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THE BOYS' ELECTION.

A LARGE INFLUX OF CANDIDATES AND A LONG LIST TO CARRY FORWARD.

THE ballot paper for the Spring Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held on Friday, the 8th proximo, affords evidence that the Craft is able to keep up the supply of candidates quite as well, and even better, than the Institution is able to deal with them; and although we were last week congratulating ourselves that the proportion between the number of applicants and the number of vacancies was becoming more workable than was usual in days gone by, a few such additions as is apparent this half year in connection with the Boys' School would soon provide an imposing array of aspirants, a list, in fact, far beyond the capabilities of the Institution to deal with, and render it necessary to carry forward a considerable proportion of the candidates after each contest. In October last 36 Boys went to the poll at the half yearly election, of whom 24 were admitted, and two were subsequently removed from the list of those eligible, in consequence of their age. There were thus 10 to carry forward for the April election, but 28 new cases having been approved, the list has now run up to 38 candidates, for whom 20 vacancies are declared, which will be filled up next month, leaving 18 unsuccessful cases to be dealt with in the future, a number 50 per cent. in excess of the total six months since.

Of the 38 candidates on the list four now make their last application, two being old cases and two new ones. Of the former, No. 1, B. B. Howell, has already contested six elections, and as a result thereof brings forward 47 votes; while No. 2, S. T. Bennett, has fared almost as well at the three elections in which he has taken a part, having now 41 votes to his credit. We need hardly say these two lads stand no possible chance of being elected unless something very different is done on their behalf next month to what has hitherto been accomplished for them. The new cases among the last applications are No. 24, W. G. B. Kent, and No. 33, A. P. Shaw. The former of these is a Metropolitan case, the father having been initiated in the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781; he afterwards joined the Stanhope, No. 1269. Both parents are living, the father being a Life Subscriber to both the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution, and having two children now dependent upon him. The latter case, No. 33, comes from the colony of Victoria, where the lad's father was initiated, in the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, and rose to high honours in the District Grand Lodge and Chapter. The widow has five children dependent upon her, and will, we hope, receive the assistance she now asks on behalf of her child from the Masonic brethren of her late husband, separated though they may have been by several thousand miles.

Happily there is only one case on the list in which both parents are dead—No. 27, E. A. Thornber; and in this instance there are three children in the family now dependent. The father was admitted as an initiate in the Union Lodge, No. 129, and subsequently acted as one of the founders of the Windermere, No. 2217, Cumberland and Westmoreland, occupying the position of a Past Master therein.

London is only responsible for ten of the candidates out of the list of 38, and on the principle we referred to last week, of securing benefits in proportion to the amounts subscribed, there should be little difficulty in securing the return of all these candidates. That would be devoting one-half of the prizes to the Metropolis, and would not be much beyond a fair share if a strict debtor and creditor account was drawn up. We shall expect, however, to find at least half of these London cases among the unsuccessful at the close of the poll, not because they are any the less deserving of support in their endeavours to secure a place in the Boys' School, but because many causes combine to attract London votes to the Provinces, while the country districts also possess the advantage of having efficient organisations to look after their votes and conduct their Elections.

We do not wish it to be thought we are desirous of seeing a strict account kept of every penny subscribed, and benefits meted out in proportion between London and the Provinces. We are fully aware such a proceeding is not only impossible, but likewise undesirable; but we do think that a little more interest might be displayed by London Masons in supporting London candidates, even when, by doing so, they may have to disappoint their country friends. The returns which are issued of the number of votes sent out and the number used at the elections shows that the London votes are not wasted; and such being the case, it may be urged they are used to the best advantage, or at least they are used in the way their owners desire, apart from any considerations of locality or neighbouring ties; but there are other considerations to be weighed in this connection, considerations quite as important as anything in the shape of business or private influence, and for the sake of the Lodges which are year after year appealed to, to provide Stewards and funds for the Festivals, something like a proportionate return should be secured as between London and the country.

Looking at the list in its entirety it must be particularly gratifying to the supporters of the Institution that, with so many new cases put forward, just beyond one-half of the whole of the candidates can be admitted to the benefit of the Charity at the next election, especially in view of the fact that 24 were elected in October last, making a total of 44 for the year. This total shows—better perhaps than any other figures—what the Institution is doing on behalf of the orphan sons of the Craft. It means that every eight days the doors of the

Institution can be opened and a boy admitted, and clothed, fed and educated until he is fitted to go out into the world and battle for himself in the struggle of life. All this is accomplished through the practice of the great Masonic principles, which, not only in this particular case, but also in many others, are doing so much to alleviate the misery and suffering of the human race. In view of such a result the world can easily understand the pride with which a true Mason regards the Order, and the anxiety he feels to help maintain it in its integrity.

GREAT FIRE IN CAPE TOWN.

LODGE DE GOEDE HOOP DESTROYED.

ON the afternoon of Sunday, 21st February 1892, Cape Town was the scene of the most disastrous fire that has ever occurred in the history of the city, and, in some respects, even of South Africa at large. In a word, the properties of the Lodge De Goede Hoop, consisting of the magnificent Temple, said to be the third finest in the whole world, and rivalling in splendour the beautiful creation at Malta, the Native Affairs Offices of the Colonial Government, and the vast Exhibition Theatre were all razed to the ground, the last named being completely wiped off the face of the earth. There never has been an instance, at all events in South African history, in which destruction has been so swift and so complete. In less than one hour from the time of the discovery of the outbreak of the fire the three buildings above mentioned were burnt out, and, saddest fact of all, the Temple of De Goede Hoop, the pride of every Mason, a glorious monument of the Craft, was converted into a gaping shapeless ruin.

SAVING THE LODGE ARCHIVES.

Mr. W. H. Tiffany, Secretary to the Lodge De Goede Hoop, saw the fire from his residence, 57 Grave Street, and hastened up with the view of saving what he could of the Lodge belongings. When he arrived, which was only a few minutes after the discovery of the outbreak, the roof of the Temple was ablaze. Most fortunately Mr. Tiffany was able to enter the building, though at great personal risk, and he succeeded in saving the priceless archives of the Lodge, from its institution in the year 1772. All the documents were rescued, a fact which will make the blow somewhat lighter to bear. Little else could be removed, and all the valuable belongings of the Lodge, the beautiful statuary, the work of by-gone generations, the selections of a century and a quarter, absolutely irreplaceable, had to be left in the burning building. The fire went through the Temple, sparing only the chamber sacred to workings in the third degree.

HISTORY OF THE TEMPLE.

Two, at least, of the three buildings whose destruction was so sudden and complete had attached to them associations of a unique interest. The Masonic Temple, for instance, was in this respect the very foremost of South African buildings. Its career stretches right back into the early days of the Cape Colony. During 1755 a number of the wealthier residents of the Cape decided on the erection of the Temple, and the site having been secured, these persons made the Masonic Brotherhood a gift of the labour necessary as regarded the construction of the building. Slaves, owned by the contributors, were engaged in the erection, and the building was first used for Masonic purposes about a century ago, or probably a little further back than that. It was undoubtedly one of the chief Masonic Temples of the world. In the opinion of some Masons a Temple still more magnificent is in existence at Malta, but there are not a few who maintain that the Goede Hoop Temple was the very finest, so far as structural advantages and Masonic sentiment and association go, in the whole world. The interior of the Temple was, as is well known, constructed on a lavish scale, and contained priceless work of a by-gone generation, work which can never be replaced. It was there that the late Earl of Carnarvon was entertained by his Masonic brethren when he visited the Cape Colony, and there also the chief Masonic rites of South Africa had been transacted for a hundred years, the Goede Hoop being the most important of all African Lodges. Formerly, the property of the settlers referred to in the foregoing, the Temple some years since passed into the possession of a number of local Freemasons, who held it in shares, and who, it is satisfactory to discover, took the precaution to insure their property. There were two policies, of the total value of between £4000 and £5000, in the South British Office. The loss of the Temple, however, is chiefly deplored by the Masons from a sentimental rather than a monetary point of view, for with it there have been destroyed some really priceless relics and furniture. The archives, as above indicated, fortunately were saved, and some furniture also, in consequence of the willing and hearty assistance rendered by the Rev. D. P. Fance, Dr. Herman, Mr. Tiffany, and other prominent Masons; but for the Masonic brethren of the Cape district this misfortune is a bad one indeed, and their loss is one which from its nature cannot be reckoned from any merely commercial standpoint. An esteemed correspondent, "J. B. M.," writes: "The Lodge De Goede Hoop, now laid in ashes, was solemnly dedicated on the 7th July 1803 by Deputy Grand Master National Bro. J. A. de Mist, Commissary General of the Batavian Republic, in the presence of about two hundred B.B. and one hundred ladies, at a cost of more than "een tonne gouds" (about 100,000 francs), from plans by and under the superintendence of Bro. Thiebalt, Hapetein der Genie.

The beautiful statuary in the Temple was sculptured by Bro. Anre, who also designed and made the much-admired Lutheran pulpit in Strand-street, and the Dutch Reformed pulpit in Adderley-street. Numbers of people visited the ruined buildings yesterday (Monday, 22nd, February and many obtained ingress to the Goede Hoop Temple, the grand old building wherein so many relics have been destroyed, and where scarcely a vestige of the former grandeur is left. Many of them were rathless marauders, no doubt, and were strangers to those sacred precincts, but the fire has removed all it was necessary to keep secret. The interior of the Temple is a heap of ashes, and the ashes were almost cooled yesterday.

—The Cape Times, 22nd and 23rd February 1892.

We reproduce the following interesting letters from *The Speaker* :—

POPE, FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, AND MASONS.

THE selection of a new head of the Roman Catholic Church in England gives a good opportunity for calling attention to the most doubtful point connected with the policy in Great Britain of that body.

For nearly a quarter of a century I have been a humble Freemason, and an inactive member of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows—the greatest friendly society in the world. For the same period I have been an active member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, the next in power of all friendly societies. During the last few years, in Poor Law work, I have seen that the value of these bodies to the nation is as great as they themselves claim that it is. The Freemasons of this country, as is well known, are a body of which the first characteristic is good-fellowship, and the second almsgiving; and they exist mainly for the combination of these two qualities. They have so little sympathy with the Continental societies of the same name—which have mostly political or anti-religious objects—that the whole of the Masons of the United Kingdom have solemnly repudiated the Grand Orient of France on account of the omission by the Grand Orient of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, and of all recognition of the Grand Lodge above, from their proceedings. It is also a well-known fact that British Freemasons are exhorted to be exemplary in the discharge of their civil duties, never to countenance any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society, and to pay due obedience to the laws of any State which may become their place of residence. The Manchester Unity and the Foresters are immense societies of mutual thrift existing among workmen and democratically governed by their members.

