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NEXT WEEK'S FESTIVAL.

WITHIN a few hours the members of the Order will know the result of the efforts made throughout the country to ensure the success of the 103rd Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, and Tuesday will be of so satisfactory a nature as to the conspicuous efficiency of the matron, and of the extent satisfy and please all who take an interest in the working of the Educational Institutions. We referred last week to the various points which call for consideration in connection with this celebration, and there is little to add to-day. There is an influential Board of Stewards working in support of Lord Carrington as Chairman of the Festival, many of whom are old friends of the Charity. Masons who may be relied upon to do all that lies in their power to secure success in their own efforts, and set a brilliant example for their fellows. Looking at the state of the case in its entirety, it is but fair to anticipate a satisfactory result for the Festival, although the Craft will have to rest satisfied with a total which, under other circumstances, would have been received with disappointment. The counter attractions, in connection with the Festivals of the other two Institutions—the special effort of a new Secretary, with the Pro Grand Master as Chairman in the one case, and the early celebration of the Jubilee of the Institution in the other—must make themselves felt, and allowances must be made in reviewing the prospects of our Girls for these special drawbacks. It is satisfactory to know, however, that the older charity of the three still retains a first place in the affections of a large section of the Craft, and whatever may be done in other directions there is no fear of the Girls being neglected or forgotten. Once more we express our sincere hope that next Tuesday's celebration may prove worthy of being ranked in a foremost place among the long record of past successes of this Masonic Institution.

THE MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

has just been sent out to the subscribers, is of a very favourable character, and must prove highly interesting to the members of the Order, who are naturally very proud of the Charitable Institutions connected with the Craft. There are at present eighty pupils in the establishment at Ball's Bridge, and this is the full number which the School can accommodate. The income for the year, exclusive of a special donation of £100 from Dr. Hime, of Londonderry, amounted to £2,837 7s 11d, being £53 4s 5d less than the income of the year 1889. The economy with which the the purchase of its site. It is proposed, as the first object institution is managed is shown by the fact that seventysix pupils in the present new buildings actually cost less income of which will be applied to aid and advance the than thirty-five in the old School. The total current most deserving and necessitous of the pupils during the

being £25 11s 2d for each orphan receiving benefit. The average expenditure upon each of the outgoing and former pupils, for outfits, fees, travelling expenses, and other assistance, was £16 16s 4d. The expenditure upon board, lodging, clothing, and education, with the maintenance of the premises and staff, was £25 for each pupil resident in the School throughout the year, an outlay which affords we can only hope the announcement to be made on a convincing proof of the excellence of the management, of to which the complete equipment of the School, and the practical training of the pupils in household work, contribute to save expense. The educational progress of the pupils during the year has been most satisfactory, and their success at the intermediate examinations was very remarkable. Fifteen of the pupils presented themselves, of whom eleven passed. One won an exhibition of £20 for three years; two won first-class prizes of £10 each; eleven obtained "honour marks" in French, and in other subjects also the answering was very good, twenty-four honour marks being obtained. At the science and art examination, the School was again classed as "excellent," and three girls obtained "first class" in grade II. for freehand drawing, and one obtained "second class" in the same grade and At the examinations in religious knowledge, subject. a remarkably large number of the pupils passed with credit. At the diocesan examination seventeen prizes were gained, with seven first class and eighteen second class certificates. At the Presbyterian examination the seven pupils who presented themselves all passed, three obtaining first class certificates. The School examinations were very satisfactory. During the year no case of preventable or contagious disease occurred in the School, which is now the absolute property of the governors, and free from debt. The report concludes with some allusions to the grand Centenary celebration which is to take place next year, and the preparations for which are now in active operation. It states—"Next year (1892) will be the Centenary of the Girls' School. Founded on a small scale, and in an obscure part of Dublin, with the object of giving but a limited education to a few children, it gradually extended its benefits and raised its aims. Under the care of the late Duke of Leinster, the School at Burlington Road was built, the number of pupils was increased, and the high standard of education was adopted. Since the completion of the School at Ball's Bridge it has become one of the most efficient and beneficent of Irish charities, and the governors desire to celebrate its Centenary in a manner worthy of the School and of the Masonic Order. They have already received ready promises of THE ninety-ninth annual report of the Governors of the help from many quarters. The Prince and Princess of Masonic Female Orphan School of Ireland, which Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and the Countess of Zetland are among the first to honour the Centenary celebration with their distinguished patronage. The buildings and grounds of the Royal Dublin Society at Ball's Bridge have been engaged for the week commencing 16th May 1892. The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn have graciously offered their personal assistance. It is expected that the success of the celebration will even exceed that of the great Masonic Bazaar of 1882, from which the sum of £6,601 was realised for the completion of the School and of the Centenary celebration, to raise a capital sum, the expenditure for the year 1890 amounted to £2,351 10s 11d, two or three critical years after they leave the School, and

before they are old enough to enter with full advantage upon their calling in life. It is earnestly hoped that steps will be immediately taken, in every Masonic Province, in every leading Lodge, and by all the friends of the School at home and abroad, to forward the success of this Festival.

-Belfast News Letter.

PAPAL ATTACKS ON THE ORDER.

TO waste time shielding the Masonic Order from the periodical attacks of the Romish Church would be about on a par with the action of the Irishman who held his umbrella over a duck's back on its journey to the village pond, and yet we suppose there are some among us who yet believe there is cause for alarm in these regular outbursts of the Pope and his followers. Well, it may please them, and it certainly does not hart English Freemasonry, so that we ought not to begrudge the followers of the Papacy this small amount of enjoyment they derive from their onslaughts. The Daily Telegraph recently announced that Freemasonry was:-

The objective of the vigorous verbal attacks delivered at the Twentieth General Assembly of French Catholics held in the Geographical Society's Hall, Bonlevard Saint Germain, Paris. Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, presided, being supported by Senator Chesnelong and the Maronite Archbishop of Lebanon. M. Chesnelong was the most energetic of the speakers, and called for bold action on the part of his co-religionists in order to resist those who intended to effect their ruin. In order to fight with success Catholics should unite, contribute funds, and start an effective political campaign in view of the Elections. An address which was to be sent to the Pope was also read. It set forth that the struggle was between Freemasonry and Christian liberty in France. Cardinal Richard said that the question-would France remain Christian or cease to be so? was now the principal one, and he advised his hearers that, as there were perilous times in store for Catholics, they should seek the counsels of their bishops, and act henceforward in a determined and resolute manner, in order to check the tide of impiety.

Such remarks as are here accredited to the speakers would hardly be possible among us in England, but that consideration does not wholly rob them of their interest to English Masons, who, despite the peculiar laws governing their French brethren must nevertheless regard them as a part of the great Masonic family. It is very much to be regretted that French Masonry allows its followers to adopt such peculiar lines as they do adopt, and very much of the abuse showered on the Craft in that country is really brought about by the peculiarities of the members themselves, and we should like to hear that Freemasonry was to be restored there, at no distant date, to its regularly recognised channels, and kept perfectly clear, as it should be kept, of the dangerous considerations of politics and religion. Until this happy time arrives French Masonry will present a target for attack, not only so far as its own followers may be concerned, but in a lesser degree, in association with the entire Masonic family, whose members far and near have to bear blame for this one particular section of un-Masonic Masons.

Øbituary.

Bro. W. I. SPICER (MAJOR H.A.C.)

By the death of this ever popular brother, which sad event occurred on Sunday, the 3rd inst., his comrades in the Honourable Artillery Company, and the members of the Fitzroy Lodge, have lost a genial and kind-hearted companion. He had been a member of the H.A.C. for nearly thirty years, and will ever be remembered as one of the champion athletes of that popular body. The late Bro. Spicer, some short time since, had intimation made to him that he was suffering from a serious ailment that it was feared would eventually necessitate a painful operation. Our gallant brother lost no time in seeking for a verification or otherwise of this mournful prognostication, with result that some four weeks back he determined to run the gaunt. let of medical observation, and a surgical operation at St. Thomas's Home, St. Thomas's Hospital. Notwithstanding all that was done, however, our dear brother succumbed to the disease (cancer). In private circles, and in his official connection with the Accident Insurance Company, of St. Swithin's-lane, his loss will be keenly felt. He was a Past Master of the Fitzroy Lodge, and a member of the Constitutional Club. Further, he served for many years as a the membership. The sum of 25 guineas was voted to the member of the Court of Assistants of the H.A.C. We tender Educational Fund of the Province. Comp. Reynolds was to his widow and relatives our deep sympathy with them again unanimously elected Treasurer. The acting Grand in their heavy affliction.

ROYAL ARCH.

-:0:--SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. Comp. Colonel Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Cambridgeshire acted as M.E.Z., Col. Addison Potter Grand Superintendent of Northumberland as H., and Gen. Randolph Grand Superintendent of Sussex as J., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., Capt. N. G. Philips as G.S.N., Sir Reginald Hanson as P.S., and alarge number of Grand and Past Grand Officers were present. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the February Convocation read and confirmed, Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke said that the resolutions he had just read, appointing the Duke of Connaught and Strathearne, K.G., Past Grand First Principal, and presenting him with the Grand Chapter clothing of that rank, which were carried at the last meeting, had been duly communicated to his Royal Highness, and his Royal Highness had commanded him to express to Grand Chapter his high appreciation of the honour which was paid him in giving him the very exalted position it had conferred, and he had also asked him to convey to Grand Chapter his best thanks for the handsome present of the insignia of his office. The M.E. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was then proclaimed Grand Z., and the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Z. The other appointments resulted as follows :-

> Earl of Mount Edgeumbe Lord Leigh Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Sir John B. Monckton Robert Gray George Everett F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. Rev. O. J. Grace John Aird, M.P. Hamond L'Estrange E. K. Bayley A. J. Trendell, C.M.G. Thos. Hastings Miller Richard C. Clowes G. J. McKay Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S. George Bué Walter Hopekirk Thomas Webb Whitmarsh Michael Maybrick A. A. Pendlebury Henry Sadler

Н. S.E. S.N. Pres.Com.G.P. Treasurer Registrar P.S. 1st A.S. 2nd A.S. Sword Bearer 1st Standard Bearer 2nd Standard Bearer 3rd Standard Bearer 4th Standard Bearer Dir of Cerg. Assist. Dir. of Cors. 1st Assist. Dir. of Cers. 2nd Assist. Dir. of Cers. Assist. S.E. Janitor

Col. Townley Caldwell announced that the M.E.Z. had conferred the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer upon Companion Henry Arthur Hunt.

