor. It measures 33ft. in length by 22ft. in width, and has an open timbered roof with a good system of ventilation. It is intended to locate a caretaker's residence at the rear, which is rather a novelty in Masonic architecture. The elevation is of classic design of White Devon brick, with the arches and other ornamental work of fine red Berkshire brick. Mr. G. Soudan Bridgman, of Torquay and Paignton, is the architect, and the lowest tender was that of Mr. W. J. Hatcher, for the sum of £614. The work will be completed by August next. Bro. G. B. Avant P.G.A.S. is the W.M. of the Salem Lodge, No. 1443, which is located at Dawlish, and will occupy the new hall. -Western Daily Mercury.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills .- Rheumatism and rheumatic gout are CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 124.

A MEETING was held on the 23th ult. in the Freemasons' Hollowing Officers and Officers for the ensuing year. The following Officers were elected:—Comps. Rev. J. Lawson Z., T. Bell H., J. Todd J.,

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JAMES TERRY (V. Patron, P.G. Sword Bearer), Secretary.

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## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors.

BRETHREN desirous of supporting the Candidature of Bro. ALFRED CRAVEN GREENWOOD, Assist. Prov. Grand Secretary Surrey, in the event of a vacancy in the Secretaryship, are respectfully solicited to forward their Names to Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.ov. Grand Secretary Surrey, 12 Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

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Nominations for Grand Senate, Executive Committee, and Grand High Almoner's Fund, to be sent to the Grand Recorder before the 17th February.

A Banquet will be provided at Half-past Six o'Clock. Tickets, One Guinea each; and it is requested that every Knight Companion intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Recorder with as little delay as possible.

Knights will not be admitted unless they appear in the insignia of their rank in the Order, Knights of St. John in White Sashes.

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Grand Recorder and Registrar General.

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## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

#### ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

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The Provincial Charity Organisation Committee of Dorset, R. W. Bro. Monticey J. Guest, Prov. G.M. Dorset, Vice-Patron.

M.E. Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, G. Superintendent Do set, Vice-Patron.

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R.W. Bro. Sir Herdworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G. M. Durham, Patron.

R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Brach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Patron.

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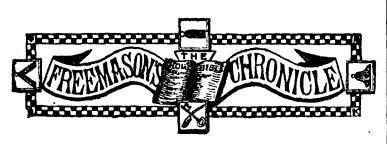
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SATURDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 1890.

#### MARK MASONRY.

PROV. G. LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

SPECIAL meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C., on Thursday, 30th January last, for the purpose of Installing a new Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the place of the late Bro. Frederic Davison deceased. There were present:—The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett Bart., Bros. Henry Love-grove S.W., Dr. John T. Griffith J.W., J. Hugh Thompson S.O., Nelson Prower J.O., Rev. J. Cater Chaplain, Charles Hammerton Treasurer, P. Saillard Registrar, W. G. Brighten Secretary, J. H. Clare J.D., W. Lloyd Wise Inspector of Works, T. C. Edmonds D.C., F. R. Hales A.D.C., R. J. Chitson Standard Bearer, Charles Lee Organist, Henry Burgess and J. T. Norman Callaway Stewards, John Gilbert Tyler; and the following Officers of Grand Mark Lodge: -Bros. Charles F. Matier G.Scc., Frank Richardson G. Registrar, H. Massey P.G. Steward, Edwin Storr G. Steward; and the following Past Provincial Officers and Brethren: -Bros. George Gardner P.G.D.C. 357, Joseph W. Hobbs P.G.O. 336, C. Axford P.M. 336, L. G. Gordon Robbins P.P.G.W., Charles Belton P.G.O., Reginald J. Mure P.G.O., John Cates Collier P.M. 114, W. H. Kemp ter P.G. Steward, J. K. R. Cama P.G.J.D., Stephen C. Dibdin P.G. Secretary, J. Cureton 333, George Dickinson 355, W. Clowes W.M. 357, S. P. Catterson P.M. 234, F. W. Huddleston 355, Chas. Handley 284, Samuel Green 361, Thos. Wm. Richardson 385, and other brethren. Visitors:—Bros. Major Ritchie and Weston Prov. Grand Officers of Kent, and Bro. Henry A. Hunt of the Ruspini Lodge. The Lodge room and furniture were draped in deep mourning. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master and his Officers at the Lodge room. Master and his Officers entered the Lodge room in formal procession, to the strains of the Organ (Bro. Charles Lee Organist). The Dead March in Saul was played as the procession was being formed. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer from the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the Provincial Grand Master was saluted in ancient form. The Provincial Grand Secretary offered to read the minutes of last regular Provincial Grand Lodge for general information, but stated that as no minutes could be confirmed at this special Lodge it might beconvenient to proceed at once with the next business on the agenda. This was agreed to. The Secretary then officially reported to the Lodge the death of the R.W. Frederic Davison Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and also stated that on behalf of the Province he had written to Mrs. Davison and family a letter of condolence, which was as follows:--