The Roman Catholic Church had in times past, and has still, its quarrels with certain Italian secret societies unknown in this country, quarrels with which we never have had anything and have nothing to do. Why should British Roman Catholics be prevented in Great Britain or in the British colonies from joining such admirable societies as those which I have named? It is a loss to the societies, and it is still more a loss to Roman Catholic Britons that this membership should be forbidden on pain of the censure of their Church. In some colonies mere censure has been exceeded. Cardinal-Archbishop Moran—according to a private circular which has never, I believe, been repudiated since its publication by Mr. Wise, a former President of the Oxford Union, and a former Attorney-General of New South Wales—deprives of the sacraments of his Church those who join the Oddfellows, Foresters, Good Templars, Rechabites, and all kindred societies. This is done on the ground that the Church condemns "secret societies." "Secret societies" is a big phrase for the playful mysteries which surround membership of the societies which I have named. There are libraries in London in which information may be obtained about the mode of initiation into Masoury which is perhaps not far wrong. There are bookshops in which works at least professing to state the nature of the ceremonies can actually be purchased. But, for fear of incurring censure, I will not name Masonic rites, but, alluding only to those of the friendly societies which have among them in Great Britain now millions of members, I will say that it is notorious that those of the Oddfellows are merely pleasant, those of the Foresters merely religiously suggestive, and that their nature is such that none of the thousands of the clergy of the Church of England, none of the hundreds of Nonconformist ministers who have joined the Orders having signs or pass-words, have ever seen any reason to publicly or privately complain of these at least harmless symbols. Why, then, I repeat should the censure of the Roman Catholic Church visit those who become members of Orders which, by almost universal admission, have in them nothing but good? Surely the time has come when the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church in England and in the British colonies might properly point out to the Vatican, with all respect, the essential difference which exists between the so-called secret societies of the British Empire and those secret societies which flourished in Italy between 1815 and 1848, the memory of which still haunts the Papal repose.

CHARLES W. DILKE.

SIR,—Sir Charles Dilke is in error in regard to the attitude of the Catholic Church in Great Britain towards the Friendly Societies he names. Catholics can, and do, join the Foresters and Oddfellows without let or hindrance. Inquiry in the proper quarter would have at once removed the right hon. gentleman's misapprehension on the point. In regard to Australia I cannot speak; but if Cardinal Moran has seen fit to prohibit Catholics joining these societies, there are doubtless local reasons sufficient for his action. Just as the French Freemasons may, and I suppose do, differ from the English, so too in Australia Oddfellows and Foresters may not be the innocent bodies they are in Great Britain.

As to Good Templars, there is a religious element in their organisation of a distinctive character, which has the effect of precluding Catholics from membership. We can quite agree that the temperance work of this and kindred bodies is most laudable, while being unable to join them. We have our own temperance organisations, however, so that the cause of temperance among our people is not placed at a disadvantage. It is, I take it, the tone and essence of Good Templarism and similar semi-religious organisations that guide the Church in warning her members against joining them.

In regard to Masonry, it, I believe, comes under a different heading Catholics would like, for instance, to know what the English Freemasons mean, or what Sir Charles Dilke means, by "the Great Architect of the Universe." Does this title convey anything more than "Manitou the Mighty" in American Indian parlance; does it mean the "Soul of the world," or are we to take it as meaning a Personal God, the Upholder, Governor, and Ruler of the Universe? The unexplained expression does not help us a little bit in answering the query,—Should Catholics become Freemasons? Again, what recognition of Christianity, as such, do we find in Masonry? We Catholics test everything by that standard. Are Christ's Divinity, Incarnation, Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension ignored entirely by this society, which has two main objects, "good fellowship and almsgiving"? Good fellowship and alms-giving have been, and are, practised by Pagans. They are good in themselves, but are not enough to satisfy Catholics of the beneficent character of Masonry. The thing must be considered as a whole. It has been so considered by the Church; it has been weighed and found wanting. We can concede that English Masonry is very different indeed from the Continental article; that a Mark Mason does not correspond to one of the Carbonari; yet English Masonry is still incompatible with Catholicity.

That the ceremonies have been described accurately in books which are accessible does not surely alter the nature of the difficulty. If any of your readers, or if Sir Charles Dilke, will take the trouble to investigate the grounds of the Church's condemnation, they will be found wondrously enlightened, admirably explained, and based on the highest principles. It is open to any one to deny the first principles of the Church's action, to ignore her mission, to declare her claim to authority the most flagrant usurpation; but, granting the first, the harmony and logical consistency of her law is undeniable.

Sir Charles Dilke writes as if there were no secret societies worthy of the name since those which between 1815 and 1848 did a work "the memory of which still haunts the Papal repose." Sir Charles may choose to treat the anxieties of the Holy See on these matters as childish, but he can be quite certain that the Holy See of to-day does not legislate because of agencies which ceased to operate fifty years ago. The aim, the scope, the character, the power, the methods of the secret societies of 1892 are well enough known to the Pope and his advisers. Is it unknown to Sir Charles Dilke that there are powerful agencies at work even now to overthrow the influence of the Holy See, and even to completely extirpate it? Are there not those who proclaim this intention openly? Was not the "unification of Italy" a step in this direction? Did not many people, even here in England, hope that the loss of the Temporal Power was the prelude to the final disappearance of the Papacy?

Sir Charles is very much mistaken if he imagines that the Holy See is alarmed by spectres of 1815 or 1848, or even 1870. Just as she no longer legislates against slavery in Europe because it is non-existent, so would she cease to war against secret societies were it not that they are to-day powerful, unscrupulous, active. Between these bodies and the Holy See there can be no truce. It is a war to the knife. Even non-Catholics, who have studied history carefully, may gather that the Holy See is not unlikely, when the smoke and din of the contest are over, to emerge once again victorious from a death-grapple with her assailants.

15th March.

C. DIAMOND.

On Thursday, the 17th instant, a meeting of the members of various Nottingham Lodges was held at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of Brother W. Selby, for the purpose of presenting Miss Simpson, eldest daughter of the late Brother J. R. Simpson, with an album containing portraits of several prominent local Freemasons, a jewel bangle, and a purse of gold, on the occasion of her twenty-first birthday, as a mark of the high esteem and regard in which she is held among the brethren. The movement was initiated by Brother Selby, who was heartily supported by a large number of brethren. The presentation was made by Brother Samuel G. Johnson I.P.M. of the Newstead Lodge, the mother Lodge of the Province, in the most able and eloquent manner. He referred to the long and happy connection the young lady's family had had with Masonry in Nottingham, and spoke of the life of Miss Simpson as an example of modesty, courtesy and good conduct.

Is there any authentic record as to the period at which the Society of Freemasons was first established? They seem to me to be identified with the appearance of the Gothic architecture in Europe. Were they known before this, and what is the date of the earliest known erection in that style in Europe or elsewhere? From the Grand Lodge seal, with its cherubim, ark, and Hebrew inscription, it would appear the Freemasons desire to be associated with the building of Solomon's Temple. Is there any foundation for this idea? The Temple style is as entirely opposite as it is possible to conceive to the Gothic. Are we to suppose that the workmen lent by Hiram of Tyre to Solomon were Freemasons, or is that Society merely a guild of artisans originating in Germany in early Christian times, with Institutions formed on the basis (for purposes of secrecy) of the Westphalian *Vehm-Gericht*?—E. G. M.—*Echo*.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robt. Grey P.G.D. President. The Vice-Presidents' chairs were filled by Bros. J. Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. The Grand Secretary (Bro. E. Letchworth) P.G.D. officiated for the first time as Grand Secretary. Bro. A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd and Bro. W. H. Lee were the other brethren who represented Grand Secretary's Office. There were also present Bros. W. P. Brown, David D. Mercer, George B. Chapman, Henry Garrod, J. H. Matthews, Charles J. R. Tijou, S. Vallentine, S. V. Abraham, George Coop, T. W. Whitmarsh, S. H. Goldschmidt, George Read, Charles Davey, Walter Hopekirk, Jas. Bunker, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bt., E. C. Mulvey, Geo. S. Horsnail, T. H. Thomson, Thos. Roe, Charles P. Bellerby, Edmund B. Cox, John Hardy, Thos. B. Daniell, H. Massey, J. Duncan, Richard Croydon, John Oldis, Geo. K. Pugh, Dr. G. Mickley, W. H. Making, G. M. E. Hamilton, C. H. Webb, Edwin W. Lewcock, S. Pollitzer, J. M. Belsham, W. Webber, W. Fowles, Dr. Corrie Jackson, H. Godwin, Geo. M. Mitchell, S. Toye, James W. Cain, Thos. Harrison, Abel Laurence, H. J. Smith, Robert J. Voisey, Howard Ruff, J. Holland, W. Cleghorn, J. La Feuillade, W. L. Crow, S. K. Milne, and H. Sadler Grand Tyler. Recommendations made to the Grand Master to the amount of £290 were confirmed. There were 41 cases on the new list. Out of these four were deferred, and two dismissed. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £880. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £75, and three petitions were recommended for £50 each. The Grand Master was recommended to grant £40 each in five cases, and £30 in six. Nine petitioners were relieved with £20, eight with £10, and three with £5 each.

We have to record the death of Mrs. J. Morrison McLeod, wife of Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The lady had been in a critical state of health for some time past, and succumbed to her illness on Friday, the 18th inst. We tender to Bro. McLeod our sincere sympathy in his affliction.

OLD BRANDY.—Dr. Lander Brunton, and there is no higher authority on the subject, has said, "Brandy ought to be made by the distillation of wine, and when prepared in this way is one of the purest and least injurious forms of spirit." It is obvious also that it should be of a certain age that the alcoholic strength may be lowered, while the four specific ethers, which it contains, are concentrated. It is these ethers which, according to Dr. Brunton, render brandy "more stimulating to the secretion of the digestive juices" than other spirits, and hence its presence with the cup of *café noir* after dinner. A brandy which would have thoroughly met the doctor's view is now being offered to connoisseurs by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. It comes from one of the first houses in Cognac, and is at present twenty-seven years old, beautifully soft and refined in flavour; such a brandy, in fact, as is very rarely offered to the public.