After the investment, the agenda paper, as published by us last week, was considered. The several recommendations were agreed to, and the report was adopted. Col. Caldwell said the Prince of Wales had nominated Comps. Robert Gray, Sir G. D. Harris, and E. Letchworth as the members of the Committee of General Purposes.

Capt. T. C. Walls, Charles Keyser, L. G. Gordon Robbins, W. A. Scurrah, Dr. Lennox Browne, and Fredk. Burgess were the only six companions nominated for election, and were declared duly elected. Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

THE annual meeting was held at three o'clock on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviour-gate, York, on the invitation of the Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611. There was a large attendance of members of the Order. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, M.E.H. of the Province, presided, in the absence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and Grand Superintendent of the Province, through official duties. After the confirmation of the minutes and balance sheet, the various Chapters communicated their returns, showing a considerable increase in Superintendent then made the following appointments:—

M. Rooke 8.E. M. C. Peck R. R. Hawley S.N. Registrar P.S. S. Border Col. Pudsey R. W. White 1st A.S. G. Chalmers 2nd A.S. A. T. B. Turner Sword Bearer W. R. Metcalfe Standard Bearer D. C. Winn Dir. of Cers. C. B. Morley Assist. Dir. of Cers. J. F. Watson Organist T. B. Redfearn Assist. S.E. F. J. Lambert Janitor

After the investment of the Officers, the Scribe E. gave an eloquent address on the history of York, tracing it down to the commencement of Masonry in the City, and St. Martin's Lane, and, also, that the Master and Wardens of No. 79 the founding of the York, Eboracum, Agricola, and Albert Victor Lodges, and at its conclusion was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The acting Grand Superintendent then proposed a vote of thanks to the Eboracum Chapter, an incorporation or union of the Hampstead Lodge and Lodge No. 79, for their excellent arrangements and hospitality on the I must remain in doubt about Bro. Sadler's conclusion. visit of the Provincial Grand Chapter, which was carried unanimously. The banquet was afterwards held in the building, and an excellent menu was served by the Tyler of the Eboracum Lodge, Bro. T. Dunlop.

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LIBERALITY GONE MAD!

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a supporter of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys I can hardly believe my eyes when I see the announcement that the new Secretary's salary has been again raised -twice within a month-and each time by £100 a year. It is a farce to appoint a man at £300, raise his remuneration to £400 eight months afterwards, and to £500 a month later. If the Royal Masonic Institution can afford to do this, it can afford to do without the future Yours fraternally,
DISGUSTED. contributions of,

Bro. SADLER'S LIFE OF THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-On page 103 of Bro. Sadler's book on Dunckerley, he refers to the Lodge of Friendship, now No. 6, and

says:
"The first minute book begins in 1731 with an account of the constitution of a Lodge, which has for a considerable period been something like a bone of contention between various Masonic writers on both sides of the Atlantic."

The Lodge above referred to, and to which the author devotes several pages, was first known as Lodge No. 79, originally held at the Castle in Highgate, and for the information of late subscribers to your publication, I will briefly state that Smith's Masonic "Pocket Companion," published in London in 1735, contained a list of the English Lodges, stating their places of meeting, and on what days they held their meetings; but the space following No. 79 was left vacant, implying that the Lodge was dormant or defunct. The same book was reprinted in Dublin, in 1735, and the Dublin editor filled up the blank with the following:—"The Hoop, Water Street, Philadelphia," &c., &c. This, if true, would have proved that there was an English chartered Lodge in Philadelphia in 1735. It has since then been admitted that Philadelphia never had an English chartered Lodge in 1735. But as I took part in the discussion relating to No. 79, I was naturally interested in finding any unheard-of information about the said No. 79 Lodge. Well, then, from Bro. Sadler's book I learn that the preliminary meeting of the brethren for petitioning the Grand Master for a charter for Lodge No. 79 was held on 19th June 1731, that the Lodge was constituted at the Castle in Highgate on 27th June 1731, that it held its meetings fortnightly, that it met for the last time at the Castle in Highgate on the 7th of April 1738, and upon that occasion the landlord of the Castle in Highgate informed the Lodge "that it did not suit his interest . . . to accommodate the Lodge with the room they were used to meet in on Saturdays." Thereupon (Bro. Sadler quotes from the records of the Lodge, as

"It was unanimously agreed to incorporate ourselves with the Right Worshipful the Lodge [now known as the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6] who meet at the Swan on the first and third Saturday, at Hampstead."

"The Lodge (continues Bro. Sadler) held at the Swan at Hampstead in 1733, is now the Lodge of Friendship; and, although the book contains no record of the actual incorporation of the two Lodges, there is no doubt as to its having taken place, as the Lodge at High-

among the names of the members of the Hampstead Lodge in the latter part of 1733 are the names of some of the former members of No. 79. Other evidence tending to confirm this view is not wanting, although it is unnecessary to give it here.'

Now, with all due respect to my friend Bro. Sadler, I cannot see how his conclusion about the two Lodges having been united can be correct. I have no doubt that some negotiation for the purpose of uniting the Lodges took place, but I do not believe that the soughtfor union ever was effected. Bro. Sadler's reasoning, from the fact that some of the members of No. 79 were members late in 1733 of the Hampstead Lodge, may be explained either that some of the brethren were members of both Lodges at the same time,—such things were no more uncommon then than now,-or, may be, as the negotiation for a union was not effected, that some of the members of No. 79 may have left the Lodge late in 1733 and joined the Hampstead Lodge. But that is not all, for it is certain that Lodge No. 79 was located, early in 1735, at the Two Angels and Crown, in Little were present in the Grand Lodge on the 24th of February 1735, and the Lodge reappeared on an engraved Lodge List of 1735, and on all other Lodge Lists, until the Union in 1813, when it was still in existence. Unless, therefore, Bro. Sadler can furnish better proof of

I must also call attention to what seems to be a mistake of the transcriber of the passage from the record. On the bottom of

page 107, and continued on the next page, the following appears:
"The Lodge appears to have been held fortnightly, the next meeting [of Lodge No. 79] being on the 24th of July, when eight members and six visitors attended. Order'd & Resolved that Bro. Johnson do attend this Lodge on all occasions, to be heard of at St. Luke's Head in Church Lane, near St. Martin's Church, at 2. 6. per Lodge Night, & five Shillings at the Makeing.'

I merely call attention to the above unintelligible paragraph, so that Bro. Sadler may give the correct version, if the above is, as I

sappose, a mistake.

Fraternally yours,

JACOR NORTON.

Boston, U.S.A., 24th April 1891.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STONEHOUSE.

Sir,—In the Notes in the West of your issue of Wednesday, it is stated that the Parish Church of St. George's, East Stonehouse, was erected in the year 1778. This is incorrect. The foundation stone was laid by the "Amphibious Lodge of Freemasons," on August 15th 1787, and the chapel (as it was then called) was opened for Divine worship on Christmas Day 1789. Six hundred tickets of admission were issued for the occasion, and Marines were placed at the four doors to preserve order. The Rev. Mr. Furneaux preached "a very good sermon to a crowded congregation." I have been trying to ascertain the exact position of the old chapel, which was pulled down a month before the new chapel was opened, but I have not yet succeeded in doing so. If any of your readers can give me any information on this point I shall be very grateful.

Yours truly,

STANHOPE M. NOURSE,

9 Emma place, 23rd April.

Curate of St. George's.

-Western Morning News.

ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

THE installation of Bro. E. Boorman as Worshipful Master in L succession to Bro. Wickens took place at Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on the 20th ult. The beautiful ritual was efficiently performed by the retiring W.M., who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks and presented in the name of the Lodge with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the zeal and ability he had displayed in the discharge of his duties during his year of office. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Wickens I.P.M., Bundy S.W., Woodthorpe J.W., Webb Treasurer, Woodrow P.M. Dir. of Cers., Gibbs Organist, Nancarrow S.D., Stapleford J.D., Luxton I.G., Hill and Allnutt Stewards, Bryan Tyler. At the close of the formal proceedings in the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the hall below, where an excellent banquet was served by the Steward of the Freemasons'

The Warner Lodge of Instruction No. 2192.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 4th inst. at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. Shurmur W.M., Fortescue S.W., Pinder J.W.. Smith S.D., Taylor J.D., Horst I.G., Allen Secretary, Collett Steward, Westfield, Clarke, Fuller, Long, Trickett, James, Ives P.M., Bestow, Francis, Gray jun., Cooke, Bastick, Bird, Wilson, Alcock, King, Stacey, Day, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and ancient charge delivered. Bro. Pinder. assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd sections of 1st lecture. Bro. Fortescue was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation. After "hearty good wishes" the Lodge was adjourned until Monday, 11th

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COMES OUT CONQUEROR.

An Oration by Bro. C. C. Hamby, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Arkansas, 18th November 1890.

ISTORY informs us that it has been the custom for ages untold, not only of civilised and half-civilised men, but also of the wild sons of the forest to annually meet and recount the deeds of themselves and their ancestors. And it is now the settled practice not only of this Grand Jurisdiction, but of all others with whom we correspond, to have an oration or address delivered at each Grand Communication. Whether or not the object of these addresses is obtained, the intention is a good one. By reviewing the history and recounting the deeds of our noble Institution we revive and rekindle an active interest in and enthusiasm for our Order.

