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PERPETUAL PRESENTATIONS AGAIN.

THERE is very little business, beyond the usual half yearly elections, to be transacted at the Quarterly Courts of the two Educational Institutions to be held next week—that of the Girls on Thursday, and the Boys on Friday, but as we have already said, there is every probability of a keen contest for the several vacancies to be filled on the two occasions, in view of the large number of Provinces and other divisions of Freemasonry interested in the different candidates.

The agenda for the Girls Court provides for the transaction of the general business of the Institution, and the election of twenty-two Girls into the School, from a list of forty approved candidates.

For the companion Institution thirty Boys are to be elected, from an approved list of forty-three candidates, while in addition to general business the members of the Court will be asked to consider a proposal, submitted on behalf of the Board of Management, in regard to the purchase of a right to perpetual presentation on the part of the Province of Kent.

We have recently considered this question of perpetuity of benefits, in association with the Benevolent Institution, and most of the arguments we then adduced hold good in the case of the Educational Funds. No doubt similar considerations as those we laid stress upon have received attention in the deliberations of the Board of Management, who have increased the price of purchase from £1,050 to £1,260—in view, it may be imagined, of the decreasing return to be derived from the investment of capital, as well as the increased cost of several of the necessities of the Institution.

We are not surprised this question has come to the front again so soon, and we imagine that the principle of perpetual purchases will become increasingly popular as its benefits become more generally recognised. The system is at present in its infancy, and on that account the most careful consideration should be given to its possibilities, and the terms on which the Institutions should bind themselves to permanent responsibility. We are not prepared to say the different Funds should make a profit out of these transactions, but on the other hand it is a fair subject for consideration whether bargains should be entered into, which, on their face, appear to be inconsistent with strict financial laws.

The proposal now submitted for consideration is to perpetuate the name of Bro. J. S. Eastes, the very popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Kent, and here it is we at once recognise the value of these perpetual presentations, as affording a ready means of paying a compliment to distinguished Craftsmen. If we consider the question of price in association with the services of the Brother after whom the presentation is to

be named, we must at once acquiesce in any arrangement that is made, for either of the Institutions might justifiably enter into a bargain and give more than could reasonably be afforded, in honour of a Brother who has worked hard for the good cause in years gone by; or in other words they might subscribe to such a testimonial as is here intended; but it is not desirable to look at these contracts in such a light, they must rather be faced on broad general lines, and even then we must not consider the possibilities in association with the single case under notice, but rather what would be the result if the different districts went in for the perpetual purchasing idea wholesale. While an occasional case occurs—say one a year—there is not much need to weigh all the possibilities of the far-off future, but should it happen that the number rose to six or eight each year, then it would be very difficult to justify the continuance of the system, except at a much higher figure than is now suggested.

Reverting to the particular case to be considered on Friday, we may express the hope that the Court will agree to the proposed bargain—and we have no doubt they will do so, but in so agreeing it should be distinctly understood that the Institution does not bind itself to repeat such transactions, indeed it should be stipulated, if necessary, that all such contracts must be considered on their merits, as necessity arises for doing so.

The election of a Treasurer for the Boys School will be purely a formal matter, Bro. C. E. Keyser having alone been nominated, in succession to the Grand Secretary, who did not desire re-election.

Further details in regard to the two meetings will be found in our advertisement columns.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE monthly Council meeting was held on the 30th, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer, who was supported by Bros. Adamson, Barrett, Brett, Burgess, Cummings, Everett, Fairchild, Fitzgerald, C. W. Hudson, Kentish, J. E. Le Feuvre, Masters, Pulman, Russell, Saunders, Scurrah, James Stephens, J. Strachan, J. J. Thomas, C. H. Webb, and J. M. McLeod (Secretary).

After the usual routine business, the Chairman, in feeling terms, alluded to the loss sustained by the Craft in the recent death of Capt. S. G. Homfray, a Patron of the Institution; and moved a vote of condolence with his widow and family. This was seconded by Bro. Everett (who referred to the many years of excellent service rendered to the three Institutions by the deceased Brother), and was unanimously adopted.

Grants of £20 per annum were made to friends of four boys, for their Education and maintenance out of the Institution, they being for various reasons unfitted to enter the School at Wood Green; and a like sum was voted for the apprenticeship of the boy Thaw, who left the Institution at Christmas last.

It was reported that in the case of Frank Sutton Harrison, No. 23 on list of Candidates for Election on the 13th inst., the number of children dependent on the mother had been reduced to five, from nine as named on the voting papers, three of the original number having been fortunately placed in other Institutions.

A letter was read from the Grand Secretary intimating his wish that he should not be re-nominated for the office of Treasurer, to which he had been elected last year. The only nomination for the office was made by Bro. Everett, who submitted the name of Bro. Charles E. Keyser P.G.D. Patron of the Institution; and he will therefore be declared elected at the Quarterly Court next week.