The half-yearly meeting of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday afternoon, the 18th inst. The various sub-committees were elected. Two children were elected to the educational benefits of the Institution. Bro. Alderman Harwood, of Bolton, was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and Bro. Sillitoe, of Manchester, Vice-Chairman. A contest took place for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. Chadwick, of Manchester, the result being that Bro. Newton, of Bolton, was elected by a large majority.

A numerous company of Masonic brethren and their lady friends assembled in the rooms of the Masonic Hall, Kingston Square, on the 10th inst., at the invitation of Bro. J. W. Tindell, the Worshipful Master of the De la Pole Lodge, of Hull, to a *conversazione* and dance in celebration of the 21st birthday of his son, Mr. T. W. Tindell. All that could add to the highly attractive features of the evening's arrangements was adopted with *esprit*, and throughout the Worshipful Master had the hearty co-operation of his Officers in ensuring success to the multifarious items submitted for general delectation.

By the way of compliment to Mr. Dodd, the ring master at the Circus, who is a member of the Craft, the brethren of Merthyr recently attended in force his benefit performance.

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LODGES OF SORROW.

ALTHOUGH, in America, Lodges of Sorrow are somewhat rare, they are of very frequent occurrence in Europe, and especially in Germany. Always, on the demise of a worthy brother, the "*Trauer Loge*" is opened when the virtues of the departed brother are commemorated, and funeral ceremonies of an impressive character are performed. But with us, whenever the Lodge convenes, as such, to bury a brother, and performs over his remains the beautiful service for the dead, it is, in fact, a "Lodge of Sorrow."

But we believe it would be profitable to hold special Lodges of this description once in each year, to call to mind those who have deceased during that time, and by a study of their examples, and an invocation of their virtues, to seek growth in wisdom and virtue.

Our festivities in honour of the two Saints John are, at the same time, Lodges of Sorrow, remembrance and invocation.

The significance, indeed, of all such ceremonies is that the departed good and great are still, although unseen, really and intelligently present in spirit, observing all our thoughts and deeds, and presiding over and carrying forward those benevolent enterprises which tend to improve the condition of mankind. Death does not, and cannot, effect any of the relations which God has established between man and man. They remain for ever the same. Religion, from the first, has taken note of this fact, and asserted the unbroken continuity of life, and the unity of the race—an idea which Paul teaches when he says: "For as we have many members in one body, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

The church, at the beginning, seizing on this great truth—which is, indeed, the very foundation of our Masonic institution—earnestly proclaimed that individual men were members of a common brotherhood; that this law of brotherhood is eternal; that death does not and cannot break the continuity of the life of humanity, nor dissolve the ties of consanguinity, affection or fraternity, and that those whom we call the dead are yet objects of interest and love to them.

Acting on this principle, and moved by this truth, the ancient nations, universally, established festivals in honour, and for the benefit of the dead; and a Hebrew writer, four centuries before Christ, says: "It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the departed."

The Chinese, Japanese, and other Oriental nations, repair annually to the graves of their deceased friends which they ornament with garlands of flowers and of leaves.

"O deem it not a superstitious rite, though old,
It having with all higher things connection;
Prayers, tears, redeem a world so harsh and cold;
The future hath its hope—the past its deep affection."

So far, indeed, did the church carry this idea, that it asserted as a positive doctrine, a reciprocity of influences between this visible world of living men and the invisible world of spirits—that, by invoking them, our departed friends would watch over us as guardian geniuses; and that we, on the other hand, by our sympathy and prayers, might benefit them, and aid them in working their way up from the "receptacles of sorrow to heaven's everlasting rest."

Without, however, endorsing all these ideas, Freemasonry every where recognizes the Immortality of man; and immortality implies that man will be identically the same through all eternity—death cannot rob him of any of those prerogatives or attributes which are necessary to that identity. In the future life, man will be essentially the same as in this. He will remember the past, recognize and love those whom he had known and loved here; and he will also retain the noble attribute of freedom, and the capacity for progress. The future life is a life of activity and advancement—a life of affection and sympathy, as well as retribution; and, being separated from this only by the veil of flesh, it penetrates and flows into it, and is for ever connected with it by mysterious bonds that cannot be broken.

It follows, therefore, that the great, the wise and good of the past time—our brothers and companions departed—the Illuminators of men of all nations and ages—are still

moving among us, fulfilling each day their various ministries of beneficence and love. They overshadow us when we meet in our Lodges of mourning and remembrance, and envelope us with their undying sympathy. Being dead in the flesh, they are alive in the spirit, the true apostles and benefactors of man, and are unceasingly present as helpful divinities, in the examples they have set, the truths they have uttered, and the lives they have lived.

"They fell, devoted, but undying;
The very waves their names seem sighing;
The waters murmur of their name,
The woods are peopled with their fame,
The silent pillars, lone and gray,
Claim kindred to their sacred clay;
Their spirits wrap the dusky mountain,
Their memory sparkles o'er each fountain;
The meanest rill, the mightiest river,
Rolls, mingling with their fame, for ever."

By these commemorative ceremonies, therefore, which recall, and, in a manner, reproduce the events and personages of the past, we are brought into direct communion with the intelligence and life of the heroes and saints of the old world, and by this communion their life is transmitted to us, and we are regenerated by their virtues. We should, therefore, remember the history of their trials and conquests, and keep outspread before us the picture of their glory. When in sorrow, perplexity and distress of soul, we should ask them to come to our aid. And they will come—they will come in the might of their pure examples, the omnipotence of their holy lives, and in the regenerating virtue of their philanthropy and love. They do come—angels of mercy—to preserve and defend us! By their goodness we become good, by their wisdom we become wise, and by their strength we become strong.

Thus the good and honoured of other times—the illustrious examples of Masonic virtue—have left a thousand brilliant traces on the earth—a thousand memories in the mystic circle where we were wont to meet them, which are to us a perpetual ministry of Love, and Life, and Light. They are so many Pharosoes, which a kind Providence has kindled on the Sea of Time, to show the rocks and quicksands we are to avoid, and to direct us to the perfect Lodge of security and peace.

Another salutary effect that would follow the frequent opening of Sorrow Lodges, would be the more rational views and feelings which we should entertain in regard to that supreme hour which, sooner or later, will introduce us to the sublime mysteries of eternity. By familiarity and rational meditation all unreasonable fears and misgivings would be removed.

As a general thing, there is no subject less welcome to our thoughts, and which we contemplate with less pleasure, than that of Death; ever do we turn away from it as from a terrible spectre—ever do we strive to fix our minds on a more pleasing theme. But, strive as we may to avoid it, the thought will intrude upon us, and every day the "King of Terrors" himself stands before us, and bears away to his mysterious realm some friend or companion, thus crushing our hearts with grief, as well as filling them with unspeakable dread.

Although every day we are called to hear the funeral knell, and witness the sad cortège of sorrow winding along our streets, we never seem to succeed in conquering the terror which the thought of death inspires. Let it enter the gay and gilded saloons of the great—the halls where beauty and fashion assemble, surrounded by all the charms and fascinations that belong to the golden and factitious life which they live—and the stoutest arm is paralyzed, and the manliest heart is struck with dismay, and the proud glancing eye quails, and the rose fades from the cheek of beauty as the rainbow vanishes from the summer sky, and the throne of joy is usurped by the spectre of fear.

The spirit and teachings of Freemasonry lead us to see the unreasonableness of these fears. True, the Masonic ritual speaks of the "spade," the "grave," the "death's-head," and "marrow-bones," those last sad remnants of mortality; but it does so only that it may turn our eyes, beaming with triumphant joy, to the immortal "Acacia," the glorious emblem of "Eternal Life." It does not aim to throw gloom and terror around our last hour, nor to marshal an army of hideous spectres around the beds of the dying or the graves of the honoured dead. On the contrary, it would remove every gloomy token and every fearful apprehension. It would take away from the grave's

brink the thorns and briers of despair and dread, and plant in their stead the beautiful flowers of Hope, and Trust, and Love. It would rend from the sculptured monuments which cover the dead, the grim and ghastly images of woe, and fix in their place the symbols of a Hope that burns more and more bright through the ages, and of a Love which is as perpetual as eternity! It would quiet our fears, and bring to our bosoms a calm and enduring faith in the Invisible, and an imperishable trust in the Grand Master and Father of the world. It would so quicken our faith that it could penetrate the veil of eternity, and see the generations of the wise and good, who have glorified the past, re-youthed, and clothed with forms of immortal beauty, and renewing and continuing the sweet communion which commenced in this world.

Unfortunately, our age is not an age of profound and positive faith. There is far more of worldliness, more dread of death, and less of heroic firmness and hopeful confidence at its approach, than in the earlier times. Our rude but earnest and truth-loving fathers, although pagans, seemed to know none of those fears which now so much disturb us. The future life presented itself to their minds in the most definite shape, and they welcomed the idea with a most profound conviction of its truth. They even died with tranquillity, and with manly fortitude descended to the repose of the grave. In their battles they fought with desperate valour, for they dreaded not to wander among the mysteries of eternity. Some of the ancient nations even rejoiced at the funerals of their friends; for they believed that the palace of the gods would be opened to triumphant virtue, and that, after the revolutions of ages, they would meet again in the everlasting mansions of light. "I am transported," said an ancient sage, "with the bare name of eternity! for what will be the joy of the soul when released from the fetters of clay, and it draws nearer to the Father of the world." "I am filled with hope, O Judges," said the virtuous Socrates, when doomed unjustly to a felon's death—"I am filled with hope. It has happened fortunately for me that I am sentenced to die. Death transports us to regions inhabited by those who have departed from life. Can such a change of scene appear a small privilege to you? Or can you esteem it a slight advantage that I may hold discourse with Orpheus, Homer and Hesiod? Indeed, if it were possible, I could wish to die often, to enjoy the circle I have mentioned. With what a glow of delight I should make the acquaintance of Palamedes, of Ajax, and others whose throats have felt the knife of iniquitous judgment!"