Were I to begin now to give you a history of Masonry, gigantic task, though I talked rapidly and kept at it all night. Her deeds are as the sands of the sea, and although this volume is engrafted in our laws. The judges in our record of their proceedings were kept, yet since superstition gave way to reason, she has done enough to fill thousands of pages. A perfect history of Masonry will never, in my opinion, be written, from the simple fact that her actions are of that kind that do not attract the curious and adventuresome. Hers is now and always has been a mission of peace, and histories of peace are scarcely written. You may take up the history of our country, or of any other, and for every page devoted to peace, I will show you ton devoted to war, strife and insurrection. Her deeds you will find strewn down along the course of time, but you will never read of her actions being heralded by bugle, drum or roaring artillery. Her victories are victories of peace, and no bloody fields or dying victims are left in her march and conflicts for humanity. But like that small voice that spake to Moses after the whirlwind had passed, hors is, may I repeat, a mission of peace whose only checked by war and pestilence, when for the time being she halts in the capacity of the good Samaritan.

Beyond the building of King Solomon's Temple I find no positive or direct history of our Order. Antedating that great gathering our history is gleaned from signs and symbols. All is conjecture. True, there is no doubt that many of the ancient monuments and now mouldering edifices were built by Operative Masons, yet there is no direct documentary evidence of the fact, but with Masons signs and symbols are often as good if not better evidence than the record. No reasonable man will deny that there were expert Masons before the building of that beautiful temple. For at the very beginning the workmen were divided into classes corresponding with their experience I care but little. I am no stickler for age anyway. What book of books. care we for the age of an institution if age is the only thing to recommend it? If to-night you could offer me no other inducement to remain a member of this Order than that it had its origin back at the dawn of creationthat its hoary locks and ancestral form were all you could produce to recommend it-I would not remain longer than it would take me to bid adieu. As to the existence of Masonry before the building of Solomon's Temple we through the action of her votaries. And in my judgment ever erected. her only true history is to be found in this way, for thousands, nay, millions, of good deeds and acts, if the steps of time which is scarcely second to her first great truth were known, sprang from the teachings of Masonry. act. She taught mankind that all are born free and equal. This history is a kind of reflection. You may see the and that all distinctions are of human origin. effect, but the cause is hidden. You can see the immediate doctrines were so firmly implanted in the breasts of our and direct effect of a military campaign, desolated homes, widows and orphans, subjugated people and disbanded government.

she instils her principles into the hearts of men, espousing the cause of no political party, siding with no particular church, but in a quiet way giving her support and strength to anything for the upbuilding of the human race.

And while I shall not attempt to give you a synopsis of the acts or effects of Masonry, yet for the purpose of illustrating my position I desire to call your attention to a few of the most noted acts and the effects of her teachings, those deeds that are familiar to all, and which can be traced direct to the teachings of Masonry. The first and noblest act of Masonry, in my judgment, was the keeping of the Bible for four hundred and seventy years, and this was the sagacity and foresight of him who first trod the dark and rugged path. The blessings to mankind, regardless of his religious belief, arising from this one act, are as innumerable as the stars of the firmament. To-day this book is not only our guide, but the very foundation of our civil society and civil government. It is the life, light and guiding star of all progressive and intelligent nations. Not only that, it is the greatest friend to-morrow's sun would find me scarcely started on the and protector the infidel, atheist, scoffer of Masonry and the vilest of criminals has or ever had. The very spirit of her disciples for ages met and worked in secret, and no criminal courts are required to instruct the jury that, no difference how strong the suspicion of guilt may be against the accused, they must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of his guilt before they can convict, and in case of circumstantial evidence the guilt must be proven beyond every other reasonable hypothesis.

> Again, the laws of all civilised nations adopt the golden rule. He that desires justice must first do justice. Come into court with clean hands. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. We claim the honour of preserving this book; not only of providing it a safe hidingplace, where it lay four hundred and seventy years after the destruction of the temple, but when the world was shrouded in darkness, when the fathers had gone back on the, faith and barbarism had overrun civilisation, and the dark ages set in, Masoury took to her sacred keeping and

trust that holy volume.

However popular Masonry may have been down to the progress is greatest in time of peace and whose march is completion of Solomon's Temple, and a short while thereafter, there was a time, and a long time, when it was not an honour to be a Mason. During that dark period, when all learning, science, and every institution for the advancement of mankind took a back seat in the world's drama, Masonry and her votaries were driven to the high hills, caves, and low valleys. The few faithful who clung to the sacred tenets of our Order during this long period would meet, and with muffled feet and subdued lights bow before the altar on which was ever to be found the first great light in Masonry. And, in my humble judgment, should the time ever come that this government or the entire civilised world should turn back, retrace their steps, and sink back toward that dark period when ignorance and superstition took the place of learning and religion, and knowledge of the art. As to whether our means of I believe that in such a direful event, our Order would, as recognition were agreed upon at the building of this temple in the past, furnish a safe and sure resting-place for the

Another grand and glorious effect of Masonry is to be seen every day. It is this: We have no more persecutions for opinion's sake. The Baptist may insist on immersion, the Methodist reason that sprinkling is just as good, the Roman Catholic condemn secret societies, and different political parties join issue in a long, heated and closelycontested campaign, yet there will be no more thumbscrews, burning-racks or stakes. Masonry first taught have no evidence save the impress of the implements of the world that men could meet, live and act as brothers, our operative brethren, and to-night, instead of consuming although they were of different religious and political faith. your time repeating what you have often heard, by telling I might stop here and say no more, for this is a milestone of the numerous places where the imprint of the square in her history, sufficent to endear her to all fair-minded and compasses have been found on stone and ancient men, not in possession of her secrets, for all time to come. monuments, I would rather talk to you of the effect In bringing this reconciliation among men she reared Masonry has had on mankind; in other words I desire to a monument in the heart of civilisation that will shine examine the history of Masonry as collected by and higher, brighter and longer than any monument or statue

But while doing this she cut another niche in the rugged forefathers that in order that the world might reap their benefits they risked their lives, their property, their all, when they published to the world that memorable document of July 1776. They had learned in their Lodge.

rooms that the greatest thing a man can do is to help his fellow-man and raise him up to a higher plane of usefulness. For seven long years they evinced a thorough knowledge of and belief in one of our great virtues, "Fortitude." Their passions had been subdued, and with an untiring patience and faith in Him who never promises amiss, they stood the frost of winter, calumny of enemies. defeat and starvation, that you and I might enjoy what they had been taught in their Lodges, and last, but not least, when the conflict was over, instead of being satisfied with what they had done in securing their own liberty, they vied with each other in personal effort for the permanent establishment of liberty and equality. No doubt they were tempted by dreams of earthly power and fame, but like the true Masons they were, they looked back over the past and remembered that our Institution had been for untold ages seeking for what they now had the power to hasten and establish. With prophetic vision they saw the oppressed of every nation flocking to our shores, and heard the tramp of millions unborn in search of homes where they could worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. And with that more than mortal courage "Past Masters of the Lodges, W. Bros. J. Tucker, H. E. Lamble, they took the course that will ever make them more Pain, W. R. Gay, R. C. Balkwill, J. J. Amery, and J. Balkwill." The renowned and longer remembered than all the kingly titles of earth combined.

Thus we pass another milestone in the history of our Order, and last, but not least in importance, I will mention but one other. Our Institution is the first in history to throw a strong arm around female virtue. It is the first to teach men that they shall not only respect, but protect, a brother Mason's wife, widow, mother, daughter and sister. Masonry raised woman to be man's equal, socially. It is due to our Order to-day that she fills the position in society she does. In the rapid progress man has made woman could not be left behind and remain man's companion, and Masonry, by teaching that she was man's equal and binding all for her protection, furnished the first

stepping-stone for her present greatness.

So much for the effects of the doctrines and teachings of Masonry, and while we justly feel proud of the achievements of our Order, and with pride look back over her history, what are we doing, and what can we do to keep her name high on the roll of honour? True, we cannot all be heroes and write our names on the imperishable records of fame; we cannot write our names by those of the heroes of Thermopyle, Lodi, or Bunker's Hill, but we can successfully engage in those mighty deeds that outlive the warrior's fame and outshine the statesman's brightest diadem. Did I say mighty deeds? mean it. But I do not intend to convey the idea that those deeds are such as to overthrow governments, rout an army, or trample an empire out of existence, but I mean those noble deeds of the heart, acts of charity, benevolence and forbearance. I believe that it requires just as much moral courage to frankly acknowledge a fault, bear an insult for truth's sake, or fully and fairly tell the whole truth against one's interest, as it does to charge bristling bayonets under excitement, cheered by martial music. Do you doubt my position? If so let us see how the world holds such acts.

What makes the name of Pythias dear to mankind? Was it the courage he exhibited on some field of battle while facing the cannon's mouth? Nay, but the moral courage in keeping his word, though, as he thought, his life would go for his promptness. Why do we reverence the name of him who drew his designs at high twelve? Certainly not for any physical courage, for we are told that upon the first attack he fled, did not offer the first show of resistance, but acted like what we would now call a coward. Yet, when the final test came, rather than forfeit his word he chose to die. Alexander, Casar or Napoleon never exhibited more courage than did Socrates when he deliberately drank the cup of poison rather than certify to a falsehood.

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Hollowar's Pills and Cintment are remedies which should invariably be taken by travellers in search of health, pleasure, or business. Many deleterious influences are constantly at work in foreign climes, tending to deteriorate the health; these and the altered conditions of life will entail on those who travel the necessity of carefully attending to early symptoms of disease, and they will find the use of these remedies to be highly necessary, the action of the Pills being purifying and strengthening, and of great service in cases of fever, ague, and all inflammatory diseases, whilst the Cintment is a sovereign cure in cases of piles, bad legs, bad breasts, wounds, and ulcers. Holloway's remedies do not deteriorate by change of climate. remedies do not deteriorate by change of climate.

CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT KINGSBRIDGE.