The five retiring members of the Board of Management representing London, viz:—Bros. Attenborough, Everett, Glass, Scurrah and J. Willing jun., being the only ones nominated, will be re-elected without opposition. For the five vacancies representing the Provinces there were nine nominations, but one was declared invalid. Three of the eight seek re-election, viz:—Bros. Le Feuvre (Hants and I. of W.), Smithson (West Yorks.), and Vassar-Smith (Glosters.). In place of Bro. Bodenhams (who does not seek re-election), the Province of Staffordshire nominates Bro. W. H. Bailey, the well-known London Manager of Bass and Co., who is a P.P.G.R. of that Province. In place of Bro. R. W. Bourne, West Lancashire nominates Bro. J. W. Burgess, of London, he being a P.M. of No. 1325 and a P.P.G.D. of that Province, and, like Bro. Bailey, a Vice President of the Institution.

The other Brethren nominated are Bros. J. Bradley (Durham), Manfield (Norths. and Hunts.) and Margrett (Berkshire).

It was intimated that the Province of Kent desired to purchase a perpetual presentation, to be called "The Eastes presentation," and the Board of Management had unanimously agreed to recommend the Quarterly Court to grant same. The price to be £1,260, being an advance of 200 guineas over the previous presentations.

It was also reported that a special vote of thanks had been accorded by the Board of Management to Bro. W. A. Scurrah, for the very efficient way in which he had superintended the repairs and alterations to buildings, &c., during the past three years.

CONSECRATION: VALE OF EDEN, No. 2493.

IN the presence of a very large and influential gathering the Consecration of this Lodge took place at the Tufton Arms Hotel, Appleby, on the 30th ult. At 11-30 the ceremony of Consecration was performed by Bro. Geo. J. M'Kay, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master P.G. Standard Bearer of England. Bro. the Rev. James Anderson, as P.G. Chaplain and Assistant Secretary, addressed the Brethren assembled in Lodge:—

Freemasonry, he said, was described as a "peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." Morality is religion. There can be no separation between the two; without religion there can be no morality. It starts with a belief in a Divine Being, and His sacred law speaks to all—"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." That is the morality of Masonry, and that is the morality of religion. Masonry employs allegory and symbol; the former inculcates moral truths by dark sayings, the latter by outward and visible signs. The three grand principles on which the Order is founded are—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Its members are Brethren, and are to be linked together by the golden chain of love. With the utterance of that spirit we open and close our Lodges—"That our labours thus begun in order, may be conducted in peace, and closed in harmony." Love unites the whole.

Behold, how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
Together such as brethren we,
In unity to dwell.

"Pity is akin to love," and here the principle of relief comes in, so beautifully expressed in our Masonic Ritual. Hence those schools, and schemes of benevolence and charity which rise up to call her blessed. Truth follows

in her train. We relieve because we are true, and we are true because we love, a trinity of graces in unity, which disdains hypocrisy and sham. In keeping with these principles are the qualifications of candidates for the mysterious secrets of Master Mason—"Just, upright, and free men, of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals." We seek not the world's honour, but we desire the world to know us; we seek not praise, but we desire to be praiseworthy.

Our actions still by virtue blessed,
And to our precepts ever true,
The world, admiring, shall request
To learn, and our bright paths pursue.

And now for the remaining ceremony of this consecration hour. The vale of Eden is as one risen from the dead. Her now warrant stands upon the ruins of the old. This is the day of her rejoicing as it is the day of her resuscitation. May the Vale become as the Garden of Eden in the pristine charms of its primeval state before the apple by the Arch Deceiver was touched, which marred the fair and spoiled the innocent, and demoralised posterity. May she gather into her embrace the sons of the mighty, the leal-hearted, and the true; may her future career be one of progress in the enjoyment of unity, peace and concord, and may the eyes of Appleby be proud to own the purple and the blue, and that she has within her not merely an Order and a name, but a science and a life.

Afterwards the ceremony of Installation was performed by Bro. G. Dalrymple P.P.S.G.W. P.G. Sec., assisted by Bros. James G. Gandy P.S.G.W. S.W., E. Clarke P.G.J.W. J.W., Rev. James Anderson as P.G. Chaplain, R. P. Hunter P.G.D.C. D.C., D. H. Cook P.G. Organist. Bro. Charles Robert Rivington P.G. Steward of England was duly invested as Master, Bro. George Thomas as S.W., and Bro. James Postlethwaite Watson as J.W.

At three o'clock a luncheon was held in the Assembly Room of the Tufton Arms Hotel. A splendid spread was laid on the table by Bro. James Postlethwaite Watson. Afterwards the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the prosperity of the Vale of Eden Lodge was drunk with Masonic honours.

This toast was responded to by Bro. C. R. Rivington the W.M.

The Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren congratulated the new Lodge on their excellent arrangements, and also on the new Lodge Room.—*Cumberland Advertiser.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

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The 106th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD AT THE

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ON WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH MAY 1894.

THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, G.C.B.,

Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master Lancs. W. Div., in the Chair.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this most important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, as a successful Festival this year is a matter of more than ordinary necessity.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Offices—5 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

FOLLOWING the Consecration of the Vale of Eden Lodge, reported elsewhere, a meeting of the Provincial Chapter was held at Appleby, on Friday. Subsequently the Charity Committee of the Province met, when a sum of one hundred guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and several sums, amounting to about 20 guineas, were voted to the relief of distressed Masons or their widows.

