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EXPENDITURE AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE serious attention of the Craft is invited to the fact that the income of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys fell short of the bare necessary expenditure during 1890, to the amount of £860 17s 2d, which sum would have been largely augmented but for the receipt of £1500 paid in on account of the Festival of 1891. This is one of the cheering items in the report just issued by the Provisional Management Committee of the Institution, and will doubtless secure from the Craft not only the serious attention asked for, but will likewise call for serious inquiry as to how so large a deficiency arises. It certainly does not seem a satisfactory result after the tremendous economy sought to be demonstrated by the Committee when they issued their accounts for the last half of 1889, when they professed to have reduced the expenditure per boy from £50 16s to £39 5s per annum.

We were severely taken to task at that time for doubting the accuracy of the statements put forth, but expressed ourselves as satisfied to wait the natural course of events, and see what the then future would bring forth. We expressed an opinion twelve months back that the accounts of that period were so prepared as to create a false impression, and we now ask the Craft if our remarks were justifiable, or "very far" from correct?

The gross expenditure for 1890, as given in the balance sheet just issued, was £13,312 1s 11d. This distributed among the 264 children on the funds of the Institution gives an average of £50 8s 6d per boy—a tremendous jump from the £39 5s which was claimed last year on the statement of accounts then presented. Efforts have been made elsewhere to create a false impression in regard to the average cost per boy, by conveniently leaving a large item of expenditure on so-called improvements out of the reckoning. This may be legitimate, but it was not so recognised by those who put the Provisional Management Committee into power, when it helped them to make up a strong case against the old executive; and it is a questionable course to adopt now, when it makes matters appear somewhat in their own favour. In the accounts which gave an annual average of £50 16s per boy, as the cost at the Institution, there was an item of £736 4s 3d for household requisites, and another of £501 19s 9d for repairs and renewals. These two sums, amounting together to £1238 4s, were referred to at the time as exceptional, and it was urged that allowance should be made on account of them in striking the average, but to do so would have weakened the case "created" by the Committee of Investigation, who could not afford to lose such a large amount of expenditure from their summary. Why, then, should these same men

ignore the £2,183 16s 7d spent in 1890 on "improvements," which, after all, are virtually the same as "repairs and renewals"? Simply because in the one case they wanted to make out as heavy an expenditure as possible, while in the other they want to try and justify their empty boast of 1890, that they had reduced the expenditure per head by about 23 per cent. But figures are dangerous matters to play with, and although—as we pointed out last year—they can be made to prove almost anything in the hands of a skilful manipulator, they have an unpleasant knack of retaliating on those who seek to make them subservient to personal desires. A year back we said we were content to wait for results; we have waited, and we are now content in knowing that the defence we then made on behalf of the late Secretary and Committee of the Institution was justifiable, while the fierce and un-Masonic assaults made on the old executive were undeserved and unfounded. That there was room for improvement we never denied, but that the severe and even cowardly attacks of the reformers were justifiable, we never admitted, and to-day we have the best of proof—the balance-sheet of the "new brooms"—to support our opinion. The reformers, as they like to be called, have miserably failed in their endeavours, and among the many evils they have created for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is a deficiency of £2,360 17s 2d on a year's work (for the borrowing of £1,500 from the 1891 Festival still makes the 1890 receipts short of that amount), a deficiency they will find it very difficult to smooth over, much less make up. The loudest speakers are often the most quiet in action, and it would not be a very hard task to demonstrate that many of those who made the noise in advocating a change in the working of the Boys' School two years back have since been conspicuously quiet in interesting themselves on its behalf. Some of these were clever enough to secure a following to bring about an alteration, and it is for the present supporters of the Charity, men who do not care to see the old Institution wholly wrecked, to express an opinion as to whether the change has not proved a descent, from bad to worse. A few advantages may have been secured, but who shall estimate the amount of injury that has been wrought?

Are the members of the Provisional Management Committee satisfied with their labours? Can they tell the subscribers to the Institution that they have succeeded in the work they were asked to perform? Or do they share with us the opinion that a false impression was created prior to their appointment? Further than this, will the Craft believe that they have satisfactorily discharged the work required of them? Does it not rather seem they were invested with false powers, or at least asked to perform a labour which was impossible, and cure evils which did not exist? On the whole then, they may not be much to blame, except in circulating that unfor-

fortunate report of last year that they had reduced the expenditure to £39 5s per boy per year. That was too good for us to believe at the time, so that we are not disappointed at its complete failure of realisation at the present, as some will be. All the same, we consider it to be sufficiently demonstrative of incapacity as to warrant the retirement, in a body, of the Committee who allowed it to be circulated, and we now wonder if they have the courage to test the voting power of the subscribers, and seek re-election as a Committee, with their last year's balance sheet to offer as a recommendation. Once more we express ourselves as content to await the outcome of events.

MASONIC ETIQUETTE.

BEFORE becoming a Mason myself it was my privilege to have many conversations upon the subject of Freemasonry with my father, who was a Mason of years standing, and from his experience I learned much that has since proved useful to me as a member of the Craft.

The text, if I may use the term, of my present remarks, is based on a statement made during one of our discussions, viz., "Freemasonry is the embodiment of ceremony in the abstract, and not even in the Queen's Court is etiquette more stringent than in a properly conducted Masonic Lodge.

It can be easily understood that not being a Mason, I could not so fully appreciate the statement when made as I have been able to do since, although it was one of many things put before me by an old Mason as evidence of the teaching power underlying our principles; and few of us would, I think, traverse the dictum, while every true Mason must admit its truth and force, as well as its applicability to the present time as much as to a time some twenty years past.

Ceremony and etiquette are words which the generality of people regard as synonymous, but for our purpose we will best appreciate the shade of meaning in each if we consider ceremony as related to ritual, and defining the visible forms which serve to make principles operative, and then consider etiquette as the behaviour or manner, either expressly or tacitly, required in giving ceremony effective operation.

For some years Masonic etiquette has been constantly presenting itself to me, not because of any special reason to complain of its objective operation so far as I am individually concerned, but rather that in the course of visits to various Lodges I have become sensible of the fact that it has, somehow or other, fallen away from the standard which my earlier, and perhaps imperfect conception set up for my guidance. The matter is not one commonly considered as coming under the head of Masonic jurisdiction, except under peculiar circumstances, and for that reason might not be regarded as sufficiently important to claim the attention of private Lodges or individual members of the Craft generally: but if we look back to the ancient landmarks, or accept our declarations and obligations as embodying the least of force or of value, we have warranty for making it a prime consideration when in Lodge assembled.

Disregard of etiquette is not confined to any particular degree of Masons, so far as my observation goes, but appears to be general rather than exceptional, experienced brethren being equally at fault with the more inexperienced.

Since the establishment of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales it has been laid down as a rule, and properly so, too, that the steps and signs be given in the manner defined in the ritual; yet, in how many cases do we see brethren, with all degrees of experience, saluting the chair in the most slipshod and slovenly manner, and then taking offence because the W.M. insists upon due compliance with the ceremonies laid down for our observance. The cases are not so very few where we may see brethren becoming petulant, expressing their intention to leave their Lodge, because, in their opinion, the W.M. puts a slight upon them in open Lodge, declaring their utter want of respect for the occupant of the chair, and complaining of his inability to conduct the business of the Lodge. Brethren of such a sort are not likely, as a rule, to do credit to our

Order, and, if their form of recalcitrancy were dealt with on the spot and at the moment, by subjecting them to the discipline vested in the Master, it would be for the general welfare, even though it were protected at the expense of secession in every case. Many, and it must be admitted very many, brethren do not seem able to understand the relative positions of a W.M. in the chair and of themselves as Craftsmen on the floor of the Lodge, and a recognition of the fact leads to a consideration of the practice of knocking to attract the attention of the chair. The practice should be discountenanced as much as possible, and it could be entirely done away with by the exercise of a little tact and courtesy on the part of the W.M., who should at all times remember that his fellow Craftsmen have elected him to his position with the understanding that attention to the interests of his Lodge and the members of it is his very first duty. No W.M. should allow himself to be drawn into a conversation with the P.M.'s or occupants of the dais chairs to an extent which will prevent him giving his full attention to the floor of the Lodge. To do so is an infringement of Lodge etiquette, and brings into existence an objectionable form of Lodge procedure. If the mere exercise of the practice of calling the attention of the chair were the only objectionable phase presented, it might, perhaps, be excused, but from very careful observation I have deducted one fact in connection with it which should be of itself a reason good enough for its certain suppression, and that fact is that the brethren assume that the chair for the moment is subservient to their wishes. This erroneous assumption has led up to curious results, and in the exercise of the practice of calling the attention of the W.M. a certain flippancy, for my own part I call it insolence, of manner is much adopted, which I am sure our ritual cannot sanction. The chair demands respect, and the expression should be enforced at all cost. Brethren should realise the fact that they should wait the attention and not act upon the assumption that the chair must instantly respond to their call.