#### Prov. G.L. of M.M.M. for Middlesex and Surrey.

Dear Madam,—The melancholy intelligence of the death of our distinguished Bro. F. Davison, the esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, has been received with extreme regret. Our late brother was universally respected by all the Craft, and his less will be severely felt. By the command of the Provincial Grand Master (Coi. Sir Francis Burdett) a special circular has been sent out to all the Mark Lodges within the Province for the Lodges and brethren to go into mourning, as a mark of respect for our late brother. A copy of the circular is enclosed for your information. On behalf of the Mark Master Masons of this Province, we tender this imperfect tribute of affectionate remembrance, and trust you may bear with fortitude the trial and affliction with which you are now visited.

Worshipful Master.

Yours faithfully,

WM. J. BRIGHTEN, Prov. G. Secretary

To Mrs. Davison, 24 Fitzroy Square.

25th November 1889.

To this letter a suitable reply from Mrs. Davison was read, expressing her thanks for the kind sympathy of the brethren. The Provincial Grand Master, in feeling terms, referred to the eminent services of the late Bro. Davison in connection with Mark Masonry, and the loss the Province had sustained by reason of his death. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, moved a resolution to the effect that the Provincial Grand Lodge thereby recorded its sorrow on hearing of the death of their Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Frederic Davison, and testified to his eminent abilities, and that the Provincial Grand Secretary should be directed to communicate same to the Widow. This was seconded by the Junior Grand Warden (Bro. Dr. Griffith and carried unanimously. The Provincial Grand Secretary also reported the death of the Rev. G. W. Weldon, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and a similar tribute was paid to his memory. The Provincial Grand Secretary then read a letter from Bro. Charles Hammerton, resigning his office as Provincial Grand Bro. Hammerton, addressing the Lodge, explained that as he had been selected by the Provincial Grand Master for the high office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he had no alternative but to resign the office of Treasurer. The resignation was accepted with regret. Bro. Hammerton having retired, the Provincial Grand Master then announced that he had selected Bro. Charles Hammerton as his Deputy, by reason of his many good qualities, and his long connection with the Province, since 1872. A deputation of Grand Officers then waited upon the Deputy Grand Master designate, and escorted him into the Lodge Room. Having advanced to the East, the Grand Master addressed him in suitable terms, and invested him with his chain and jewel of office. The patent of appointment was then signed by the Grand Master, and read by the Prov. Grand Secretary to the Lodge. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was saluted in due form, and returned a suitable acknowledgment. The election of There were two Treasurer was then proceeded with. nominations, Bros. John Cates Collier P.M. No. 114 P.G. Steward, and Bro. Leopold G. Gordon Robbins P.P.G.W. After a well contested election, Bro. Robbins was declared duly elected Treasurer, and was thereupon invested. An Assistant Secretary was also invested, to aid the Provincial Grand Secretary in his duties. Several letters of regret from Provincial Grand Officers for enforced absence from the meeting were read. The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

## BRADFORD AND DISTRICT MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held on Tuesday, the 21st ultimo, at the Free-masons' Hall, Salem Street, Bradford, of brethren interested in the advancement of the Order, when an interesting paper was read by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M. Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, on "The Degrees of Ancient (pre 1717) Free-masonry." Some discussion took place on the subject of the paper, and on the motion of Bro. W. C. Lupton, seconded by Bro. Herbert Crossley, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Speth. The meeting, which was of an extremely interesting nature throughout, was closed by a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Brother Thomas Norfolk W. M. 600.

The installation of Colonel J. Davis as Worshipful Master of the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, took place on the 24th ult., succeeded by a banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern. Brother Lionel A. Monckton was the retiring Worshipful Master.

The annual meeting of the St. Johu's Lodge, No. 1039, was held at the George Hotel, Lichfield, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., when Bro. W. A. Wood was installed W.M.

Bro. Hermann Crohn was installed Master of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, at a meeting held on the 21st ultimo, at Cannon Street Hotel. Bro. F. V. Hawley was the retiring Worshipful Master.

The installation of Bro. G. V. A. Schofield as Master of the Cadogan Lodge, No. 162, took place on the 21st ult., at a meeting at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., Bro. A. Wellesley Peckham being the outgoing W.M.