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The fund for commemorating the services, during the last twenty years, of Bro. Sir John Monckton as Town Clerk of the City of London, will close on the 14th inst., and the presentation will be made by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on Tuesday, the 17th, at half-past two o'clock. The form which the compliment takes will be, first, a marble bust of Sir John Monckton by Mr. J. A. Raemakers, for presentation to the Guildhall Art Gallery; and next, a valuable gift of jewels for Lady Monckton.

ERRORS OF THE PRESS.

"The world's a Printing-house: our words, our thoughts,
Our deeds, are Characters of sev'ral sizes:
Each Soule is a Compos'ter; of whose faults
The Levits are Correctors: Heav'n revises."

"Divine Fancies," by Francis Quarles (1632).

FEW people acquainted with the mysteries of type-setting will be surprised to find that the best books contain occasional mistakes, in spite of all the care which may be taken in their production, the alteration or transposition of printed matter being attended in many instances with grotesque results.

I once asked a friend of mine (a publisher), if he could account for the frequency of printers' errors, even when the subject matter sent to the press had been neatly written and carefully punctuated. "In many instances, where the writing is plain, we put on our apprentice hands; but when the copy is bad, we are compelled to get our best men to decipher it," said he. "Then," was my reply "the illegible scrawl commands better attention than well-written copy." "That is so," he rejoined.

But although the printers are often in fault, yet the author is sometimes to blame, for the latter leads them astray by carelessly written copy, both in punctuation and spelling, and he is therefore quite as responsible as the printer for errors, which have been described as "a source of indignation to the author, a matter of annoyance to the printer, and a cause of genuine amusement to the general public." And some of these blunders, or *coquilles*, as the French call them, are funny enough at times.

Lord Palmerston attached very great importance to a legible hand, and in this he differed from the famous American, Horace Greeley. The latter, "who at bottom was a most excellent man, was an oddity in many things, and wrote vilely. Although in his own—the Tribune—office, his printers might be supposed to decipher his handwriting after they had been in his service for several years, not one ever mastered it, and the first proofs had practically to be re-written. 'Seldom,' says one of his own countrymen, 'has the clearest and purest Saxon been veiled in such hieroglyphics.' One of the numerous stories told of Greeley's calligraphy is that some time before the war he wrote a note to a member of the staff, discharging him. The expelled journalist went to California, and, returning after several years, encountered Mr. Greeley in Printing House Square, New York. The old chief recognised him, and inquired, with his customary affability, where he had been, and how he had been getting along. 'Let me see,' he continued, 'didn't I get mad with you and send you off?' 'Oh, yes. You wrote me a note telling me to clear out. I took it with me. Nobody could read it, but it was taken as a letter of recommendation, and I got several first-rate situations by it. I am really much obliged to you.' On another occasion, when Greeley was angry with one of his men, he sent him to the cashier with a note intended to indicate a considerable reduction of salary for the former. The cashier understood it to read, 'Double—'s salary,' and accordingly he doubled it!"

An amusing printer's error once occurred in the columns of one of the leading Paris evening papers. The following paragraphs, intended to have been printed separately, were by some blunder so arranged that they read consecutively:—"Doctor X. has been appointed head physician to the Hospital de la Charité. Orders have been issued by the authorities for the immediate extension of the Cemetery of Mont Parnasse. The works are being executed with the utmost despatch."

During the days of the Reign of Terror, the celebrated Frenchman Siéyès, in correcting the proof sheets of a pamphlet in defence of his political conduct, read, "I have abjured the republic," printed by mistake for adjured. "Wretch!" he said to the printer, "do you wish to send me to the guillotine?"

A New Zealand paper, after describing a curiosity in thistles, thus concludes:—"It was not a Scotch thistle, but one of the edible variety euphemistically called sow thistles, to which donkeys are very partial. A great many were attracted into the porch of our office to examine the curiosity." A New Zealand editor, in his account of a ball, wrote of a lady of commanding presence:—"Mrs. S—, who possesses a form that Juno might envy." His sub. read

the proof, and the next morning the horrified scribe found the name of the goddess transformed into "Jumbo" (Barnum's famous Elephant). The same paper, in a brilliant report of a high-class wedding, announced that "the bride's trousers were the loveliest we ever saw." The reporter wrote it "trousseau," but the intelligent compositor made the fatal error, and the paper doubled its circulation for that day at least.

An Australian paper once made merry over the mistake of a contemporary, which headed an article, "Sir H. P.—'s Embezzlements," instead of "Embarrassments," and in the next item described Mr. Gladstone as a "leading pollution," instead of "politician." Another Australian paper says:—"Mrs. Caldwell was the recipient on Saturday of a beautiful floral offering, in commemoration of the advent of her first-born son, which came to her by parcel post from Ballarat." "The sum now being raised," remarks another contemporary, "will take the form of a mariners' relief fund, primarily for the support of the men who lost their lives at the wreck."

America is credited with many newspaper blunders, and one paper narrowly escaped being sued for libel by a widow, for speaking of her husband as having "gone to a happier home." The touching line, "Our first in heaven," was gratuitously added to an obituary notice in a Philadelphia paper; and the father of the child went into the office roaring mad. It was the third, and he wanted to know where the editor supposed the other two had gone.