So with the old Hebrews we find the same contempt of death—the same noble confidence and sublime faith at its approach. They were wont to speak of the grave as a place of repose, "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." And when a Jew yielded up the spirit, and was laid by his friends in the tomb, they did not speak of him as dead, but they said, "He is gathered to his fathers." Death was called a sleep, and no dark forebodings or childish fears gloomed over the hour of its approach. "Yea," says the greatest of the Hebrew poets—the illustrious father of the greatest Masonic light or antiquity—"though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

During the first ages of the Christian church, too, and even down to a very late period, we see the same heroic fortitude and earnest faith. Funeral rites and emblems, and the religious observances regarding the dead, were beautiful, hopeful, tranquilizing to the mind, and soothing to the sorrowing heart. They presented the future life to the thought in a most definite and tangible form—made it a real and palpable fact, not a thing of shadow and mist—a world where the lost would be found, where hearts which had been separated here by death would be reunited, to be divided no more, and where the soul would find and embrace those ideals of good, of truth and love, so ardently worshipped and fruitlessly sought on earth.

In this respect "Sorrow Lodges" would be found eminently useful; for, while they would call us to the contemplation of the "coffin," and the "grave," and the mortality which they represent, they would also display that divine branch, the heavenly "Acacia," "the emblem of the immortal part of man," and which teaches that "when the cold winter of death shall have passed, and the bright summer's morn of the resurrection appears, the Son of Righteousness shall descend, and send forth his angels to collect our ransomed dust; then, if we are found

worthy, we shall, by his password, enter the celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe himself presides."

It is usual, when Sorrow Lodges are held, to decorate the room, not only with mourning weeds, but with wreaths of foliage and flowers—Nature's glorious types of Truth, Love and Immortality—and thus death itself is made radiant with beauty, and the odour of the grave is lost in the immortal fragrance of the ever-blooming Acacia. And thus we learn to thrust aside our old and dreary views of death, and associate it with what is lovely and beautiful. "Cover me with flowers, and let me die to the sound of music," was the dying exclamation of an illustrious Mason, who had knelt before our mystic altar in company with Franklin and Voltaire.

The grand truth connected with the Masonic use of the Acacia-branch is rapidly extending. A few years ago, except now and then on a Masonic tomb, a cheerful emblem, representing death or the grave, was never met with.

Nothing could possibly exceed the dreary and desolate aspect of many of our older burial-grounds. They seem to have been selected with exclusive reference to their barrenness and solitariness, as if our only object was to bury the dead from our sight, and forget them as soon as possible. There was nothing inviting or agreeable about them. Cold, melancholy and sad, with their terrific emblems—death's heads, skeletons, cross-bones and doleful epitaphs—they were objects of dread to all, of love and reverence to none. Frightened children ran faster as they passed, and even grown men, at times, would turn away their eyes, as if half afraid that some awful vision would rise before them.

It is gratifying, however, to know that a great change is now taking place in regard to our sepulchral rites and our places of burial. The rural cemeteries that are now becoming so numerous, and which are daily springing up in all parts of our country—selected with so much care, arranged with so much taste, and embellished with the most beautiful creations of art and nature—show that we are approaching an age of faith. They indicate that men think more of a future life, and cherish with a tender solicitude the memory of their departed friends. Emblems of hope, and trust, and love, invest every grave. Flowers in endless variety, and of surpassing beauty, stand as sentinels round every tomb, as if guarding the repose of the loved one that sleeps within. The wavering acacia, glorious with Masonic memories—the mysterious pine, whose wondrous murmurs, never ceasing, resound like a perpetual song—the fir-tree, the type of unwavering confidence, and the drooping elm and weeping willow, emblems of a tender grief and everlasting sympathy—adorn these places sacred to the dead. Thus, on every returning spring, each swelling bud and opening flower will seem to declare that the night of death is past, "and beauty-immortal awakes from the tomb. Thus every wind which softly breathes through the green foliage, and fans the verdant coverings of the dead, sounds as the voice of God or the archangel's trump, commanding the dead to rise. Thus every grave becomes an altar, consecrated by tears and sighs and holy affections, and the flowers that bloom thereon are the offerings which an unforgetting love presents to the cherished being who slumbers below.

The tranquil beauty which reigns in these places takes away half the fear of death. And if there be a spot in the world where, without a fear or regret, one could lay himself down in the sleep of death, it is in one of these modern cemeteries, where the released spirit would unite itself with that spirit of beauty which seems to have enshrined itself in every flower and every tree, and where the everlasting song of nature, the mysterious hymn of the winds and trees, distant reverberations of that mighty canticle which ascendeth for ever before the eternal throne, would swell around his grave for ever! Sceptics and utilitarians may scoff at our pious endeavours to embellish our sepulchres, and denounce as futile or superstitious the care and sympathy with which we surround the graves of the loved and lost; but they can only excite our pity. For he who has no faith in the invisible, nor reverence for departed virtue, nor affection for his departed friends, is an object most pitiful to behold.

"Why do we deck these graves with flowers?
And hast thou ever lost a friend,
Nor sought that with thy future hours
Remembrance fond should closely blend?"

'Tis thus untired we cherish ours:
These living monuments commend
That zeal, which never can forget
Friend, once beloved, as living yet.

Gems sparkling life, whose fragrant breath
Revives the sense to pleasure there,
And garlands crown the place of death,
Which joyous life and youth could wear.
That friend's good name who rests beneath,
As odorous flowers in sunny air
To us shall sweet and lovely be
In everlasting memory.

Charge not with superstitious thought,
The kind, the pious deed we do;
Greeks, Romans, Celts, alike have brought
Their fairest flowers, the grave to strew;
And not alone by custom taught,
But native feeling, strong and true,
The Christian and the heathen come,
To deck with flowers the honoured tomb.

The mourner fain would read around
Her grief inscribed on earth and sky,
And fondly loves each floweret found
With saddening marks of sympathy.
'Tis such bestrew this sacred ground,
Emblems of woe, of purity,
The drooping head, the dewy tear,
The pallid hue to sorrow dear.

Nor gift, nor word, nor kind caress,
Affection's zeal may now declare,
And love, assiduous once to bless,
Through faithful years of daily care
Casts all its waste of tenderness
In flowers and tears profusely there,
Invents a duty to fulfil,
And seems to render service still.

Types, Truth selects, appropriate,
Fair, fading creatures of a day,
Of human life to indicate
The fragile state and swift decay,
Now in prosperity elate,
And then for ever passed away;
Bedecking thus the mortal cell,
Our tale impressively they tell.

And chiefly now that spring's soft breath
Wakes latent energies below,
Leaves, buds and blossoms bursting forth,
With graceful life and beauty glow,
Symbols of triumph over death,
The Resurrection hope they show;
The Grave her tenants shall restore,
And Death of victory boast no more."

It is well for us, at particular times and on particular occasions, to recall the past, and especially those with whom we have been associated, and who now slumber beneath the Acacia branch! Every Lodge has lost members by death, some having fallen in life's early bloom and promise, and others in the maturity of their powers and the full experience of age. It will be a salutary exercise of our thoughts, and a wise employ of time to pause for a little and hold communion with our departed companions. Their bodies have faded from our view, and mouldered to dust; but the lives they have lived, and the examples they have given to the world, can never perish. These will live through the interminable future! Have our deceased brethren been virtuous, wise and great, in their fidelity to duty, generous sympathies, lofty and confiding friendships, sincere faith in God, man and justice? Let us emulate their excellencies, their perfections, and by frequent communion reproduce them in our own lives. Have their frailties dishonoured our beloved Order and made our hearts sad? This invocation of their memory will still be useful—useful as a warning, as an admonition.

The Creator has furnished no means of moral improvement more important, or more effectual, than this communion with, this invocation of, the dead; for of the dead we may speak with freedom. Of their virtues, of the heavenly beauty of their lives, we may speak without being suspected of insincere flattery; and of their frailties we may speak with mingled justice and charity, without laying ourselves liable to the charge of ulterior purposes of a selfish and interested character.

In truth, the influence of the departed upon us is far greater than we have been in the habit of thinking. It is not in vain that our brothers deceased have lived in our midst—it is not in vain they have died. They have left, as we just said, their works behind them; their remembrances remain in the Lodge room, and in the community in which they were known. Although dead

and in their graves, they still live, and their lives and examples, were they divine and holy, go about among us as ever, continuing those works of goodness which here commenced. Let us pray that they may watch over us as guardian geniuses, and preserve us from all selfishness, injustice and impurity.

Sorrow Lodges, then, are of the highest moral utility. Then and there calling to mind the departed worthies of our Order, we come to feel that the fraternal ties of our Institution are more powerful than death, and more enduring than the grave. Our brothers, departed, are not lost to us. Their sympathy surrounds us still, and we feel their presence when we call their names. They look down upon us from the Grand Lodge above, and cheer us on in our works of benevolence and love.

"Even they—the dead—though dead, so dear,
Fond Memory, to her duty true,
Brings back their faded forms to view.
How life-like, through the mist of years,
Each well remembered face appears!
We see them, as in times long past;
From each to each kind looks are cast;
We hear their words—their smiles behold—
They're round us as they were of old!
They are all here!"

—Voice of Masonry.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE usual monthly meeting of this ancient Lodge was held on Monday, 21st inst., at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, when the W.M. (Bro. Solomon) presided, and was supported by Bros. Rev. A. Jackson S.W., Rackstraw J.W., Hitchins I.P.M., Champion P.M. Treasurer, Biggs P.M. Secretary, Beamish P.M., Hedger P.M., Loft, Friar, Whitfield, Nettleingham, Woodford, Masters, Buckle, Davies, Orton Cooper, &c. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer presented his report, showing a satisfactory state of the finances. Bros. Blyth and Boucher being candidates for raising were brought before the Lodge, and having proved their proficiency, were entrusted and they retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the two brethren were admitted as Master Masons, the ceremony being admirably performed by Brother Solomon, who gave the whole of the traditional history. Ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds for the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Royal Benevolent Institution. The Treasurer reported that the two applications for relief from widows of deceased brethren had been favourably entertained by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and stated that the Provincial Grand Festival would be held at Ramsgate next July. No other business being forthcoming, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

VIRTUE LODGE, No. 152 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, on Friday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. Batt W.M., Cantill S.W., Millington J.W., Pritchard P.M. Treasurer, Crompton Secretary, Campbell S.D., Kay J.D., Williams P.M. Dir. of Cers., Norton I.G.; Bros. Constantine, Froggatt, Conway P.M., Jaffrey P.M. P.P.G.D., Daniel P.M., Blaikie P.M., Saunders, Ingram, and Kelly; Visitors—Stokes 2182, Taylor 2156, Ehlinger P.M. 1161, and Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Daniels being present to take the second degree was interrogated as to his proficiency in the first, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. He was subsequently passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. At the social board the health of the newly passed brother was proposed and responded to, an exceedingly pleasant evening being spent, enlivened with songs and recitations from Bros. Crompton, Stokes, Kay, and Lisenden.