#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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#### FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Farley Hotel, Plymouth, the W.M. Bro. Samuel Edgeumbe presiding over a large company. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and an interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of a handsome clock to Bro. Browning, the retiring Treasurer. The health of the W.M., who was highly praised for his Masonic zeal and fidelity, was cordially honoured. Bro. Twose gave the I.P.M. and the Past Masters, and Bro. A. Lyons the Treasurer and the Secretary. The Officers were also toasted, and Bro. T. Mc D. Rendle 1928 replied for the Visitors. Several songs and recitations were given, and the proceedings were much enjoyed.

#### TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting on the 20th ult., at Brixham. Bro. C. Janes installed Bro. John Janes as W.M., and he invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Wheaton I.P.M., Lord Churston S.W. (Bro. J. Sparks accepting the collar for him), II, May J.W., W. C. Gregory P.M. Treasurer, Rev. E. P. Hood Chaplain, A. Kendrick P.M. Secretary, W. J. Bradden S D, J. M. Davis J.D, W. Saunders I.G., G. Barry P.M. D.C., T. Preswood and Thomas Harris Stewards, J. Screech Tyler. Subsequently the brethren dined in the banqueting hall adjoining the Lodge.

#### LION LODGE, No. 312.

ON the 20th ult., there was a large attendance of the brethren at the Masonic Hall, John-street, Whitby, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. H. Attlay as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by the Installing Master Bro. John Stevenson. The following are the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. W. White I.P.M., John Brand S.W., Joseph T. Oliver J.W., E. Smithson S.D., W. T. Rennison J.D., L. T. Watson I.G., J. N. Lawson Treasurer, B. Newbold P.M. Secretary, T. H. Trueman O.G., Geo. Remmer D.C., H. Robson Organist, Dr. Smailes and Z. Waite Stewards. After the ceremony had concluded the brethren sat down to the installation banquet at the Crown Hotel, when the W.M. presided, and the S.W. occapied the vice-chair. The customary Masonic toasts were daly honoured, and the celebration passed off in a successful manner.

## PHŒNIX OF HONOUR AND PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 331.

THE annual festival was held on Monday, the 20th ultimo. The W.M. elect Bro. E. F. Whitley was installed in an impressive manner by Bro. T. H. Lake. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. H. Chilcott S.W., H. W. Hockin J.W., J. J. Hawken P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Forris P.M. Sceretary, R. I. Newby S.D., W. E. Kilminster J.D., R. A. Lean Assistant Secretary, W. H. Bücher I.G., E. W. Carus-Wilson D.C., J. J. Smith Organist, Franklin J. Mountford and B. Carter Stewards, and C. E. Ruse Tyler. Bro. E. W. Carus-Wilson D.C. was thanked for his generous gift of a new set of collars. The banquet was served at the Red Lien Hotel, and an enjoyable evening spent.

#### ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384.

On Tuesday, the 21st nlt., the annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, when a large company of brethren assembled. The Lodge, which is one of the oldest and most flourishing in the Province, was close tyled at four o'clock. The Visit is included Bros. E. Rush S.W. 721, Caradec Rowland W.M. (06, R. W. Newton J.W. 606, J. Cutts S.W. 755, Allan Sammer 755, T. B. Farrington J.D. 755, Edward Langtry J.W. 1113, George Owen 606, Edward G. Humphreys I.P.M. 1113, James Lloyd P.M. 597, R. G. Thomas W.M. 1110, T. Hall W.M. 597, and T. Jervis P.M. 1488. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. D. Wynn Williams. Bro. R. Dongall was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The newly-installed Master afterwards proceeded with the investiture of his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. Mills I.P.M., Samuel Evans S.W., R. L. Jones J.W., Rev. J. Morgan Chaplain, R. Roberts Treasurer, D. Wynn Williams Sceretary, E. W. Thomas Organist, T. G. Williams S.D., J. Davies, J.D., E. Clarke D.C., R. P. Thomas I.G., H. G. Edwards and R. A. Gregory Stewards, H. Stubington Tyler. The members and visitors subsequently dined at the Castle Hotel.

#### ST. CYBI LODGE, No. 591.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic-hall, Holyhead, on the 28th ult., when a large company of brethren assembled. The visitors included Bros. Caradoc Rowlands W.M. 606, Nathaniel Runnell P.M. 606, Mathew Henderson 659, B. B. Tuke P.M. 100, Rev. H. Thomas I.P.M. 1849, E. Langtry J.W. 1113, E. W. Thomas P.M. 384, R. J. Davis 606, R. W. Newton J.W. 606, R. G. Thomas W.M. 1113, Thomas Mills I.P.M. 384, E. G. Humphreys I.P.M. 1113. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, Bro. James Wells was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Robert Martin S.W., T. G. Grey J.W., Rev. O. W. Jones Chaplain, William Jones P.M. Treasurer, James Llovd P.M. Secretary, R. H. Hughes P.M. Director of Ceremonies, H. J. Hughes S.D., T. G. Hughes J.D., W. Guest I.G., Thomas Ellis S.S., W. Alcock J.S., and W. Williams Tyler. The Lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the Station Hotel.

#### ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 667.

BRO. JAMES BOWYER was, on the 21st ult., in the presence of a large assembly of brethren, at the Masonic-hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bro. James Lees, the retiring W.M., and Bro. G. S. Willings officiated as installing Master. After his installation in the chair, Bro. Bowyer proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. T. R. Willings S.W., J. Beck J.W., John Proctor Secretary, David Lloyd Treasurer, T. Littleby S.D., D. Colenso J.D., T. Mason P.M. D.C., R. A. Parkin I.G., H. B. Wright Organist, R. J. Lloyd S.S., J. F. Grindloy J.S., and Peter Ball Tyler. The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Casey, the house steward. An enjoyable musical evening was afterwards spent. The retiring Worshipful Master, having occupied the chair for two years in succession, was presented with a handsome gold centreseconds chronograph, supplied by one of the Officers of the Lodge. On is re-election last year Bro. Lees was presented with the usual Past Master's jewel. His services in the chair have been greatly esteemed by the brethren.

#### BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 699.

on Tuesday, the 28th alt., when Bro. William Hall was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly-elected Master appointed as his Officers:—Brothers Grose I.P.M., Church Chaplain, Bennetts Treasurer, Rapson Secretary, Mannell S.W., Rogers J.W., Gower S.D., Hocking J.D., Faull I.G., and Lean Tyler. There was a large muster of Masons present, including, among visitors from several Lodges, Bros. Cock, Kistler, Wales, Mitchell and Mills. The Treasurer's account showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of upwards of £50. Pointed reference was made to the great loss which the Lodge had sustained by the death of their esteemed Brother the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, and much sympathy was expressed with his widow and family. After the close of the Lodge the brethren dined together in their banqueting room, the usual Masonic and other toasts being ably put and heartily responded to.

#### LEWIS LODGE, No. 872.

THE annual meeting for installing the Worshipful Master was held on Monday, the 20th ult., in the Freemason's Hall, Dukestreet, Whitehaven, Bro. Joseph Smithson Moffat S.W. of the Lodge being the W.M. elect. The meeting was summoned for four p.m., there being other business to transact. The hour fixed for the installation was 5.30 p.m., when perhaps on no former occasion in the history of the Lodge for the last thirty years has there been a more general representative meeting, there being no less than eleven Lodges represented by visitors, extending from Erin's Isle to Japan. The W.M. cleet was presented by Brother W. D. P. Field to Brother Dr. J. F. Muir W.M., and in presence of a Board of about twenty Installed Masters was duly installed as W.M., in a most able manner, and proclaimed accordingly, and invested the following as his Officers, viz.:—Bros. David Atkinson S.W., Edward Pattinson J.W., Rev. James Anderson Chaplain, John Spittal P.M. Treasurer (for the eightcenth time), Robert Shepherd Secretary, A. W. Johnston S.D., Thomas Blenkinsop J.D., F. Farquharson D.C., Robert Mann I.G., A. J. Fowler and W. H. Ainsworth Stewards, and J. Sewell Tyler. Telegrams during the evening were handed in from Perseverance Lodge, 371, Maryport; Whitwell Lodge, 1390, Millom, conveying congratulations to the newly-installed Master, and hearty good wishes were expressed from Lodges 119, 327, 371, 872, 962, 1225, 1400, 1660, 1989, and 2285, and with other general business over, the Lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and Bro. Moffatt W.M. expressed a wish that all members and visitors would accompany him to the Grand Hotel, where upwards of fifty sat down to an excellent banquet, Bro. Moffatt in the chair, supported by his Officers and Past Masters. A long toast list was subsequently gone through. The usual loyal and patriotic were given from the chair, and drunk with musical honours. The first Masonic toast was ably proposed by Bro. Spittal, viz.:-The Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Officers of England, which was responded to with Masonic Bro. J. Matthews P.M. proposed the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers of the Province, and Bro. Field replied. The teast of the evening, Bro. J. S. Moffatt the newly-installed Master, was proposed by Bro. Dr. Muir Installing Master, and he alluded at length to the able manner in which Bro. Mossatt had discharged his duties in the various offices he had held in the Lodge, and felt sure the Lodge would enjoy prosperity under his mallet: his kind manner had endeared him to all. Bro. Moffatt briefly replied, and thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him; nothing would be wanting on his part to try and fully sustain the high reputation the Lewis Lodge held in the Province. Bro. Dalrymple next gave the Visiting Brethren, coupled with the W.M.'s of other Lodges present, when Bros. Dickinson, Hartley, Gowan, Turner, Smith, and Wilkinson replied. The Past Masters of 872 was proposed by Brother Atkinson S.W., and Bro. Brakenridge responded. With other toasts and songs from Bros. Hodgson, Starkey, Johns, Thompson, Matthews, Wilkinson and Cook, who also presided at the piano, a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. and Mrs. Shepherd's health was proposed, and heartily responded to by the company, for their very excellent catoring, which was a credit to them and the Grand Hotel. Brother Shepherd replied on behalf of himself and Mrs. Shepherd. With the final toast and "God save the Queen." the company parted.

