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THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

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volent Institution has resulted in a success far beyond the most sanguine expectations of the Craft, a sum close upon £60,000 having been contributed in answer to the Special Appeal made in connection with the auspicious occasion. Words fail us when we attempt to express gratification at this noble result, but happily the picture put before the Craft on Wednesday needs no embellishment, the grand result—£60,000—being in itself enough to attract the admiration and attention of the world, while it will remain for all time a brilliant memorial to the Masonic Order, and a tangible proof of the sincerity of the sentiments with which its members are actuated.

The total announced by the Chairman on Wednesday—the Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edgeumbe, Deputy Grand Master of England, himself proclaiming the result—was £59,593 15s, made up of London contributions £27,543 5s, and Provincial £32,050 10s. This was not only the largest total ever received at a Festival, but also topped the record in the matter of number of Stewards who worked to secure it, the total announced on the occasion being 1471 as compared with 1464 who supported the Chairman of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which it will be remembered was held under the presidency of the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. We are not yet able to give full details of the amounts sent up from the different Lodges and Provinces represented at the Festival, but hope next week to publish the usual list of Stewards and the amount of their respective lists. Meanwhile, the accompanying summary, made up to six p.m. of the day of the Festival, will interest our readers, and give a fair idea as to the distribution of workers and the help rendered by different districts. It will be noticed the total of these figures is £57,905 4s, which the Festival a success. This additional amount is in of the Stewards at the Festive Board, which is sometimes condemned as undesirable, is in reality good policy, and may be productive of most beneficial

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS. (To 6 p.m. of the day of the Festival).

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London	•••	•••	617	26,517	0	0
West Yorkshire	•••	•••	138	3,555	0	0
East Lancashire	•••	•••	54	2,086	12	0
Warwickshire			79	2,062	3	0

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Surrey		,	36	2,024	15	0
Essex	***	•••	42	1980	5	0
Cheshire	•••	• • •	72	1700	0	0
Hertfordshire	•••	•••	27	1446	3	6
Kent	•••	•••	37	1335	3	0
Hants and Isle of	Wight		2 8	1278	2	0
Middlesex		•••	34	1225	7	0
Sussex		•••	29	1177	0	6
Derbyshire	•••	•••	41	981	14	0
Suffolk	•••	•••	23	963	10	0
West Lancashire	***	•••	33	902	8	6
Cornwall	•••		11	776	15	0
Devonshire		•••	6	690	3	6
North and East Y	orkshire		7	674	8.	0
Berkshire			22	635	14	6
Lincolnshire			$\overline{12}$	577	18	0
Somersetshire			6	491	15	0
Wiltshire			11	476	9;:	Õ
Shropshire			13	470	, O.,	0
Norfolk			3	431	5	0
Dorsetshire			7	393		Õ
Leicestershire and	Butland		4	388	10	0
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noticed the total of these figures is £57,905 4s, which was the result of the Jubilee up to six p.m. Two hours later, when the Chairman announced the result, the total had swollen to £59,593 15s, or a gain of £1688 11s, collected virtually at the table from the Stewards who, it is fair to believe, had previously done what seemed to them their very best to make the Festival a success. This additional amount is in itself sufficient to prove that the gathering together of the Stewards at the Festive Board, which is some-

Those who had the fortune to be present at the Festival have good reason to congratulate themselves on witnessing one of the grandest sights ever known in connection with the Order. We have seen enormous Masonic gatherings elsewhere, notably at the Royal Albert Hall, at the Brighton Pavilion, and at the Crystal and Alexandra Palaces, but the general appearance of Covent Garden Theatre on Wednesday fully entitles it to rank with anything that has gone before, and the executive are deserving of the very

highest praise for having succeeded in carrying out Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons Secretary has naturally fallen the work of direction and preparation, and he fully deserves the heartiest recognition for his labours. He has succeeded far, we imagine, beyond his anticipations, and we know sufficient of him to feel assured that while he to-day congratulates himself on the result of his efforts he is equally pleased at the prospect of being able to tions, the Ladies, &c. announce at no very distant date a still further extension of the number of annuities paid by the banquet at Covent Garden Theatre, there were 400 Institution.

Having secured so exceptionally large an amount Committee will at once set to work and consider how far they can extend the scope of the Charity as a result of the liberality of the Craft. The Treasurer of the Institution, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, in responding to credit on the firm that was entrusted with this most the toast of its success, spoke of being able to invest important factor in connection with so successful a £50,000 out of the total contributed this year. He Festival. should be in a good position to know what can be done, and we suppose there is sufficient in hand from last year to allow of such an investment, and at the same time pay the current expenditure of the year. He also spoke of the investment realising 3 per cent., which would give a permanent income of £1500 a year from this investment alone. Of this sum £720 per annum has already been appropriated by the creation of the twenty new annuities decided upon at the recent meeting of the authorities, so that at least twenty more annuities can be established without necessitating any larger annual contributions than have been received in the past. Indeed, there would be a small surplus from the investment. But even this splendid addition would not be a Jubilee Celebration in the fullest sense of the word. We want fifty new annuities, if it is any way possible. which fifty new pensions would entail an additional outlay of £1830 per annum. We have already shown that the amount it is proposed to invest will produce £1500 a year of this, and under the exceptional circumstances we hope it will be deemed possible to charge the Institution with the difference, and so create the fifty new annuities as a special mark of the Jubilee Celebration, which would indeed be a most gratifying result.

The toasts on the occasion of the Festival were We imagine the speakers commendably brief. recognised the impossibility of making their voices heard by the large assembly, and spared their audience the infliction of lengthy remarks in conse- his acquaintance, and inquired of his associates as to his quence. Besides this, there was only one prime moral character and fitness to be made a Mason. remark to make—to announce the result—and anything which tended to delay that was looked upon mend an applicant unless you can honestly recommend with disfavour. The Chairman expressed sympathy him from personal knowledge. The Craft expects this of with the Queen and the Grand Master in their recent you, and you do injustice to yourself, as well as to it, if bereavement, and spoke of the festivities that would you recommend one who is a stranger to you. have then been in active preparation but for the lamented death of the Duke of Clarence. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master, coupling with it the Provincial, Grand Masters and the Grand Officers Present themselves and to their Lodge, and this duty requires a Master of Surrey responded, and then the Chairman whether he be first or second in order on the petition. gave the toast of the evening—Success to the Royal

the arrangements in so satisfactory a manner. The and the Widows of Freemasons. He spoke of the Secretary of the Institution may well have been establishment of the Fund in 1842, at the suggestion proud as he stood on the right of the Deputy Grand of the then Grand Master His Royal Highness the Master of England, handing him details of the Duke of Sussex, and reviewed its very rapid growth result of the Festival, and looking on the scene in favour and usefulness. He thought it proved that before him-not, perhaps, wholly brought about by the Masonic Order was alive to the necessities of his personal efforts, but to a very great extent so, their fellows when they established this Fund to give and as such representing in a striking manner the pensions for old age. The country was just beginning powers of one man. We recognise to the fullest to recognise the desirability of doing something in extent the assistance Bro. Terry has received in the the same direction, and there remained the fact that work of arrangement and organisation, but that does the Masonic Brotherhood was at least fifty years in not in any way detract from the honours due to the advance of their fellows. The Earl of Mount leader. He may have had good assistants, kindly Edgeumbe thanked the Stewards for their energetic sympathy and wide-spread enthusiasm, but to the efforts, and congratulated them on the splendid result, which he was convinced would prove a real and lasting blessing to a large number of aged and deserving members of the Craft. Sir John Monckton proposed the toast of the Chairman, which was enthusiastically received and briefly acknowledged. Other toasts were—Success to the other Masonic Institu-

In addition to 1200 Stewards who sat down to the ladies who dined in the building, the whole of the arrangements in connection with which were admiof contributions, it may reasonably be expected the rably carried out by Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited. The Ladies' and other Special Stewards had previously dined at Freemasons' Tavern. In all cases the catering was excellent, reflecting great

DUTIES OF RECOMMENDATION.

NO applicant can be received or balloted for in Freemasonry until after he has been recommended, and well recommended.

In the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and generally elsewhere, an applicant must have two recommenders, both of whom must be Master Masons and members of the Lodge in which he petitions for initiation and membership.

When the Craft requires two recommenders, it means two, or not one; that is to say, two members who have personal knowledge of the applicant.

The second recommender is not for ornament, but for use. If the second recommender signs merely at the request of the first, he is in fact no recommender at all, but merely a shadow of the first Brother. No brother should ever sign such a petition without having first inquired about and known the applicant.

We well remember when we were first practically taught this lesson. We were a very young Mason, and a Past Master came to us one night and asked us to sign as second recommender, he saying to us, the applicant was first-class material. In our state of innocence we signed. What was the result? The applicant was rejected; and again rejected. How chagrined we were. We had recommended an applicant about whom we personally knew nothing, and he proved Masonically worthless. We never fell into that trap again. We have often been asked since to sign as second recommender, and often done so, but not until after we had personally seen the applicant, made

Rule first, then, for a recommender is, never to recom-

It is too common a practice for the first recommender to ask the Secretary of his Lodge to become the second recommender. The Secretary should never do so if the applicant is unknown to him. Secretaries are not selected or paid for this purpose. They have a duty to perform to Colonel Money Provincial Grand personal knowledge of the applicant by the recommender,

The second rule for a recommender to govern himself by

is, that he should neither ask nor persuade a friend to sign

a petition for initiation and membership.