In making up his formes, the foreman of a Montreal paper mixed an article on Roman Catholic Missions in Africa, with a receipt for making tomato catsup. The published article read:—"The Roman Catholics claim to be making material advances in Africa. During the past three years they have obtained a firm footing in the interior of the continent, and have sent forth several missionaries into the equatorial regions. They are accustomed to begin their work by buying the heathen children, and educating them. The easiest and best way to prepare them is to first wipe them with a clean towel, then place them in dripping-pans, and bake them till they are tender."

"Book of Rarities," by Bro. Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov.G.T.
(To be continued.)

UPWARDS of forty members of the St. Kew Lodge and other Brethren attended the funeral of the late Bro. Ffarington, which took place at Weston-super-Mare, on the 17th inst.

THE death of Bro. W. Black, D.L., G. Treasurer of Tyrone and Fermanagh since the formation of that Provincial Grand Lodge, has caused profound sorrow in the district. The Lodges of the Province will wear Masonic mourning for three months. The deceased was a most benevolent member of the Order, and continually exerted himself on behalf of the Irish Charities.

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 12th April 1894, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, and to elect twenty-two Girls into the School, from a list of 40 approved Candidates. The election will commence at one o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.
 5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
 5th April 1894.

THE 106th Anniversary Festival will take place on Wednesday, 9th May next, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro G.M. and Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire, Western Division.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being urgently needed.

CANDIDATES FOR THE INSTITUTIONS.

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Announcements are inserted under this head at the rate of five shillings per inch, to appear each week from the time the ballot papers are issued up to the day of election, for cash with order.

GIRLS SCHOOL.

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JESSIE WINIFRED HICKS (Aged 8).
 Second Application. Votes forward 1464.

Her father, Anthony Alexander Hicks, Master Mariner, was initiated in "The Great City" Lodge, No. 1426, London, in March 1875, and continued a full member for 12 years. He died 11th October 1889, leaving, through unavoidable calamity and misfortune, his widow, with nine children, in very straitened circumstances. The case is strongly recommended by "The Great City" Lodge. Proxies may be sent to the Widow, 8 Mornington Road, Leytonstone, N.E.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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BRO. JAMES WILLIAM AVERY
 Past Master 619, 1178, 1314. Past Z. 619, 73.
 Life Governor of the Masonic Institutions.

The case is strongly recommended by several distinguished Craftsmen.

Further particulars of Bro. Avery,
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BRO. THOMAS ALCOCK (Aged 67 Years).
 P.M. 1228, P.Z. 55.

Who was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, in 1867—joined, as one of the founders, the Beacontree Lodge, No. 1228, in 1868—was W.M. in 1872, and afterwards Secretary—is still a subscriber—is a Life Governor of this Institution and Royal M.I. for Girls—was an Inspector on the G. E. Railway 29 years. Unable to work for three years, being crippled with rheumatism. Invalid wife dependent upon him. Resources nearly exhausted. Votes will be gratefully received by Bro. Alcock, 142 Graham Road, N.E.



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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 13th day of April 1894, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:—

To consider the following Notice of Motion, given at the Council held 30th March, by the V. Wor. Bro. Richard Eve P. G. Treasurer, Patron and Trustee, on behalf of the Board of Management:—

"That the proposal from the Province of Kent for the right to a Perpetual Presentation, to be called "The Eastes Presentation," to be purchased by payment of twelve hundred guineas (£1,200) on the same terms as previous agreements of a like nature, be accepted, subject to the condition that the Presentation shall be available only for sons of Kent Masons, and that each boy presented under same shall in every case be qualified under the then existing Laws of the Institution."

To elect a Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months.

To elect as Members of the Council, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren not being Life Governors.

To elect Ten Life Governors to fill vacancies on the Board of Management.

To elect Thirty Boys from an approved list of Forty-three Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys and for Members of the Board of Management, will open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

London, 4th April 1894.

* * * The Ninety-sixth Anniversary Festival will be held on the 27th June 1894, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

HOTELS, ETC.

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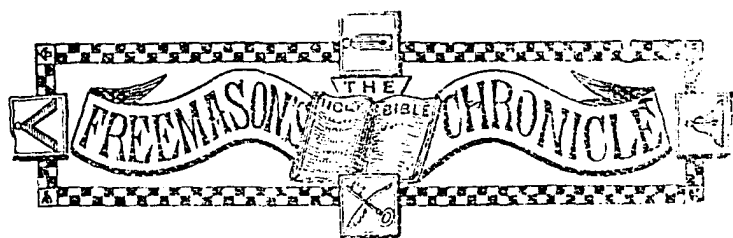
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SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL 1894.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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METROPOLITAN.

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UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE, No. 507.