It happened that I once visited a Lodge on the first meeting night after the yearly installation, the business being the initiation of a candidate. Up to a certain point the work was fairly well done by the new Master, but there was a pause, and then from nervousness a general break down. Before the Master had time to collect himself a Past Master rushed forward, took possession of the candidate, and proceeded with the work in a manner neither creditable nor perfect. In this case the breach of etiquette was a something which went far beyond a breach of manners. Leaving out of consideration altogether whatever may have been the impression made upon the mind of the candidate, we have in the case before us the following curious results: first, the Master for the time deposed (not by any act of his own) on the floor of his own Lodge; secondly, the P.M. superseded—not by any act of his own—in the discharge of a duty which by right and in virtue of his position he should have performed. The circumstance so impressed me that I made a point of inquiring as to the why and the wherefore of it, and found that the P.M., whose action displayed so much ignorance of Masonic etiquette, was one of the local aldermen, a Mason who carried his municipal honours into his Lodge, and in virtue of them largely dominated it to his own glory and aldermanic edification.

In a city Lodge of good standing, where one would look for strict adherence to etiquette, a case very lately occurred, which, if officially brought under the notice of the Board of General Purposes, would be very severely dealt with. The business was the third degree, and during the course of it a P.M. who was present persisted in prompting the W.M., who, he it observed, was better up in his work than his would-be prompter. Finding his promptings were properly suppressed, he devoted all his energies to very audible conversation with his immediate neighbours, and interfered with the business. Fortunately, the W.M. was equal to the occasion, and he at once stopped the work to request the offender to be silent during the rest of the proceedings.

If we take the two foregoing cases, and subject them to the analysis of Masonic etiquette, we can arrive at some rather strange conclusions. In the first case, we find the W.M. who found himself deposed was giving a lesson on the floor of his own Lodge, a reflection was cast upon the elective wisdom of the members of his own Lodge, and the lesson resolves itself into dual application. The case also

suggests the necessity for members seeking office to sink their Masonic ambition under their absolute fitness for office, and to study the rationale of Freemasonry. In the case of the second instance quoted, the action was positive, and can only be excused upon the grounds of ignorance, but then see how the excuse reflects upon the members of the Craft who put a man in a position for which both Masonic and social qualifications were wanting.

In the course of conversations with experienced brethren, I have been informed that the two cases just quoted are not by any means exceptional. Another form of offence under Masonic etiquette is the continual conversation by floor members during the conduct of Lodge business. It is a common practice for some members of Lodges, and visitors to Lodges, to carry on animated little discussions, quite regardless of the fact that there may be brethren around who take interest in the work, and who wish to learn something from the ceremonies of the meeting.

It was my lot, not long ago, in one of our leading city Lodges, to be surrounded by a number of visitors, all evidently well known to each other and residents of the same locality. A degree was the work of the evening, and it was given in absolute perfection, but although the W.M. spoke well and spoke clearly, he was almost inaudible where I was seated, and, instead of hearing the text, I was constrained to sit and listen to some four or five men who traversed a variety of subjects from the sublime embodied in the concert hall comic song to the prosaic peculiarities of municipal kerbing and guttering.

You will ask why I did not change my seat and get rid of the infliction? My answer is simple enough. Circumstances govern cases, and without letting my tormentors see my annoyance, I could not effect a change unless I were guilty of a rudeness quite equal to what I was subjected to.

The interchange of fraternal visits is desirable from every point of view, and the practice appears on the increase, especially with the younger members of the Order. It may not be generally known that no brother is justified in visiting any Lodge except upon the special invitation of the W.M. for the time being of the Lodge visited. The rule is not strictly observed, but for every reason it should be enforced in the interest of Lodges. The W.M. for the time holds in his hands the welfare of his Lodge, the Constitution and the elective wisdom of the brethren of the Lodge vesting that welfare in him, presumably upon his ability to discharge the trust to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge authorities, the Craft in general, and his own Lodge in particular.

Masonically, the first duty of a brother is to his Lodge and the W.M. thereof, and a brother extending an invitation to visit his Lodge without first submitting the name of the brother to be invited, is de facto guilty of an act of insubordination. The value of the etiquette which vests the right of approving or disapproving of the judgment of a brother, perhaps of less knowledge and experience than his W.M., is too obvious to be dilated on, and a quantity that under our Constitution will not admit of argument. It will, of course, be understood that I am only referring to the duties of members of Lodges as such, and not advocating such hard and fast adherence to the rule as would deprive stranger brethren of the privileges and pleasures which visiting out of their district or Masonic territory so often affords. Under existing and prescribed regulations, such visits are more than desirable; they are necessary under the conditions of fraternal recognition of and by the various Grand Lodges throughout the world.

The whole question of Masonic etiquette is one well worthy the attention of every brother, and especially of such brethren as hold office. It was my own experience as well as pleasure to have belonged to a Lodge which at the particular time I am about to mention had attained a high standard of working. One of the visitors at one of our meetings was the W.M. of a Lodge in the same locality, who was accompanied by his officers and several other members of his own Lodge. At the refreshment-board this W.M. stated that he thought Freemasonry suffered very much indeed because of the High Church tone adopted by many of the Lodges in carrying out their work. He deprecated High Church tone in Lodges, because so many of the brethren, himself among the number, did not hold with High Church rigid ceremony, and would not conform to it, and for such reason, evidently

to him a very satisfactory one, he always believed in conducting business in a way that would be in consonance with the wishes of his Lodge members. This case is a peculiar one in itself, and it would be hard indeed to suggest a remedy which would meet it. The statement expressed as for himself—and, I presume, for such brethren as this worthy and Worshipful Master was acquainted with—argued simply mental and social unfitness for our brotherhood, ignorance of our principles, and ignorance of what the plain language of the obligations of Freemasonry means. In discussing matters Masonic with several more experienced brethren than myself, I have very frequently brought up the matter of etiquette under our ceremonies, and one and all have come to the same conclusion, viz., that it is not observed as it should be, and not enforced because it is so little studied by the majority of the brethren.

The time permitted me by our W.M. will not admit of any attempt to analyse the position, my mission for the time being to direct attention to some of the instances of violation of etiquette which are of not infrequent occurrence, and to point out what such violation actually means when subjected to logical consideration. It may be said by some brethren that my opinions are but the results of individual observation, on the look-out, perhaps, for actions which are magnified into offences when they should be looked upon with charity. The charge would be quite true were it not for the fact that the cases I have cited are of frequent occurrence, and patent to every brother who visits Lodges. If one brother sees in them grounds for complaint, others must do the same, and it is our duty one to another to make such interchange of opinions as will best serve the interests of the Craft.

In conclusion, it will be observed that although I have cited four cases of violation of Masonic etiquette, they resolve themselves actually into only three different forms of it, and it will be further observed that they refer only to the relations existing between the chair and the brethren in Lodge assembled. The matter is altogether too much to deal with at one time, and I have left untouched the relations as between the floor and other Lodge officers, and as between the brethren on the floor, with the hope that some brother of experience may think those relations sufficiently important to justify him in devoting a little time to affording the Craft some information concerning them.—*New South Wales Freemason.*

The consecration of the Columbia Lodge, No. 2397, took place on Thursday last, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, with the greatest success. Being desirous of giving a full account of the proceedings we withhold report until our next issue. Suffice it now to state that the ceremony was admirably rendered by Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke G.S., assisted by Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., T. Fenn, W. G. Lemon, C. F. Matier, and Col. Bristow. Bro. Adolphus Clark was duly installed as the first Worshipful Master.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival account has been still further increased this week. Additions have been made to the tune of £130 17s. This proves that the Benevolent Institution has the best wishes of the Craft at large.

On the nomination of Bro. M. R. Webb W.M., seconded by Bro. Alderman Renals P.M., Bro. H. S. Foster, who is a candidate for the Shrievalty, has been elected a member of the Aldersgate Lodge.

WELSH MASONIC CHARITIES.—At a meeting of the members of the North Wales Masonic Charities, recently held at Chester, Brother T. E. Harris (Bangor) retired from the Honorary Secretaryship, and H. A. Steer (Rhyl) was appointed his successor, with Bro. D. Wynn Williams (Bangor) as acting Secretary. The Treasurer Brother C. W. Richards announced that there was £324 in hand on the two funds. Four boys were now in the schools, and one girl, the daughter of Bro. R. Griffith, National Schools, Llanfairfechan. Grants were voted for the education of brethren's children, the son of the late Bro. Nevin, Colwyn Bay, well known in commercial circles in North Wales, being adopted by the Province as a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. C. K. Benson (Wrexham) was unanimously elected Chairman of the association.

WHERE WE FIND ALL THIS.

An Oration before the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in California, 15th October 1890, by Bro. Jacob Voorsanger, Grand Orator.

THE crowning glory of the teachings of our Order is to make good workmen of us all. Not only men, but workmen, men who work, who labour for the good of humanity. We must always hold this distinct motive in view, else the symbolism and the mysteries of our Order would be perfunctory, and our organisation would have no right of existence. Permit me, then, to recall to your mind some of the lessons taught since the days of Hiram Abiff, and to illustrate them in my own way, that I may at least have the gratification of having added one grain to your store of experience, and of having expressed my own love and veneration of the principles of our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity.

Masonic tradition informs us that amongst the prerogatives of the workmen of the Temple there was the right of meeting in the inner sanctuary. Anon we will learn that this tradition has a symbolic value, little appreciated by the general body of our brethren. Suffice it to say for the present, that the records of Holy writ are entirely contradictory of the tradition held by Masons. We read, that only once in the sacred year, on the day of Atonement, it was the duty of the High Priest of Israel to enter the sanctum sanctorum, there to offer up prayers for God's pardon for himself, his family, and the entire community of Israel. Singularly enough, during the days of the Tabernacle, the prototype of King Solomon's Temple, an important exception was made to this rule. We learn from the same sacred records that Moses, the law-giver of Israel, was permitted to enter the veiled sanctum whenever the spirit of God descended upon him. Here is already an important suggestion.