THE new Masonic hall which has been built in Dancombe-street,
Kingsbridge by the brethren of Lodge Dancombe, No. 1486. Kingsbridge, by the brethren of Lodge Dancombe, No. 1486, was dedicated and consecrated to Freemasonry on the 29th alt., by Br. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M. of Devonshire, in the presence of a fairly good assembly of Freemasons. The Lodge was consecrated in 1874, since which time the brethren have met at Bro. Foale's, King's Arm's Hotel; for some time they have, however, felt it desirable that they should have a Lodge-room of their own, and accordingly, in October 1889, a resolution was passed that a suitable site should be acquired for the purpose of erecting a Lodge-room. The then W.M. and his Officers proceeded energetically to work, and obtained a capital plot of ground in Dancombe-street. The plans and specifications were drawn out by Bro. R. Watson, and the tender for the building given to Bro. G. Hooper, with the result that in January of last year the foundation-stone was laid amid some rejoicings among the Fraternity, locally and generally in the Province. The foundation-stone, of Devonshire slab, bears the following inscription, in gold letters:—"This foundation-stone was laid by W. Bro. Henry D. Adkins W.M., and duly tried and proved by Bro. P. Trant S.W., Bro. S. Coad J.W., Bro. R. Chase Secretary, and Bro. J. Foale, Treasurer, 21st January 1890; Bro. R. Watson, architect; W. Bro. G. Hooper I.P.M., builder." On an adjoining tablet was inscribed: building has been completed some months since, awaiting dedication. The style of architecture is Classic Renaissance. The Lodge-room is 30 feet by 20, the angles being ornamented with eight Tuscan columns, separating a heavily moulded cornice, from which springs moulded and panelled ribs, dividing the ceiling into twelve bays. The room, which is admirably fitted up, is furnished with pitch-pine

stalls and a Bath stone chimney-piece, all made from the architect's designs. There is an ante-room adjoining, with the usual offices, and the total cost of the building is about £300. A regular Lodge meeting was held at 2 o'clock. W. Bro. Philip Trant jun. W.M. being in the chair. A procession was then formed, and, headed by the Kingsbridge band of the 5th Volunteer Battalion, the brethren marched to St. Edmund's Church, at the entrance to which they were met by the Rev. Bevil Browne, Vicar, and the Rev. E. Chatterton Orpen, Rural Dean, and a surpliced choir. The service was fully choral, and was beautifully rendered. Bro. Jos. Cranch presided at the organ, whilst the organist of the church, Mr. Blake, efficiently conducted. The anthem was taken from the 133rd Psalm, "Behold, how good a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." This was splendidly sung, Bro. S. Coad S.W. of 1486, taking the solo in good voice. The Rev. A. Newman, of Axminster, P.G.Chap., delivered a sermon, taking his text "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God." In the course of an eloquent discourse, he said: The three great virtues that ought to characterise every Mason are sincerity, truth, and brotherly love. Without the two former the latter cannot exist. The love of Masons must be pure and unalloyed, their friendship sincere and genuine, their cordiality without hypocrisy. In fact, the true Mason will not live for himself, but rather for those around him, despising selfishness. What a different aspect would this world wear if all men were but truly actuated by these principles. No longer would our hearts shudder at the horrors of war. Peace, with her olive wand, would descend from heaven, succour would come to the distressed, comfort to the afflicted, everywhere would be heard the voice of joy and gladness, and no complaining in our streets. What are the jewels which sparkle in your breasts but emblems of virtues which ought to shine beneath like the medals of the soldiers, which tell of noble and heroic deeds? Small may be their intrinsic value, yet great are the truths they symbolize. We must contradict by our lives the statement of those who assert that trifles are the objects of our ambition, and that our meetings are but an excuse for conviviality. God teaches us, and we are reminded in our society that we came into the world poor and penniless. Under the fostering care of the Great Architect of the Universe we have passed through the dangers of childhood and arrived at man's estate. We pass on by regular steps across the chequered flooring of the world, learning lessons as we go, looking up from Nature to Nature's God, and again, as we go on, yet more knowledge is given to us as we behold the emblems of mortality everywhere around, and the star above whose bright light pierces even the darkness of the tomb. Thus in every step lessons are inculcated, and the best instruction given. Now, man must learn to realise that he is in a holy temple, how to die, how to rest in heaven when he has ascended those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Just as King Solomon in that glorious bailding he erected in every ornament he used conveyed a message to his people, so we are taught a lesson by everything around us which we see and handle. But let us remember these symbols are only useful as long as they inculcate and keep in view some truth, some vital principle. Above all we are directed to the volume of the sacred law to guide our actions and govern our faith. Thus our acciety is the handmaid of religion, echoing the agnostic's advice, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts. We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present world, and that now we see through a glass darkly the time is drawing near when all human institutions will have passed away, and we shall see the Most High as He is in His temple, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. May He in His mercy grant that when that great day comes our work may be done, and we nas be ready. The collection was in aid of Masonic Charities. The brothren now marched back to the new hall, where the ceremony of dedication was proceeded with.

The P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Lemon, having read the dedication prayer, the D.P.G.M. scattered corn on the Lodge as an emblem of abundance, expressing a hope that virtue and morality might ever prevail within; the P.G.S.W. wine, as an emblem of joy and gladness, and that happiness and goodwill would distinguish the brethren of the Lodge; and the P.G.J.W. oil, as an emblem of cheerfulness, hoping that peace and prosperity would ever attend the members. The Lodge having been formally dedicated to brotherly love, relief, and truth, the ceremony ended, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

A banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Foale's, King's Arms Hotel. The W.M. W. Bro. Prant jun. presided. About eighty sat down. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly hononred.

BALL AT PENZANCE.

THERE was held at Penzance on the 29th ult., one of the best attended and gayest halls the town has known. Judging by Attended and gayest balls the town has known. Judging by St. John's Hall, the lecture-room adjacent to it, and various temporary retiring rooms, but especially the former spacious apartment, the assemblage also thoroughly enjoyed itself in the mazy waltz or more stately quadrille. The ball was planned some time ago, the object of Major Ross, a zealous supporter of Masonic Charities, being to get some benefit out of it for the three principal benefactions of Masonry. Absence from England of the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe delayed the needed dispensation. When that arrived an energetic Committee, with Bro. G. Widlake W.M. of Mount Sinai Lodge at its head, went to work, and the result was several happy hours for about two hundred persons. St. John's Hall was decorated by Bro. and P. G. William Colenso with the banners of the various Lodges in the Province. He, assisted by Bros. Hancock, W. Jarvis, and R. Colenso, also arranged seventeen banners and standards of Royal Arch in front of the organ, while round the front of the balcony and gallery were placed portraits of some of the present and former worthies of Masonry, from those of the Duke of Cornwall and the Earl of Mount Edgeumbe, to speaking likenesses of well-known local worthies. Bunting for festoons was lent by Captain Reading District Superintendent for the Trinity House, Major Ross, Mr. Lillingstone, and Messrs. George Pool and Son. Lending diversity to flags and portraits and further beautifying St. John's Hall were plants from Trewidden, Penalverne, Ponsandane (homes of three of the Bolitho family), and from Chywoone, the country residence of Mr. Chirgwin. Mr. A. C. Jenkin also kindly lent arum lilies for the entrance hall. The refreshment room was very tastefully decorated, principally by means of Japanese muslins and fans, by Bro. Frederick Olver (Mesars. Olver and Sons). The space under the gallery of St. John's Hall was curtained and upholstered by Mr. Israel Oppenheim, and formed an elegant retiring and card-room. The whole of these decorations reflected much credit on the industry and taste of various sub-committees, all directed by two or three masters of decoration. The ball was under the patronage of the Right Worshipful the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Prov. G.M., and the Very Worshipful Sir Chas. Graves-Sawle, Bart., Deputy Prov. G.M., with an energetic General Committee. The brethren were requested to appear in Masonic clothing and jewels (Craft, Arch, and Mark), and the effect of this glittering ornament amid the gay and festive surroundings must be left to the reader's vivid imagination. The music was rendered by the Penzance Town String Band, under the able conductership of Herr Woolf. Refreshments were provided by Bro. George Hamlyn, the well-known caterer of Chapel Street, Penzance. A novel peculiarity of the supper was the ornamentation of the various edibles with Masonic devices cleverly piped in butter, and numerous other designs, which showed the ingenuity of the confectioner. There were smoking-rooms set apart for lovers of the weed. From the balcony a considerable number of interested spectators watched the dancing. It was somewhat of a disappointment that about sixty ladies only were present. Female partners being at a premium, the "Wall-flowers" on this occasion were gentlemen. The knowing ones had engaged partners in the course of the afternoon, so gentlemen from a distance—Redruth, Camborne, Helston, and Falmouth—had to await their turn in patience. However, the couples who did take the floor enjoyed themselves heartily, and all was merry as a marriage bell.

We learn it is the intention of the Hon W. T. Orde-Powlett, Provincial Grand Mark Master, to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Ridings of Yorkshire at the Masonic Hall, Beverley, on Wednesday, the 13th of May next.

The East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, has closed its work for the Session.

The Western Daily Mercury says:—

We have received an advance copy of the Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Masonic Lodge of Cornwall. The directory, which is in the twentieth year of publication, is edited by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, and Bro. Thomas Gill, of Penryu. Additional interest is attached to the work this year, as the officers of each Lodge are printed, together with a list of subscriptions to the London Masonic Charities, while Bro. Hughan gives the annals of the Cornish Craft from 1751 to 1873. The work is admirably compiled, and should be in the hands of every member of the Province, as in addition to the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, it gives a list of the trustees and the objects of the Cornwall Masonic United and Benevolent Fund, the Officers of the various Chapters throughout the Province, together with a list of votes held in the Province for the Grand Masonic Charities.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 450.