Freemasonry requires that every applicant should seek the Craft of his own volition. This is the unique characteristic of our Fraternity, distinguishing it from all others. Probably the Brother who is most tempted to infringe this rule is a Worshipful Master, especially an ambitious one, who desires to "break the record" of all previous Masters in his Lodge. It is to be feared that such a one too frequently importunes his intimate friends to seek admission to the Craft. The result is always injurious to Freemasonry. Men are led to seek admission from selfish motives, or merely to gratify a friend. Seeking to gratify an idle curiosity never made a good Mason.

If Freemasonry should ever become, in the profane sense, popular, its high character will be greatly imperilled.

Every applicant should be a man of good moral character, of reputable standing in society, physically sound, and of sufficient means to amply provide for himself and family. An impecunious man is not fit material for Masonry. No one should join it to better his fortunes. A shady character is but rotten material for the spiritual Temple. A man without comfortable means of support may speedily become a charge on the Craft.

Every recommender should personally know that the applicant he recommends seeks the Craft voluntarily, is upright and of good report, has satisfactory visible means of support, and will possibly add to, or certainly not sub-

tract from, the character of Freemasonry.

Brethren, lay hands suddenly on no material for our spiritual Temple. Ask no profane to become a Mason. Never be a recommender who cannot recommend. Never sign an applicant's petition out of compliment to the first recommender. All this is plain Masonic duty, and he who departs from it inflicts an injury, it may be of great magnitude, upon the Fraternity which honoured him by making him a Mason.—Keystone.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications. --:0:--

Re ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-I have had many inquiries from London and Provincial Brethren, asking if I have a Committee in London, or Hon. Secretaries to assist my candidature for the above office? and I have always replied, as I do now, that I have no such Committee, nor have I an Hon. Secretary; but it is true that some kind Brethren in the Provinces, on their own account, are doing what they can on my behalf.

When I consented to be nominated I determined not to have a Committee, but to rely entirely on the Brethren to support me if they considered me worthy, rather than spend money on Committees

&c. to secure my election.

Should I be elected I shall value the honour more than I can express in a letter; if, on the other hand, my Brother and opponent receives the majority of votes of the Brethren, I have no right to complain. I am, unfortunately, here for my health, but I hope to be in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd March.

Yours fraternally,

J. S. CHMRERTAND

Brighton, 23rd February 1892.

THE SHADWELL CLERKE FUND.

To the Edi'or of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -Although no reference to the matter has yet appeared in your popular journal, you, as well as the general body of Masons, are doubtless aware of the circular letter addressed to the various Lodges, respecting a proposed fund for the widow of the late respected Grand Secretary. Now, while recognising the popularity of Colonel Clerke, and his great and valuable services to the Craft, I cannot help thinking that this proposal, emanating from

and was altogether in a better position than at least two-thirds of his brethren, and in my humble judgment it forms a dangerous precedent for Grand Officers to promulgate such a scheme under the circomstances.

I may further remark that having visited several Lodges where the circular has been read I have noticed a general feeling of astonishment, not altogether unmixed with indignation, at the course adopted.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

W.M.

LET US BUILD TEMPLES.

EAST—WEST—SOUTH—NORTH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-The principal object of Masonic and Brotherly societies is, has been, and always should be, "Charity." To be able to extend this holy duty we should all, as a body, do our best. It is true that good men, when satisfied themselves, considerately think of their poor fellow-creatures, and give heartily as far as their means go; but up to this day it has been impossible to satisfy all demands. The reason why we cannot give to all that need is because our funds are limited. By means of votes some are lucky to receive the benefits. Out of 110 applicants, let us say only ten can be assisted; the other thirty, perhaps as deserving, simply have to wait until the funds have been restored. There are many means to increase the funds-for instance: by paying higher fees, or by voluntary contributions, or by less feasting; but why need we tax our brethren? this would be unnecessary if we were able to "build Temples." The benefits which would accrue from such buildings are numerous. Festivities are generally held at hotels, where the charges are governed by the so-called hotel charges. Brethren, have none of you gone into the details of an hotel bill? If you have, surely you must have found that at home you could produce the same cheer, or better, at far less than half such cost. If wines, eigars and suppers could be produced at less than half what is now paid for them, the other half could go into the Charity-box,-if we had a Temple, and would come to the aid of our deserving and needy brethren.

2. A candidate is proposed; his name is written on a board, visible to all who come to the Temple, for two calendar months; not only the members of one Lodge are able to see this name, but members of other Lodges that meet there. The character of such new candidate would be tested by a great number of the Craft, and mistakes could

not happen so often as now.

3. The furniture would be the property of the Craft, and not lent or hired as it is in hotels. Perhaps every Freemason would have a

home for himself, and would be proud of such a home.

4. An approved Steward, who knows the management of wines and spirits; a good cook, able to produce frugal meals, and all this under the supervision of a Committee, is what is wanted to provide a selected and unsurpassable cheer, with satisfaction to all of the brethren. Cook and Steward could live on the premises, and some able, if not fortunate brother, would heartily seize such an opportunity for a living.

5. On the Continent, in many Lodges, the members get their wines, spirits, &c., out of their vaults and from the stock laid down at less than "store" prices; but for our members who deal in such articles this would not meet their views if adopted in English Lodges.

6. Again, Lodges of Instruction could be held at the Temple, without being disturbed as at present. Most of such meetings are held at public-houses, where in one part rough language is the rule, while in the other hymns are sung and Masonic prayers are used. Are

these fit places for Masonic meetings?

7. A Temple can be built at a very moderate expense, about £6000; surely if this amount could be offered in shares of £2 each no brother, if it were in his power, would refuse to take one; consequently no difficulty would be incurred in raising such sum; whereas, on the other side the benefits are so great that in less than four years all the shares could be repaid. If average hotel charges are £150 per annum, and twelve Lodges meet, a surplus of £900 every year from banquets alone would be the result. Moreover, by profits out of Instruction Lodge meetings, and contributions from special banquets, with balls, &c., a higher fee could be gained until all the shares were redeemed and the Temple free.

8. Then comes reaping, -for the Charities; and many poor and deserving brethren would live to bless and commend this Institution. Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Walthamstow, February 1892.

At a meeting of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192, held on 22nd inst., it was resolved that on and after the 29th inst. the Lodge should meet at "Field House," High Street, Walthamstow, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS .- Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatics, tie doloreux, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of several Grand Officers, is a most ill-advised proceeding. In the newspapers of 18th instant, appeared the particulars of the deceased's will, wherein the personality is stated to be £12,252, besides estates in county Galway and elsewhere, so that the widow appears to be left in comfortable circumstances. Colonel Clerke received a substantial salary for the performance of his duties as Grand Secretary,

THE NON-AFFILIATES.

NUMBER of eminent Masons take the ground that a non-affiliate is not entitled to any Masonic courtesy. We hardly go this length, although some of our Grand Lodge officers, embued with the dollar and cents idea of the Order, would hurl every Mason who does not pay his Lodge dues, or who is a non-affiliate, into outer darkness.

Theoretically this method of looking upon Masoury from the stand point of the "business man, on a business plan," is all wrong. Masonry we are told is not a financial corporation, but a system of morality the teachings veiled in allegory and illustrated by signs and symbols. There is nothing in a temporal sense that man can receive from having these signs and symbols revealed to him. These teachings are for the improvement of the mind and for the benefit of the individual. The language is made symbolical, and by means of signs to all intents and purposes

fulfils the purposes of a universal language.

For instance a Frenchman, a German and an Englishman, all three Masons, meet under certain circumstances. They each speak different lauguages, but a sign is made which all three understand. A bond of sympathy is at once formed between the three. It is a similar feeling that a man feels among foreigners whose language is unknown to him when he hears his own spoken. Men have been known to burst into tears at the sound of their mother tongue among strangers. This is what the signs of Masonry are intended to do-to serve the purpose of a universal tongue. Then the word a Masonic "Lodge" is not to be understood in the sense of a room decorated with paintings, curtains, carpet and upholstered chairs. Lodge is not the place of meeting. Originally the English Masons met in rooms in certain inns. This is the custom there to a large extent still. Lodges have often been held in the open air, in tents on the battle field, in the basements of ruins and in caves when the exigencies of the case demanded it. The "Lodge" is an abstract not a material thing. It is the aggregate of the membership of a certain Masonic organization, a small circle within the greater circle of the Grand Lodge, a member is the atom, the private Lodge the molecure and the Grand Lodge the drop in the Masonic alchemy. Originally dues were unknown except those paid to the Grand Lodges. Such is the principle still. A Mason made cannot be unmade. When a man becomes a member of the Craft he takes an obligation which makes no provision for his being unable to pay his dues or his desire to not belong to any particular private Lodge. He is not told that he enters on a monetary basis, and that as soon as he is unable to put, up money for "blow outs" and regalia for Grand Lodge officers that he is to lose that which was given him, the privilege of being an honest man, of assisting a Masonic brother in distress, and that he loses his right to pecuniary aid, his right to meet his Masonic brethren gathered together, his right to walk in a Masonic procession, or the right even to have the beautiful Masonic service read over his grave. That he is to be an outcast.

* * Along the strip of herbage strewn, That just divides the desert from the town.