The spirit of man, anxious to commune with its Maker, brooks no sacerdotal officialism. The pomp and circumstance of the mysteries, the public celebration of mystic rites and ceremonies, such as were peculiar to all the nations of antiquity, may have subserved a purpose which we may presently discover. But the spirit of man, conscious that a solution of the mysteries of this world lies in the perfect communion of the soul with its Creator, breaks the fetters of rite and ceremony and constantly craves for the light that proceeds from the sanctuary of the Supreme. Thus, in the domain of symbolism Moses represents the free spirit, the unfettered mind, capable at all times of piercing the veil beyond which the feet of men must not venture. The High Priest, on the contrary, represents that spirit of antiquity that sought to envelop the truth that humanity should understand, in the veil of mystery, appealing to the sense of awe in human nature, to enhance the simplest rules of life into a most mysterious possession of divinity. Moses represents the purified, spiritualised man, whose mind, touched by the finger of truth, easily encompasses the principles of life and being, and the true rule of human action; but the chief of the priests represents that very ancient principle that humanity must worship from afar off, and that, clothed in the solemn mysteries of a temple, the truth can be made adaptable to the conditions of a world, whose perception of the mysteries is imperfect, but which through that same imperfection can best be taught the harmony that should prevail in society as in nature.

This is the paradox of antiquity, descended to our own times. It was held that the mysteries, so-called, were the ingredients of the true worship of the gods. When these mysteries became concrete, when they lost the glow and glamour of deep signification, they lost their soul and deteriorated into a meaningless, purposeless worship. This is the fate of all mysteries, the Masonic included. The symbolism of the mysteries must itself tell the truth that shall guide and stimulate men; it must not be merely a veil to hide or conceal the truth. Thus, if we were to devote ourselves to a profound study of this interesting chapter of human history, we may become imbued with a desire to ascertain the philosophy of symbolism, which, if the truth must be told, the ancients understood better than their modern descendants. How should the truth be taught? How should man, just emancipated from the barbaric state, become thoroughly imbued with the principles, that shall keep him, for ever and for ever, separate

from the lower species over whom he was destined to reign king? How can purity, honour and chastity, courage and fidelity, be best propagated among men? How can the world best be informed of the will of the gods; how shall man learn that his own wisdom and almost omnipotence are but an infinitesimal moiety of the Divine power?

These important questions, which constitute the theme of Masonic inquiry, as well as of philosophy, baffle the world to-day in no inconsiderable degree, and they certainly constituted the theme of anxious cogitation in antiquity. The answer given by the ancient religions is an adequate one. Give man an opportunity to seek the truth. He may never solve it; the mysteries of life, death and immortality may for ever remain a book many times sealed, but it is within the power of man to unclasp the seals one after the other. The mystery is but a method of unsealing the truth. The principles of religion are always simple enough to be comprehended by man. But will man accept anything so simple? Will he permit himself to be led by a little child? Does he not rather crave for a giant, a one-eyed cyclops, blazing with anger and passion, before whom he can prostrate himself under the fear and trembling of an overpowering mystery?

The naked truth is an appeal to man's reason, the mystery is an appeal to his emotions. Man learns his lessons oftener through his emotions than through his reason, and therein, my brethren, lies the key to the ancient as well as to the modern mysteries. Do you understand that this is an admission of the weakness of humanity? Possibly so, but we cannot alter our natures. It seems wisely ordained that through his sense of the mysterious man shall obtain a glimpse of light. The mysteries have been the means of propagating and promoting amongst men the principles of a natural religion, a religion, crude and barbarous at first, but none the less a recognition of a supremacy of Divine power, which is always the guide of man's moral actions. We, the disciples of a symbolic philosophy, certainly will fully recognise the importance of these suggestions. Our Masonry, aside from its social or philanthropic organisation, is in full reality a progressive science, taught by degrees; that means to say, we clothe the simple rules of life and action which are taught the novitiate, in a symbolic garment, or rather, we introduce him, through a succession of preliminary truths, clothed in the grandeur of our mystic rites, to the true philosophy of life. Do you thus understand Masonry, my brethren?

Notice how this principle was logically carried out in the rites and ceremonies of the Temple. What important truth was there hidden behind the veil that separates the sanctum from the sanctum sanctorum, that could not be pronounced in the open market-place? What precious gift from Jehovah had the priest that was not shared by the prophet? Yet the prophet, that grand idealist of the past, in whose luminous mind was reflected the redemption of future generations of man, was a derided, much abused creature, whilst the mitred priest, clad in linen and carrying the ephod, was an object of veneration. Here the toiling speaker of the truth, the harbinger of glad tidings, the words rushing from his lips with the vehemence of the torrent as it rushes down the mountain's side; yonder the priest, in the magnificent, spacious temple; the man of God in the market-place with but a message, the prince of the house of Aaron, in the mysterious abode of the Shekinah, with its courts and palaces, its timbers and stones carried with great care from the mountains and forests of Lebanon. And when the hero of our traditions, the widow's son, daily at high twelve ventured into the holy place to give expression to his piety and devotion to the ever-living God, what could his eyes have beheld of such paramount importance that the multitude should daily gather to witness the solemn rites and worship of the Temple? Where was the significance of this daily celebration, these hosts of priests, these small armies of Levites, these daily offerings, these strains of harmony, this swinging of incense, these loud shouts of worship and thanksgiving, these soft melodies of the psalm-singers, the solemn invocations of the worshipping people? What was the significance of the awe and terror with which the people beheld the preparations for the atonement service, what the meaning of this anxiety and solicitude, when, as duty required, the High Priest, himself quaking with fear lest he be stricken dead at the threshold, timidly lifted the mysterious veil to proceed into the inner sanctum? I shall not be afraid to venture with him, nor shall you be, for there is nothing terrible within, only the Ark of the

Covenant, and in it the tablets of stone on which in the dim, dark past, the rules of human action were engraved! These rules—you know them well, for they are to-day the rules of all civilised society—constituted the only furniture of that dread, solemn chamber; only the awe of the people had given birth to a sentiment that between the winged cherubim o'ershadowing the Ark of the Covenant there rested the Divine Presence, too dread to be beheld by human eye! Now, may it not be possible that some priest, whose spirit, like that of the lawgiver, brooked no fetters, must have felt that the entire body of mystic rites was an unnecessary appendage to the simple truth? It may be that, as was the case in Egypt, there was an esoteric as well as an exoteric religion in Israel, but in both cases the difference could have been only this, that the philosophy of the inner sanctum, which needed no garment but its own purity to the initiated, required the many-coloured dress of symbolism to be intelligible to the profane. What was there to learn among the initiated? If our reflections are worth anything, their daily lesson was that philosophy which at all times concerned itself with a consideration of the problems of human life; and the world at large, my brethren, concerns itself very little with these problems. Man is gifted with reason, but *does* he exercise his reason? Man is gifted with a powerful mind; does he use his mind and its powers to his own advantage? My brethren, does not your own experience bear testimony to the fact that humanity does not over-exert itself with reasoning, is rather swayed by its emotions, as the slender blade of grass is swayed by the evening breeze? The world to most men is but the mere passing from one eternity to another, from one stage of oblivion to another, a short spell robbed from the bosom of eternity in which to eat and to drink and to be merry! The ancients, those to whom the mysteries were but a veil, not an impenetrable wall, walking in the inner light of a conviction that humanity has indeed a great, a holy destiny, pondered these questions; and we may be well assured that what was called in antiquity a knowledge of the mysteries, was more than an explanation of the details of worship. It was systematic and detailed information as to the reasons why simple, natural principles were clad in such mysterious garments; it was an initiation into the philosophy of these principles, with a view of securing the happiness and peace of the student.

Therein, my brethren, and therein alone, lies the true value of these forms and rites, anciently called mysteries. The same experience was shared by Jews and Phœnicians, by Greeks and Romans, by Copts and Carthaginians, by Assyrians and Chaldeans, by Brahmins and Persians. The wise, the learned, the initiated recognised the value of the symbolic representation of truth. What if the symbolic character was, in many countries, of a gross and barbaric form? What if they degenerated into mere abuses of nature? The esoteric philosophy of the priests was none the less pure, using the word in a comparative degree. We recognise this principle in the Eleusinian mysteries, in the gross, material worship of the Phœnicians, in the abhorrent rites of Carthage, and certainly in the intricate mysteries of Egypt. Every religion of civilised antiquity taught by symbols, and the vast mythology of the past, in the light of these reflections, is a symbolic code, to teach man his true position in the world and his relations to his Creator.

(To be continued.)