MEETING, held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., was made very interesting by the presentation to Bro. J. P. Smith P.M. of a beautifully-illuminated address and a purse of money, as a token of esteem and respect on his retiring from the office of Secretary, which he had filled for a period of twenty-four years in the Craft and twenty years in the Mark Lodges. The presentation was made by Bro. G. B. Pearce, who spoke highly of the excellent services rendered by Bro. Smith, and hoped he would live many years to assist them by his experience and wisdom, and he also hoped that the younger members would be stimulated to follow such a good example. Bros. James Mudge P.M., H. P. Vivian, and several others supported the address. Bro. Smith, in responding, said he was utterly unable to sufficiently thank them for the honour conferred on him that day. When he looked upon their beautiful gift in days to come it would contribute to render his closing days happy, and he hoped it would stimulate them to do what was necessary to ensure the success of their mother Lodge. While spared it would be one of his greatest pleasures to be amongst them and renew their old acquaintance, and from his heart he thanked them. The brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel for the banquet, and after the cloth was removed the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and suitably responded to. Bro. F. Harvey P.M. and P.Prov.G.S.W., proposed the toast of the evening, "Health and happiness to our worthy brother," which was supported by several of the brethren. Songs and recitations by some of the brethren brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

LORD WARDEN LODGE, No. 1096.

THE installation meeting was held at St. George's Hall, Deal, on the 24th ult. The Worshipful Master, Bro. A. McIntosh, after being installed by the I.P.M. Bro. H. G. Frost, invested his Officers, as follow: Bros. F. B. Hulke S.W., H. S. Drew J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison Chaplain, C. Rand Treasurer, J. S. Huntly Secretary, J. E. Turner S.D., J. R. Catt J.D., W. H. Collins D.C., W. Ellis I.G., S. Willey Organist, S. R. Norman and R. B. Burton Stewards, and L. Holgate Tyler.

AGRICOLA LODGE, No. 1991.

THE installation took place at the Castlegate Masonic Hall, York, on the 27th ult. Bro. J. E. Wilkinson presiding over a large gathering of brethren of the Lodge and visitors. The minutes having been confirmed, and now members having been ballotted for, the chief business of the day was dealt with, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Wigham, who afterwards appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. E. Wilkinson I.P.M., G. Manton S.W., T. Laverack J.W., J. Booth Treasurer, T. N. Latham Secretary, D. Young S.D., J. Dow J.D., S. Spence I.G., C. Garrood D.C., A. Sample acting Organist, &c. The Installing Master was Bro. Captain F. Hewson P.M., &c. Subsequently the brethren dined together at the Elephant and Castle Hotel.

THE RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge, which has just completed the first Septennial period of its existence, was celebrated on Tuesday last. The members assembled at the Masonio Hall, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 3:30 p.m., when the Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. John Morriss Marjason, who was supported by Past Masters Benj. Blasby, C. I. Digby, Edmund Dare, Forster Reynolds Treasurer, H. Sapsworth I. P.M., &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. S. Roberts 901, W. W. Rydon P.M. 820, J. W. Brocking 1541, Arthur Roberts S.W. 771, A. Skinner 2012, R. W. Forge P.M. 1793, J. E. Broderick I.G. 2309, W. T. Peat Sec. 1656, R. W. Simpson Steward 1656, F. C. Austin P.M. 1733, C. W. Bennett 179, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Thos. Butler 55, N. Courlander 975, W. Morley I.P.M. 1769, S. Carlingwood I.G. 1769, Louis Honig, W. C. Harris S.W. 2018, H. B. Washen 1755, J. C. Wildowh J.C. 2000. W. G. Lowe S.W. 2348, H. B. Tucker 1755, J. C. Wildash I.G. 890, B. Kenyon J.D. 2012, S. Hunt 1196, G. C. Leaver 1767, &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the meeting of the 3rd March last were read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was next presented, and this showed the Lodge to be working on a sound financial basis. Bro. Whittet, a candidate for the third degree, was placed under examination; he acquitted himself in a satisfactory manner, and was entrusted. In due course the Lodge was advanced a second stage, and the candidate had conferred upon him the privileges of the third degree; the W.M. acquitting meelf in an ominently satisfactory manner, and keeping up the prestige the Lodge bears for sound workmanship. There was the name of a candidate on the agenda paper who desired to join the Order, and the ballot was now brought into requisition. Bros. Blasby P.M. and Sapsworth I.P.M. offered themselves as sponsors. and the gentleman we refer to, Mr. James Crouch, successfully passed the ordeal, and later on received the benefit of Masonic Light. Bro. Sapsworth, as Director of Ceremonies, now introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred Crew, and that worthy brother was obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Marjason completed his year's work by giving a masterly rendering of the ceremony of installation. After the customary salutations, the following brethren were invested with their respective collars of office: — John Morriss Marjason I. P. M., A. Aldin S. W., T. Covell J.W., W. F. Reynolds Treasurer, G. C. Rowland Secretary, J. Aldredge S.D., S. Abell J.D., H. F. Nash I.G., G. Trinder Dir. of Cers., F. Hampton Organist, G. H. Hester and T. Keyes Stewards, F. G. Mitchell Tyler. The several addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren having been given, Bro. Marjason took his seat, amid hearty congratulations. Amongst matters that came under consideration

during the evening was the desirability of some slight recognition being given to Bro. Forster Reynolds for his indefatigable exertions in the Lodge in his capacity of Treasurer. A notice of motion was given that the Lodge vote a sum of money from its funds, and this will be brought forward for consideration at the next meeting. Letters expressing regret were read from Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, Sir J. W. Ellis Past G.W., and others, who were unable to be present. The death of a late member of the Lodge was officially announced, and it was agreed that a letter of sympathy and condolence be sent to his widow. This completed the business, and Lodge was closed. The banquet-table was elegantly set out by Bro. Mouflet, but the worthy host did not care to have his arrangements upset; neither do we ours. We have a particular fancy for the end seat at the inner table; it suits our convenience for what "work" we think fit to do. But we were requested to take a vacant seat at the end of the table. This we demurred to; as a consequence we could not get our "fixings" for the banquet, and this put us somewhat out of temper. However, in the end all went well, and so we will end our sermon. As a matter of course the new W.M. Bro. Albert Crew presided, and a capital President he makes. At the outset he told the brothren he should not favour long speeches, and this was adhered to throughout the evening. The Loyal toasts and those in honour of our Masonic rulers were most cordially received, Bro. Skewes-Cox replying for the last one in a capital speech. Bro. Marjason proposed the health of the W.M. founders of the Lodge had now all passed through the chair, and it was gratifying to know that those now in office in the Lodge were initiates of it. The W.M. was a most earnest Mason, and all looked forward to a happy and prosperous year. In reply Bro. Crew, after expressing his gratification at the cordial reception given him, said he was present at the consecration meeting of the Lodge, seven years ago, and had attended every meeting since. He assured the brethren he would do all he could to make his year of office a success, and he trusted the members would have a pleasant time of it. The next toast was the health of the initiate, and Bro. Crouch responded in felicitous terms, assuring the brethren he had been much impressed with the ceremony, and hoped to become a bright and useful member of the Order. The Visitors next received a cordial greeting from the W.M., and Bros. Forger, Bennett, Alec. Roberts, Butler, Morgan and others acknowledged the courtesy of the Lodge. The Installing Master of the day came in for his full share of praise, and in pinning the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge on his breast the W.M. expressed the satisfaction the members felt at the manner in which Bro. Marjason had acquitted himself ever since he first took office. After ample response had been made, several other compliments were paid, but the train service calls had somewhat thinned the attendance. Bro. Louis Honig was the musical conductor of the evening; he was assisted by Miss Annie Parsons, Miss Marion Barke, Bros. Arthur Thomas, W. G. Reynolds, and several other artistes. Two well executed violin solos were contributed by M. Victor Opfermann.

PELHAM LODGE, No. 1330.

If IIE installation meeting took place at Lewes on the 24th ult., and was marked by an unusually large attendance of brethren. The W.M. elect was Bro. Weston, and he was installed with due ceremony by the retiring W.M. Bro. Wilson. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Holman S.W., Lumette J.W., White Treasurer, Woolgar Secretary, Berry S.D., Hunt J.D., Langridge I.G., Hall Tyler. Later on about fifty brethren sat down to a banquet, provided at the White Hart Hotel by Bro. Tuff. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the I.P.M. Bro. Wilson, and by a number of Prov. Grand Officers and others.

FRATERNITY LODGE, No. 1418.

MHE meeting for installation was held, on the 23rd ult., in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, when Brother John Wright Galt was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers:—William Thorman I.P.M., John Luther Green S.W., William Hutchinson J.W., William Jas. Watson Treasurer, John Broome Secretary, Charles W. Anderson S.D., John R. Crosthwaite J.D., Jas. Wright I.G., Jas. Tweedy Organist, James Jones S.S., W. C. Folkard J.S., Bedford R. Smith Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall.

St. AUGUSTINE'S LODGE, No. 1941.

THE anniversary was celebrated at the Shrewsbury Arms, on Tuesday, 21st ult., when Bro. Geo. Buttery P.P.G.S.B. was installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremouy being performed by Bro. Foggo I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Gee P.M. P.G.Stand. B. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Foggo I.P.M., Hackett S.W., Bullivant J.W., Rev. Grier P.P.G.C. Chaplain, John Robinson Treasurer, Lawrence Secretary, Webster S.D., Hilton J.D., Marples Dir. of Cers. 2263, Coltman I.G., Salmon Organist, Barkley, Fairley, and Tunnicliffe Stewards, Gilbert Almoner, Turner Tyler. The banquet was attended by a large company, and the usual toast list was duly honoured.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. Tilton P.D.G.M. 7th District New York City, P.M. 603 New York City, U.S.A., Kedge I.P.M., Woolley S.W., Hancock J.W., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. Chap., Cumming Treas., Reynolds Sec., G. H. Reynolds S.D., Burgess acting as J.D., Rowe as I.G., Harris D.C., Thrussell acting as Org., Jackson and Frigont Stewards, Paul, Snow, Atkinson, Bowie, Clark, Bagge, Lincoln, Bowles, Woodward, Spooner, Williams, Coltart, Jessurun, C. Hirsch, musical abilities.