Still he must keep his part of the contract. All the obligation is on him. Is it not time that more liberal views were entertained on this subject. Why should Masons be deprived of their privileges without a trial? Cannot some of the wise minds of the Craft devise an equitable system of dealing with the non-affiliates without casting them out? There are many who would like to have the privileges of membership in the Craft as a whole, without the responsibilities of membership in a private Lodge. Cannot some means be devised to meet this contingency. -Canadian Craftsman.

Bro. Percy Wallis P.P.G.S.W. has been elected to the Chairmanship of the Charity Committee of the Province of Derbyshire in succession to the late Bro. Geo. Thomas Wright P.P.G.S.W.

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MARK MASONRY.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Friday, the 19th inst. Grand Lodge was opened in due form. There were present Bros. R.W. Colonel Sir F. Burdett P.G.M., Charles Hammerton D.P.G.M., C. H. Neville J.W., L. G. G. Robbins Treasurer, John W. Mash Registrar, W. G. Brighten Secretary, F. West M.O., W. M. Stiles S.O., L. P. Coubro S.D., H. A. Marshall Dir. of Cers., P. H. Clisby Standard Bearer, Charles Chanfourier and Dr. R. D. R. Sweeting Stewards, with many Grand Officers, Past Provincial Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of Lodges in the Province, and several visiting brethren whose names are duly recorded in the visiting book. The Provincial Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom. After which the R.W. P.G.M.M. spoke in feeling terms of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and moved that the following address be sent to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Seconded by the Deputy P.G.M., and carried unanimously.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please your Majesty,
We, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey, in Special Grand Lodge assembled, humbly beg to approach your Majesty with expressions of deepest sympathy at the great loss your Majesty has sustained by the death of your grandson, H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

We humbly pray that the Great Overseer of the Universe may grant to your Majesty strength and comfort in this great trial, and continue to voucheafe to you that good health which is so desired by all your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects.

Given at London, under the seal of our Provincial Grand Lodge, this 19th day of February 1892.

[SEAL.]

FRANCIS BURDETT, Provincial Grand Master. C. HAMMERTON, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

W. G. BRIGHTEN, Provincial Grand Secretary.

The P.G.M.M. again rose, and in a most suitable manner proposed, and Bro. Lovegrove seconded, that the following address be sent to our Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This was carried unanimously.

To His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

We, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey, in Special Grand Lodge assembled, crave permission to tender to your Royal Highness and to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales our heartfelt sympathy on the sad occasion of the death of your beloved son H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor Duke of Clarence and Avondale. We are conscious of the great loss the nation has sustained, and we humbly pray that the Great Overseer of the Universe may strengthen and comfort your Royal Highnesses and the members of your Royal House in this your great and severe bereavement.

Given at London, under the seal of our Provincial Grand Lodge this 19th day of February 1892.

> FRANCIS BURDETT, Provincial Grand Master.

[SEAL.]

C. HAMMERTON, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. WM. G. BRIGHTEN, Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother W. G. Brighten, was then called upon to give a short history of the Province, and the P.G. Secretary then read the following short descriptive history of the Provincial Grand Lodge since its formation.

This P.G. Lodge was constituted at Guildford, on the 2nd June 1871, by the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., the Grand Master of the Order, and our present Provincial Grand Master received his patent of appointment, which he has held ever since, it having been renewed every three years since that time by the unanimous wish of the brethren of the Province at each triennial election.

At this first meeting it does not appear that there were sufficient brethren present to fill up all the offices, seven of which, with four Stewardships, were accordingly left vacant. The Roll of Lodges was ascertained on the 11th July 1871, but only three Lodges made any return to this Grand Lodge. Brother C. Hammerton was Provincial

Grand Secretary for the first year.

In 1872 there were no returns from Lodges, Brother James Stevens was appointed Secretary, and in August 1873 he was able to report that he had received returns from six Lodges, but only two of these had rendered any dues. At this meeting the office of Senior Deacon was conferred upon me, and I have since that date attended all meetings. There is no record of any meeting in the year 1874, although the minutes of 6th February 1875 show that it was summoned by Brother S. C. Dibdin as P.G. Secretary, who reported the names of 7 Lodges as attached to this Province, but the minutes show that only two Lodges had made returns and paid dues to the end of the preceding year.

The minutes of the annual meeting of the 19th June 1875 show that the number of Lodges had been reduced to five, as two of the older Lodges had ceased working. Brother S. C. Dibdin was reappointed P.G. Secretary, but shortly afterwards intimated his intention of retiring, and Brother Hammerton, who from the first evinced a most lively interest in the prosperity of the P.G. Lodge, exerted himself to find a suitable brother to present to our P. Grand Master as P.G. Secretary, but he was unable to find any one willing to undertake the office except myself, and I was duly rewarded with the letter of appointment, and I have carried on that part of the

business for the Province, as from June 1875.

All three previous Secretaries had had to bear the brunt of the work of the early years, and their work must have been heavy, yet most unsatisfactory to them, as their labours did not appear to bear any fruit, but the newly appointed Secretary was placed in office just in time to reap the harvest sown by his predecessors. There was much to do, the Province had no funds in hand, there were several debts and outstanding liabilities, the old Lodges, with two or three notable exceptions, would not affiliate themselves, and the only Lodges then existing which were bound to belong to the Province were the Percy, the Panmure, and the Grosvenor, and whether from oversight or from a belief that the Province was doing nothing, Grand Lodge had itself consecrated a new Lodge, the Temple, independent of this Province. Your Secretary felt that he had undertaken too much, but determined to try and succeed. It was necessary to stir up the brethren to found new Lodges if this Province were ever to attain any position, and your Secretary found good men and true, year by year, to aid in the work, so that in his first year of office the Era and the Francis Burdett were the first new Lodges added, and at the annual meeting in July 1876 the Deputy P.G.M.M. Bro. F. Davison was able to report that there was a balance in hand on general account of £1 1s 4d; on charity account £1 7s 9d, and that he knew of no outstanding liabilities. The returns and dues had been received from nine Lodges; and negociations and arrangements were on foot for reviving the Mallet and Chisel, No. 5. At the annual meeting, July 1877, your P.G. Secretary was able to report that not only was the Mallet and Chisel, No. 5, in full working order, but that in addition three new Lodges had been consecrated, viz.: the Croydon, the Studholme, and the Duke of Connaught, bringing the total of Lodges to 13. At the meeting in June 1878, your Secretary reported the addition of the Hammersmith, the West Smithfield, and the Menatschin Lodges, and in July 1879 five more, viz. :- the Brixton, the Clapton, the Prince Leopold, the Royal Naval. and Trinity College. In July 1881 two more, viz.:-the Tenterden, and the High Cross, and in that year the Provincial Grand Master rewarded his P.G. Secretary with the distinguished rank and office of Provincial Grand Senior Warden. Another brother held the office of P.G. Secretary for that year, and as all the papers remained at my office, we carried on the duties there. In July 1882 I was again appointed Secretary, on the expiration of my year of office as Warden, and in July 1883 your Secretary had the pleasure of reporting not only the addition of a new Lodge, the Henniker, but also that after a protracted discussion of several years the brothren of the Temple Lodge had seen their duty and pleasure lie in the direction of complete affiliation to this Province, and had sent in returns and paid dues. From that time until now the Temple has been an active, useful and prosperous Lodge. In July 1884 the addition of two Lodges was reported, viz., the Davison and the Kintore. In June 1885 your Secretary reported the addition of the Temperance in the East and the Royal Savoy as new Lodges, and also that the members of the Province had during the past year the pleasure of being present at the revival and enrolling of the Prince of Wales Mark Lodge, No. 4. In June 1886 we reported the addition of the Chiswick and the Onslow as new Lodges, and in 1887, 1888 and 1889 the addition of one new Lodge only—the King Solomon. In January 1890 this Provincial Grand Lodge was called upon to record our loss, by death, of Bro. F. Davison in the previous year. He had been our Deputy P.G.M.M. for nineteen years. At that meeting Bro. C. Hammerton was installed Deputy P.G.M.M. At the annual meeting in June 1890 your Secretary reported the addition of the Euston and Egorton of Tatton as new Lodges, and at the annual meeting in June 1891 the addition of the Bisley and Ubique Lodges during the previous year was duly reported, bringing the grand total of the Lodges in this Province to 37, with a membership of 822. For years past we have been enabled to subscribe to the Mark Benevolent Fund, besides giving relief to the distressed of our own members; we have considerably over £100 in hand, which is quite as much as we need or ought to have, we have all necessary furniture and are free from debt.

The above are the facts and figures, hastily culled from the minute book at an hour's notice this morning, and, owing to the fact that from the date of the Constitution of this P.G. Lodge we have had but one Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, to rule over us, and his record is that of one who has ruled with firmness and yet with gentleness; one who has been most just, yet always kind, and one who has always evinced the keenest interest in the affairs of this Province; these are the causes which make our history one of steady successful advance, but otherwise

the names of those whe in early days had upheld the hands of our Provincial Grand Master, and year by year as they fell out of the ranks, by death or other causes, their places have been filled by worthy brethren, and it must now be a pleasure to our Provincial Grand Master to preside at the goodly gatherings of the past few years. Long may Sir Francis Burdett live to be our Provincial Grand Master, and share in the prosperity of this Provincial Grand

It was moved by the Deputy Provincial G.M.M., and duly seconded, and carried unanimously—That the history just read be printed and circulated among the members of the Province, and also be entered on the minutes.