We congratulate Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. on the success that is attending him in the Course of Lectures he is giving throughout our Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges. He had a brilliant audience at Plymouth last week, and all went away satisfied with the Lecturer's efforts. We are of those who consider it impossible to have a uniform ritual, but the most obtuse and prejudiced individual may get a wrinkle if he will only attend one of Bro. Stevens's Lectures.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire met at Bolton, on Thursday, the 19th inst. A notice of the meeting will be given in our next.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

A GOOD evening's work awaited the Master of this ancient Lodge at the usual monthly meeting, last Monday, when a large muster of the brethren and visitors assembled at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, to witness the ceremonies. The W.M. Bro. Frank Hitchens presided, and was supported by Bros. R. J. Beamish P.M., G. F. Newman P.M., Henry Doughty P.M., T. G. Sandford P.M., W. E. Hollingum P.M., J. C. Biggs P.M., E. W. Robins P.M., — Solomon S.W., Rev. Augustus Jackson J.W. and Chaplain, W. H. Hedger I.G., G. Masters, W. H. Loft, Buckle, Mason, W. L. Bone, Fowle, Lygo, Orlton Cooper, and a number of brethren from adjacent Lodges. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph Davis, which having proved unanimous, that gentleman was brought before the Lodge and duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. William Parker answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree when Bro. Parker was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Subsequently Bro. John Solomon, having proved his proficiency, was raised to the sublime degree. The first two ceremonies were most impressively worked by the W.M., and the last by Bro. R. J. Beamish P.M. The W.M. drew attention to the success of the recent Festival in connection with the Benevolent Institution, when £15,243 were raised, and the Province of Kent headed the list with £3,493. He also stated that this result met with the hearty approval of their P.G.M. Bro. Earl Amherst, who presided on the occasion. The business of the evening being ended the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

STAMFORD LODGE, No. 1045.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday, the 2nd inst., under the most favourable auspices. The progress which the Lodge has made during the past year has been most gratifying, and the newly-installed W.M. Bro. M. W. Worthington is to be congratulated on the circumstances under which he enters on his year of office. There was an unusually large gathering of past and present Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, and the neighbouring Lodges, including several in the city, were strongly represented. The presentation of the W.M. elect was made by Bro. Lindsell P.M., and the ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Joel Foden, the retiring Master, and elicited the highest praise from the brethren present, and he was ably assisted in the concluding addresses by Bro. Lindsell and Bro. J. Siddelay P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. The newly-installed Master invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Joel Foden I.P.M., Blunsum S.W., Walker J.W., Newhouse P.M. Secretary, Rev. R. Hodgson P.M. P.G.C. Chaplain, Rev. C. Chatwynd Atkinson, M.A. Assistant Chaplain, Siddelay P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Treasurer, Byrom S.D., Stone P.M. Dir. of Cers., Mayor J.D., Clarke Organist, Jones I.G., Huxley Tyler, Hamilton P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Charity Representative, Law, Harrison, Davenport, Whitelegg, Richardson, and Mainwaring Stewards. In the course of the afternoon the sum of 20 guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic School for Boys, and it is anticipated that the Stewards will contribute 100 Guineas at the forthcoming annual Festival of the School. The P.G. Secretary stated that 500 guineas was originally contemplated as the amount which would go from Cheshire, but already this had been considerably exceeded, and it was expected that no less a sum than 750 guineas would be contributed by this Province. The banquet was afterwards served in the Town Hall, and the menu provided by Mrs. Harvey, the hostess of the Unicorn, was of a highly creditable character and greatly enjoyed. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and songs were admirably given in the course of the evening by Bros. Parker, Clarke, Lewis, Marfield, Griffiths, &c. Bros. Clarke and Parker acted as accompanists.

DERBY LODGE, No. 1055 (MANCHESTER).

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Victoria Hotel, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Present—Bros. Smith W.M., Challender S.W., Hallam J.W., Hilton Treasurer, Heywood S.D., Hardman J.D.; Past Masters Williamson, Hughes, Cooper, Rigby, Bagot, and Kenyon; Bros. Kenyon, Knowles, Tragheim, Grierson, Brown, Grimshaw, Nesbitt, Newman, Woodhouse, Kitching, Chapman, Smith; Visitors—J. B. Sumner 163, N. T. Holyoake J.W. 1993, and H. Mills 2294. The Lodge was opened shortly after six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no ceremonies to perform, a proposition was carried unanimously that 20 guineas be given out of the funds to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8 o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to supper, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 1147 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Dunkerley W.M., Roberts S.W., Olney J.W., Davies P.M. Treasurer, Dalgleish P.M. Secretary, Peel P.M. P.P.G.J.D. S.D., Hunter J.D., Wren P.M. Dir. of Cers., Howard I.G., Chadwick P.M., Gibson P.M., Baxendale, Coates, Naphtali, Moss, Bennett, Locke and Jones. Visitors—Bros. Walter Campbell P.M. 654, Salisbury I.P.M. 654, Anderton jun. S.W. 1161, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The brethren met shortly after 6 o'clock, and opened the Lodge in the usual manner. In the second degree

Bro. Coates, who was a candidate for the third, answered the necessary questions as to his proficiency as a F.C., and retired. He was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. C. Wren P.M., in a very creditable manner. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8.15. The brethren supped together, and the health of Bro. Coates was proposed by Bro. Davies P.M. and responded to by the newly-raised. The health of the Visitors was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Chadwick P.M., and each of the brethren replied. Bro. Walsh proposed the W.M. in a capital speech, and subsequently Bro. Dunkerley responded in appropriate terms. At the next meeting this respected brother will have the exceptional and honoured privilege of initiating his father into Freemasonry. During the intervals between the toasts some really good songs were sung. Bro. Anderton gave without an accompaniment "Lend me your aid," and received the enthusiastic applause he deserved. Bro. Howard sang very pathetically "There is a green hill far away," and Bro. Jones gave "Sally in our alley." Bro. Lisenden recited, by desire, "Over the hills from the Poor House," and Bro. Naphtali recited "Ourselves and others." Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

ARBORETUM LODGE, No. 731.

THE anniversary was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 11th inst., the occasion attracting the presence of a large number of visitors from the various Lodges of the Province. The Worshipful Master elect was Bro. George Sutherland, and he was duly installed into office by his immediate predecessor, Bro. John Walker, the ceremony being witnessed by an unusually large muster, numbering 130 brethren, of whom no less than 54 were Past Masters. The retiring W.M. was presented with a handsome jewel for his services in the chair during the past year and, furthermore, the office of Provincial Senior Grand Warden, rendered vacant by the lamentable death of Bro. Severn Taylor, was conferred upon him by the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Naylor, acting on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire Bro. the Marquis of Hartington. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers in the following order:—Bros. Walker I.P.M., Wright S.W., Jones J.W., Whitaker Treasurer, Word Secretary, Rev. Thomas Orrell Chaplain, Smith S.D., Haywood J.D., Copestake Dir. of Cers., Legge Organist, Tinkler I.G., Toft Steward, and Day Tyler. After the transaction of some further business of a formal nature the brethren dined together in the lower room, the customary Masonic toast list being subsequently gone through.

MILTON LODGE, No. 1144.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Rooms, Blue Bells Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, on the 12th inst. Bro. Preece S.W. W.M. elect was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. Newton P.P.G.J.D. E.L. The following were invested Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Clough S.W., Batty J.W. and Organist, Shaw Treasurer, Holt Secretary, Smith S.D., Marland J.D., Moores I.G. Bro. Holt P.M. was appointed representative of the Lodge on the Charity Committee.

OCKENDEN LODGE, No. 1465.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, on the 11th inst. The Lodge was opened by Bro. R. Fitzmaurice, with a full attendance of members and visitors. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Saunders, M.D., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Fitzmaurice. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective Offices, viz.:—Bros. Fitzmaurice I.P.M., Howe S.W., Alban J.W., Byass Treasurer, Mackenzie Secretary, Wise S.D., Naylor J.D., Shaw I.G., Mainwaring and Hawes Stewards, and G. T. Bunting Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Fitzmaurice, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was served up in excellent style by Bros. Booth and Sons, of East-street, Brighton. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Morrison responding for "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past." In proposing "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Fitzmaurice said the Lodge had had many good Worshipful Masters to preside over them, and he felt that in Bro. Saunders the brethren would find one who would prove to be one of the best Masters they had ever had. The W.M., in responding, said he had some little anxiety in taking the office, the brethren had conferred upon him, for he was not insensible to the excellent manner in which his predecessor, Bro. Fitzmaurice, had carried out his duties. He assured the brethren that he would do his utmost to merit their approbation. Bro. Dowdall responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Fitzmaurice for "The Immediate and other Past Masters." The succeeding toasts were "The Initiates," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Tyler's Toast." During the evening pleasing vocal selections were given by Bros. Clements, Slingsby Roberts, Cole, Roe, and Mackenzie, the duties of accompanist being admirably carried out by Bro. Roe P.P.G.O.

BOOTLE LODGE, No. 1473.

BRO. Stephen Hale was, on the 5th inst., at the Bootle Town Hall, installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, including several Provincial officers and representatives of numerous Lodges in the district. Having been duly installed, Bro. Hale proceeded to invest his officers, as follow:—Bros. J. M. Hogarth I.P.M., J. Gill S.W., S. Pope J.W., I. Platts P.M. Treas., R. Rawlinson Sec., J. Fletcher Asst. Sec., J. C. Turner Org., W. Taylor S.D., E. T. Cockerham J.D.,

T. Lea I.G., J. Denton S., Dr. Moir S., A. Musker S., H. Owens Tyler, and W. R. Brewster P.M. D.C. The brethren subsequently partook of the annual installation banquet, and an enjoyable evening was spent, an excellent musical programme being provided.

PRINCE ARTHUR LODGE, No. 1570.