Crawley, Bertini, Bergholz. Visitors: Bros. Major-General Laurie P.G.M. Nova Scotia, Adams 56 Chicago, Lancaster P.M. and Sec. 534, Johnson P.M. 1297, Dowding I.P.M. 1297, Hamilton P.M. 917, Sucker 1589, Philadelphia, U.S.A., Mortimer 15, Wedgwood P.M. 2397. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A telegram was received from Bro. Harvey, B.A., regretting that he was unable to be present, being detained in Liverpool. He was to have been raised to the third degree. The by-laws as amended, which had been unanimously adopted at the last meeting, were read and confirmed. The resignation of Brother Clark P.M. was accepted. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from Bros. Baker P.M. (through illness), Walff Hayes District G.M. 8th Masonic District N.Y. City, U.S.A. (through sickness), Schartau Organist, and Gates. Letters were also read from Bro. Shryock M.W.G.M. Maryland, U.S.A., sending "Hearty good wishes" to the Lodge, and wishing it prosperity, with letters from many other brethren in Baltimore; also from Bro. Meyer, of Philadelphia, and other brethren, conveying the same good wishes, and a letter from Bro. the Hon. John Vrooman M.W.G.M. New York, U.S.A., which ran as follows:-

> Office of the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, Masonic Temple, New York City, 19th Jan. 1891.

John W. Vroomau, Grand Master,

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Anglo-American Lodge, London, England.

My Dear Brethreo,

It was my pleasure to forward to you some time since by Express a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which I trust may have the honour of a place in your library. I shall never forget the kindness and courtesy which was extended to me by the good brethren of your Lodge during my recent visit to London.

I prize beyond expression your jewel of honorary membership, and esteem it a great honour to wear it alongside the jewel of the Grand

Master of New York.

It gives me much pleasure to state that the greatest degree of harmony and prosperity attends the brethren of this grand jurisdiction, and I am sure that myAnglo-American brethren will be especially interested to know that on the 15th day of May next we propose to lay the corner stone of our Masonic Home and School. We propose to make this Institution second to none in the world. My report to the brethren here regarding your splendid Institutions in England has given us great impetus in the direction of making our own a success. We would most heartily welcome any of your brethren who might find it convenient to be present at our ceremonies in May, and I am sure you could say something upon that occasion that would be of practical service to further our undertaking.

Again thanking you for your kindness and courtesy, and with earnest wishes for the health and happiness of each member of your

Lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN W. VROOMAN.

The names of two gentlemen were given in as candidates for initiation. The W.M. having received "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Prince's room, where a capital banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, the respected manager. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed, well received, and honoured, the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada,' said how pleased he was to see Bro. Major-General J. W. Laurie, the Grand Master of Nova Scotis, with them that evening, and also two or three other American brethren, which showed that the Anglo-American Lodge was performing the work for which it was founded. They would always with pleasure welcome any number of American or Canadian brethren who would honour them with their presence. Bro. Major-General Laurie replied in a most interesting speech, giving an account of how Freemazonry had spread in America and Canada, and the link of Auglo-American Lodge was between them and England. He wished the Lodge every prosperity. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast of his health, which had been proposed in a few kind words by Bro. Kedge P.M., said he thanked the brethren for all their kind indulgence, and for the assistance Bro. Kedge P.M. had been to him. Bro. Kedge P.M., in acknowledging the toast of "The Past Masters," said he would do all in his power for the welfare of the Lodge, and was very sorry that illness had prevented Bro. Brackstone Baker from being with them that evening. He felt sure all the brethren missed him, and hoped with him he would soon be well. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors" toast (amongst whom were many Grand Officers of England and distinguished American and Canadian Masons), alluded to the fact that since the Lodge had been consecrated they had entertained 800 visitors, and he hoped all the visitors present had had a pleasant time. They were always welcome. The Visitors assured the brethren of the Lodge they had had a most pleasant evening; and Bro. Adams gave an amusing account of Masonry in Chicago, and stated that his grandfather and father had been Masons in America. The Treasurer assured the brethren that he would look well to the funds of the Lodge. The Secretary thanked the brothren for the very kind manner in which he had been received after his severe accident, and hoped that he would be spared many years to be of service to the Lodge, not only to the W.M.'s, but to the brethren. The work at times was anxious and laborious, but he was helped on by the kindness always shown towards him, and he had at heart the presperity of the Lodge. The S.W. replied for "The Officers." The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable and happy evening, to which Bros. Bagge, G. A. M. Bowles, James Woodward, C. W. Adams, W. J. Thrussell, and other brethren contributed much by their

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SARURDAY, 9TH MAY 1891.

LODGE HISTORIES. --:0:---

ANCIENT FREEMASONRY AT

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE Royal Gloucester Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, has a minute-book that has quite a history of its own. It was commenced in October 1783, and comprises the link that was for some time missing by which the Companions were able to claim and obtain from Grand Chapter the Centenary warrant which now hangs in the Hall. The book was lost for several years, but was discovered by Bro. Le Feuvre, who restored it to the Chapter, of which he was made an honorary member in recognition of his kindness. It was shown at the Masonic Exhibitions at Shanklin and Plymouth, and excited considerable attention from brothren interested in Masonic lore, particularly Bro. Hughan, wellknown as a writer on Masonic subjects. There is much in the book that is alike amusing to present day Masons, and not without interest to general readers, to whom, without disclosing any of "the secrets of the prison house," we propose giving an outline of its contents.

The first entry is on the cover leaf, and enjoins "Every Royal Mason resident in Southampton to attend the Chapter"-it was of course the only one then existing in the town-" which is held on the first Wednesday in every month under the penalty of six pence, those attending likewise to pay the same sum." This is dated "December ye 1, 1784." The curious feature of this entry is that the Companions in attendance were penalised in the same amount as those who were absent. The minutes proper, however, commence, as already stated, in October 1783, on

the 7th day of which is the following:

Brother Archibald Macdonald, of Lodge No. 74 under the Irish Registry, having this evening (assisted by Br. Macklin, Rev. Jones, and Br. Graves, Arch-Masons) at the Request of the Brethren of this Lodge, held a Chapter for the purpose of raising several Brothers to this Sublime Degree, in order to their holding a Chapter in Southampton, the following Brothers were accordingly raised, vizt.-Br. Antram, Br. Cox. Br. Blackman, Br. Wylds, Br. Flindell, and

The title-page refers to the Lodge as the Ancient Lodge, No. 174. On 25th June 1784, the Chapter seems to have met for the first time in the "new Lodge-room." On the 3rd November is a memorandum, of which it would be interesting to have an explanation, as follows:

New Lodge commenced, see Payne, December 1, 1784.

The Chapter in its early days met regularly, but business was occasionally interfered with from curious reasons. Thus, on January 5th, we find that "Br. Budd, being out of the town with the keys, no Chapter was held." Bro. Budd was fined, very properly, two shillings. Here is an entry that will astonish latter-day Masons:

Sunday, ye 19 day of Nov. 1786, R.A.C. fixed and held by agreement, on the third Sunday of each future month.

On Sunday the 24th June 1787, a Past Master was proposed and exalted the same night, and later on we find there was "no Chapter held, Brother Macklin being ill." Bro. Macklin was Z. of the Chapter. The Sunday meetings were continued till the end of 1789, and on Thursday, 7th January 1790, it was agreed to hold the Chapter on the first Thursday in the month in future. On 3rd October 1792, it was decided "that visitors pay 6d each night." On 5th December no Chapter was held, "the Master not being well," and the same reason prevented a meeting in the following month. On 20th March 1793 three brethren were proposed as members, and

"No objections being raised they were unanimously approved of

In June a brother "paid 10s 6d, included in the 19s 6d paid at the King's Head night before." In April next year no cash was "received this night, it being late." In June the Chapter was not summoned, "the Master being in Loudon." In January 1795 four brothers were exalted "to the sublime degree of excellent super-excellent Royal Arch Masons. On 6th May 1795 no meeting was held, "it being Fair Day." Above Bar Fair is here referred to.

Grand Chapter does not seem to have had the terrors it now has to R.A. Masons who do not comply with law and regulation. We find Companions were admitted in 1796 without previous proposition, and in April 1797, it was "unanimously agreed that Bro. Edwards is suspended this Lodge during pleasure," and the following copy of the letter sent to him appears in the minutes:—

To Brother Edwards.

Sir,-By the unanimous consent of sixteen members of the Royal Arch Chapter met this night you are suspended during the Lodge's pleasure for Disgracefull Misdemeanours last Lodge night, unbecoming a man, more particularly a Brother, by order of the Brethren present, for whom I am

Your hble. servant,

P. KIND.

Lodge Room, 5 April, 1797.

On 4th September 1797 is the following:—

"The K.H.W.D. at the A.H. on accompt. of 24 Dutch-men-of-war being taken by the English fleet." Bro. Le Feuvre believes A.H. means the Audit House, where the Town Council, which was practically a Masonic body, met for business and-dined. From this period for many years the Chapter seems to have gone smoothly and aneventfully along, meeting regularly and exalting many Companions. There is a sly sort of memo. on the 6th March 1811, of the Secretary having lent the K.T. 9s 8½d. In 1813 no meeting was 'held, or the book contains no record of it, between May and October, nor between then and March of next year; it met then in July, and next in December, after which the Chapter met oftener, though at irregular intervals. On the 28th the Chapter admitted nine brethren "who had been previously recommended by the Officers of the Royal Gloucester Lodge," and on the 6th March a similar course was adopted, the record stating the Chapter "received the usual recommendation" from the Lodge.

In 1823 the "Grand Officers" were installed on Sunday the 16th March; and six brethren of the Gloucester Lodge were exalted, one

being Mr. Joseph Lobb.