This being the festival of the Province, it having existed upwards of 21 years, the arrangements for the remainder of the meeting were in the hands of a special committee, of which Brother Captain C. J. Knightley P.P.G.O. was President, and Brother W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.R. was the Honorary Secretary. The rest of the proceedings were carried out by the Committee, who had prepared two testimonials for presentation within this P.G. Lodge.

The first was an illuminated address, which reads as follows:-

Provincial Grand Lodge,

Mark Master Masons Middlesex and Surrey.

To the Right Worshipful Brother Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.,

Provincial Grand Master.
We, the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, congratulate you on the twenty-first year of your rule over this Province. We are proud in being governed by a chief who has done so much honour to Freemasonry, and who so well knows what Freemasonry means. It is impossible to over-estimate the esteem and regard entertained for you, and it is most gratifying indeed for us to have the privilege of assembling this day to offer to you some tangible proof of the respect we have for one who has endeared himself, not only by his Masonic virtues, but as a friend, a neighbour, a public man, and an Officer in Her Majesty's Army.

May you for many years to come continue to be a shining light in reemasonry, ruling over this Province with the same zeal and assiduity you have shown for the last twenty-one years, and when called off from your labours here may you be found worthy to receive the reward promised to those who work diligently in His Holy Temple.

Signed, on behalf of the 800 members of this Provincial Grand Lodg**e**,

C. J. KNIGHTLEY, President, GEORGE RICE, Treasurer, W. A. Scurran, Hon. Secretary,
Festival Committee.

The address was enclosed in a silver gilt casket, of elegant design, which bore the following inscription :-

Province of Middlesex and Surrey, Mark Master Masons. This Casket, containing an address, was Presented to the Right Worshipful Bro. Col. Sie Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Mark Master, to commemorate the 21st year of the existence of the Province, during the whole of which period it has been under his

guidance and direction.

These were presented to Sir Francis Burdett, in the name of the Committee and Brethren, by Col. Cooke, in a most suitable speech, and the R.W. P.G.M.M., in accepting these presents, expressed the great pleasure he had always felt during the past 21 years in presiding over this Provincial Grand Lodge, and asserted that it was due more to the assistance he had received, not only from the present and past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters and Secretaries, but from all the Officers and Brethren of the Province, than from any merit of his own.

The R.W. P.G.M.M. then, in the name of the Committee, Officers and Brethren, presented the P.G. Secretary with a silver inkstand, of most elegant design, expressing the pleasure he felt at having Brother Brighten for his P.G. Secretary, and adding words of kindness and approval of services rendered during the past 17 years.

The inkstand bore the following inscription:-

Province of Middlesex and Surrey, Mark Master Masons. Presentation to Worshipful Bro. WILLIAM GREEN BRIGHTEN, P.G.I.W.; P.P.G.S.W.; Provincial Grand Secretary;

By the Brethren of the Province, as a mark of esteem and regard.

Numerous letters of regret for enforced absence were read; after which P.G. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet and concert.

Before the banquet Sir Francis and Lady Burdett uneventful. As I turned over the pages of the minute book I saw received the ladies and brethren in the drawing room,

where the Stewards presented magnificent bouquets to Lady Burdett, her daughter, Mrs. Knightley, and Mrs. Brighten. The banquet was served in Spiers and Pond's best style, while an excellent string band gave forth sweet music. After the banquet the usual loyal toasts were given, and then the ladies and brethren adjourned to the concert room.

We may add that the manufacture of the casket, which was universally admired, was entrusted to the eminent firm of Mappin and Webb, of Oxford Street, London, W.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE annual banquet was held on the 19th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth. An excellent repast, which gave complete satisfaction, was provided by Bro. Harvey the Steward of the Club, and Mrs. Harvey. An interesting feature in connection with the proceedings was the presentation of a handsome and costly testimonial to Bro. Cooper, for a long series of years the active and popular Secretary of the Lodge. Over sixty brethren attended, and a larger number would have been present but for the inclement weather. Bro. McBryde the W.M. presided, and the company included P.M.'s Jew, Twose, Cooper, Kitt, Parson, Spinney, Edgcumbe, J. Sweet; Bros. Soper S.W., Luke J.W., Gibbens S.D., Taylor I.G., Maitland D.C., Cooper A.D.C., Lidiard Organist, Symons Assistant Organist, Stancombe and Brown Stewards, Phillips Tyler, and Mabin Charity Steward. Among the visitors were Bros. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Lord, Westlake, Pearce, Westcott, Hambly, Kinton Bond, Livermore; Past Masters W. Sweet, Rook, Lose, Thomas, Wallis, Rogers, Colling, Thomas, Parkhouse, Elliott, Perkins; Bros. Maitland, James, Williams, Leigh, White, Mitchell, Holt, Woolland, Coles, Mansfield, and Ellis. After the banquet the usual toasts were given. Bros. Twose and Kitt replied for Lord Ebrington and the P.G.L. of Deven and Bro Perkins for the Earl of Mount and the P.G.L. of Devon, and Bro. Perkins for the Earl of Mount Edgeumbe and the P.G.L. of Cornwall. The W.M. made the presentation to Bro. Cooper, which consisted of a handsome repeating chime clock, in an ebony case mounted with gold, and striking the hours and quarters on five cathedral gongs. An inscription on a silver plate read, "Presented to W. Bro. C. H. Cooper, P.P.G.D. by Lodge Fortitude, 105, in recognition of his 16 years of faithful and valuable service as Secretary. 19th February, 1892. H. A. McBryde W.M." The clock was selected from the stock of Bro. S. Edgcambe, Cornwall Street. The W.M. said he made the presentation with much pleasure, for no one recognised more fully than he did that Bro. Cooper had long deserved some such recognition of his services, and they were indebted to the perseverance of Bro. Kitt in getting up the presentation. Bro. Cooper thanked the Lodge for the gift, and those personally who had moved in the matter. He hoped to be spared for some time yet to be of further service to the Lodge. Between the toasts several brethren gave recitations and songs, and a very pleasant evening was passed. Among the entertainers were Bros. Jew, Twose, White, Gibbins, Kinton Bond, James, Symons, Cummings, and Pearce. A choice programme of music was also played, by an excellent band.

CAPPER LODGE, No. 1076.

REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on the 11th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. L. Crow, supported by Past Masters McCarthy, Watkins, and Dorton (acting as I.P.M.) The Officers in attendance were Bros. White S.W., Ward J.W., Tapley P.M. (acting Secretary pro tem), Sayers S.D., Oates J.D., Higgins I.G., Thompson Steward, Sherwin Organist, and Turbefield Tyler. Lodge being duly opened, Bro. Rouse Tee was admitted as Fellow Craftsman, and Bro. Griffith was raised to the degree of M.M. Bro. McCarthy then proceeded to thoroughly explain the conditions necessary to be observed to form a Royal Arch Chapter. Bros. Higgins and Tapley, authorised by the Committee appointed to carry out all the arangements for the ladies' night on the second Thursday in March, then announced that everything s progressing in a favourable manner. The traditions history was given by Bro. Crow. Other business having been transacted, the Lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 1101.

T a regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall on A Tuesday, the 16th inst., it was unanimously resolved that on account of the death of the Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, his late Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, no banquet should be held during this year, and that an additional twenty guineas be devoted to Charity, and fifty guineas be spent on wood panelling in the Lodge-room.

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LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE monthly meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on the 10th instant. Brother Magrath W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by the following Officers, Brethren, and Visitors:—Flack S.W., Dickson J.W., Twian P.M. Secretary, Dawe S.D., Holmes J.D. pro tem, Schultz I.G., Styles Steward, Sherwin Organist. After preliminary business, Messrs. Stammers, Scott, Hecker and Osborn were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. About forty of the brethren and Visitors afterwards dined together.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1345 (ECCLES).