BRO. ARTHUR J. J. BAMFORD, C.C., was, on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a numerous assembly of members of the Lodge and invited guests. Having been duly installed by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Arthur J. J. Bamford proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. M'Gauley I.P.M., Greenless S.W., Caldwell J.W., Myers Secretary, Foote Treasurer, Barrow Dir. of Cers., Greenless S.D., Scott J.D., Callow I.G., Doran Organist, Simpson, Clayton, Plumpton and Salvidge Stewards, Ball Tyler. The investiture of the Officers concluded, a vote of thanks was accorded Bro. M'Gauley for his efficient working, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The brethren subsequently partook of the annual installation banquet, which was served in sumptuous style under the direction of Bro. Casey, the house steward. An excellent musical programme was provided by a large company of musical brethren, by whom good service had previously been rendered in the Lodge, when Brother Round's anthem, "Behold how good," was sung to the accompaniment of Bro. Pugh who presided at the organ. The performance of the programme was directed by Bro. Nicholls, the brethren contributing including Bros. Kirkham, Davies, Hollis, Lewis, Heginbotham, Edwards, Griffiths, Burt, Williams, Fargher, Lane, Sweetman, Round, and Latham. The accompaniments were ably played by Bros. Whittingham, Pugh, and Doran. The chief feature of the evening was the announcement made by Bro. Foote—after the toast of the Benevolent Institution had been proposed, and after it had been announced that the recent ball had produced a sum of 400 guineas for the West Lancashire Charities—that Bro. Bamford, the newly installed Master of the Prince Arthur Lodge, had signalled his installation by presenting a cheque for a hundred guineas to the Masonic Institution for Boys.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

AT the regular meeting, held on Thursday, 12th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Bro. J. R. Roberts W.M. presiding, there was an excellent attendance of brethren, and a large amount of work was transacted. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. Thomas Jameson was raised, and Mr. Edward Lee was initiated, he having been previously elected. The following gentlemen were balloted for and elected:—Messrs. William Owen, Louis Choequell, and George Heron Southerne. After labour, a dinner, well served by Mrs. Linscott, was done justice to, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts honoured, interspersed with harmony. The W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. J. R. Roberts) is acting this year as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and is desirous of presenting an amount worthy of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. We wish him every success in his efforts.

VERNON LODGE, No. 1802.

THE installation meeting was held at Retford on Monday, the 9th inst., when there was a numerous gathering of members of the Craft, including the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Notts, the Rev. F. V. Bussell Past Grand Chaplain of England, Lieutenant-Colonel Newton, Bros. T. Bescoby Mayor of Retford, F. Powell London, Wordsworth, Bank House, Ranskill, Arnold Statham, King's Bench Walk, London, Foster Doncaster, and a number of visitors from other Lodges. Bro. Stephen Pegler was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. the Rev. C. C. Cockrem, M.A., LL.D., and the Worshipful Master afterwards invested his Officers.

ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

BRO. Edward Tatton S.W. was, on the 9th inst., duly installed Worshipful Master. The ceremony took place in the Lodge-room at the Midland Hotel, Ardwick, and was performed by Bro. W. Hoyland P.M., assisted by Bros. J. T. Richardson P. Prov. G.D., W. J. Melling P.M., and other Past Masters. The following were invested as Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. Chesters-Thompson I.P.M., Booth S.W., Wilkinson J.W., Chesters Treasurer, Melling P.M. Secretary, Hayes S.D., Taylor J.D., Atkinson I.G., Hoyland P.M. Dir. of Cers., Rudman Organist, R. W. Atkinson, Hilditch, Goodwin and Goodman Stewards. The Festival of St. John was celebrated by the customary banquet, and during the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Chesters-Thompson, who has just completed his year of office as Worshipful Master.

CYCLING AND ATHLETIC LODGE, No. 2335.

THIS Lodge, consecrated twelve months back, held its St. John's Festival on the 25 ult. The brethren met at their Lodge-room, Coffee House Hotel, Wavertree, for the installation of Bro. Ralph R. Ellis S.W., Worshipful Master-elect. Bro. Robert Foote W.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, who has had the honour of being the first Worshipful Master, occupied the chair; and there was a numerous attendance of officers, influential members, and visitors. Bro. Ralph R. Ellis S.W. Worshipful Master-elect, was presented for installation by Bros. W. Platt P.M. P.G.S., and G. Duxfield P.M. The installation ceremony was most impressively and efficiently performed by Bro. R. Foote W.M. P.P.G. Treasurer. The newly-installed Master invested his officers for the year, and subsequently the brethren dined in the Lodge-room, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Ellis. During the proceedings Bro. Foote was presented by Bros. Ellis and Shields P.M. with a valuable Past Master's jewel; and to

Mrs. Foote a valuable tea and coffee service, with silver tray, as a token of esteem from the officers and brethren during her husband's year of office. The proceedings were agreeably varied by an excellent selection of music, admirably rendered.

WILLIAM SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

AN emergency meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when a very large number of brethren attended. Bro. William Shurmur W.M. Prov. Grand Treasurer presided. Twelve brethren were raised to the sublime degree, twelve passed to rank of F.C., and five gentlemen were initiated into the Honourable Fraternity. Notwithstanding the extensive business on the agenda the Traditional History, the Lecture on Tracing Board, and the Ancient Charge, were each rendered in a perfect manner. The W.M. proposed that a very hearty and cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bros. Holness S.W. P.M. 1471, Bromhead J.W. W.M. 2318, Westfield P.P.G.S.B. P.M. 2184, Hall Brown P.M., Cordell W.M. 813, and Church W.M. 1365 for the very able assistance they had rendered in the discharge of the arduous duties of the chair. This was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

WAVERTREE LODGE, No. 2294.

BRO. Smythe was, on the 11th inst., at the Coffee-house, Church Road, Wavertree, duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, those present including Bros. Goodacre P.G.S.B. Prov. G. Sec., Foote I.P.M. P.P.G. Treas., Rev. J. S. Gardner P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, Betley P.P.A.G. Sec., Platt P.G.S., Clarke P.P.G.R., Isaac W.M. 2114, Wortley W.M. 1505, M'Ganley W.M. 1570, Ellis W.M. 2335, Pye I.P.M. 1094, Barrow I.P.M. 1570, and Vernon I.P.M. 2290. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Brooks I.P.M., and subsequently the new Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Brooks I.P.M., Scott S.W., Bricknell J.W., Rev. J. S. Gardner Chaplain, Hallwood Treas., Holme jun. Secretary, Parkes S.D., Harvey J.D., Foote D.C., Connor I.G., Callow, Lumby, Turner, and Dr. Murdoch Stewards.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—Held at St. James Restaurant, Piccadilly, 3rd March 1891. Present: Bros. G. H. Carter W.M., W. B. Fendick P.M. S.W., C. D. Burgess J.W., J. Greenway Preceptor, T. Whitford S.D., J. Wheatcroft J.D., F. S. Jarvis I.G., T. C. Seary Organist, W. O. Welford Secretary, J. Conquest, T. West, J. S. Cater P.M., E. T. Edwards, William Head, T. P. Newton, S. D. Phillips, J. Thom P.M., T. W. Buxton W.M., J. Hemming P.M., G. A. Bergholz, A. Cogliati, L. Azario, C. Guffanti, C. Frumagalli, T. Weeks Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Preceptor Greenway, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Conquest candidate. The fourth section of the same lecture was worked by Bro. Thom P.M., assisted by the brethren. The following were unanimously elected members of the Lodge:—T. P. Newton 2332, J. D. Phillips 186, C. Guffanti 1559, L. Azario 1559, C. Frumagalli 1602. Bro. Fendick was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Preceptor Greenway proposed, Bro. Fendick seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and recorded on the minutes to Bro. Carter for the able and efficient manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, for the first time, and with credit to the mother Lodge, where he had been initiated only thirteen months ago. The Secretary announced that the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed on the fifth Tuesday in this month, and Bro. Buxton W.M. 1891, at invitation of the Lodge, undertook to carry out the same. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The ceremonies are worked at each meeting with musical accompaniments. The annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on Wednesday, the 8th of April.

MARK MASONRY.

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ADUR LODGE, No. 386.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Assembly Rooms, Henfield, on the 9th inst. The Lodge was opened by Bro. C. F. Lewis W.M. The chief business of the evening was the installation of Bro. Belcher P.Prov.G.Dir. of Cers. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Lewis, and the charges were given by Bro. Buckwell. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:—Bros. Musson S.W., Larnette J.W., Welling M.O., Smith S.O., Martin J.O., Hillman Secretary, Parsons Registrar of Marks, Milne S.D., Dyer J.D., Trill Dir. of Cers., Rev. Massis Chaplain, Pocock I.G., Holloway and Thorncroft Stewards. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. (Bro. C. F. Lewis) in appreciation of his excellent work during the past year. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in admirable style by Bro. Welling. The newly-installed W.M. (Bro. Belcher) presided. The customary Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the speeches being interspersed with songs given by several of the brethren. A pleasant evening was spent, although the unpropitious weather prevented many visitors from being present.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

AT this Chapter on Wednesday, the 4th inst., the following Officers were appointed by the Grand Superintendent and invested:—

C. Geldard	H.
T. Nichols	J.
W. H. Jarrold	S.E.
Geo. Cole	S.N.
G. M'Callum	Treasurer.
G. W. Whitehead	Registrar.
J. R. Green	P.S.
J. V. Pryor	1st Assistant S.
J. Sheldrick	2nd Assistant S.
J. E. L. Whitehead	Sword Bearer.
Frank Piggott	Standard Bearer.
J. F. Symonds	Dir. of Cers.
F. O. Carr	Organist.
C. H. Ellis	Janitor.