On 15th April 1824 the Companions agreed to celebrate the birthday of the Grand Patron of the Order by dining together on the 23rd. Stewards were appointed, the price of tickets to subscribers being 7s 6d, and to non-subscribers 10s 6d. In November of the same year it appears to have been necessary to raise funds "for the support of the R.A. Companion Prichard (sic) kindly offered the loan of £100, when the following Companions volunteered to guarantee the payment of the money to Companion Pritchard and signed a P. note as a security for the same, each being responsible for £10 until the Chapter is enabled to repay the money." The names of the guaranters are given, among them being Mr. Joseph Lobb, Mr. W. S. Le Feuvre, Mr. Robert Guy (who we believe kept the Dolphin Hotel), and Mr. Edward Rudd. There were 47 members of the Chapter at this period, among them being Mr. Samuel Le Feuvre, Mr. William Lomer jun., Mr. John Witt, Mr. Peter Dickson, Mr. Richard Blanchard, Mr. James Whitchurch, Mr. Charles Maul. Mr. F. B. Bamford, and others whose names are yet remembered.

In August 1825, there is a memorandum that visiting Companions

were to pay 5s for supper, and members of the Chapter 2s, the latter being fined a shilling for non-attendance. Mr. A. R. Dottin, of Bugle Hall, who was elected one of the Parliamentary representatives of the town in 1826, and again in 1830, 1835, and 1837, was admitted a member of the Chapter. In January 1826 it was resolved that no Companion supply or order furniture for the Chapter "unless a previous order has been given in open Chapter and entered on the minute book," and that the Chapter would not be accountable for or pay any such debt." It is refreshing to read after this that the Chapter closed "harmoniously" at nine o'clock. At this date the Chapter appears to have been in low water financially, as the balance in hand was one penny. There is no record between January and October of this year, and there is no doubt the Chapter did not meet in the interval. The Companions, however, had not lost heart, for they met on the 10th October and "were ordered from show to refreshment during pleasure." The next meeting was the 19th March 1827, when Sir John P. Millbanke, Bart., then a member of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation. Sir John was elected on the 6th August following and admitted at a special Chapter, held at eleven a.m., two days afterwards, at which also the Principals were installed. The £100 loan above referred to was now "regularly called for payment," and it was resolved that every Companion be called on to pay up his arrears for the purpose of liquidating this and other debts.

George Lockyer, whom old Hampshiro Masons will well remember. the Tyler of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, was exalted in the Chapter on the 6th day of August 1827, and made a "servitor." On the 21st March 1828, the guaranters for payment of Pritchard's loan were called on by the Chapter to honour their engagement by paying the money, "this Chapter holding themselves responsible for the repayment of the said advances to the respective Companions."

debt was paid on April 1st.

Bro. Charles Ewens Deacon, for many years Town Clerk of and to undergo the painfull task at the ensuing Chapter on first Southampton, and the predecessor of the present holder of that convenient time." not appear to have been admitted at this period, for there is no record of any Chapter being held for over two years. On the 23rd

August we read as follows:

"In consequence of the Principal Z. Comp. Bryant having repeatedly objected when called on to hold a Chapter, and also to deliver up the regalia belonging to this Chapter, which he had obtained possession of without the consent of the Companions, several of the Companions urged the necessity of the above individuals to take into their most serious consideration the best mode that should be adopted whereby the possession of the regalia might be obtained to enable the Companions to conduct this Chapter, and to receive the report of our principal H. and Comp. Pritchard as to the interview he had lately obtained with Comp. P. Bryant. Comp. Principal H. Pritchard stated to this meeting that he had again applied to Comp. Bryant for the regalia, and also for his attendance as P.Z. to enable the Comps. to conduct this Chapter, when Comp. P. Bryant positively declared that he would have nothing more to do, either directly or indirectly, with this Chapter, that a sum of money was due to him, and that he should withhold the regalia until that amount was paid him. On the Companions receiving this report it was unanimously resolved that our Principal H. be requested to call on Principal Z. once more, to tender the amount stated to be due from this Chapter to Comp. Bryant, so that the regalia may be immediately given up to this Chapter to enable the Companions to conduct the business of this Chapter, which had got so very much in arrears.'

No Chapter, however, was held till the 29th March 1831, when Bro. John Storey Perleaze, elected member for the town in the following March, and again in 1833, vice Mr. J. Barlow Hoy, who was unseated on petition, was proposed for membership. Bro. Charles Bromley and several others were proposed at the same meeting. The offending Bryant presided, but matters do not appear to have been so harmonious as the record would make them appear, as there is a note that "Companion Slade presented himself at the door of this Chapter, but was refused admission by Companion Bryant only." At the next meeting (25th July 1831) it was resolved that in reforming the Chapter after so long lying dormant, the Companions be excused quarterages from the 1st July 1828 to the 31st December 1830. "Bro. J. S. Perleaze, Esq., M.P.," and others were admitted, and with the minutes of this meeting the record of this old Chapter closes, and with the "reformation" a new book was opened.—Hampshire Independent.

MARK MASONRY.

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HENNIKER LODGE, No. 315.

A T the regular meeting of the above Lodge, held at Mark Masons' A Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday last, 5th May, Bro. John Barnett was installed W.M. The Lodge was opened by the out-going Master Bro. Henry Cox, who worked the ceremony of advancement in a very satisfactory manner. The principal event of the meeting was the installation ceremony, which was largely attended, in honour of the new W.M., who has made rapid progress in Masonic science, and is not only Master of a Craft Lodge, but is also one of the Provincial Grand Overseers (Mark) for Middlesex and Surrey. Amongst the many distinguished brethren present were :-Bros. Hammerton Deputy Provincial Grand Master and several of his P.G. Officers for the year, Col. Henry Radcliffe P.M., Lennox Browne Grand Steward, Scurrah P.M. 355 P. Prov. G.R., Macbean Assistant Grand Secretary of Scotland, Baker 104, Lee 400, Crutch S.W., Hogard P.M. Secretary, P.M.'s Tipper, Larkin, Murray Haynes (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and several others. The installation ceremony was most ably rendered by Bro. Colonel Radcliffe, who wel deserved the vote of thanks afterwards accorded to him. A Board of nine or ten Installed Masters were the first to greet the newly installed W.M. Upon the re-admission of the brethren below that rank, the following were appointed to office:—Bros. Cox I.P.M., Crutch S.W., Lane J.W., Bromet M.O., Nicholls P.M. S.O., Farnfield J.O., Terry Treasurer, Moore Registrar, Hogard Secretary, Warner S.D., Crick J.D., Dennison D.C., Gluckstein I.G., Mills Tyler. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett alluded to the esteem in which he was held by all nen referred to honour done to the Lodge by the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Charles Hammerton and the other Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Hammerton responded to the toast, and congratulated the W.M. on the position he had obtained in Mark Masonry. With a few well chosen words the W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. H. Cox, and expressed the obligations which the brethren of the Lodge felt towards him for his skill and ability during the past year. After hearty good wishes from many present, the Lodge was daly closed. A récherche banquet was given at the Freemasous' Tavern, adjoining Mark Masons' Hall. The usual logal toasts were given and received in the usual manner. Bro. Lennox Browne responded for the Grand Officers. The toast of the W.M. was ably given by Bro. Cox I.P.M., and duly responded to; as also was the toast of the Advancee; for the toast of The Visitors Bro. Macbean of Grand Lodge of Scotland responded, as did also Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.M. 355. The other usual toasts followed, and the brethren separated after a very pleasant evening, and with every good wish for a successful year of office for Bro. Barnett as W.M. of the Henniker Lodge, No. 315.

HOLIDAY RESORTS.

S is usual at this season of the year, the London, Chatham and Dover Railway officials are making arrangements for the accommodation of the special traffic which may be expected on its system during the next few months. This Company has the advantage of serving a large number of popular sea-side resorts, withiu easy reach of the great metropolis, and as a consequence may rely on a fair share of patronage, but as most of its points of interest may be approached by another route, it remains for the Chatham and Dover to create advantages for itself which shall entitle it to special recognition. Fast trains and a frequent service have done much to popularise this line in the past, and in these respects the programmo for the coming season shows that the management is alive to the advantage of activity and progress. We understand also that frequent excursions will be run, while special terms are offered for family and tourist parties. For the Continental traffic the Chatham and Dover also announce special facilities. There is a daily club train to and from Paris, which is reached in eight hours, the trains consisting of long bogie saloon cars, warmed throughout and lighted by electricity, while a refreshment car is attached between Calais and Amiens. A novel feature is the Customs examination of baggage en ronte, so that passengers are spared the obnoxious delay and much of the interference which has so long been associated with the scrntiny. A Club service is also arranged between London and Brussels, which is reached in eight hours; and between London and Cologne, fourteen hours. Sleeping accommodation is also provided by these trains, which are becoming more and more patronised by the travelling public, as day by day their advantages are more widely made known.

WHITSUNTIDE RAILWAY FACILITIES.

THE Great Western Railway Company announce that a fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. on Saturday, 16th May, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymonth in 7½ hours, and that excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, (for the Channel Islands), Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, and other stations on the Great Western System; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland.

Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal

stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary Trains on Saturday, 16th May, the Company will run in duplicate the 11:45 s.m., 1:0, 3:0, 5:0, and 9:0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; the 10:20 a.m. and 9:15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portions of the 5:0 and 9:0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4:55 and 8:57 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers.

On Bank Holiday Excursions will be run to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham,

Wolverhampton, and other stations.

Arrangements have been made for the issue of ordinary and excursion tickets during the week preceding Whit Sunday, at the Company's City and West end Offices, viz.:—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Helborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 269 Strand, 26 Regent's Street, 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 and 44 Crutched-friars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside.

Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, Kensington (Addison Road), and at most of the stations on the Metropolitan & District

Railways

The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th May, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the Great Western Railway can do so at their convenience. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

ITHE 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, 11th May, to Monday, 18th May, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the and North Western Railway can do so at an 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 following Town Receiving offices of the Company:—15 Queen Street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3 Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65 Gresham Street; 13 Eastcheap; Cross Keys, Wood Street, Cheapside; 22 Aldersgate Street; 65 Aldgate, E.; 30 West Smithfield; 8 and 9 Clerkenwell Green; Boltin-Tun, 64 Fleet Street; 116 Holborn; George and Blue Boar, 285 High Holborn; 43 New Oxford Street; 3 James Street, Covent Garden; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccaditly Circus; Golden Cross, Charing Cross; 34 Parliament Street, Westminster; Hotel Windsor, Victoria Street; 231 Edgware Road; Atlas Office, 167 Tottenham Court Road; 70 St. Martin's Lane; Lion, 108 New Bond Street; 496 Oxford Street; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241 Oxford Street; 33 Hereford Road, Bayswater; Knightsbridge, 34 Albert Gate; Kensington, 33 High Street; 117 Eigh Street, Borough; 233 and 234 Blackfriars Road; Surrey Railway Office, 138 Newington

Causeway; 194 Westminster Bridge Road; Islington, "Angel," 5 Pentouville Road; 15 Queen Street; London, Brighton and South Coast Company's Office, 8 Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross Albert and Victoria Docks Office, Canning Town Goods Station. 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. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142 Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Saturday, 16th May, epecial express trains will leave Euston Station at 4.25 p.m. and 6.55 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham. Special express trains will also leave Birmingham (New Street) on this date at 25 p.m. and 4.5 p.m. for Northampton, calling at Steehford, Coventry, and Rugby; the ordinary trains leaving Birmingham at 20 p.m. and 40 p.m. on 16th May not conveying passengers for these places. On Whit Monday, 18th May, numerous residential trains will not be run. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places, on Saturday, 16th May.

SATURDAY IN SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.

THE London and North Western Railway Company announce that the Tour which was inaugurated last summer under the above name, for the benefit of those who can afford to pay a reasonable price for a day's outing by Rail and Road including thoroughly good Hotel accommodation, will be repeated every Saturday during the coming season.

The first trip will take place on 6th June, and the programme includes visits to the House in which Shakespeare was born, to the site of the House in which he spent the last nineteen years of his life and in which he died, to his Tomb in the Church of the Holy Trinity, and to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, at Stratford-on Avon; to Kenilworth and Warwick Castles; and to Beauchamp Chapel, which contains Leicester's Tomb, and the Crypt, in the St. Mary's Church, Warwick.

The Fares, which are 40s for First Class, and 27s 6d for Second or Third Class (Second Class Carriages are not guaranteed) will include every item of expense throughout the day (wines, &c., excepted); the Company will even pay the Waiters' Fees, for it is indeed, in their case that the French saying "point d'argent point de suisse" applies.

Two new features are introduced in this year's programme. Passengers will not be compelled to return to London the same evening; those who, after dinner, may feel inclined to enjoy two or three days' rest in the country, will be able to do so on payment of a small amount (6s First Class, and 3s Second or Third Class), and to return to Town from Kenilworth, Leamington, Warwick or Stratford-on-Avon (East and West Junction Railway), by any Train up to the following Tuesday night. Hotel coupons, available at the best Hotels, for Breakfast, Luncheon, Dinner and Bed, separately and also for a whole day's accommodation, always including Waiters' Fees, will be sold at moderate prices at the above four Stations and at Euston Station, London.

At a meeting of the members of the Wellington Lodge, to consider a letter of the Earl of Onslow P.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of England, on the present position of Masonry in New Zealand, in connection with the Grand Lodge movement, the following resolution was carried:

"That the letter of Bro. the Earl of Onslow be received, and that he be respectfully informed that while the Wellington Lodge has no present intention of severing from the Grand Lodge of England, the brethren nevertheless fully share the regret expressed by his Excellency at the dissensions now unfortunately existing among Freemasons in the colony, and would be glad to hear of any plan for their removal."

The latter portion of the motion is in reference to that part of his Excellency's letter which stated that he had a plan for ending the trouble if the Lodges were agreeable to his formulating it.

On Saturday last, a proposition to still further increase the salary of the new Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was carried. We do not feel justified in joining in the almost general shout of congratulation that this proposal has elicited. Bro. McLeod has done excellently well in the short period that has clapsed since his appointment, but we know that this too premature recognition of his services does not find favour with many friends of the Institution, and we hear of some whose zeal in working for the next Festival has received a disastrous

Bro. George Everett Grand Treasurer was, on Thursday, the 7th instant, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, made the recipient of a handsome testimonial. He was presented with the full regalia of his elevated office, together with an illuminated address. Some 200 guests were present. We shall give a report of the proceedings next week.

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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

Saturday, 9th May.

173 Phonix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176 Cavenc, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1685 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstoce
1686 Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camborwell
1928 Gallery, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1029 King Solomon, Sa Red Lion Square, W.C.
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A. 1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street 1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport 2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds 2095 Caterbam, Drill Hall. Caterbam, Surrey 2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon R.A. 1293 Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court R.A. 1423 Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

Monday, 11th May.

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5 St. Goorge's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
133 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.
957 Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
1366 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1759 Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
2030 The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster
R.A. 862 Whittington, Ander on's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1118 University, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
M.M. 239 Royal Naval, sa Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.C. 53 Holy Sanctuary, 35 Golden Square, W.C.
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R.C. 54 Holy Sanctuary, 35 Holy Grey, Cambridge
104 St. John, Ashton House, Greek St., Stockport
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240 St. Hilds, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
262 Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Rugby
687 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham
589 Druids of Love and Liberality, M.H., Redruth
685 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
1671 Prince of Wales, Thomas Arms Hotel, Lianelly
721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester
797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
1893 Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook
499 Williamson, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth
1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1069 United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1175 Permor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1336 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1175 Permor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1175 Permor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1476 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Sultburn-by-Sea.
1498 Royal Millitary, Maso 5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.

Tuesday, 12th May.

Festival of the R.M.I.G., Freemasons' Tavern
46 Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
167 St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
235 Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
1269 Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1668 Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1769 Clarendon, Guidthall Tavern, Gresham Street
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C. 2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C. R.A. 185 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. 93 Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich 131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro 184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Bromp ton, Kent

241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston

281 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick

473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham 473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
503 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton
650 Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726 Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hot, Staff
629 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
592 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
693 Castrott India Arms Hotel High St. Cosport 892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster 903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St., Gosport 1250 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Warrington 1414 Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenouks 3465 Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex 1509 Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc 1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baildon 1678 Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge 1713 Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton 2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay 2222 Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas, Tem. Plymouth R.A. 265 Judca, Masonic Club, Keighley

R.A. 219 Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds R.A. 402 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham R.A. 660 King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate R.A. 1055 Derby, Masonic Rooms, Cheetham M.M. 6 Adams, Victoria Hall, Sheerness M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter M.M. 152 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

Wednesday, 13th May.

Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 3
3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road
820 Lily of Richmond, Greynound, Richmond
1306 Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
1694 Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane St., Chelsea
1986 Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak
R.A. 857 St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
R.A. 1446 Mount Edgeumbe, St. Botolph Chambers
M.M. 284 High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot, Tottenham

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1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1582 Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006 Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton
R.A. 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun, Chatham
R.A. 24 De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 261 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 280 St. Wulstans, M.H., 95 High S., Worcester
RA. 298 Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333 Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 946 Strawberry Hill, Grotto, Twickenham
R.A. 1649 Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Gt. Stanmore

Thursday, 14th May.

19 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle. E.C. 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 263 Bank of England, Albion Tavern, E.C. 879 Southwark, Southwark Park Tavorn 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C. 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
1216 Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Ritles,
Camberwell
1425 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven Road,
Paddington
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Ha, Notting Hill
1804 Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1118 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2168 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, St.
Paucras, N.W.
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477 Mersey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead

546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Seaford

732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

739 Temperance, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham

784 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham

784 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham

784 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal

786 Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool

915 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon

991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay

1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale

1055 Derby, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Manchester

1098 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Tradegur

1144 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington

1147 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

1204 Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern

1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne

1369 Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala

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1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1583 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
1782 Macaen, Swan, Coleshill
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 220 Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston
R.A. 251 Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 723 Pannure, M.H., Barrack Road, Aldershot
R.A. 518 Philanthropic, Mas. Hall, Abergavenny
R.A. 889 Dobie, Grillin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
K.T. 21 Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

Friday, 15th May.

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2184 Royal Victorian Jubilee, Forest Hot, Chingford
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R.A. 61 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
R.A. 414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool
K.T. De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Saturday, 16th May.

1118 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green 1118 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green 1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell 1534 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew 1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill 2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C. R.A. 1573 Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
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2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
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R.A. 1194 Royal Middlesex, Mitre, Hampton Court
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Saturday, 9th May.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Perk, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Conrt Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tay, Southgate Rd., N.8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1641 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:36
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 11th May.

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22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'3
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1459 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moocgate, E.C., 7'30
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1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Maschester Hotel, E.C., 7
1603 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottonham, 8
1743 Porseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 3
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The
Criterion. W., 8
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 12th May.

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25 Robert Burns, 3 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
198 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepnoy, 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, Sideup, 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
1323 St. John, Musonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cauning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgeumbe, Three Stags, Lamboth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1635 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 NewFinsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8 1639 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8 1695 NewFinsbury Park, Hornsoy Wood Tav, N., S 1899 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8 2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8 R.A. 1662 E. of Carnarvou, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 13th May.

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 Jubiles, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borongh, 8 73 Mount Lebanon, George Ind. Borongh 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 9
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Paymure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7 761 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 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,

- ford, 8
 1804 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
 S.W., 730
 1862 Beaconsileld, Chequers, Walthamstow, 730
 1861 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
 1892 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 830
 1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
 New Road, 8
 1922 Date of Albany, 153 B thersea Park Road 730
- New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 B ttersea Park Road, 7:30
 1208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 9
 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, 14th May.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7-30
 147 Justice, Brown Rear, 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
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 750
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnad Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
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 St. John's Wood, S
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
 Canonbury, 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 Leopoid, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1803 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool
 Road, N., 8
 1813 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45
 1814 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1825 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30
 1877 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate,
 Clerkenwell, 9
- M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall

Friday, 15th May.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8 507 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
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbour, 1:365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
 1384 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2030 Abboy Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
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Saturday, 16th May.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
 Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
 198 Peroy, 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
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