THE installation of Bro. Tom Wood (of the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester), took place and St. John's Festival was celebrated at the Cross Keys Hotel, on Thursday, the 18th inst. A brilliant gathering it was, nearly every visitor and many of the members being personal friends of the genial Tom, who is widely known and much liked, his Hotel in High Street being the meeting place of two Lodges, and the daily resort of a large number of members of the Craft. Amongst the company present were Bros. Superintendent Bent W.M., Tom Wood S.W., Broughton J.W., Lees P.M. Treasurer, Corner jnn. P.M. P.G.D.C. Secretary, Clegg J.D., Pearson I.G., Ambler Organist; Past Masters McClelland, Rowlands, Offord Stuart, Boycott; Bros. Hooper, Budgeon, Cartwright, F. Mather, Jackson, Keys, Grundy, Garner, and Brookes Tyler; Visitors-Kay 1356, Fred Hilton W.M. 1458 Secretary 2363, Clayton P.M. 89 P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire, Swindells W.M. 1730, Conway P.M. 152, Lee 1458, Hebden P.M. D.C. 1458 P.G. Deputy D.C., Dottie P.M. 1161 993, Timperley P.M. 993 P.P.G.S.D., Geo. McFarlane P.M. 1633, Farrington P.M. 1633, Colbert W.M. 1213, Thos. Wilson P.M. 1814 1387, Worsley Organist 1458, Lisenden P.M. 317 P.P.G.S. Allett P.M. 1633, W. A. Pilling 1219, and F. P. Pilling 1219. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance sheet, which presented a very satisfactory condition of affairs, was reported on by the auditors, and adopted. The installing Master was Bro. Joseph Lees P.M., and after the usual preliminaries Bro. Wood was presented to him by Bro. James Bent, and inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. On the re-admission of all M.M.'s, F.C.'s and E.A.'s, the newly installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner. The following brethren were invested Officers for the ensuing year, addressed and placed in their respective positions by Bro. Hugh Rowlands P.M.:—Broughton S.W., Noble F. Clegg J.W., Lees P.M. Treasurer, W. Corner P.M. P.G. Deputy D.C. Secretary, Pearson S.D., Ambler J.D., Offord Stnart P.M. D.C., Francis Mather Organist, Keys I.G., Garner and Jackson Stewards. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. James Bent I.P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. Boycott P.M., and to the Brethren by Bro. McClelland P.M. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerons visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John, with a récherché banquet, the preparing and serving of which reflected the highest credit on the genial host and his able assistants. The menu card was printed in blue and silver, and bore a capital photograph of Bro. Tom Wood. The name cards were of various designs, whilst the list of songs, readings, &c., together with a complete copy of the words of that beautiful song "Here's to his health" were printed in blue on a separate sheet, with a button hole neatly arranged in the folds of a serviette, and a choice collection of hothouse flowers, fruit, &c., the table presented a most charming coup d'ail. The W.M. proposed the preliminary toasts, Bro. Corner P.M. P.G. Deputy D.C., replying on behalf of the V.W. Deputy P.G.M. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, and the Provincial Grand Officers. In doing so Bro. Corner said that since he had had the bonour of Provincial rank conferred upon him, he had discovered amongst the Officers men of undoubted merit and ability, who entered heart and soul into the duties they had to fulfil, and particularly in furthering the cause of the great watchword of their Order. viz., Charity. He impressed upon every Brother the necessity for doing their utmost for the Charities, and endeavour to distinguish themselves by their zeal and liberality in the cause of our Masonic Institutions, when doubtless such good work would be fully recognised and rewarded by Prov. Grand Lodge. In aunouncing the next toast, Bro. Corner, who acted as Dir. of Cers., said, usually the Masonic Charities were left on these occasions to be proposed at a later period of the evening, but he thought so important a toast should precede nearly every other; at any rate this was the opinion of the Victoria Lodge, and he felt great pleasure in calling upon Bro. Joseph Lees P.M. and Treasurer to propose it. Bro. Lees, on rising, said he felt extremely obliged to the W.M. for giving him the privilege of proposing such a toast. He quite agreed with Bro. Corner the tonst should take precedence of almost every other. Charity should be the watchword of every true Mason, who should never lose sight of the fact that it was for this grand virtue Masonry was founded, and it was vastly important that our grand institutions should be well supported, and continue to be a credit to the Craft. No sermon or address he had ever heard in the cause of Charity eclipsed the beautiful words that every brother knew, viz., charity may justly be called the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and like its sister mercy blesses him who gives as well as him who receives. Bro. Lees informed the brethren that this was the coming of age of the Victoria Lodge, and it behoved them to make special efforts in the cause of Charity, and their subscriptions larger than they had been before. The G.A.O.T.U. had bountifully blessed them, and as our words and actions were noted by him, he (Bro. Lees) hoped when each brother's record was made up hereafter, that their charitable acts would occupy a large space in the Book of Life. Bro. Lees concluded by eulogising

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Bro. Corner's zealous efforts in the cause of Charity and trusted the money subscribed by the brethren would be a credit to the Victoria Lodge. At this stage Bro. Corner appeared on the scene, got up as a white - haired tottering old man, and supported by one of the Past Masters, with a charity box. The impersonation was a representation of an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and result of this silent appeal was a collection of £4 10s, while later on Bro. Corner announced he had received promises from the brethren for various sums, amounting to £40. The announcement was received with applause, and Bro. Corner, responding to the toast, said his warm thanks were due to Bro. Lees for his elequent appeal on behalf of the Charities. He never remembered hearing a more concise and truthful appeal than Brother Lees had made, and he heartily thanked the brethren for their willing and liberal response. Bro. Superintendent James Bent, on rising to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, was greeted with loud and long applause. He said that only three minutes ago he had been reminded that he had to propose this toast, and it was not surprising that he had forgotten the fact, since, according to rumour, he had been dead two days. He, however, being in the flesh, felt great pleasure in proposing the toast, particularly as he had known Bro. Wood for a number of years, and could speak of him as a straightforward, upright, honest man. It had been said that publicans and sinners went together, but although in Bro. Wood there was a great deal of the former, there was, in his experience, very little of the latter. He considered it a pleasure to be on friendly terms with such a brother as the Worshipful Master, who possessed a kindly genial disposition, and the happy knack of pouring oil on troubled waters. He felt sure the Victoria Lodge would prosper in such hands as Bro. Wood's, and that the brethren would never regret having elected him to rule over them. He asked all present to rise and drink heartily to the toast. Brother Bent's invitation, it is needless to say, was promptly responded to, after which Bro. Fred Hilton W.M. 1458 sang "Here's to his health in a song." Bro. Wood in reply said that, to use a stereotyped phrase, the present ought to be the happiest moment in his life, but he thought it the most uncomfortable moment, insamuch as Brother Bent had spoken so kindly about him, and with unmistakable sincerity, that he felt very diffident about his reply, and especially in conducting the affairs of such a Lodge during this forthcoming memorable 21st year of its existence. He could only assure the members he would do his best to maintain the prestige the Lodge enjoyed, and endeavour to imitate, although he should never equal, the praiseworthy and valuable efforts of his predecessor. He approached the task with some anxiety, as it was no easy matter to follow in the footsteps of such a man as Bro. Bent, who, notwithstanding the time devoted to his official duties and philanthropic deeds, still contrived to find time to become a Master of Masonic ritual, and work the ceremonies as composedly as though he had nothing else to do. Bro. Wood continuing said, the kindly feeling that had all along been shown him by the members would be an incentive to do his utmost for the interests of the Lodge, and his sincere hope was that he should leave the chair of K.S. as pure and unsulfied as when he entered it. Bro. Wood subsequently proposed the health of Bro. Bent I.P.M., in eulogistic terms, and the toast was received and drank with enthusiasm. Bro. Wood said, no more pleasant duty had ever fallen to his lot to perform than to place a Past Master's jewel on Brother Bent's breast, hoping he might live for many years to wear it. The jewel, Brother Wood said, had been subscribed for most willingly by every member of the Lodge, and it must be a source of gratification to their I.P.M. to know he was so highly appreciated. Brother Bent returned thanks for the jewel, and for Bro. Wood's kind remarks, in appropriate terms, in the course of which he gave an interesting account of his celebrated soup kitchen, which has become as familiar to every reader of newspapers as household words. Other toasts were proposed and responded to, including the Installing Master Bro. Joseph Lees P.M., the Officers, Visiting Brethren, a most enjoyable evening being spent. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Rowlands P.M., Boycott P.M., Hilton W.M. 1458, Ambler S.D. and Brooks Tyler. Bros. Dottie and Lisenden recited, and Mather and Worsley officiated at the piano.

PORTCULLIS LODGE, No. 2038.

PRO. C. S. Payn was recently installed W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year, by Bro. Louch P.M., assisted by Bro. Else D.P.G.M. of Somerset and P.G.D. of England. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested by the W.M., as follows:—Louch I.P.M., Rev. M. C. Goodford, M.A., Chaplain, Paul Treasurer, Gough S.W., Pittard J.W., Bonning S.D., Foley J.D., Reynolds Secretary, Cox D.C., Vereker Organist, Rowe I.G., Poulter Steward, Gillott O.G. Brethren from Taunton, Weston-Super-Mare, Seaton, and Yeovil were present at the ceremony. The usual banquet was subsequently served, at the Langport Arms hotel, by Bro. G. Barling. The tables were tastefully decorated, and the menu gave every satisfaction.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

THE installation banquet (postponed from the regular meeting of the Lodge in January, in consequence of the death of the Right Worshipful Bro. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale) was celebrated on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant, when the W.M. Bro. Green presided, supported by the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. Mead S.W., Warn J.W., Collier Treasurer, Roberts Secretary, Potts S.D., Bussey J.D., Jackman Organist, Horne D.C., Fennell Assistant Dir. of Cers., Bird and Speirs Stewards, Peterken McLaren, Bailey, Toole, and Johnson Immediate Past Master, The menu having been fully discussed, the usual list of toasts was gone through. The toast of the W.M. was responded to in a most

eloquent speech, Bro. Green enjoining all the members to carry out the principles of the Craft, and exhorting the Officers to apply them, selves to efficiency for the benefit of the Order generally, and the Lodge in particular. The "Installing Officer," Bro. Ben Johnson, was duly honoured. In reply, he thanked the brethren for the very handsome vellum which they had just presented to him, together with the P.M.'s jewel, which he would value to the end of time. Bro. Tijou pleaded most earnetly on behalf of the funds of the "Old Folks," who this year were celebrating their Jubilee. For "The Visitors," Bro. R. A. Germaine (L.C.C.), in a humorous speech, congratulated the Lodge on the efficiency of its Officers, and the hearty manner in which they received the brethren of other Lodges Other toasts followed.

THORNHAM LODGE, No. 2279.