OLD GLOBE LODGE, No. 200.

ON the 16th inst., the installation banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough, the newly installed W.M. Brother Francis Goodricke, in the chair. The installation ceremony took place at the January meeting, but the banquet was postponed until the 16th inst. Bro. Hartmann the retiring manager of the Royal Hotel was the recipient of a token of the esteem in which the local brethren hold him as a Mason and a caterer.

NEW FOREST LODGE, No. 319.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Bugle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when there was a good attendance of the brethren. The ceremonies of the day were ably conducted by the W.M. Bro. A. Brist, assisted by the Officers of the Lodge. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Brother Past Master Dore, and spent a pleasant evening until 8 p.m., when the proceedings terminated.

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PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

ON Thursday evening, the 10th inst., a meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, when Bro. Snell was installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. Antill, the outgoing Worshipful Master, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks and presented with a handsome jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the year. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Antill I.P.M., Woodthorpe S.W., Meredith J.W., Major Thackara P.M. Treasurer, Bates P.M. Secretary, Kent S.D., Hardy J.D., Holley I.G., Jenkins P.M. Dir. of Cers., Pearman P.G. Org. Organist, Simes and Pordage Stewards, Exell and Smith Tylers. The Worshipful Master was supported by the following brethren of the Portsmouth Lodge:—Bros. Lancaster, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Antill I.P.M., Alderman Cudlipp P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Captain Palsgrave P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., Ontridge P.M., Maj. Thackara P.M., Jenkins, Bates P.M., Woodhouse P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Pearman P.G. Org., Rae, Curtis, Huggett, Wright, Holley, Warne, Pordage, Simes, Barron, &c., and a large number of visiting brethren, among whom were Bros. Gieve P.G. Treasurer, Lancaster Assistant P.G. Secretary, and the following representatives of neighbouring Lodges: Bros. Bramsdon W.M. 257, Homan W.M. 309, Glazebrooke W.M. 342, Bates P.M. W.M. 804, Long W.M. 903, Rev. G. Andrew W.M. 928, Austin I.P.M. 1903, Berrow W.M. 1958, Fisher W.M. 2068, Boorman W.M. 2074; also Bros. Smith-Parsons P.M. 804 P.P.G.P., Williams P.M. 2068, Baldwin P.M. 944, Rule P.M. 1834, Dyer, Drummond Treasurer 257, Henty S.D. 1069, Cox 804, Townsend J.D. 1903, Saxey J.D. 342, Brown, Dunbar, Candish, Prior 2074, Gardner 1776, &c. The Worshipful Master afterwards presided at a banquet, provided by Bro. Maybour, during which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced by a good programme of music, rendered by the Alver Glee Union, under the direction of Bro. Pearman P.G. Org.

BRIDSON CHAPTER, No. 613.

ON Thursday, the 10th instant, the annual installation ceremony took place at the Masonic Buildings, Lord Street, Southport, a large number of Companions being present. Comp. the Rev. C. Hesketh Knowllys, M.A., was installed in the First Principal's chair by E. Companion Goodacre P.G.S.E. and P.G. Standard Bearer England. The newly-installed Principal then appointed the following Officers:—Companions Bradshaw H., Watson J., Platt S.E., Hayward S.N., Barrow Treasurer, Scott P.S., Harling A.S., Hatch A.S., Adams Dir. of Cers., Sutton Organist, Broome and Webster Stewards, Rockliff Janitor. Afterwards the Companions present sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Companion Rockliff, in the supper room, a pleasant evening being spent.

FAWCETT LODGE, No. 661.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Seaham Harbour, on the 9th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year. Among those present were Bros. Johnson W.M., Toogood S.W. W.M. elect, Smith, Emerson, Cockburn, Wills, Rev. D. W. James P.M. P.P.G.C., Richardson, Atkinson, Malcolm, Metcalfe, Henry, Frond, Shackleton, Robson, Hurst, Jones, Cowper I.P.M. 2039, Deans P.M. 2039, Gibbons W.M. 80, Irvine 97. On being presented by Bro. Emerson P.M., Bro. Toogood was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. the Rev. D. W. James P.M., in an excellent and effective manner. The newly-installed Master then invested his Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. Johnson I.P.M., Malcolm S.W., Metcalf J.W., Henry S.D., Frond J.D., O'Nackelton I.G., Richardson P.M. Treasurer, Emerson P.M. Secretary. A pleasant feature of the ceremony was the presentation by the W.M. of a button-hole bouquet to each of his Officers after the investment. The Lodge voted ten guineas to that excellent Charity the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. The brethren then adjourned to the Station Hotel to dinner, when about 30 sat down to an excellent repast provided by Mrs. Witten. A pleasant evening was spent.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030 (HEATON NORRIS).

A REGULAR meeting was held at the George Hotel, on Monday, the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. W. A. Vaughan W.M., Knott S.W., Henry Smith J.W., W. H. Vaughan P.M. P.P.G. Registrar Secretary, Watson S.D., Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Goodfellow I.G.; P.M.'s Geo. L. Vaughan, Bassnett Preston, Cole, Foster, Burgess, Fisher, and A. W. Pemberton; Visitors—Ward 2359, Orrall 645, and Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened in due form at 5.15, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Drs. Dodd and Marriott, who had been elected at a previous meeting, were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. In the second degree Bro. Burgess showed his proficiency by satisfactorily answering the questions leading from the second to the third degree. He was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. R. Bassnett Preston P.M., and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.20.

SOUTH NORWOOD LODGE, No. 1139.

THE last meeting was held at the Pavilion, South Norwood Park, on Thursday evening, the 17th inst. The W.M. (Bro. E. F. S. Green, M.D.) presided at the banquet, after which the members of the Lodge presented him with a very handsome salad bowl, in solid silver, hand chased, London make, on an ebony stand, as a wedding gift. It bore the following inscription:—"Presented by members of the South Norwood Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1139, to Bro. Edward F. S. Green W.M., on his marriage, 25th February 1892." on behalf

of the subscribing members, Bro. L. Burgoyne Pillin P.M. (P.M. 180) the Director of Ceremonies, in a well-chosen speech, made the presentation, and referred to the many excellent qualities of Dr. Green, who he said was highly esteemed and universally respected, not only by the brethren of the Lodge, but also by the residents (rich and poor) of the neighbourhood in which he resided. He had endeared himself to the members of the Lodge by his courtesy and genial good feeling, and they had much pleasure in asking his acceptance of the salad bowl. It was then handed to Dr. Green, whose rising to respond was the signal for an outburst of cheering he is not likely to forget. He thanked the brethren for their kind and unexpected gift which, he observed, would be cherished and "handed down to posterity." It was evident to those present that he spoke with great emotion, feeling deeply the high esteem with which he is regarded by the members. It may here be mentioned that the South Norwood Lodge have this year celebrated their 25th anniversary. Bro. C. Tarry served the banquet, in his usual well-known style.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE annual meeting was held at the Metham Masonic Hall, Caroline Place, Stonehouse, on the 21st inst., to instal Bro. George Perkins S.W. as the W.M. elect for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Perring, Bros. S. Jew, R. Dickson, P. J. Dunn, and A. W. King, all of 1205; assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. Cross, Powell, the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Pike, Gibbons, Past Provincial Officers; Peek, Trout, Sitters, and W. Coath, all of 1205; J. R. Lord 1247, E. Aitken-Davies 1099, Gidley 2025, Dockett 893, Past Provincial Officers; Allsford 202, Dunsterville 189, Bray 1212, William Thomas 156, Marchant 893, Orchard 230, Frank R. Thomas 189, Williams 1847, and Harvey 1847. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. Perring I.P.M., Quarter-master-Sergeant J. J. Facey, R.M.L.I., S.W., Ambrose J.W., Peek Chaplain, Cross Treasurer, Dunn Secretary, Pearce S.D., Maddock J.D., Maunder I.G., Wills Dir. of Cers., Chantler Asst. Dir. of Cers., Ferguson Organist, Stevens and Ewens Stewards, Skinner and Blake Assist. Stewards, Gidley Tyler. Previous to the ceremony of installation Messrs. James, Savage, and Hanson were initiated into the Order, and Bro. Franklin passed to the second degree. Regret was generally expressed at the retirement of Bro. W. Powell P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer from the office of Secretary, the duties of which office he had carried out with such great ability for many years, and a resolution, which was proposed by Bro. Dickson, seconded by Bro. Gibbons, that the Lodge present Bro. Powell with an illuminated address on vellum in appreciation of his past services, was agreed to by acclamation. Bro. W. Powell was unanimously re-elected representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The retiring W.M. Bro. George Perring was then presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his zeal and ability as W.M. during the past year. The annual banquet was fixed for Thursday evening.

CINQUE PORTS LODGE, No. 1206.

THE installation of Bro. Joyce as W.M. took place at the Bull Hotel, Sandwich, on the 1st inst., when he appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Payne S.W., H. Gillow J.W., Baker P.M. Treasurer, Jotcham P.M. Secretary, Woodruff S.D., F. Gillow J.D., Hall Dir. of Cers., Alobin P.M. Organist, Watson I.G., Cater and Bridges Stewards, Page Tyler. There was a large attendance of brethren from Lodges in the neighbourhood, which would no doubt have been increased but for the inclement weather. A very gratifying feature in the proceedings was the presentation of a handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge, to Bro. F. Baker, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge as Treasurer during the past eleven years. The brethren afterwards sat down to a magnificent banquet, provided by Miss Jones, the manageress of the hotel, on whom it reflected the highest credit. The vocalists of the evening were Bro. Harper Kearton and Bro. Frederick Bevan, whose splendid singing did much to make this one of the most successful gatherings ever held by this Lodge.

SIR WATKIN LODGE, No. 1477.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Mold, on Monday the 7th inst., the W.M., Bro. W. P. Jones presiding. Letters were read acknowledging the vote of condolence passed by the Lodge on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Matthews, and also from Lord Harlech P.G.M. North Wales, on the death of Lady Harlech.

CARADOG LODGE, No. 1573.