#### OAKWOOD LODGE, No. 1126.

THE brethren held their festival of St. John on Saturday, the Listh ult., in the National Schools, Romiley. There was a large attendance of brethren. The installation of the W.M. and the investiture of Officers as usual preceded the banquet. Bro. John W.

Leathley being installed W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was B-o. Henry Howard, who was assisted by Bros. W. Connor W.M. (who gave the address and ancient charge), W. F. Brownrigg, J. H. Hartley, J. W. Gray, John Mitchell, Henry Woodall, Robert W. Baker, and R. G. Walker. The investiture of the other Officers was performed by Bro. Hartley, and was in the following order:—Bros. W. Connor I.P.M., Thomas Walker S.W., John Plant J.W., II. Leathley Chaplain, J. H. Hartley Tronsurer, R. G. Walker D.C., John Taylor S.D., George Lefrey J.D., Robert W. Baker Organist, Harry White I.G., J. Brine, E. Clough and H. Greenhalgh Stewards, John Scott Teler, Henry Howard, Chapiter Stewards, A. Stewards, John Scott Tyler, Henry Howard Charity Steward. A recherche banquet was subsequently served in the Schools. The teast list was interspersed with songs by Bros. Bowers, T. Wilkinson, Baker, Woodall, &c.

#### PHŒNIX OF ST. ANN LODGE, No. 1235.

The Lodge was energed at the Massic Power Way Hell The Lodge was opened at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Buxton. There was a large attendance. Bro. R. Love S.W. was duly presented to Bro. W. F. Mills the Installing Master, and was installed in the chair. The new W.M. then invested his Officers. The addresses were given to the W.M., Wardens and Officers by Bro. Smedley. A banquet followed at the Old Hall Hotel.

#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, on the 29th ult. An excellent dinner was prepared by Bro. S. Harvey. The large dining-hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion by Bro. Parkhouse. The members of the Lodge and visitors, to the number of nearly 60, were presided over by Brother Thomas S. Eyre W. Master, assisted by Bros. W. H. Maynes S.W. and A. Parkhouse J.W. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to.

During the evening several songs and good recitations were given, by Bros. J. K. Bond, M. Tracy, S. Pearce, J. Rendle, T. S. Ayre, T. Reynolds, J. Geod, M. Tracy, S. W. Lemon, T. Goodall, J. Good, J. George, Massler, T. W. Lemon, T. Goodall, J. Good, J. Court, Menhennick, &c. Bro. Wingate performed solos on the violin in his usual excellent style. Bro. W. John Hele presided at the pianoforte.

#### LANGTHORNE LODGE, No. 1421.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Angel Hotel, Ilford. Bro. Cornelius Mansfield was installed as W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Candick. Bro. Mansfield afterwards invested his Officers, the Senior and Junior Wardens being Bros. Bryce and H. Allard. A company, numbering between 40 and 60 members and visitors, afterwards partock of a sumptuous banquet, served by Bro. Hopson.

#### ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1429.

ON Thursday, the 16th ult., the installation of Bro. Henry Allen as Worshipful Master of the above Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon., a numerous assemblage being present to witness and take part in the imposing ceremony. The installing Master was Bro. J. C. Brook, who performed the ceremony in a manner which drew forth the highest enlogiums of those whose privilege it was to be present on the interesting occasion. In token of the appreciation of the valued services rendered to the Lodge by Brother Brook during the past year, Bro. Homfray Deputy Provincial Grand Master presented on behalf of the members of the Albert Edward Lodge, a costly P.M.'s jewel, and spoke in highly complimentary terms of the efficient manner in which the duties of the Lodge had been carried out during the past year. Brother Allen having been duly installed, proceeded to invest with the insignia of office the brethren whom he had selected to sasist him in conducting the business of the Lodge for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. J. C. Brook I.P.M., W. J. Hollingdale S.W., Graham Driver J.W., D. Wilks Chaplain, J. Sanders P.M. Treasurer, J. P. Lewis Secretary, D. E. Davies S.D., W. Gibls J.D., H. Richards P.M. D.C., E. J. Perren Organist, J. H. Hughes Superint tendent of Works, Philip H. Ball I.G., F. H. Phillips and E. T. Rees Stowards, H. Fletcher Tyler. The Lodge having been eleved in deep Stowards, H. Fletcher Tyler. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren repaired to the Westgate Hotel, where a récherché banquet had been prepared by host Bro. S. Dean, the newly elected W.M. Brother Allen presiding over about 70 guests. The usual Loyal and Musonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were characterised by the greatest harmony and good fellowship.

#### PRINCE ARTHUR LODGE, No. 1570.

A T the meeting of the above Lodge, on the 21st ult., under the presidency of Bro. P. R. Barrow W.M., Bro. W. M'Gauley was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the installation will take place next month. Bro. M'Gauley is a popular member, and there is every prespect of a presperous year under his guidance.

#### EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE a nual banquet was held on the 15th ult., at Bro. Rontly's Farley Hotel, Stonehouse, Davon. Sixty brethren were present. The W.M., Bro. John T. Rook, presided. The banquet fully supported the reputation of Bro. Routly's popular hostelry. The consts were interspersed with a capital selection of sentiments, melolies, and recitations. The entertainers were Bros. R. B. Twose, L. C. L. Livermore, H. J. Barter, C. J. F. Williams, James Lose, W. K nn.dy, Max Bischofswerder, J. Mitchell, J. Harvey, E. I. Hinvest, J. Keast, J. G. Gibson, W. H. Macey, W. Vidler, A. W. Spinney (cornet solos), and Bro. H. J. Trethewy (violin solos).

#### CONSTANCE LODGE, No. 2135.

ON Wednesday, the 29th ult., the annual ball in connection with this Lodge was held in the New Town Hall, Consett. Brother W. Brotherhood W.M. officiated as M.C., and about eighty couples attended. The decorations were carried out by Mr. J. T. Potts, of Consett, and the refreshments were supplied by Messrs. Dryden and Co., also of Consett. The affair was a great success, and dancing was kept up till an early hour on Thursday morning.

#### CONVERSAZIONE AND BALL AT STOKE.

THE third annual conversazione and ball in aid of the Masonio Charities was held on the 29th ult., in the Town Hall, Stoke, when the gathering was a most brilliant and successful one in every respect. It is now three years ago since a conversazione, in conjunction with a ball, was first held, although Masonic balls had previously taken place, and the members of the Portland Lodge, 637, were the first to promote an entertainment of this description. This mode of increasing the funds of the various Masonic Charities proved highly acceptable, and was greatly appreciated. Last year a similar gathering was held at Hanley, when there was a very large attendance. Although the numbers were not so large as last year, owing to the tickets being limited, the numost capacity of the Stoke Town Hall was taxed, there being 350 ladies and gentlemen present, every room being at the disposal of the visitors. Great attention had been paid to the decoration of the interior of the building, and in this respect a great success had been achieved. The entrance-hall which has recently been decorated with tiles, presented a charming appearance. At either side of the corridor and staircase leading to the ball-room was a liberal display of plants and evergreens, and these were illuminated with Chinese lanterns, the effect being most pleasing. Luce curtains and drapery had been cleverly hung, and the usually bare appearance of the inside of the building had undergone quite a transformation. On entering the ball room, which was of course the assembly room, one was at once struck with the pretty spectacle. The walls had been hung with curtains, and there was a liberal display of baners and flags, while on the front of the gallery were suspended Masonic emblems and the portraits of various brethren of the province who had taken high rank in the Craft. The stage was also very effectively decorated with plants and evergreens, behind which Mr. Coomer's band discoursed the dance music, the excellence of which was generally remarked. The space underneath the gallery had been converted into a refreshment buffet; while the Court-room was used as a supper-room. This important and essential department was in the capable hands of Bro. Raynes, of the Copeland Arms Hotel, who attended to the wants of the guests in a highly satisfactory manner. The Masons appeared in full Masonic clothing, and this added greatly to the variety of the scene. There were many Provincial Officers present, who were arrayed in their "purple," whilst the clothing of the Mark Masons, members of the Royal Arch, and that of the Craft, produced a pleasing contrast. The dresses of the ladies were very beautiful, and the scene when dancing was at its height was a very charming and pretty one. For those not inclined to indulge in dancing other attractions had been thoughtfully provided. Selections by the band were given from eight o'clock to half-past, while in the following three quarters of an hour glees were contributed in the Council Chamber by the New-castle Glee Union. While dancing was also in progress, a conjuring entertainment was given by Professor Greatway, and a miscellaneous concert by Mrs. Brandon-Jones, Messrs. Lee, Cranmer, Boullemier, Mellor, and the Glee Union. The brethren of the Portland Lodge, of whom Bro. G. W. Hancock is the W.M., acted as Stewards, Bro. J. B. Ashwell being M.C., while the arduous duties of Secretary were fulfilled by Bro. R. W. Williams, all these gentlemen being most assiduous in their attention to the visitors, with the result that the third Masonic conversazione and ball was thoroughly enjoyable, and a complete success in every way. The ball was kept up with vigour and with unflagging energy until four o'clock this morning.