ST. HELEN'S CHAPTER, No. 531.

THE installation of Principals took place on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Regent's Square, Hartlepool. The brethren installed were:—Comps. Taylor Z., Nixey H., Shaw J., the ceremonies being performed by Comps. Hockaday P.Z. and Taylor. The Officers chosen included Comps. Belk S.E., Kirby S.N., Harly P.S., Humphries A.S., Johnson P.Z. Treasurer, and Metcalfe P.Z. Dir. of Cers. At the close of the ceremony the brethren partook of dinner at the King's Head Hotel.

EVERTON CHAPTER, No. 823.

THE installation meeting took place on the 24th ult., Companion Robert T. Britton P.Z. as Installing Master. The following Officers were invested—Companions Robert W. Gow Z., W. Maddox H., J. H. Jones J., Robert Sewell Milne S.E., John Parry S.N., Robert T. Britton P.S., J. H. Hodgson and A. W. Triggs A.S., Peter Ball Janitor, and Geo. Eytton Organist. Among the visitors present were Companions E. R. Lathom Z. (594), C. Burgess, P.Z. (1,086) P.P.G.S.E., Robert Foote P.Z. (673) P.P.G.T., H. A. Tobias P.Z. (1,502) P.S. (241), Thomas C. Fargher (203), W. H. Thornton S.N. (241), A. Morris A.S. (1,356), C. E. Wycherley (673), G. Molyneux Z. (1,086), James Pelling P.G. Assist.D.C., Joseph Unsworth Z. (1,086), G. R. Ashton Z. (203), R. Jardino (1086), C. Wadsworth P.Z. (292), William Fallows (673), Thomas Jagger (1086), Richard Armitage J. (203), &c. During the evening a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Companion T. Delamere by the Companions as a mark of their esteem and regard. The catering was done by Companion Casey, in his usual efficient manner. Companions George Eytton, John Paguire, T. C. Fargher, Jones, &c., contributed to the harmony of the evening.

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N.B.—Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, and Lord Justice Mellish decided in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suit.—See Times of 24th July 1873.

BRO. JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z. is prepared to enter into arrangements with Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges (however distant) for the delivery of his Lectures on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry (two hours), in respect of which most favourable criticism has been published by the Masonic and Local Journals. "Brother Stevens must be heard within the four walls of our respective Lodge Rooms, for there only can his most useful work be understood and appreciated."—Address, in first instance, to the care of the Editor of this paper.

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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APRIL ELECTION, 1891.—FIRST APPLICATION.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

HENRY THOMAS YOUENS,

(AGED 7 YEARS.)

The Father, Bro. HENRY YOUENS, was initiated in 1878, in the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, and subscribed thereto for five years, during which period—being then in prosperous circumstances—he joined the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, in which he served all the offices, and filled the Master's Chair. He is a Life-Governor of the R.M.I. Boys, and R.M. Benevolent Institution. In consequence of heavy losses in business, and severe domestic affliction, his position became greatly altered, and he is now filling a situation at a very small salary, this being the only means he has of supporting himself, his wife, and four children.

There are very painful circumstances connected with this case which render it well worthy of support, and it is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

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YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH.

Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well known to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

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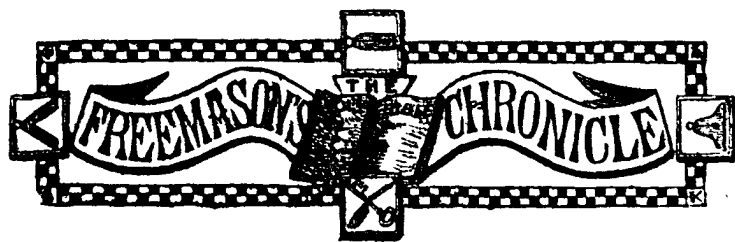
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SATURDAY, 21st MARCH 1891.

CONSECRATION OF THE GODSON LODGE, No. 2385.

A NEW Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of Worcestershire was solemnly consecrated at Oldbury, on the 11th inst. The new Lodge is called the Godson, out of compliment to the popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, Worshipful Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P. Its meetings will be held in a well-appointed room at the Talbot Hotel, in the centre of the town of Oldbury, and present appearances indicate that in the immediate future the Godson will develop into one of the most successful and expert Lodges, even in the province of Worcestershire, where the workings of the Craft have long held a degree of excellence which is seldom attained. The inception of the movement for the founding of a Masonic Lodge in Oldbury dates back about two years, when a number of brethren resident in Oldbury, but belonging to several neighbouring Lodges, met, and the question of the advisability of founding a Lodge in the town was discussed. For various reasons the movement seemed to hang fire for a short time, but about twelve months ago the matter was again brought up, and from then to now the lead in the matter has been taken by Bro. Alfred Thompson, who was installed the first Master of the Godson Lodge. In his efforts Bro. Thompson has been ably seconded by G. F. Old, a young and enthusiastic brother, who was yesterday appointed first Secretary of the Lodge. The names of others, such as W. Bro. William Waldron, W. Bro. Abraham Green, and W. Bro. Enoch Wood, who have rendered splendid service to the promoters, and whose names are found amongst the list of founders of the Lodge, might be mentioned in this article, but special mention where so many excellencies, both of character and ability, have to be dealt with would be invidious. Formal application for permission to apply to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant for the proposed Lodge was made to Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere at his Provincial Grand Lodge held at Worcester in October last. The permission was readily forthcoming, and the necessary formalities having been complied with, the ceremony of consecration was fixed for the 11th inst.

The day's proceedings commenced at half an hour past noon, when a Craft Lodge was opened in the Public Schools, Talbot-street. The Lodge was opened under the banner of the Harmonic Lodge, 252, Dudley, the mother Lodge of the Province, the officers of which occupied the respective chairs, viz.:—Bros. Thos. Chambers W.M., E. J. Chambers S.W., W. Hanson J.W., James Jones S.D., and Duncan J. Shedden acting J.D. After the Lodge had been opened in the usual form, so that the Provincial Grand Master and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, both past and present, could be received and honoured according to their rank, these officers entered the Lodge-room under the capable direction of Bro. J. Mossop, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The reception of Provincial Grand Lodge officers is a function which entails the performance of a very beautiful musical service. This and the remaining musical portion of the day's ceremonies was admirably rendered by a quartet consisting of W.M. Bro. Alexander Smith, of the Noah's Ark Lodge 347, and three other brethren of that Lodge, viz., Bros. W. H. Smith S.W., E. W. Smith J.W., and G. H. News I.G. The organ was presided over by the Provincial Grand Organist, Bro. H. M. Jackson. The Provincial Grand Officers having taken the chairs vacated by the Craft Officers, the remaining Provincial Grand Officers took up their positions on the raised dais to the left and left rear of the Provincial Grand Master, the dais on the other side being occupied by the choir and organist. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in customary form, and the whole of the brethren and officers having taken their prescribed places, the Provincial Grand Master inquired of the Worshipful Master-designate, and the designate-members of the Godson Lodge, who were seated before him, in what particular he could serve them. The Worshipful Master-designate replied that it was the respectful prayer of himself and those who supported him that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master would, in accordance with the warrant granted by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, proceed to consecrate and institute a regular Lodge, under the title of the Godson Lodge, in that town of Oldbury; whereupon the Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the warrant. Having inquired if the remaining brethren approved of the brethren nominated in the warrant as the office-holders of the Lodge, and having received an affirmative reply, the consecration ceremony was commenced. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. William John Down, vicar of St. Luke's, Dudley, offered prayer; and this was followed by the intonation of the Sanctus. "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. Glory be Thee, O Lord." The consecration oration followed, and was delivered in eloquent and striking terms by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. At the conclusion of the impressive ceremony, that of installing the Worshipful Master-designate, and subsequently the subordinate officers of the Godson Lodge, was proceeded with. The Provincial Grand Master deputed this ceremony to the Provincial

Grand Secretary, who performed it with all the impressiveness the ceremony lends itself to.

The Worshipful Master having been duly installed, the following were appointed Officers:—Bros. W. Waldron P.M. S.W., Enoch Wood J.W., H. Manley S.D., J. B. Buttery J.D., Abraham Green Dir. of Cers.

The remaining officers being elective, their investiture was deferred until the next regular Lodge meeting.

The proceedings concluded with a grand banquet, held in the Public Hall, over which the Worshipful Master presided. He was supported by his Deputy, and other officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were pleasantly interspersed with a choice selection of music. The whole of the Lodge collars and jewels were presented to the Lodge by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

14th March 1891.

DEAR SIR,—The results of the Cambridge Local Examination, held here last December, have just been sent to me. Second Class: France, Haines (distinction for English); Third Class: Churchill, Foord, Manning, Saville; Satisfied the Examiners: Angier, Brister, D'Oyly, Figgess, Fearon, Gay, Harvey, Higginson, Haggett, Kent, Lewis, Leman, Matthews, Moorcroft, Robey, Shorrook, Williams. Number of Certificates this year 23, last year 12.