THE annual meeting took place on Monday, the 7th inst., when Bro. Morgan P.P.G. Steward was installed W.M. There was an exceptionally full attendance of members. The visiting brethren were in full force. Bro. Morgan Williams invested the following as the Officers for the year:—Bros. Fred. Lewis Prov. G. Supt. Works I.P.M., Grose S.W., Pascoe J.W., Dr. Walters P.M. Prov. G.C. Chaplain, Rogers P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, Brown Secretary, William Henry Lewis S.D., Richards J.D., Davies P.M. Prov. S.G.W. D. of C., Edwards A.D.C., Treharne Organist, Row I.G., Owen, Herschel and Jones Stewards, Bullerwell Tyler. In the evening the company were entertained at a banquet at the Royal Hotel.

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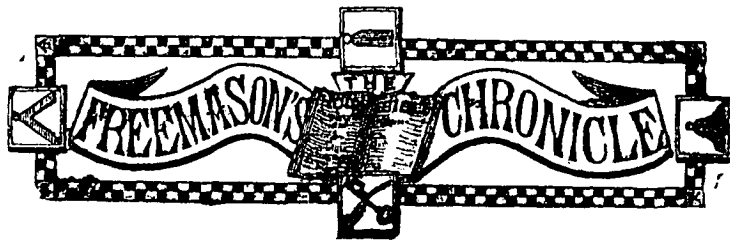
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ST. AUBYN LODGE, No. 64.

THE fifth annual ball in aid of the Mark Masonic Charities took place at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 9th instant. The hall and vestibule were beautifully decorated with towering palms, ferns, and plants of various descriptions, which were kindly lent by the V.W. Brother the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and Bro. W. G. Hodge, F.R.H.S. The Provincial Lodge room was transformed into a beautiful ball room, and by means of the handsome Lodge pictures, Masonic emblems, Indian curtains, various devices, choice plants, and magnesium lanterns, it looked a perfect fairy bower, and excited the admiration and praise of the large company. Bro. J. Ewens, of Stonehouse, did the whole of the decorations, and received the thanks of the Committee for having so admirably carried out his contract. The music was supplied by Bro. G. Miller, and gave general satisfaction. There were the usual retiring rooms, which were nicely fitted under the able direction of Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Phillips. The refreshments were supplied by Bro. S. Harvey, the Steward of the Club, and Mrs. Harvey, who were deservedly complimented on the excellent way in which they catered. The Chairman and Director of Ceremonies was Bro. John Leonard, who has taken an active part in the affair from its commencement, the M.C.'s being Bros. E. J. Leonard, W. Biscombe, H. Gibbens, and C. H. F. Menhinnick. The Committee were:—Bros. W. J. Pengelly, A. Roberts, P. Haunaford, R. Blight, J. F. Penwam, T. S. Eyre, J. F. Burns, G. F. Watson, T. G. Taylor, T. Worledge, G. Gurney, W. G. Hancock, and James Harvey. The secretarial duties were carried out by Bro. W. H. Dillon, with great ability. During the evening a splendid concert took place in the banqueting hall, the arrangements being well carried out by Bros. Frank R. Thomas and A. J. Verdi. The treat of the evening was Mr. Rowlands, of the Grand Theatre, who rendered two songs in inimitable style. Miss Dillon played a pianoforte selection, with great ability, and was

vociferously applauded. Master Searle sang "The song that reached my heart" in a most pleasing manner, and was deservedly encored. Other songs were contributed by Mrs. Debatty, Bros. White, Menhianick, Cornish, Gibbons, and others. Mr. F. Farthing sang with great gusto "Out on the deep," and Mr. W. Willoughby accompanied on the piano.

DEVON LODGE, No. 1138 (CRAFT), AND 215 (MARK).

THE annual banquet in connexion with these Lodges was held at Newton Abbot, on Monday, the 7th instant. About 50 members of the two Lodges, with their friends, were present, including the Right Worshipful Brother G. Strode Lowe (Plymouth) P.M., Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Devon, and Brother Stocker (Exeter) P.G.M.S. of Devon. The catering was entrusted to Mr. A. Russell, confectioner, of Bank Street, Newton. The Worshipful Master-elect Bro. James Cull presided, and amongst those present were the following:—Bros. James R. Cull W.M., Lauder I.P.M., Rendell S.W., Reynolds J.W., Rev. W. Langley Pope, D.D., P.P.G. Chaplain, Martin P.M. Treasurer, Hambly jun. Secretary, Lagg S.D., Haydon J.D., Underhay, Hill, and Grimbley Stewards, Stevens P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Almoner, Olver Past Master P.P.G.S.B. Secretary M.M. 215, Watts P.M., Bearne P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Stevens P.M., L. Martin P.M., Dobell P.M., Scatteredy 2025, Tope P.M. 450, G. Strode Lowe (Plymouth) P.M. Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of Devon, Stocker (Exeter) Provincial Grand Mark Secretary of Devon, Grand Deacon of England (Mark), Hambly P.M. and Secretary 1855, Locke P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Rev. G. J. Ford Royal Clarence, 172, Colwill, Risdon 202, Littleton P.M. Treas. 230 P.G.S., Segar, Stark, Parker P.J.W., Hearder P.J.W., Fragell, Sanders, Penwill, Endacott P.J.W., Handcock, Woodbridge 1254, Palmer 1254, &c.

BRIGHTON LODGE, No. 426.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday afternoon, the 8th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. Willard) who was supported by the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. Gill S.W., Isworth J.W., Clark M.O., Wood J.O., Buchanan Treasurer, Mitchell Registrar of Marks, Dyer Secretary, Lloyd S.D., Thilthorpe Dir. of Cers., Gates Organist, Hughes I.G., H. H. Hughes Tyler, Coe Assistant Tyler. Amongst the remaining members of the Lodge present were Bros. the Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Roberts Prov. Grand Secretary, Abell P.G. Standard Bearer, Barber, Tuxford, Potter, Garrett, Olliver, Peters P.P.G.S.O., Roffay, Kemsley, Legg and Lewy. The visitors included Bros. Weston, Lewis 391, Musson W.M. Adur 386, Welling J.W. 386, Buckwell W.M. Royal Sussex 75, Lamette I.P.M. Royal Sussex 75, Abell W.M. Southdown 164, Wright M.O. Lewis 391, Hollands Steward Royal Sussex 75, Stanton Adur 186, Newberry Porchester 27 P.G.O. Berks and Oxon, King G.O. W.M. Royal Connaught 409, Rastin Royal Sussex 75, Clements Royal Sussex 75, Clowes G.J.O., Cole, Tebbs Royal Sussex 75. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Brother Gill as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. Willard). The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, as follow:—Bros. Gill W.M., Willard I.P.M., Isworth S.W., Clark J.W., Rev. Heathcote Smith Chaplain, Burfield M.O., Wood S.O., Mitchell J.O., Buchanan Treasurer, Dyer Registrar of Marks, Lloyd Secretary, Carpenter S.D., Thilthorpe J.D., Hughes Dir. of Cers., Gates Organist, Potter I.G., Simpson and Brown Stewards. Bro. Willard was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. Gill. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In response to the toast of the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, submitted by the W.M., Bro. Clowes responded. On behalf of the Earl of Euston and other Officers of the Grand Lodge, who had been invited to be present, he explained that but for their prior engagement to meet Admiral Markham at a banquet they would all have attended the installation meeting during the afternoon. He thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which at all times he had been received, and was glad to see the young Brighton Lodge in so satisfactory a condition. Alluding to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he said their Grand Master had done excellent work for Mark Masonry, and had again accepted the high position of Grand Master. He congratulated the W.M. (Bro. Gill) upon occupying the chair of the Lodge. He had seen his admirable work in the Burrell Craft Lodge, and fully anticipated that he would carry out his duties to this Lodge. Bro. A. King G.O. also responded. He considered it a compliment to be associated with such an august body as the Grand Lodge, for he was but a young Mark Mason. He hoped, however, that his work in the Craft would prove that he was not an impostor, and he would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the many true brethren who had preceded him. The W.M. next proposed the M.W. Prov. G. Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; the V.W. Deputy Prov. G. Master the very Rev. E. R. Currie Past G. Chaplain; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past. The Duke of Connaught, he said, consecrated the Brighton Lodge and took great interest in Mark Masonry. They also had an excellent D. Prov. G. Master in Bro. Currie, and were honoured that evening by the presence of Bro. County Councillor J. C. Buckwell, Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. Grand Secretary, and Brother H. W. G. Abell. He eulogised Bro. Roberts for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the arrangements connected with

the Royal visits to Brighton. Bro. J. C. Buckwell, in responding, spoke of the great activity shown by their Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Currie. His untiring exertions had endeared him to all Sussex Mark Masons, and the Provincial Grand Lodge had Officers who were ready and willing to follow in the footsteps of Bro. Currie. Brother Roberts also acknowledged the toast. He congratulated the "baby Lodge" upon its healthy condition. The Province was flourishing, and he expected that another Lodge would shortly be added to their number. The two visits of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught had passed off successfully. The Brighton Lodge, consecrated by the Duke, had begun under very good auspices, and he hoped that the augury would be fulfilled. In the absence of Brother Willard, who had been called away by another engagement, Brother H. W. G. Abell proposed the Worshipful Master. The Brighton Lodge had, he said, opened well, and was in a flourishing condition, and while Bro. Gill belonged to it its success was assured. Their W.M. had done excellent work in the Craft, and would, doubtless, distinguish himself in Mark Masonry. He was a true and earnest Mason, and would, he was sure, increase the prestige of the Lodge. Bro. Gill, who was warmly applauded on rising to respond, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He had taken great interest in the Lodge, and might justly term himself its father, for he was responsible for the petition and the name of the Lodge. He appreciated the honour of being unanimously elected W.M., and, to the best of his ability, would carry out the duties of his high office. Bro. W. B. Isworth proposed the Worshipful Masters of the Mark Lodges in the Province, to which Bros. J. J. Abell and J. T. Musson responded. The W.M. gave the Past Master, to which Bro. H. W. G. Abell I.P.M., in the absence of Bro. Willard, responded. Bro. J. J. Clark submitted the Visitors, which Bro. W. Tebbs acknowledged. The remaining toasts were the Officers and the Tyler's toast. During the evening a musical programme was ably sustained by Miss Mand Bond, Bro. H. Dyer, Bro. R. Clowes, Mr. L. Mennich, and Mr. T. Lynes, vocalists; and Mr. Lewis Mennich, solo violin; the duties of accompanist being satisfactorily carried out by Bro. H. S. Gates. A recitation by Bro. J. A. Thilthorpe also gave great pleasure to the brethren.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

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LOYAL BRUNSWICK PRECEPTORY.