N Wednesday last, the annual festival of St. John was held in the Lodge room, at the Half Way House Inn, Thornham. The ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master-elect in the chair was performed by Bro. J. W. Harrison I.P.M., and the following Officers were duly invested with their badges of office by Bro. H. L. Hollingworth P.P.G.T. East Lancashire, who addressed a few words of counsel to each :-Bros. J. R. Meavock S.W., W. Cooper J.W., J. B. Tattersall Treasurer, W. Hall Secretary, F. W. Sutcliffe S.D., J. W. T. Platt J.D., A. J. Haworth P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. Milne I.G., J.W. Kent, A. Butterworth, and J. W. Leaver Stewards, T. Collin Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony a banquet was held, at which Brother Riley the newly installed Master presided, and he was supported by Bros. H. L. Hollingworth P.P.G.T. East Lancashire P.M., J. O. Jelly P.M. Friendship Lodge, 277, A. B. Chadwick I.P.M., Joseph Brierley P.M., Henry F. Murphy S.W. Tudor Lodge, 467, R. J. Bennett I.P.M. Concord Lodge, 1534, J. W. Harrison I.P.M., A. J. Haworth P.M., Dr. Young P.M., and numerous brethren from neighbouring Lodges. The usual Loyal toasts were given by the Chairman, after which the toasts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers were proposed and duly honoured. In proposing the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, Colonel Le Gendre Nicolas Starkie, Bro. Dr. Young said the services rendered to the Masonic cause, and more especially to Masonry in East Lancashire, by Brother Colonel Starkie were well known to all Masons, and their appreciation of those services the brethren of the Province had endeavoured to show and recognise by the handsome presents which they had recently asked him to accept at their hands. Bro. Col. Starkie was always ready to extend his sympathy to the brethren of the Craft, and his services to Freemasonry were almost unexampled. The Thornham Lodge in particular was very much indebted to him. They were also indebted to Bro. Hollingworth, who had so ably assisted them that evening. In responding to the toast, Bro. Hollingworth said it was a pleasure to him to do as much good as he possibly could for the cause, and to give his assistance freely to the various Lodges in his district. He could not forget that he had the honour of installing the first Master of the Thornham Lodge, and he was pleased to again be present on that subsequent occasion. Bro. Harrison, in proposing the W.M. of the Thornham Lodge Bro. Riley, assured the brothren that though Bro. Riley was a quiet and unassuming Mason, he was in every respect qualified to discharge the duties of his new position. They had had several Provincial Officers present at the Thornham Lodge, from time to time, who had complimented them on their working, and he was sure that Bro. Riley would try to improve even upon the high standard already attained by his predecessors. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he did not see how he could mend the work of the worthy brother who had just passed the chair, but he would do his best to go through the ceremonies of his office in an equally satisfactory manner. To do so he must have the able assistance of his Officers. However well the Master of a Lodge did his work, the success greatly depended upon his Officers, and he hoped the Officers and brethren of the Thornham Lodge would endeavour to maintain the proficiency which had hitherto characterised them in the discharge of their duties. Bro. Meavock S.W. proposed the I.P.M. and the Visiting Brethren, and the Masonic Charities were proposed by Bro. A. J. Haworth P.M. The Tyler's toast concluded the procesdings. An excellent programme had been arranged, the principal contributors being Bros. T. Lawton, T. Sykes, J. W. Riley, J. W. Harrison, O. Kenworthy, and James Schofield.

MINNIEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363, (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday, the 22nd instant. Present—Bros. Wrigley W.M., Martin Thomas P.M. P.G.J.D. acting S.W., Harrop Treasurer, Fred Hilton Secretary, Beever S.D., Ward J.D., Rev. J. Heywood Chaddington Chaplain, Henry Nall Dir. of Cers., Edwin A. Smith Organist, Mercer I.G., Lisenden acting Tyler; Bros. Armstrong, Hamnett, Lilley, Schofield, Barlow, Hills, Lloyd, and Normanton; Visitors—Hardmau 2349, Rostron W.M. 1140, Woodhouse 1387, Everett P.M. 1140, Tom Wood W.M. 1345, Berra W.M. 2109, and Armitage P.M. 1083. The Lodge was opened at 6·15 and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Joseph Hilton (father of Bro. Fred Hilton) as a joining member, and was announced unanimous. The ballot was also in favour of Mr. Frank Openshaw to become a member of the Lodge. He was afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., and subsequently Brother Samuel Luke was raised to the third degree by the W.M. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

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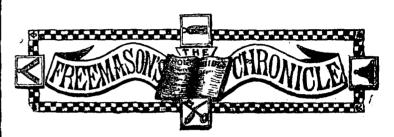
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, 2nd March 1892, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd of December 1891 will be read and put for confirmation.

2. The minutes of the Special Grand Lodge of the 27th January 1892 will be read and put for confirmation.

3. The Most Worshipful Grand Master will move: -

"That in recognition of the eminent services of the late Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, a sum equal to six months of his salary be voted from the Fund of General Purposes and paid into the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster Bank, to the account of the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Mount-Edgoumbe, and Sir Albert W. Woods, trustees of 'The Shadwell Clerke Trust,' for the purpose of purchasing a Government Life Annuity for Mrs. Clerke.

4. Election of a Most Worshipful Grand Master.

5. Election of a Grand Treasurer. Brothers James Daniel Murray P.M. No. 1335, Wigan, and John Speight Cumberland P.M. No. 2128, London, the only nominations.

6. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :-

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7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have had under consideration the salary of the Grand Secretary, which was fixed by Grand Lodge in 1874 at £500 per annum, rising by £50 per annum to a maximum of £800. In 1887 the salary of the late Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, was raised to £1000.

The Board, taking into consideration the peculiar nature of the qualifications for the Office of Grand Secretary, the important duties he is called upon to perform, the great increase in the work since 1874, and that there is no pension on retirement, unanimously recommend that the salary of Grand Secretary on appointment be £1000 per annum.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of February instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6041 11s 10d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £8 5s 8d.

(Signed)

President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. 16th February 1892.

8. Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1891.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2420.—The Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge, Waddesdon, Backinghamshire.

2421.—The Carrington Lodge, Amersham, Buckinghamshire. 2422.—The Ebbisham Lodge, Epsom, Surrey.

Nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer.

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THE NORTH LONDON MASONIC BALL.

BRO. HERBERT SPRAKE, President of the North London Masonic Benevolent Ball Committee, took the chair at a dinner of the Committee and Stewards, at the Agricultural Hall, on Tuesday the 16th inst., and was supported by Messrs. G. S. Elliott, L.C.C. Captain W. Lurcott, Dr. Heron, Lieutenant Humphreys, James Lurcott, Alfred Cook, G. Cook, C. Dearing jun., W. Bramley, B. M. Harding, F. Forge, T. Glass, G. R. Dix, W. Elliott, W. Lee, W. F. Minne, Alfred Oliver, J. Potter, W. F. B. Watts, Williams, C. Shall cross, Larner, and A. Brown. After an excellent spread, the President gave the health of the Queen and Royal Family, and spoke of the interest taken by them in the Masonic Charities. This was loyally received, Captain Lurcott leading the National Anthem. Mr. G. S. Elliott followed, with the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces. He alluded to the recent death of Admiral Wallace, aged 101, who had fought with Nelson; and gave an opinion that British plack was equal to-day to what it was when the Battle of Trafalgar was fought. Captain W. Lurcott responded; science had so assisted warfare that, where it was difficult to hit a haystack at 300 yards, it was now easy to kill a man at 1800 yards. He thought the British taxpayer should acknowledge the services of the Volunteers in a nobler manner than he had hitherto. The President next gave the health of the Patrons of the Ball. It would be a difficult thing to get up a ball without patrons. They would commence with a blank sheet and finish with the same. They had to thank their patrons for the success of the ball. Mr. A. Brown replied. He had been to the whole of the seven dances organized by their committee, and in the words of the song, would "very much like to go" on future occasions. The President submitted the Masonic Charities, a toast that deserved special recognition. The balance-sheet of their ball showed the success attained; but it was always gratifying to see how the public would come forward to support good objects, such as the Masonic Charities. Last year the Committee was enabled to hand over 75 guineas, and this year they had 73 guineas, notwithstanding that they considerably reduced the number of tickets, so as to make matters more comfortable for the dancers. The result was that they gave more satisfaction to their patrons, and were not far short of last year's total. The cause of the extra profit this year was to some extent due to the fact of the dreadful influenza having kept away some who had purchased tickets. The money which would have been paid for their suppers was, consequently, profit for the Committee. However, all purchasers of tickets were thanked for their assistance. There had been a ballot amongst the Committee for the 14 life subscriptions which the £73 10s would purchase, and of necessity 6 out of the 20 Committeemen drew blanks; but he asked them to continue their efforts, and come next year with the determination to get a ballot. Mr. G. S. Elliott replied, when he was asked what benefit attached to being a Freemason, he said, "Look at the Charities connected with it; the education given the girls and boys, the assistance granted to aged and needy brothers and their widows." He thought the result of their ball was very gratifying, and, so far as he knew, everybody who went there was pleased. Mr. Glass gave the health of the Chairman, and spoke of the high esteem in which Bro. Sprake is held, not only amongst Masons, but amongst the great body outside. Bro. Sprake's work in conmection with this ball was very praiseworthy. He gave the Committee the use of his house for their meetings, and treated them geniality, courtesy, and kindness. The 20 members of the Committee, worst.-Stephen Berry, of Maine.