THE installation meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. There was a large attendance, under the presidency of Bro. C. H. Stone W.M., who was supported by Past Masters Charles Thomas, S. Ellison, P. Michaelis, H. E. Cockell, T. J. Noakes, &c. The Visitors included Bros. Samuel Cochrane G. Treas., F. W. Dickinson 913, F. Rees 869, T. H. Salmon 1475, J. B. Evans P.M. 172, J. W. Clarke 192, T. Underwood P.M. 1679, John Hernaman 1329, B. Wynne P.M. 1853, R. G. Stonham 2046, J. H. Laing J.D. 2469, H. L. Bell 1928, T. Grummant P.M. 1559, Walter Martin P.M. 879, W. Lane P.M. 1638, E. C. Wise I.G. 619, F. Chappell 2021, Charles Garton J.D. 192, C. C. Robin P.M. 1350, W. Robin I.G. 870, S. Ainsworth 569, W. W. Morgan 177, R. J. Day 1853, A. G. Sandberg 3, W. F. Bull P.M. 1707, and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. R. B. Gilson was installed as Worshipful Master, and he subsequently appointed the following as his assistant Officers: Bros. J. A. Laing S.W., G. W. Beste J.W., J. S. Terry P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Peters P.M. Sec., W. Lipscomb S.D., C. H. Gold J.D., G. W. Terry I.G., S. Ellison P.M. D.C., H. E. Joyce P.M. W.S., G. W. Comfort C.S., F. C. Atkinson P.M. 1648 Org., G. Harrison Tyler. The installation ceremony was regularly completed, and other matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to banquet.

The dinner was well served by the proprietor of the Bridge House Hotel, and at its conclusion the Master gave the usual toasts.

Responding for the Grand Officers, Bro. Cochrane expressed the pleasure felt by members of that body in visiting Lodges, where they were always so well received. He considered himself a Grand Officer of their own make—the elect of the “blue” in fact. Bro. Cochrane expressed himself strongly as to the defeat of his old friend, Bro. Stiles, at the recent election for Grand Treasurer, and considered the result was brought about because the “blue” Masons were not true to their colours. If this section of the Craft did not mind what they were about they would sacrifice their right to choose their own Treasurer, and play into the hands of the “purple.”

Bro. Stone I.P.M. submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master, who had already done sufficient in the Lodge to prove his fitness for the post. Their new ruler had only been five years a Mason, and to rise to the highest dignity in such a Lodge as theirs in so short a time was no doubt a great honour—still he had won the distinction honourably, and would doubtless prove a credit to them. His first act in the chair had been to announce his intention to act as a Steward for the coming Festival of the Girls School, in which capacity they might rest assured he would maintain the reputation of their Lodge. He concluded by wishing Bro. Gilson a successful and pleasant year of office.

The Master tendered his thanks. He had looked forward to the work of the Mastership with a certain amount of dread, but the hearty reception just accorded had invested him with a fair amount of confidence, and he hoped he should perform his duties satisfactorily.

The next toast was that of the Installing Master, Bro. Stone. The way in which he had presided over the Lodge during the past year was greatly to his credit, and he had concluded his labours in a most satisfactory manner by the installation of his successor. The Master had a most pleasing duty to perform, in the present-

ation to Bro. Stone of the Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge, and he gave this tangible mark of their appreciation with the heartiest of good wishes from all members for the continued prosperity of their recent ruler.

The I.P.M. considered the moment one of pride and regret to him—pride in having filled the chair of the United Pilgrims Lodge during the past year, and regret at having to leave it, for he had just begun to feel at home in it. As a fact he seemed to have but just commenced the work when he found his term of office at an end. He tendered his sincere thanks to those who had so ably supported him during his term of office. He had most appreciated the kindly expressions from the Past Masters of the Lodge.

The toast of the Visitors was heartily proposed by the ruler, who expressed the pleasure of the Lodge at seeing so many guests—at the same time there would have been many more but for the fact that their meeting fell the day before Good Friday.

Bro. Walter Martin responded in a brief speech, and other of the guests also acknowledged the kind reception accorded them.

The W.M. gave the toast of the Past Masters. They had a splendid body of P.Ms. in the Lodge—men who were willing to do anything for its welfare, and acted towards it as did a father to his family. Not the least active in desire to secure the enjoyment of the members was Bro. Cockell, to whom they were mainly indebted for the splendid musical treat of the evening.

The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Michaelis, and then the Master submitted that of the Officers of the Lodge. The Treasurer was a model Officer, had only been absent from three of the meetings in twenty-two years, and set an example generally which all might follow with profit, both to themselves and to the Lodge.

The two Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary having replied, Brother I.P.M. Stone desired to express his thanks for a further presentation just made to him, in the form of a Past Master's collar and jewel, from the Officers who had served under him during the past year. He was deeply grateful for their kindness and trusted he might long prove himself an honour to their Lodge.

A vote of thanks to the artistes of the evening, Brethren of the Lodge and their wives, who had given their services gratuitously; followed by the Tyler's toast, brought the proceedings to a close.

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PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE regular meeting was held at the Balham Hotel, on Monday of last week, when there were present:—Bros. G. Mulley W.M., G. Treves P.M. and Treasurer as S.W., G. R. Knott J.W., A. Leonard P.M. Secretary, F. Sparks S.D., S. H. Hadgraft Org., W. E. Reeves I.G., F. H. Gill D.C., C. Sheppard Tyler, Bros. G. Allen P.M., G. Lilley P.M. 1632, J. E. Smith, C. Dillnutt, A. Jezzard, G. R. Huntley, Jones, Blackmore, T. Holland, G. Goadge, Hawes, Davison, and French. Visitors: S. Graham Prov. G. Org., W. S. Dunkley Preceptor 1777, W. Williams 1016, D. S. Davis 141, and G. Fox 902.