THE annual Convocation was held on the 17th inst., at the Town Hall, East Stonehouse. Sir Kt. Wilson 18 degree Past Grand Treasurer E.P. Elect was installed. Sir Kt. Crouch P.P.S.B. the retiring E.P., the Installing Officer, was assisted by E.S. Knights Aitken-Davies, Jew, Du Pre, Keats, Lord, Cross, Dillon. The Officers appointed were Sir Knights Crouch I.P.E.P., Thomas Constable, Dansterville M., Rev. Dr. Lemon Chaplain, Keats Treasurer, Trout Registrar, Verdi Sub-Marshal, Leonard Almoner, Aslat C.G., Hare Standard Bearer, Gidley G. The annual refection of the Preceptory was held in the evening at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. The E.P. (J. R. Wilson) presided. Bro. Harvey's catering was, as usual, admirable, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

The meetings of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, and of the Benevolent Association connected therewith, will in future be held at the Castle, 81 Holloway Road, N., on Friday evening, at 8 p.m., instead of at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. The Royal Standard is a very strong Lodge of Instruction, and over 110 shares have been taken up in the Association connected with it. The Association was well represented at the Boys' Festival last year, the Stewards who represented it taking up a list of £115 10s; while at the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution 100 guineas was taken up, to which an increase of 20 guineas is promised. Bro. Robert P. Angel is the Secretary, and he will readily supply further information.

The Candour Lodge of Freemasons held a grand smoking concert on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Brownhill Vale, Uppermill, which was largely attended by members of the Craft and many visiting friends, under the genial presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Robert Eastwood. The audience was treated to a really high class entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music by the following well-known amateurs: Mr. James Butterworth, violin; Mr. Joseph Schofield, violoncello; Mr. E. Rowbotham, viola; Mr. William Mallandain, flute and piccolo; and Mr. A. Hudson, piano. Messrs. Tanner Bros., H. Pearson, and Arthur Clare gave songs, and Mr. Bent took the part of humorist with conspicuous favour. The concert was a decided success. Interspersed with the proceedings the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which Dr. Burd and Mr. Thomas Iredale responded. Mr. William Buckley proposed the health of the vocalists and instrumentalists, which was supported by Mr. J. T. Bradbury, and carried with musical honours. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" closed a very enjoyable concert.

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ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 225.

A LARGE number of the members assembled at the monthly meeting, on Wednesday, 16th inst., when the Secretary (Bro. Napier P.M. P.P.G.J.D.) was presented with a handsome pair of bronze Marli horses and an illuminated address, as a token of the goodwill of the brethren on the occasion of his then approaching marriage. The presentation was made by Bro. Talbot, who referred to the zeal and fidelity with which Bro. Napier had discharged his duties as Secretary to the Lodge, and expressed the hope that for many years he might be blessed with every good gift. Bro. Price read the address, which expressed the gratitude of the brethren for the many acts of kindness received at the hands of Bro. Napier, and the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. would cement the union with His blessing, and that health, happiness, and prosperity would attend him until time with him should be no more. The address, which was very beautifully and artistically illuminated by Bro. Loggett, was signed by Bros. Whitehead W.M., Cook S.W., and Cockrell J.W. Bro. Napier said he was quite unable adequately to express his gratitude for the kindness of the brethren. He was deeply attached to Masonry, and he hoped to be associated for many years with the St. Luke's Lodge. The bronzes were supplied by Mr. John Orton.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 376.

ON Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the usual monthly meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, upwards of 50 members were present. At the close of the business of the Lodge, Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Tracy asked permission of the W.M. Brother H. C. Monteith to occupy the attention of the Lodge for a few minutes whilst a pleasant duty was carried out. It was that of presenting to P.M. Bro. Anness a token of the respect in which he is held by the rank-and-file of the Lodge, in the shape of a Past Master's jewel, on the occasion of his recent marriage. The jewel was of gold, and bore a suitable inscription. The speaker expressed a wish that Brother Anness might long live to wear the jewel, and to render service for many years to the Lodge, as also that he would, whenever he looked upon it, remember the good wishes of the members for his future happiness. The W.M. felt he could not let the opportunity go by without expressing the great pleasure he had in endorsing the remarks of Bro. Tracy. The brethren of the Lodge of Instruction were very much indebted to Bro. Anness for his services as Preceptor. Brother Anness, in acknowledging the gift, said that had he been called upon to take part in the work of the Lodge, it would have been far easier than to return thanks for their great and unexpected kindness. He never anticipated obtaining their appreciation to the extent of the presentation of that jewel. He hoped to live many years to wear it, and then hand it down to his sons, who were already Freemasons.

PRINCE ARTHUR LODGE, No. 1570.

AT the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 15th inst., Bro. John Caldwell was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed by Bro. W. M'Gaughey I.P.M. The Officers of the Lodge present were Bros. Bamford, C.C., Worshipful Master, M'Gaughey I.P.M., Barrow P.M., Greenless S.W., Caldwell J.W., Footo P.M. Treasurer, Myers Secretary, Scott, C.C., J.D., Callow I.G., Simpson, Clayton and Plumpton Stewards, Doran Organist, Ball Tyler. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Platt, Bottomley, Ball, Smythe, Goodacre, Sweetman 1505, Hocken 673, Bird 1576, John Proctor 667, and Forrester 1035. Having been duly installed in the chair of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Caldwell proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Bamford I.P.M., Myers S.W., Scott J.W., Footo P.M. P.P.G.T. Treasurer, Callow Secretary, Simpson S.D., Clayton J.D., M'Gaughey P.M. Dir. of Cers., Doran Organist, Plumpton I.G., Salvidge, Parry, Lewis, and Chipchase Stewards. The brethren subsequently partook of the installation banquet, admirably served by Bro. Cisey, the house steward, and an enjoyable musical evening was afterwards spent.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, the 10th instant, at the Ladbroke Hall. Present—Licut. T. W. Heath W.M.; also Past Masters Parkhouse Treasurer, Lander, Adkins, Woodmason, Wood, Green, Dr. Pocock, Rogers, and many other brethren. Messrs. Burt and Price were initiated into Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master in due form. The remaining business before the Lodge was to record with regret the resignation by Bro. Marlis of the office of Secretary, which he had ably filled for many years. Brother Marlis was, in recognition of his services, unanimously elected a life member, and Bro. Green was appointed and invested as Secretary in his stead. The brethren and a large number of Visitors subsequently dined together, after which very excellent vocal and instrumental music was rendered by the Worshipful Master, Miss Greta Williams, and Bro. Miles, harpist to the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society.

EASTERFORD LODGE, No. 2342.

THE third anniversary of the establishment of this Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 10th instant, when Brother Ogier S.W., one of the founders, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Salter, also a founder, and the outgoing Master. The address to the Wardens was given by Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd P.M. Prov. Grand Chaplain, another of the founders of the Lodge. The Officers for the year were invested, as follows:—Bros. Ogier W.M., Salter I.P.M., Captain Wetheral S.W., Sir W. N. Abdy, Bart., J.W., Rev. T. Lloyd Chaplain, Darell Treasurer, Meade Secretary, Thorn S.D., Moss J.D., Eustace Dir. of Cers., Galpin Organist, Siggers I.G., Livermore, Stanley T. King, Beaumont, and H. T. King Stewards, Inifer Tyler. Bro. the

Thomas Lloyd was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. The Secretary read the Finance Committee's report, which showed the funds to be in a flourishing condition; whilst the role of members now numbered 51. At the close of the business between 20 and 30 brethren dined together, a capital repast being well served by Messrs. George Wright and Son, of Colchester. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and several brethren contributed songs. The Visitors included Brothers Ralling P.M. and Secretary 51 P.A.G.D.C. England Provincial Grand Secretary, Hutley W.M. 1024 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, and Horsman P.M. 51 Prov. A.G.D.C.

HARDWICK LODGE, No. 2373.

THE first annual dinner took place on the 14th inst., at the Corn Exchange, Chesterfield. Bro. Hadfield was the caterer. There were about 60 present at the dinner, including representatives from the Scarsdale Lodge, Chesterfield; the Tyrian Lodge, Derby; and the Lodge of Peace, Meltham. Subsequently the company adjourned to the Masonic Hall. Bro. Shaw of Brampton, was installed W.M. by the retiring W.M. Bro. Jondwine, and appointed the following Officers: Bros. Margerson S.W., Jenkinson J.W., Bennett S.W., Crofts J.D., Buckland I.G., Roper and Hall Stewards, Jones Secretary.

The suggestion that Lancashire men should in some substantial fashion acknowledge the claims of Mr. Ben Brierley was recently discussed in the Mayor's Parlour, and heartily approved. In view of Mr. Brierley's age, and of his recent serious illness, it cannot be expected that he will be able to devote much more time to literary work of a remunerative kind. The rewards of literature in this country, with some brilliant exceptions, are not of the most lucrative character, and it may be doubted if a man of talent could hit upon a professional career less likely to result in large wealth. An author who appeals mainly to a section, and not to the whole of the nation, has naturally an even more restricted chance of financial recompense. The literary characteristics of Waugh and of Brierley have been frequently compared, and now that the Laureate of Lancashire is sleeping in his quiet grave the survivor of the two friends may be taken almost as the official exponent of the ways of thought, life, and speech of the district which is sometimes styled the Cotton Kingdom. The dialect of Lancashire is an expressive one, and its roughest sounds have a charm to those who are to the manner born. Waugh made it a vehicle for poetry, alternately pathetic and humorous, and Brierley has often used it admirably for the purpose of story-telling. He has a genuine dramatic instinct, and can group his characters effectively, as well as make them speak with homely truth the thoughts and sentiments of the Lancashire people. He knows intimately their foibles and their virtues, their power of endurance, their cheerfulness in adversity, and the rough fashion of speech and action by which their kindly nature is sometimes disguised. All this will be readily recognised by those who are familiar with "Ab-o'-th'-Yate" and the other dwellers in Daisy Nook, Langley-side, Merriton, and other Brierleyan localities. When the Committee appointed have formulated their scheme and laid their plans before the public we do not doubt that there will be a generous response from Lancashire to the man who has given to Lancashire so much innocent recreation and a homely wisdom that smacks of the soil.

Manchester Guardian.