in order to show their appreciation of Bro. Sprake's goodness. had subscribed for a gold pencil-case, which they asked him to accept. Captain Lurcott here handed Mr. Sprike a handsome gold pencil case, upon which was inscribed :- "North London Masonic Benevolent Ball, with the Committee's acknowledgments of the courtesy of their President, Herbert Sprake. February 1892." Mr. Herbert Sprake said this was the greatest shock he had had in connection with these affairs. He thanked Mr. Glass for all his kind words, and the Committee generally for their very handsome and unexpected present. He was very pleased to receive the Committee at his house, and also to work with such a zealous and harmonious body. The president proposed Health to the Treasurer and Secretary of the Ball. He did this with a great deal of pleasure, because they had a splendid Treasurer in Mr. Glass, and a most zealous Secretary in Captain Lurcott. Mr. Glass gathered in the money, and stuck to it until some good reason was given why it should be disgorged. The balance-sheet showed what admirable officers they had; and he (the speaker) on behalf of the committee, tendered Mr. Glass their hearty thanks. With regard to the Hon. Sec., they had a hardworking one in Captain Lurcott-indeed, it would be impossible to find a better The success of the ball would have been considerably less had it not been for the hard work of their Secretary. They had only to make a suggestion and the work was done. No detail was forgotten. It was a singular thing that, whilst Captain Lurcott and the committee were conspiring against him, he and others had been doing similarly against Captain Lurcott, with the result that he had great satisfaction in handing him, on behalf of the committee, a pair of sleeve links. He hoped these would be the means of adding links to the chain of friendship which had existed between Captain Lurcott and those connected with their dances for so long a time.

Bro. Glass returned thanks; what he had done had been entirely a labour of love, but the great bulk of the work had devolved upon the secretary. In fact, (he the speaker) was Treasurer no longer, because he had handed over the cheque for 73 guineas, and even the balance of 7s 5d that remained. He had very great pleasure in giving his assistance and would do the same again.

Bro. Captain W. Lurcott, in acknowledging the gift, said he hardly knew what to say, because he was under the impression that the hamsome stud they gave him last year was ample reward for all he had done, or might do, for years to come. He had not the remotest idea that he was to be the recipient of a present that night, but he assured them he should be as proud of the links as of the stud.

The president thanked the M.C.'s, Lieut. Humphreys and Bro. F. Forge, and also Bro. Pye (who was not present), for their valuable services.

Lieut. Humphreys then proposed "The Ladiee," and Bro. F. Forge

responded; after which the proceedings closed.

Excellent songs were given during the evening by Mr. G. D'Albert, Little Thomas, and Mr. Frank Elsworth (of the Mohawk Minstrels), and by Mr. W. Watts, Mr. James Lurcott, Mr. Hillock, and others; while Mr. Celian Kottaun (of the Mohawka) played an enjoyable cornet solo.

PRESENTATION TO A TORQUAY FREEMASON.

VERY pleasing and interesting presentation took place at Newton, on the 18th inst., when W. Bro. William Taylor P.M. and Secretary of 328 P.P.G.D.C. was the recipient of a handsome testimonial from several Knight Templars in the county. A beautiful jewel, comprising the insignia of the Prov. G. Treas., and containing the following inscription:—" Presented to Eminent Sir K. William Taylor, P. Prov. G. Treas., as a memento of the Centenary of K.T., 1891," was presented by Frater John Chapman P.P.G. Reg. (Devon), Captain of Guards in the National Grand Priory of England and Wales, who, in felicitons terms, alluded to the Masonic zeal and ability of Frater W. Taylor, and especially recognising his liberality and hospitality during his year of office. Frater Taylor, in reply, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to receive such a valuable and unexpected fraternal presentation. At the same meeting of the Royal Sussex Preceptory the Eminent Preceptor (E. Sir Kt. John Taylor, F.C.S., Prov. Sub-Marshal), presiding, Sir Kt. T. H. Wills (Prov. Sword B.), Marshal, was elected the E.P. for the ensuing year, and E. Kt. W. Taylor P.P.G.T. was re-elected Treasurer.

A Grand Council of the Order of Masonic Knights of Constantinople was held, on the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth. The election of the Ill. Sir Kt. the Rev. Dr. Lemon as Secretary General of the Council, in succession to the late Ill. Sir Kt. Vincent Bird, was confirmed, and the Ill. Sir Kt. P. B. Clemens was re-elected Treasurer.

We have known a Red Cross Knight expelled for ten years for intoxication, finally restored to family, to business prosperity, to the confidence of friends, to the Order, and to moral health, by the final exercise of an indomitable will. But he had an infinite dread of intoxicants. There was no question then about his fitness to receive the other Orders; he had been tried in a fiery furnace; but would any Sir Knight wish to oblige him to taste wine? May not the symbolism be kept as well with water as with wine? Strength of mind may be shown as much in avoiding temptation as in resisting with generous hospitality when there. They thanked him for his it. St. Anthony was not the holiest of the Saints, nor even the

MASONIC BALL OF THE SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

THE first Masonic Ball in connection with the above Lodge was L held on the 15th inst., at the Victoria Hall, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, and proved a complete success. A Committee, consisting of the following brethren, carried out the arrangements, and are to be congratulated on the result of their labours: President, Bros. W. P. Holness P.M. W.M.; Vice-Presidents, Bros. W. Shurmur P.P.G. Treas. Essex, H. F. Brombead P.G.S. of W. S.W., and N. Fortescue J.W.; Bros. W.P. Allen, S. C. Bateman, W. W. Cooke, J. Collett, W. Fortescue, W. Goulding, J. Lewis Young, A. J. Stacey, W. J. Short, and C. Spurgeon. Bro. G. J. Westfield P.P.G.S.B. was an energetic Hon. Sec.

The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and floral decorations, by Bro. W. J. Short, and an excellent band was provided. Dancing was heartily enjoyed until a late hour, the programme appropriately

concluding with a valse and galop—"Off we go."

The company, which numbered about 160, included the following brethren, in addition to the members of the Committee: Bros. J. H. L. Bishop, J. Cropley, S. Fortescue, C. Hoist 1471, J. Holland, C. Henglies, G. W. Holmes, 2256; W. Johnson, G. R. Lambert, C. MacColla, T. Bagnell, J. T. Day, G. S. Fulford, C. H. Bestow I.G., F. Matthews P.M. 1766, W. F. Stauffer 19, P. Trickett, J. Schuffmer, R. Perry 1473, A. Oakden, W. C. Mann, B. Mann, G. Baltus 1278, H. G. Brasted, Jno. Ives P.M. 1472, S. B. Thorogood, J. Solomon, A. J. Stacey, J. Stephens, J. R. Peck, T. Lamb, J. Wilson, W. Job P.M., W. Watts, C. F. Barham, W. H. Caton P.M., and many others.

The M.C.'s during the evening were Bros. J. Clarke, J. Hamilton,

J. King, and F. Taylor.

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any other species.

From the evidence of the dried spikes sent over by the collector, and those which opened immediately after their arrival, it can be seen that native specimens have spikes showing from twelve to twenty or even more flowers on a spike, each flower springing from a stout and ornamental bract. The flowers themselves may be likened in colour to those of C. superbiens or C. Morganzo, but in their botanical features there is nothing to compare them with. The dorsal sepal is yellowish-white, with six rosy-purple lines, three on each side of the mid-rib, and the base of the sepal has a profusion of rosy-purple spots. The lower sepal is similar to the upper, but smaller; and a very peculiar feature in both is, that they are strongly pubescent or hairy on the backs. The petals are spreading, curled, and twisted, and beautifully spotted with crimson, the margins undulated and furnished with white hairs at the edges. The labellum or pouch is white, beautifully and densely spotted with rose colour on the lower portion. Altogether it is a charming plant, and well worthy to bear the name of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., to whom Messrs. Sander have requested it to be dedicated.—James O'Brien.

It is an absurd idea to hold that Speculative Masonry of the present day must be governed by exactly the same regulations that controlled Operative Masonry many centuries ago. It is especially absurd to insist that the requisite qualifications of a candidate to become a Mason now, must be precisely the same as those which were required in the taking of an apprentice to learn the trade of a stone mason some five or six hundred years ago. Let us rather use a little good common sense and act in this matter, and all others pertaining to the government of Masonry, not for the past, but for its present and future benefit.—Masonic Advocate.

Cardinal Lavigerie has founded a Fraternity of Warrior-Monfls, a sort of fin-de-siecle Knights Templar. The Father Superior of the Order is the Vicomte de Brassac, who was formerly well known in the French sporting world, and his colleagues are young nobleman who have grown blase with the gay life of Paris. They have taken vows of celebracy for five years, and they are going to try their hand at converting Arab slave-dealers and Moorish Mdssulmen.

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EDITH GRACE WILSON,

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Daughter of the late Brother Henry R. L. Wilson, who was initiated in April 1877, in the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, and continued a member until his death, in October 1886, in the forty-second year of his age. He was a subscriber to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. Brother Wilson was in the employ of the Surrey Commercial Dock Company for twenty years, and left a widow and six children surviving, entirely dependent upon her, the eldest being only twelve years of age. In consequence of the large family and much illness, Bro. Wilson was unable to make any provision for his family beyond a small amount of Life

The undermentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case to your sympathy, and Brothers marked thus * have kindly consented to receive proxies. Votes for Widows and Boys will also be thankfully received for exchange.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 27th February.