## Obituary.

BROTHER WILLIAM BRIGNAL SENIOR.

On the 27th ult., the funeral of Bro. William Brignal son. took place at St. Cuthbert's Cemetery, Durham, his remains being deposited in a brick vault adjoining that of his wife and son, who predeceased him in 1886 and 1878 respectively. The deceased, shortly before his death, had gone to reside at Gosforth, where he died on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The body was enclosed in a polished oak coffin, with brass fittings and brass breastplate, bearing the following inscription:-

"William Brignal sen., died Jan. 23rd 1890, aged 80 years."

Several beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin. The funeral was very largely attended by the Freemasons of the city and county, the deceased having been a prominent member. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Provincial Grand Master of Durham, was represented by Brother W. Logan. Sir Hedworth also sent a letter of sympathy with the relatives of the deceased, who had been prominently connected with Durham Freemasonry for well nigh half a century. The funeral service was read by the Rev. C. H. Electwood.

#### DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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#### Saturday, 8th February.

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108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1534 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612 West Middlesox, The Institute, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street
1743 Persoverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham 1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport 2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

#### Monday, 10th February.

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5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.
29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90 St. John, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
133 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.
222 St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria Street
957 Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1657 Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate St.
1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1789 Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air S reet, W.
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington
2012 Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
R.A. 22 Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 720 Panmure, H. rns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862 Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1366 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537 St. Peter Westminster, F.M. H., W.C.
K.T. 140 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.
40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75 Love and Honour Royal Letal, Enlanceth
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40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75 Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104 St. John, Ashton House, Greek St., Stockport
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Nowport, I.W.
240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
262 Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Liucoln
411 Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
502 Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
687 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham
589 Druids of Love and Liberality, M.H., Redruth
665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester
797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
893 Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook
919 Williamson, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth
1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1069 United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221 Defonce, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350 Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1450 Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656 Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1666 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Smerset
18. A. 89 Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arma, Dakinfield
18. A. 276 Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
18. A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orebard Street, Bath
18. A. 422 All Saints, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
18. M.M. Egerton, Royal Rock, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
18. K.T. 52 Richard de Vernon, Dunley Arms, Dudley 40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings

#### Tuesday, 11th February.

46 Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
96 Burlington, Albion Tayern, Aldersgate Street
167 St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tayern, City
235 Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
834 Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon Street Hotel
933 Doric, Anderton's Lo el, Fleet Street, E.C.
1198 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668 Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, A. Street, W.
1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tayern, E.C.
2127 Drury Lane, Mansion House, City 46 Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel

2127 Drury Lane, Mansion House, City R.A. 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasors' Hall, W.C. R.A. 185 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

93 Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich

131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro 181 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Brompton, Kent

241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
231 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
143 St., James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
195 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
503 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
630 Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
636 Sta Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726 Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hot, Staff.
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St., Gosport
1120 St., Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Warrington
1317 Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465 Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509 Madoc, Queen's Hotel Portmadoe
1515 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baildon
1678 Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713 Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay
R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
R.A.111 Vigil nee, Masonic Hall, Darlington
R.A. 163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Keighley
R.A. 299 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 617 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter
M.M. 152 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

Wednesday, 12th February.

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Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 4
3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13 Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, Woolwich
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87 Vitruviau, White Hart, Lambeth
749 Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tayorn, Burdett Road
126) John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306 Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
1338 St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hot, E.C.
1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart, Upper Norwood
1694 Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane St., Chelsea
1718 Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
2272 Rye, Peckham Public Hall, Peckham
R.A. 857 St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
M.M. (T.I.) Old Kent, Ship and Tartle, E.C.
R.C. 1 Grand Metropolitan, 33 Golden Square, W.

R.A. 857 St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.

M.M. (T.I.) Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, E.C.