Mr. R. D. M. Littler, C.B., Q.C., who was recently elected Chairman of the newly elected County Council for Middlesex, is one of the best known—or most known—men in town. He is not only the standing counsel to half the great English railway companies, dividing with Mr. "Sam" Pope the honours of the Parliamentary Bar; but he is also Chairman of the Middlesex Quarter Sessions, and Chairman of the Wood Green Local Board—mere trifles thrown in to keep him from wasting his leisure time. At London University he had for chums Tom Hood and the present Lord Herschell, and he tells delightful stories of the famous wit. Much of his surplus energy he devotes to Freemasonry, and he has been Master of the Bank of England Lodge. His residence is at Broomfield, Palmer's Green, a picturesque establishment of the Elizabethan order, about twenty minutes' ride from King's Cross. Here he lives delightfully, with his adopted daughter, amid rare books and porcelains, dipping his pen into inkstands shapen from the hoofs of departed favourites, and finding diversion at his billiard table, with a good novel, or among his dogs. Mr. Littler is very tall, slightly grey, of clean-cut features, and always faultlessly attired.

—Evening News and Post.

Bro. G. J. Nattan, a prominent licensed victualler and Freemason, who has tenanted some of the best hotels in Douglas, including the Peveril and Granville, attended the consecration of a new Lodge at Castletown, on Thursday, the 10th inst. While returning home he was taken ill in the train, and expired just as he reached Douglas Station.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—For the cure of debility, bile, liver and stomach complaints this inappreciable medicine is so well known in every part of the world, and the cures performed by its use are so wonderful, that it now stands pre-eminent above all other remedies, more particularly for the cure of bilious and liver complaints, disorders of the stomach, dropsy, and debilitated constitution. In these diseases the beneficial effects of the Pills are so permanent that the whole system is renewed, the organs of digestion strengthened, and a free respiration promoted. They expel from the secretory organs and the circulation the morbid matter which produces inflammation, pain, fever, debility, and physical decay—thus annihilating, by their purifying properties, the virulence of the most painful and devastating diseases.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Vaudeville.—A most amusing entertainment is now provided by Mr. T. Thorne, in the shape of a new farcical comedy, founded upon the famous "L'Article 231," by Mr. Fred Horner. The scene opens by a domestic quarrel between Mr. and Mrs. Hemsley, in which the gentleman so far forgets himself as, in a moment of irritation, to box his wife's ears. Each party then rushes off to seek legal advice, and by the aid of their respective solicitors the mole-hill rapidly becomes a mountain. How the marital differences are settled it would not be fair to tell, but it will suffice to say that the process is a most humorous one and causes roars of laughter. The young couple are capably represented by Mr. Charles Fawcett and Miss Dorothy Dorr, while Mr. Thorne as Sir Robert Millward, father of the lady, has a small part that is made of the utmost importance by the actor's art. His scene with the negro pugilist is one to be remembered. Mr. Cyril Maude gives a clever sketch of a young gentleman, surely not an original of this country, who seeks to gain admittance into society by paying court to the wives of his friends, but he is eventually ensnared by Mrs. Beauchamp, a lively widow, portrayed by Miss Ella Banister. The two solicitors are satisfactorily sustained by Messrs. Somerset and Dodsworth. Mr. Oswald Yorke is well placed as Hemsley's man servant, and Miss French is pleasing as Annette, the French lady's maid. The play is enacted in two artistic interiors, both very prettily arranged. If a good laugh be an aid to digestion no one need suffer from dyspepsia.

Criterion.—We have so recently given a notice of Mr. Bronson Howard's farcical comedy "Brighton," and particularly of Mr. Charles Wyndham's popular impersonation of the amorous Bob Sackett, that it is unnecessary to again allude to its present short revival, more than to say that it is performed with all the old "verve and go" by the principal actor, who is well supported by his clever company, especially by Miss Mary Moore, Miss E. Grattan, quaint Mr. Blakeley, and Mr. Everard. Playgoers will, however, be pleased to learn that Mr. Wyndham will appear in a new character at Easter.

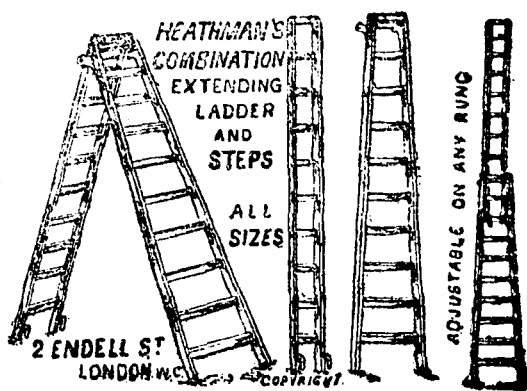
Comedy.—Another stop-gap in the revival of "Jane," the amusing adaptation by Messrs. Harry Nichols and Lestocq of the Palais Royale farce, has been put up here until the production of the Easter novelty. Nevertheless a very pleasant evening may be passed in the young lady's company, thanks to the inimitable acting of Mr. Charles Hawtray and Miss Lottie Venne, who rattle through the piece without heeding the danger to their audience of exploding with laughter. Mr. Brookfield, Mr. W. Wyes, and the remainder of the cast assist in the general satisfactory result.

With the number of *Work* published on the 19th inst., this publication enters upon the fourth year of its successful, vigorous existence and influence, the latter extending—as the "Shop" columns constantly evidence—to the remotest corners of the world. A sense of this wise and rapidly-growing acceptance of the publication has led to a desire to still further extend the sphere and usefulness of *Work* as a journal for workers; and it is with this view that arrangements have been made to incorporate those many new and important features previously announced—features which will have the effect of rendering *Work* unique amongst journals of its class. As the present number indicates, the variety, character, and excellence of matter and illustrations will continue as heretofore, while the new and important papers which have been arranged for publication in the present volume will show that much new ground will be opened up in nearly every branch of professional and amateur work. Most important, however, is the position which *Work* will in the future occupy in relation to the Trade and Labour market—a position in which we are sure to have the cordial support of our thousands of well-placed readers. Already arrangements have been made for a weekly supply of Trade and Labour notes, and news from the chief home workshops and industrial centres; while from time to time will be presented direct intelligence from Colonial districts offering fields and opportunities for emigrants and workers who suffer from the overstocked condition of the home labour market, the fluctuations in which so immediately affect the workman, and in which he cannot but feel the deepest interest. Thus *Work* enters upon something of a new existence, with a much wider and more extended field of usefulness before it.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.—The M.W. Frater the Supreme Magus of England (Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, IX. deg.) has conferred the VIIIth grade Honoris causa upon the V.W. Frater Rev. Dr. Lemon Vth degree, an Office Bearer in the Metropolitan College of the above Society, on account of two lectures delivered by him last year before the College, and of the interest he has shown in the Society.

DEATH.

McLEOD.—At 224 Park Road, Crouch End, London, on the 18th March, the beloved wife of James Morrison McLeod, aged 36 years.



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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, 26th March.

- 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1679 H. Muggeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C
1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Rosherville Hot. Gravesend
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777 Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1871 Gosling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

Monday, 28th March.

- 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Loadenhall Street
222 St. Andrews, Albion Aldersgate Street
902 Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1745 Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct
1828 Shepherds Bush, Ludbrook Hall, Notting Hill
2306 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 5 Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.

- 48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1218 Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1694 Herschel, Masonic Rooms, Slough
2257 Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
2363 Minnehaha Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1237 Enfield, George Hotel, Enfield.
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146 Moore, Athenaeum, Lancaster

Tuesday, 29th March.

- 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
209 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halecotton
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidstone
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2358 Morley, M.H., Castletown, Isle of Man.
R.A. 121 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Chester
K.T. Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colno

Wednesday, 30th March.

- 898 Temperance in the East, 6 Nowby Place, Poplar
1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
906 Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Old Bull's Head, Manchester
1253 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Somerset
2330 St. Lawrence, M.H., New Inn, Parsly.
R.A. 226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmonstrike
R.A. 274 Fidelity, Bull's Head, Newchurch.
R.A. 2109 Prince Edward, Ass. Hall, Heaton Moor
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. 174 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

Thursday, 31st March.

- General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4.
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1824 Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern Feuchereu St.
2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Durlington
256 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
1051 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rochester
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southampton
2261 Armitage, M.H., Market St., Milosbridge.
2209 Peace, Masonic Hall, King St., Wigan.
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull.
R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
K.T. 34 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Roudale

Friday, 2nd April.

- Board of Management Boys' School at 3:30 p.m.
706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich
599 Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 1489 M. of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 259 Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole W.C.
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8
44 Friendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester
51 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Tottenham
242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kilsall Street, Leeds
442 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart, Nawlbury
691 St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
687 Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709 Invidia, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
1333 Atholstan, Town Hall, Atherton, Warwick
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham
1561 Morceauabe, Masonic Hall, Morceauabe
1618 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' H. Gosforth
2376 Carnarvon, Eagle and Child Inn, Layland, Lancashire.
R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M.H. St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 170 All Souls, Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 359 Peace, F.M.H. Albion Ter. Southampton

Saturday, 1st April.

- Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
4919 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
318 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1323 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
1458 Truth, Wheatshed Hotel, Manchester
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 26th March.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Pinstbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent, St. W.

Monday, 28th March.

- 22 Loughborough, Garden Hotel, Clifton, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Roperthorpe St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
139 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brickham, Devon,
342 Royal Union, Caesars' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
975 Rose of Denmark, Garden Hotel, Clapham, 7:3
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1319 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's R.L., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1517 Metropolitan, The Morgate, E.C., 7:30
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1694 Kilburn, 46 South Milton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Knagshead, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1707 Eleonor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Burton's Ct. H., W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Walthamstow, Field House, High Street, Walthamstow. 8

Tuesday, 29th March.

- 25 Robert Barns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7.
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
148 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East-Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
709 Nelson, Star and Garter, Warwick, 7:30
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sy Lucy, Black Horse Hotel, Saleup, 7
866 Dithorise, Middletem Arms, Dutton, 8
891 Pinstbury, King's Hall, Tarentineville St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1489 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgemoae, Three Stars, Barneth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1514 Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1648 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Pinstbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton

- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Pinstbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 30th March.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Loadenhall St., 8
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
534 La Tolerance, Portland Hall, Ft. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
962 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Foxsett, 149 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Caesars, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creaton, Wheatshout, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 31st March.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
766 W. Preston, Waterloo Arms, Marylebone, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Rednal Green Road, 8
1308 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1553 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
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