The minutes of the last meeting, likewise those of the Lodge of Emergency, were read and confirmed, excepting one or two paragraphs which were ordered to be struck out. A Ballot was taken for Mr. George Binfield Knight, which proved in his favour.

Bros. Blackmore, Holland, Hawes, and Jezzard were elected as auditors for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Bro. Treves P.M. Treasurer, that the sum of £10 10s be voted to the Masonic Charities; this was carried unanimously. Bro. Williams was elected as a Joining Member.

Bros. G. Mulley W.M., G. Treves P.M. Treasurer and C. Sheppard Tyler, were re-elected for their respective offices for the ensuing year.

A Brother who was in distress was relieved with the sum of 10s from the Charity Fund.

No other business presenting itself, refreshment was partaken of under the supervision of Bro. G. Lilley P.M., and G. R. Huntley.

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CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1382.

THE annual meeting was held at the George Hotel, Millwall, on the 21st ult., when there were present several members of the Lodge, and a large number of visitors, including Bros. S. Cochrane G. Treas., J. Terry P.G.Swd.Br. Sec. R.M.B.I., C. J. R. Tijou A.G.Purs., R. Salter W.M. 79, E. H. Bramley P.M. 957, E. James P.M. 2374, G. W. Sly P.M. 79, F. W. Pulsford P.M. 898, J. T. Finch P.M. 861, W. H. Making P.M. 1278, Charlie Woods Sec. 2345, C. T. Watson S.D. 79, W. T. Legg J.D. 898, F. Goble I.G. 1273, H. Warner S. 1259, &c.

After the usual business of the Lodge, including the raising of Bro. J. Hasler and the initiation of Mr. Quickley, the installation ceremony was worked by Bro. Millington, Bro. S. G. Bonner being installed. The Officers invested included Bros. J. Limn I.P.M., F. Bassett S.W., B. Barcham J.W., R. Pitt Treas., A. Oakley Sec., E. Brindley S.D., W. Greatorex J.D., A. Flint I.G., W. Millington D.C., F. Kidd Org., G. Parrett, H. Rogers and T. Tildesley Stds., and Williams Tyler.

The report of the Audit Committee was received, after which the Lodge was closed.

After the banquet the W.M., in proposing the Grand Officers, said that he had had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge under the presidency of the M.W. Pro G.M., also the R.W.D.G.M., and again of the Grand Treasurer who was present that evening; of Bro. Terry he could say how much they appreciated his affability, wit, and kindness. As Secretary of the R. M. Benevolent Institution he was ever ready to go, even “to the end of the world,” to do a good act. Bro. Tijou the A.G.Purs. was a representative of the East end of London in Grand Lodge, and it was needless for him to extol his many virtues, or speak of his ability at the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. S. Cochrane, in a short and well-timed speech, said how glad he was to see the W.M., whom he had known for so many years, installed. He also thanked the Brethren for their hospitality and kindness.

Bro. J. Terry, in a witty and thoughtful speech, drew attention to the numerous duties of the G. Officers, spoke of the "old people," and the need of remembering the genuine tenets of the Order. He closed by a reference to the good work the W.M. had done for the Charities.

Bro. Tijou referred to his name of "Charity tiger," and said that he was glad to be so called. If Bro. Cochrane represented all England, Bro. Terry represented the whole world, while he represented the East end of London. He had met the W.M. many times, and it was only out of deep respect for him that he had missed the meeting of the Board of Benevolence, to come that evening to the Lodge.

Bro. Limn I.P.M. next proposed the W.M., of whom he could say with truth that he was the right man in the right place. He could assure the Brethren the Lodge would lose nothing of its dignity by placing so good a Mason in the chair.

The W.M. said he was proud of his position. For sixteen years he had been looking forward to such a dignity, and felt how great was his obligation to the Brethren for satisfying his ambition. He hoped that the Lodge would "Flourish as a green bay tree" during his year of office, that love and harmony would prevail, that none of the keenness of good fellowship would be lost, and that all would pull together in the sacred cause of Charity.

In proposing the Installing Master, "Who urged the rest by equal steps to rise," the W.M. pointed out the work done by Bro. Millington as Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. He had at great personal inconvenience come that day to the meeting, and all were grateful for his kindness and encouragement.

Bro. Millington thanked the Brethren. He was proud of the W.M., and was sure he would be an honour to the Craft. They must remember that unity was strength, and pull together to make the coming year of office a great pleasure to the W.M. They must remember that charity one to another was one of the foundations of the Order.

In proposing the Past Masters the W.M. said that "in the multitude of councillors there is wisdom." Bro. Millington had already done his duty that evening, and he hoped that all the P.Ms. would support him in the coming year, rally round him in the Corinthian Lodge, and make Freemasonry a reality on the "island."

Bro. Saunders P.M. said that although the P.Ms. held no office, they must look after the welfare of the Lodge. He was proud to have first placed the W.M. in office. Bros. Morrison P.M. and Limn P.M. also responded.

The W.M. in toasting the Visitors, said:—

"Feast with the best and welcome to my Lodge,
Let them want nothing that my house affords."

The Visitors were many that evening, and he trusted they had seen that the Corinthian Lodge possessed the full knowledge of the genuine principles of the Order.