R.C. I Grand Metropolitan, 33 Goldon Square, W.

54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale

146 Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton

191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Mauchester

225 St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, I pswich

281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Lencs,

283 Harmony, Masonic Roll, Todmorden

363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth

483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend

567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick

615 St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales, Erith

666 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town

750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton

852 Zeiland, Albert Hotel, Sulford

854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham

1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford

1018 Teaple, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth

1061 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley

1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Scarborough

1342 Walker, Hope and Anchor, Byker, Newcastle

1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool

1398 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness

1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot, Ormskirk

1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton

1434 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham

1509 Farneis Burdett, Albur Hotel, Nottingham

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1509 Farneis Burdett, Albur Hotel, Remnley, Kent

2011 West Kent Volunteer, M.H., Wilmington

1522 Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes

1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne

1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent

2014 West Kent Volunteer, M.H., Wilmington

1216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton

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1217 Exception

1218 A. 29 St. Wulstane, M.H., 95 High S., Worcestor

1218 R.A. 29 St. Wulstane, M.H., 95 High S., Worcestor

1222 R.A. 293 Meribah, Grap, S. Inn, Stoneclough

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### Thursday, 13th February.

19 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
208 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263 Bank of England, Albion Tavern, E.C.
534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657 Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate Street
860 Dalhousic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.
879 Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
1216 Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Kifles,
Camberwell Camberwell

Camberwell
1425 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven Road,
Paddington
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masoniz Hall, S.E.
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599 Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1703 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791 Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1804 Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1987 Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A. 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney

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35 Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes 97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland

112 St. George, Masonic Hall, Exeter
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
216 Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Pentith, Sunderland
469 Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Spalding
477 Mersey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Seaford
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739 Temperance, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
744 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal
786 Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool
945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay
1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale
1055 Derby, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Manchester
1098 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Trodegar
1144 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
1147 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne
1369 Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416 Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Freemasons'
Hall, Newport, Mon.
1533 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1897 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
1782 Machen, Swan, Coleshill
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 51 Patriotic, Three Caps Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 251 Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 461 Hwlffordd, M.H., Haverfordwest
R.A. 723 Panmure, M.H., Barrack Road, Aldershot
K.T. 21 Salamanca, Masonic Hail, Halfax
Friday, 14th February.

#### Wednesday, 12th February.

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton 2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent

## INSTRUCTION.

Friday, 14th February.

33 Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177 Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2000 Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H., W.C.
R.A. 6 Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
R.A. 10 Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H., W.C.

36 Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Cardiff
155 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
458 Aire and Calder, Masonic Hall, Goole
528 Honour, Star and Garter Hot, Wolverhampton
662 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
815 Blair, Town Hall, Stretford Road, Hulme
916 Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Mas. Rooms, Harrogate
1087 Beaudesert, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121 Wear Valley, M.H., Bishop Auckland
1289 Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
R.A. 81 Royal York, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. ! 16 De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 15th February.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1641 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
M.M. 205 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

36 Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Cardiff

#### Saturday, 1st February.

179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tay, Southgate Rd., N. 8 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tayern, Highbury, 8 1864 Earl of Zetlaud, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hummersmith, 7:30 R.A. Sinai, Union Tayern, Air Street, W., 8

#### Monday, 10th February.

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22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
17:4 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
189 St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air St., W., 8
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
518 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1125 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Cadns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 212 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1419 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1499 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1503 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, New Market Hot, Smithfield, 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Elennor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham, 8
17:43 Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Qeeen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The

#### Tuesday, 11th February.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7 65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Ave, E.C., 7 111 Faith, Victoria Munsions Restaurant, S.W., 8

177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30

Criterion, W., 8

188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle, 7
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 7:45
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince FrederickWilliam, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1325 Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer St, Liverpool, 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgeumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1640 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1639 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, Fast Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8

#### Wednesday, 12th February.

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3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
539 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portlaud St., 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
761 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull

1524 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Hackney, 8
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Weish Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

#### Thursday, 13th February.

87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth, 8
144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
704 Camden, 305 High Holborn, 7
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe
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1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8

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1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1162 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1306 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7'30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30
1558 D. Connaaght, Palmerston Arms, Camborwell, 8
1671 Leopold, 7 London Street, E.C., 7'30
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5'3)
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Cate, Clerkenwell, 9

1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Deptford, 8
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
St. John's Wood, 8
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Canonbury, 8 Canonbury, 8

#### Friday, 14th February.

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Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hill, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W., 8
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
831 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Mau, Leytonstone, 8
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S. W., 7:30
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
M.M., 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30

#### Saturday, 15th February.

179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 7
1283 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
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