I am, yours truly,

HARRY HEBB,
Head Master.

WHAT WILL BRO. SPETH SAY NOW?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I say nothing. I bow in abject humiliation before the marvellous but novel logic of Bro. Norton. I am even learning to apply it in other directions, as thus:—

There hangs before my eyes the portrait of a male ancestor. He wears a court wig, but, mark this, no little button atop. Now, in the time of the Great Panjandrum every gentleman wore a little round button atop, a fashion which came into vogue some 500 years earlier still. My friends, some of whom are great on costume and painting, all state that the picture must antedate the Great Panjandrum by at least 100 years, that it was painted before the Great Panjandrum was thought of, and are very angry with me because I have taken a lesson from Bro. Norton, and reply, "No, you will observe that there is no little round button atop, therefore it must have been painted long after his time."

One more instance. I am ready to prove that all little girls of 10 years of age address their maternal relative by the title of mamma, mother, mammy, or something similar. There is at this moment a little girl of that age running about overhead, and I am assured by those who were present at the time she was introduced to this world that she is really the daughter of my wife; there is also a great family likeness between her and her supposed parents. But, unfortunately, she never uses any of the above terms, preferring such titles as lady, queen, and even dummy-doodlewax. It is now obvious to me that we are harbouring in our bosoms a fairy changeling, who will yet show herself in her true light as a malicious elf. What a dreadful thing is Bro. Norton's logic!

Go to, Bro. Norton, and learn that it is as futile to argue from a negative as to try to prove one.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH.

A novelty was introduced at a Masonic Ball held recently at the Bath Saloons, Torquay, in the way of shadow dances, during which the gas jets were lowered and different coloured lights were thrown upon the dancers from a powerful limelight lantern. This was the first occasion of its use, and was the theme of general admiration, the beautiful dresses, the sparkling diamonds, and the perpetual motion of the dancers making a most brilliant scene. The Masons appeared in their insignia and robes of office, the Knights Templar, with their flowing white cloaks, being especially conspicuous. Amongst some of the most noticeable were Lady Charston, in red satin, with a number of diamond stars in her bodice, and a diamond tiara; Lady Macgregor, in white and gold brocade, also wearing diamonds; Mme. Cassavetti, who appeared in a dress of yellow watered silk, and wore a diamond and ruby tiara; Mrs. Mollock, in black, with the diamonds in her hair presented to her after the election of 1885, &c. The young ladies dresses were also very pretty and stylish, a great many wearing white, and several carried lovely bouquets. The ball was a most successful one, nearly 200 people being present.—*Bath Society Paper.*

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R.M. INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE following brethren were nominated for the new Board of Management at the meeting of the Council held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 7th inst., namely:—

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For the fifteen Provincial Brethren.—Bros. O. Papworth, Cambridge; C. K. Benson*, Cheshire and North Wales; G. J. McKay, Cumberland and Westmoreland; H. E. Diamond, Derbyshire; T. Bradley, Durham; G. Corble*, Essex; R. V. Vassar-Smith*, Gloucestershire; J. E. Le Feuvre*, Hants and Isle of Wight; C. E. Keyser, Herts; J. S. Eastes*, Kent; Alderman Harwood*, Lancashire (E.D.); R. W. Bourne*, Lancashire (W.D.); G. Ellard, Norths and Hunts; R. C. Wills, Notts; W. H. Spaul*, Salop; J. Bodeham*, Staffordshire; R. Clowes*†, Sussex; H. Bevir*, Wiltshire; W. F. Smithson*, West and North and East Yorkshire.

N.B.—Those marked with * are members of the Provisional Management Committee.

† Bro. Clowes is nominated for both divisions.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS.

WE congratulate the Educational Staff, the Committee, and in fact the Craft at large, on the success that has attended "our girls" at the recent Examinations. Of the 21 candidates sent up, 20 passed, while no less than six of these pupils were distinguished for Religious Knowledge. These results are a happy following to that recently announced, when 36 out of 37 of our pupils passed at the College of Preceptor. We append the List:—

SENIORS (passed)—(R) Maud Hill, Ethel Faulding, Edith Matthews, Caroline Weare.

JUNIORS (Honours), 1st Class—(R) Lucy Smith, Amy Cutbush.

HONOURS, 2nd Class—(R) Ettie Chapman, (R) Bertha Dean.

HONOURS, 3rd Class—(R) Beatrice Knott, (R) Mary Tanner, Olive Hurst.

SATISFIED EXAMINERS,—Minnie Woodward, Caroline Webb, Kate Allatt, Emily Carruthers, Lucy Harrison, Beatrice High, Louisa Pincombe, Fanny White, Mary Nicholson.

(R) Distinction in Religious Knowledge.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice-President occupied the President's chair, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President took the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. D. D. Mercer G.P. took the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. Amongst others present were Bros. H. Garrod, S. Vallentine, George B. Chapman, Charles Dairy, L. C. Haslip, William P. Brown, S. H. Goldschmidt, George Read, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Geo. R. Langley, Walter Hopekirk, Thos. J. Ralling, E. Shedd, John Talbot, Thomas H. Wallman, John E. Fox, A. Dealer, W. G. Sayer, M. Spiegel, H. G. B. Framp-ton, F. W. Hancock, A. C. A. Hegerty, Joseph Donn, J. C. Hay, H. Massey, Claud Scott, Edwin J. Davey, Henry W. Down, William Smith W.M. 933, Louis E. Wilson, W. P. M. Penrose, George Mickley, W. Langdale, J. W. Curtis, Walter Martin, W. F. B. McQueen, E. W. Nightingale, C. J. Perceval, R. C. Davis, W. Jeffery, G. Bolton, M. A. C. Laidlaw, A. A. Drew, A. J. Henochs-berg, C. Woolmer Williams, H. J. Wicks, J. H. Kew, S. G. Van Os, John J. White, C. Williams, and H. Sadler G. Tyler. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the meeting in February to the amount of £345, and then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were 44 on the list. The acting President stated that several letters had been received from candidates who were relieved at the former meeting, thanking the brethren for the assistance extended to them. The new cases were dealt with as follows: There was one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, one for £75, and two for £50 each; four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and five of £30; 14 grants of £20, one of £15, nine of £10, and two of £5 each. One petition was dismissed, one was withdrawn, and three were deferred. The total sum voted was £980.

Obituary.

BRO. STEPHEN JOHN DALTON.

THE death of this worthy member of the Craft took place last week, at his residence, the Mount, York. For some years Bro. Dalton had suffered from a bronchial affection. A few weeks ago he got a chill which aggravated the complaint, and later on pleurisy set in. The deceased carried on an extensive business in the manufacture of mineral waters, in Skeldergate. In public life he took no active part until 1887, in which year he was elected Councillor for Micklegate Ward, for which he sat until November of last year, when his state of health decided him not to risk the exertion of a contested election. His death will be the cause of deep sorrow to the Freemasons of Yorkshire generally, and more particularly to the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611, of which he was a Past Master, having presided over the Lodge in 1888-89. Bro. Dalton had the welfare of his Mother Lodge, the Eboracum, closely at heart, and displayed conspicuous interest in matters affecting the Craft generally, particularly the Masonic Charities. Besides being a Master Mason, he was one of the members of the Eboracum Royal Arch Chapter. He was a member of the Royal Yorkshire Yachting Club, whose regattas at Hull he seldom missed, and his two pretty steam launches were frequently to be seen on the river Ouse during the summer months. He leaves a widow and two or three children.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

A NUMEROUS and thoroughly representative meeting of the Benevolence and Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire (of which Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Dep G.M. of England is the Prov. Grand Master) was held on the 13th inst., at the Park Hotel, Preston, for the purpose of transacting business of considerable importance. The attendance included prominent brethren from nearly every part of the Province—the largest in England—thus showing the active personal interest taken in the scheme of charity. Bro. Wylie P.G.D. was elected chairman of the committee for the ensuing year, and Bro. Johnston P.P.G.D. was chosen Vice-chairman. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, held in Liverpool in September, having been read by Bro. Goodacre Secretary, the brethren elected Bros. Wylie, Goodacre, and Johnston, as a deputation to attend the coming Metropolitan Elections in connection with the Charities. Petitions from distressed brethren and widows for grants from the Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence were next discussed, and out of the ten applications nine were granted, the sum voted amounting to £125. The committee unanimously resolved to recommend a widow for election on the Alpass Fund, and the Chairman made the important announcement that in future all applications for election on the West Lancashire Masonic Charities must be sent in fourteen days prior to the meeting of the Benevolence and Charity Committee. A short discussion took place with regard to the West Lancashire candidates for the four Metropolitan Charities—the Girls' and Boys' Schools and the old Men and old Women's Benevolent Institution—in the course of which Bro. Goodacre very strongly emphasised the great importance of every Lodge in the Province sending to him yearly all the votes which they possessed, even if there was no candidate from this division. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

On Wednesday last, the brethren of the Bagshaw Lodge and Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction, No. 1457, held their Second Annual Masonic Ball at the Public Hall, Loughton, under the auspices of an influential Committee of Patrons and Stewards, with Brother Day W.M. (the initiator of these pleasant re-unions). Bro. Otto Steffen acted as Hon. Secretary. The brethren, with their friends, mustered well in numbers, and punctually at 8 p.m. Bro. Geo. Hughes' Lyric Orchestra de Salon Band commenced with the "Toreador" Valse. An excellent programme of music had been arranged, and it was not until the early hours of the morning that a most enjoyable assembly came to an end. Bros. Hughes and Burgess acted as M.C.'s during the evening, while Bro. W. Clarke most satisfactorily carried out the important duties of caterer for the refreshment department. The Committee, and particularly Bro. Day W.M. and Bro. Steffen, deserve credit for their efforts in securing this successful re-union. We understand that the surplus proceeds will be devoted to the Masonic and Local Charities.