In response, Bro. Making P.M. 1278 was glad that he had had the pleasure of initiating the W.M., who had now an excellent knowledge of the ritual and Book of Constitutions, and routine of Lodge work. He would have no difficulty in governing them, and they would have to emulate his example. He knew what Freemasonry should be, and his work in the past fully justified his promotion.

Bro. Pulsford P.M. 898 was delighted, as President of the East London Masonic Benevolent Association, to see its Secretary installed that evening. No Brother worked harder, nor better. Bro. Warner S. 1259 and Salter W.M. 79 also responded.

The W.M. proposed the Initiate, and Brother Quickley acknowledged.

The W.M. proposed the Officers, and several responded.

After the Tyler's toast the Brethren dispersed, well pleased with all they had seen and heard, including the music provided by Bro. E. Simmons.

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DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THE installation meeting was held, by a dispensation from Grand Lodge, owing to alterations at the Alexandra Hotel, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday of last week.

Apologies for absence were received from Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., E. Letchworth G.S., Col. Peters, T. Morris, Hy. Mitchell, J. M. McLeod, and others.

The dispensation, granted by the M.W.G.M., was read, as were the minutes. Bro. Horace Cross Mitchell was passed.

On the proposition of Bro. Baldwin seconded by Bro. Lyell, the report of the Audit Committee was unanimously received, the Lodge being congratulated on its financial stability.

Bro. A. Harvey was presented to the W.M. and by him installed as Master for the coming year. The Officers were then invested:—Bros. E. Beaven I.P.M., Langdon S.W., Charlie Woods J.W., Robert Steele P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Folkard P.M. Secretary, W. W. Westley P.M. D.C., J. Lyell S.D., J. Mitchell I.G., A. Robertson A.D.C., G. F. Winny Organist, C. Patrick Tyler. The J.D., Bro. Hy. Mitchell, and the Stewards were not invested, not being able to attend.

On the motion of Bro. Steele Treasurer seconded by Bro. Harvey W.M., it was decided to make a grant of ten guineas towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

After the closing of the Lodge the Brethren dined together, and then followed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. S. Cochrane Grand Treasurer replied for the Grand Officers. For some years he had known how much work the Grand Officers did; some were spending much time in attending the various Committees, and generally furthering the interests of the Order.

Bro. G. Everett P.G. Treas. was gratified that his work for the Lodge was appreciated. He had been able to arrange the special

features of their present meeting, and hoped all would go on as well as that had.

Bro. Beaven I.P.M. said of the W.M. that all in the Lodge appreciated him. He had done excellent service for the Order, and would be ready to continue the same.

The W.M. in response, said that he had been so impressed with the tenets of the Craft in his Mother Lodge, that he had ever tried and would continue to do his duty.

In proposing the I.P.M., the W.M. extolled his appreciation of the high office he had held. In presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel, he expressed a hope that he might live long to wear it in appreciation of the high feelings which had prompted the Brethren to present it. The I.P.M. expressed his thanks.

The W.M. proposed the Visitors, and drew attention to each one's services. Bro. Vincent T. Murche P.M. 1963 Sec. 1641 congratulated the Master and the Lodge on the capital working and genuine good fellowship shown.

Bro. John Lobb 228 said that his many duties had prevented him giving much time to Freemasonry, for it had taken three W.M.'s to make him a Mason. He felt quite at home here, for had he not lived within sound of St. Bride's for 36 years. He also had the honour of representing the ward on the Common Council, and served on the Board of Guardians. He had thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and had been particularly delighted with the musical treat supplied by the Brethren of the Lodge. The Lodge was to be congratulated also on its general progress, and lavish hospitality. He could tell them how much he appreciated both, and as his Lodge was approaching its centenary, they could understand that he knew something of the Order.

Bro. Bond P.P.G.D.C. Kent was sure that when the Lodge possessed a banner it would have the word "Excelsior" upon it.

Bro. Beck told the Brethren something of Freemasonry in Canada and Germany.

The W.M. proposed the Past Masters, and Bro. W. W. Westley responded.

In proposing the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. described them as well tried men and true, who would reflect credit upon the Lodge. Bros. R. Steele Treasurer and J. W. Folkard Secretary responded.

The W.M. proposed the Officers, and Bros. J. Langdon and C. Woods replied.

Bro. Beaven I.P.M. replied for the Charities.

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WATHAMSTOW LODGE, No. 2472.

ALTHOUGH established so recently as last July, this Lodge has made such progress that the prescribed limit of its members has been nearly reached. This result is doubtless due to the popularity of the first W.M., Bro. William Shurmur P.P.G.T. Essex, who, upon retiring from the chair, is able to hand over to his successor a prosperous and well working Lodge. The annual festival is fixed for the fourth Saturday in March, but in consequence of that date this year succeeding Good Friday, a dispensation was obtained to postpone the celebration for a week. Thus it happened that a large assemblage of Brethren met at the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, last Saturday, to witness the interesting ceremony. Bro. Shurmur presided, and was supported by his Officers and the following visitors: Bros. John Petch P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts., W. Blackburn P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Jas. F. Haskins P.P.G. Org. Herts., W. Mason Stiles P.M. 1507 and 1987, Jas. A. Reed P.M. 1228, T. de Courcy-Meade P.M. 142, George Weige P.M. 860, Henry Massey P.M. 1928, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, G. W. Shephard 65, K. M. Yeoman 2467, W. Rix 65, C. J. Harman 2063, S. G. Bateman 1707, F. Taylor 2256, W. S. Bunting Secretary 2500, J. R. Friend 2274, F. E. Wilson 1228, W. B. Whittingham 2256.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the Secretary read the dispensation granted by the Provincial Grand Master altering the date of the meeting. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Frank Budd, Lionel Budd and Henry Osborn, which having proved favourable, and the gentlemen being in attendance, they were admitted in due form and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry.