1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1462 Wharneliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone 1871 Gestling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow 2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan R.C. Stanbope, Queen's Hotel, Chester

Monday, 29th February.

79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich 1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.

62 Social, Queon's Hotel, Munchester 148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington 1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke 1218 Prit ce Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley,

near Manchester 2363 Minnehaba Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Denns

gate, Mar chester
R.A. 219 Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmordon
R.A. 448 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax

Tuesday, 1st March.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
160 Union, Criterion, W.
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1257 Greevenor. Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. E.
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1181 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square
1397 Anericy, Thicket Hotel, Anericy
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1693 Kingsland, Old Cock Tav, Highbury Cornor, N.

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1693 Kingsland, Old Cock Tav, Highbury Corner, N.
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beanfort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
393 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
364 St. David, Masonic Hall, Berwick
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle
702 Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
791 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
894 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
817 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
918 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redear
1322 Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1436 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1388 St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Annlych, Anglesea
1619 Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1670 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolseley, Trovelyan Hotel, Manchester
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M. H., Liverpool
R.A. 600 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 103 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
M.M. 11 Joppa, 55 Argyle, Street, Birkonhead
M.M. 69 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham

Wednesday, 2nd March.

Quarterly Communication of G. Lodge, F.M. H., at 6. 2511 Zetiand, Anderton's Hotel, Free Street, E.C 1293 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N. 1491 Atheneum, Atheneum, Camden Roan, N.W. 1585 Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, S.W. 1687 Tell Dethem Inner Court Hotel W.

1687 The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C. 1707 Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1766 St. Leonard, Town Hull, Shoreditch 1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street

74 Athol, Masonie Hall Birmingham 137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole 298 Harmony, Masonie Rooms, Rochdale 326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton 406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

417 Faith and Unanimity, M. H., Dorchester 429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate 471 Salarian, F.M.H., Newpore, Mon. 611 Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludiow 6,5 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester

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678 E. Eliesmere, Cairen Hot, Kersley, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Pencock and Royal Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Grulin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010 Kingston, Mascine Hall, Worsing Street, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Lower Broughton
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1091 Erme, Erme House, Typhradge, Devon
1167 Alnwick, M.H., Claypert Street, Anwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
5231 Earl of Purham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Silect
2741 Talbot, Aasonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea

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1835 Lindsay, 20 King Street, Wigan
1854 Marquis of Lorne, Muscuie Rooms, Leigh
1863 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1831 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solibull
1620 Marthorough, Derby Hall, The Brook, L'pool
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1842 St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonards
1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimer, M.H., Portsmouth
2042 Anollo, 22 Hone Street, Liverpool
R.A. 200 Old Globe, Masonie Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
R.A. 304 Philanthronic, Musconie Hall, Leeds
R.A. 369 Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal, Clitheroe M.M. 36: Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal, Clitheroe M.M. 36: Furness, Hartington, Burrow-in-Furness M.M. 56 Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden R.C. Palotine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

Thursday, 3rd March.

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27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleat Street 45 Strong Man, Masons' Hotel, Fleat Street 45 Strong Man, Masons' Hotel, Fleat Street 45 Strong Man, Masons' Hotel, Levdenhal Street, 227 Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Levdenhal Street, 231 St. Andrew, Froemasons' Hall, W.C. 338 La Tolerance, Froemasons' Hall, W.C. 554 Yarborough, Green Drugon, Stepney 822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1288 Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury 131 St. Clement Danes, 263 Strand 1445 Pince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldrate 1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall, St. E. 1672 Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch St. 1765 Trinity College, 61 Weem with Street 1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Hoath 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate R.A. 2 St. James's Freemasons' Hall, W.C. R.A. 174 Sincoriy, Ches. Choose, Crutched Friars R.A. 1607 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, E.C. R.A. 1617 All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield R.I. Bow 21 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M. H., Nowcastle, 230 31 United Industrions, Mas. Roons, Canter sury 38 Union, Council Chamber, Chechester 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath 50 Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley 123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorkshire 219 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 254 Trinity, Cravon Arms Hooel, Coventry 206 England, Masonic Hall, Howood 255 Trinity, Cravon Arms Hoel, Coventry 207 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn 299 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn 290 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn 291 Harmony, Red Lion, Farcham 317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester 360 Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton 425 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Walsail 300 Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton 425 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Walsail 301 Patrison, Lordflaglan Tavern, Plumstead 37 Arrborough, Clarence Hotel, Manchester 367 Portland, Town Hall, Stockton, Durham 529 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsail 331 Patrison, Lordflagglan Tavern, Plumstead 376 Royal Carence, Blue Ball, Braden, Somorset July Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancs, 1074 Unitedley, Masoni

Friday, 4th March.

Board of Management Boys' School at 3'30 p.m. 7.6 Florence Nightingale, M H., Woolwich 899 Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1815 Penge, Thicket Hotel, Auericay 2076 Quattor Coronati, Freems ons' Hall, W.C. R.A. 3 Fidelity, Freemsons' Hall, W.). A.B. 8 British, Freemsons' Hall, W.C. 44 Friendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester 44 kriendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester
81 Done, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219 Prudence, Masome Hall, To morden
242 St. George, Gaildhall, Donessor
306 Alfred, Masomie Hall, Kelsall Street, Lee is
412 St. Peter, Masomie Hall, Kelsall Street, Lee is
412 St. Peter, Masomie Hall, Fotocoorough
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Haddershid
524 Loyal Berkshroof Hope, White Hart, Newbury
631 St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Welangson, Suop
685 Serton, Aucipht Hotel, Investment
109 Invieta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
109 Grey and Ribon, Towa Hall, John 537 De Grey and Ripon, Towa Had, dop a
538 Royal Gonestersare, Beli thool, Goldestor
1609 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
1633 Atherstan, Town Had, American, Warwick
1537 Choriton, Masoline Woons, Corowan
1537 Anner Edward, Ross Hate, Archive. 1557 Ameri Edward, Bush Hote, nexhrm 1561 Morecampe, Masonic Hall, Morecamoe 1501 Struce of Wates, Preconsists Hall, Berlford 1631 Costatu, Freemassis' ikin, Costatu, RA, of Sincorty, P.M. I. John's Citte, Halifax R.A. 170 Alt Sonis', Masonic Hall, Weymouth RA, 559 Peace, Freemasons' (for, Spania, inpro-

R.A. 1166 Hoya Villa, Oldship Hotel, Brighton

Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 3 142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C. 1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell 1928 Gallery, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

Saturday, 5th March.

368 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood 1221 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverchea I 1458 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester 2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 27th February.

87 Vitravian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tay, Southgate Rd., N.S
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptiond Causeway, S.E. 7
1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zotland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Comnaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hummersmith, 7'30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent, St.W.

Monday, 29th February.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fonchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
213 True Love & Unity, F.M. If., Brixham, Devon,
322 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
323 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'3
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 2')2 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
1575 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.O., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 9
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Walthamstow, Bridge Chambers, Hop Street
Walthamstow, 8 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30

Tuesday, 1st March.

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25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
144 Faith, Victoria Mausions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camborwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Marchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Emphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camiea Town, 8
213 Marchants, Insonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound
Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
760 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 faly of Ricamond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
820 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidenp, 7
860 Dilhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
831 Fansbury, King's Hearl, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1323 St. John, Masonic Hull, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgenmoe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavera, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Taree Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Screet, Bootle, 6
1549 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1635 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
1839 Duka of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarotton, Maple Hall, Survison
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:33
R.A. 704 Candon, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
II.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Underson & R.A. 1642 F. of Carnaryon, Earlbroke Hall, Notting
Hill, 8

Wednesday, 2nd March.

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3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:35 72 Royal Jubiles, Marc, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8 73 Month Lebanon, George Ind, Borough, 8 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8 228 United Strength, Hope, Regenc's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gr. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. Joan, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7 720 Panning, Bannan toosi, Banaun, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burlett Rd., 730
813 New Concord, Jody Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
813 Whittington, Rd Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyee, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masome Hall, Canorbury, 830
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Pictiand 1369 Sanhope, Fox and Hourds, Putney 1356 Poxtor., 140 N rea Hill Street, Inverpool, 739 1475 Pecknam, 513 Old Kent Road, 8 1511 Alexandra, Horns a, Hali 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising San, Rus by Green, Cat-1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, s.W., 7:30

1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:39 1681 Londesborougn, Borkeey Arms, May Edir 8 1692 Hervey, Whate Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8 30 1791 Creaton, Wheatsneaf, Snepherd's Bush, 8 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8

New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridin m, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 3rd March.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Charonce, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
766 W. Preston, Waterloo Arms, Marylepone, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhith
New Road
800 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Laurichean, and S.

New Road
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Monteflore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1192 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1360 St. John, Three Growns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Hoyal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avonue, 6:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Granbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8

1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7*15
1614 Coven: Garden, Criterion, W., 81
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7*30
1744 Royal Savoy, Bluo Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Ealiway Hot, New Southgate, 7*30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road,
Clorkenwell, 9
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton

 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lor.1's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 4th March.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6

General Lodge, Masonic H. Ill, Birmingham, 8
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