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The Booking Office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday before Easter.

Cheap tickets at special low fares, and available from 26th March to 1st April, will be issued from London to Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and certain other stations in the South and West of England. On Thursday, 26th March, an excursion reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours, will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Oxford, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. On Good Friday and Easter Monday, cheap trains will run to Maidenhead, Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations; and on Monday, excursions will also be made to Bath, Bristol, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. In addition to these excursions, cheap trains will also be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population.

On the Wednesday and Thursday before Easter most of the long distance trains will be duplicated; the first portion, as a general rule, will take passengers for the longer distances, and the second those for less distant places, but both trains will stop at the usual places.

On Good Friday, the trains will run as on Sundays, except that the 5.30 a.m. Newspaper train will run as far as Oxford, Exeter and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts.

THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday 23rd March to Monday 30th March, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the town receiving offices of the Company. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison-road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at those stations. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142 Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station.

On Thursday 26th March, a special express will leave Willesden at 2.45 p.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford; a special train will leave Birmingham for Northampton at 4.5 p.m., calling at Coventry and Rugby, and passengers for those places will not be conveyed by the 4.0 p.m. express from Birmingham; the 4.10 p.m., Euston to Kendal, will be extended to Windermere, and have a connection to Morecambe; a special express train will leave Euston Station at 4.25 and 6.55 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction, Rugby, Coventry, and Stetchford, arriving at Birmingham (New-street) at 7.0 and 9.30 p.m.; the 12.0 midnight train from Euston will be extended from Warrington to Preston on Good Friday morning. The 10.5 p.m. from Glasgow to Carlisle will be extended to Liverpool and Manchester, at the following times:—Leave Carlisle 1.15 a.m. (Good Friday morning), arrive Oxenholme 2.29, Carnforth 2.48, Lancaster 2.59, Preston 3.30, Wigan 3.58, Manchester 4.45, and Liverpool 4.45 p.m. This train will not run on Saturday morning 28th March (Good Friday night from Scotland.)

On Good Friday 27th March, the 5.15 a.m. newspaper express train from London (Euston Station) will run to Northampton, Rugby, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Crewe, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Warrington, Runcorn, Liverpool, Manchester, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and Aberdeen. A train will leave Manchester at 9.30 a.m. for Wigan, where passengers for Preston and the North can join the newspaper train. The 4.30 p.m. train, Carlisle to Preston, will be extended to Wigan, Liverpool, St. Helens, Tyldesley, and Manchester. The 10.40 a.m., Crewe to Holyhead, and 11.40 a.m. Holyhead to Crewe, will not be run. An additional train will leave Workington for Penrith at 9.5 a.m., in connection with the 8.45 a.m. train from Whitehaven. The return train will leave Penrith for Whitehaven at 5.55 p.m. The 10.5 p.m. train from Glasgow (leaving Carlisle at 1.15 a.m. on Saturday, 28th March) for Preston, Liverpool, and Manchester, will not be run. A train will leave Whitehaven for Cocker-mouth at 7.30 p.m., returning from Cocker-mouth at 8.40 p.m. (for intermediate times, see local announcements). A service of trains will also be run on the Cleator Joint Line between Whitehaven, Marron Junction, and Sellafield (for particulars, see local announcements.) With the above exceptions, the trains of the Company on Good Friday will run as on Sundays.

On Friday night and Saturday morning, 27th and 28th March, the 11.41 p.m. and 12.5 a.m. trains from Carlisle will run as usual; the 12.10 a.m. Holyhead to Crewe, 4.30 a.m., Holyhead to Chester, and 2.25 a.m., Chester to Liverpool, will not be run on Saturday morning, there being no boats from North Wall or Greenore on the evening of

Good Friday. Passengers for Belfast (via Larne) and the North of Ireland on Good Friday will leave Euston by the 8.50 p.m. train, instead of the 8.0 p.m. from Euston.

On Bank Holiday, Easter Monday, 30th March, the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington, will not be run. Numerous residential trains will be discontinued on Bank Holiday, Easter Monday, 30th March, the particulars of which will be advertised locally. The Company also announce that they will run excursions, to and from, London and Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, Scotland, and other places.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Lyric.—It was with pleasure we recently witnessed Messrs. F. F. Burnand and Ivan Caryll's opera comique "La Cigale," which we found going as smoothly as could be desired. Everything seemed perfect; actors and actresses worked with a will to please their audience. During the temporary absence of the Chevalier Soovel a capital substitute for the part of the Chevalier Franz de Bernheim has been found in Mr. Grant Fallowes. This gentleman has a splendid tenor voice, and knows how to make the best of it. His singing is of a class that can be appreciated, while his acting is also good. Messrs. Lionel Brough and E. W. Garden are very amusing, as also is Mr. Eric Lewis. A capital piece of character acting is given by Mr. George Mudie, while Mr. Michael Dwyer sings well. We were glad to hear Miss Geraldine Umar in such fine form; her Martou suits her splendidly. Miss Annie Rose and Miss Effie Clements render good service, while the dancing of Miss M. St. Cyr is most graceful. The chorus is efficient, good work being done by Mr. John Stedman's choir; while the ladies orchestra, under the direction of Miss Lila Clay, performs some attractive dance music in the last act. "La Cigale" is likely to remain with us for some time to come judging from the reception it received on the night of our visit. An amusing operetta, in one act, entitled "Love and Law," precedes the *pièce de resistance*, and is well acted.

On Wednesday evening next, 25th March, at 8.30 o'clock, a three act comedy entitled "The Bookmaker," by J. W. Pigott, will be played at the Globe Theatre, with Mr. Harry Paulton in the title role. Other members of the cast comprise Messrs. William Farren jun., Charles Cooper, A. E. Drinkwater, Frank Vancrossen, J. W. Pigott, and Mesdames Violet Raye, Mary Ansell and Leslie Bell.

There will be a Matinée of "The Bookmaker" on Easter Monday.

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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.

Saturday, 21st March.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1732 King's Cross, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2308 Viator, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.

308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1587 Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Gray, Kent

Monday, 23rd March.

4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
28 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
902 Burgoyne, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1828 Shepherds Bush, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 5 Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.

48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gatohead
61 Probita, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
284 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebden Bridge
408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
1999 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1575 Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894 Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
R.A. 100 Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton

Tuesday, 24th March.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street
145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.
1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.

126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
373 Socrates, George Hotel, Huntingdon
403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
624 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union St., B-on-Trent
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Craston
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1280 Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343 St. John's, King's Arms, Grays
1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799 Arnold, Dorling's Hotel, Walton on the Naze
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Wednesday, 25th March.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589 St. Dunstan's, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1818 Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
2332 Boro' of Greenwich William IV., E. Greenwich
R.A. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 907 Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, E.C.
R.C. St. Andrew, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.

32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274 Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
330 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
540 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
697 United, George Hotel, Colchester
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755 St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
996 Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Brunswick Hot, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219 Strageways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
123 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sawley Bridge
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Southwark
1743 St. George, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
1781 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797 Southdown, Hastingpoint, Sussex
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hot, Somerset
R.A. 225 St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough
R.A. 499 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. Northumberland & Bewick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 174 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

Thursday, 26th March.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
31 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
66 Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1421 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1524 Duke of Connaught, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1816 Victoria Park, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park Rd.
2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 6 Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
R.A. 177 Domestic, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 118 Northumberland Masons' Hall, E.C.

51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
76 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingdon
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
349 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
348 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale
350 Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclogh
369 Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Clitheroe
432 Abbey, Nowdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
449 Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456 Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Hotel, Accrington
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley
1125 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tilverton, Devon
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Littleley
1587 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Chichester
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hot, Scarborough
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 41: St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
R.A. 732 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
M.M. 13 Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
K.T. 34 Albort, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

Friday, 27th March.

60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tav, W
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
569 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co. E.C.
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
R.A. 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
K.T. 26 Faith and Fidelity, Cannon St. Hotel, E.C.
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slidburn.
404 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385 Gladsuir, Red Lion, Banet
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1821 Adingworth, Royal Pavilio, Brighton
1039 Londonderry, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 28th March.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1871 Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1777 Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 14 Prince Edward, Station Hot., Todmorden

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 21st March.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Dunford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lora Stanley, Hackney, 8
1621 Eccleson, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30

2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 23rd March.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
375 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:3
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 8:30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 24th March.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Jappa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
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
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 8
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1899 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2116 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 25th March.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balnam Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1289 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Texteth, 140 N. rth Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 514 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
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
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Btorsea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 26th March.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1273 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
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
 1625 Tredgar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
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Friday, 27th March.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 187 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 453 Chigwell, Pub. Hn, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
 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
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1223 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
 1331 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
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 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Saturday, 28th March.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
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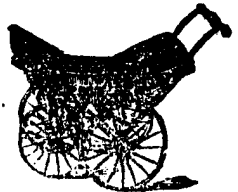
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