Bro. William Harris S.W., having been elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, was introduced by Bro. S. H. Baker P.M., and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. A Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Harris was placed in the chair of King Solomon according to the traditional custom. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Shurmur, his delivery of the addresses to the Officers and Brethren meeting with well deserved appreciation.

The following Officers were appointed and invested by the new W.M.: Bros. D. H. McGowan P.M. S.W., Wm. Gower J.W., S. H. Baker P.M. Treasurer, Samuel Herbert Secretary, C. MacColla S.D., James Clark J.D., A. J. Stacey I.G., T. W. Stacey D.C., P. Felsenthal Organist, H. H. Finch and F. Peck Stewards, Marx Gross Tyler. Before leaving the chair, Bro. Shurmur presented Bro. Wildash with the Lodge P.M. jewel in recognition of his services during the first year of its inauguration. A similar compliment was subsequently awarded to Bro. Shurmur, and the business of the evening being finished, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a choice repast was served by Brother Hallows.

At the termination of the dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. and cordially drunk by the Brethren.

In highly eulogistic terms Bro. Shurmur proposed the health of the new W.M. and congratulated him upon being for a second time a ruler in the Craft, as he could not fail to be advantageous to the Lodge, which would receive the benefit of his experience. He concluded by wishing him a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Harris, who on rising to respond was received with loud applause, thanked the Brethren for electing him to his high office,

and said that his endeavour would be to serve them faithfully and zealously, and so keep up the reputation of the Lodge for good working. He would have a difficult task in following so good a Mason as Bro. Shurmur, but he had promised to give his best advice, and he hoped at the termination of his year of office the Brethren would be satisfied.

In replying for the Installing Master, Bro. Shurmur expressed his gratitude to the Brethren for their unvarying kindness, and said he should ever have pleasant recollections of his year of office. It had been his proud privilege to bring in many members to Freemasonry, all of whom had conferred honour upon his choice, and it was most satisfactory to find the Lodge in so firm a position. Bro. Wildash might be referred to as Father of the Lodge, as it was through his efforts that they met at Walthamstow. It was a highly representative Lodge and ranked among its members most of the local notabilities.

Bro. Wildash thanked the Brethren for having conferred upon him the P.M. jewel. He took great interest in Walthamstow, as it was the birthplace of his wife and their family, and concluded by giving some interesting details as to the foundation of the Lodge.

The Initiates severally responded to the toast of their health.

Bros. De Courcy-Meade, W. M. Stiles, John Petch, W. Blackburn and W. B. Whittingham answered for the Visitors; the Senior and Junior Wardens responded for the Officers; and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a happy termination.

Bro. William Harris, the new W.M. of the Walthamstow Lodge, was born at Westminster in 1857. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1881, in the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260. Subsequently he became a joining member of the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, of which he was elected W.M. for the year 1891-2. He is one of the founders of the Walthamstow Lodge, and signed the petition to Grand Lodge. He is also a Companion of the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, held at Anderton's, in Fleet Street, but has not as yet taken office in the Arch.

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ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE, No. 130.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday, 8th inst., W.M. Bernard Harfield, J.P., presiding. The gathering was one of unusual interest, owing to the fact that Sir Barrington Simeon, Bart., was initiated into the Order, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. There was a large company present and at the banquet which followed the toast of the visitors was responded to by Bro. Tankerville Chamberlayne, M.P.

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CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 364.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Neath, when there was a large gathering of the Fraternity to greet Bro. J. F. Kerr, of Cantref, Neath, the newly-elected W.M. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. E. Griffith, who subsequently installed his successor, Bro. Kerr, in a very able way. Prior to this important ceremony, the arrival of Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of South Wales Eastern Division, was announced. He was escorted to the Lodge Room by the past and present Provincial Grand Officers, and there was a large display of "purple" upon the dais behind the Master's chair. At the conclusion of the ceremony, hearty congratulations were tendered to Worshipful Master Kerr, who appointed his Officers. There was a generally expressed feeling of disappointment that Bro. Whittington, who is familiarly known in the Province, and generally beloved in his Lodge, was absent through ill health from a gathering where he is usually a prominent and welcome figure. The cause which prevented him and another Officer from attending was sympathetically referred to. Before closing the Lodge, the Immediate Past Master and Bro. G. Jones were appointed to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Grand Committee, and Bro. J. E. Griffith was chosen as Charity Steward for the year.

The Brethren repaired to the Castle Hotel to banquet, where Mrs. Andrews served to the company, numbering nearly fifty, a most inviting repast.

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SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 394.

AT the meeting on the 15th inst., at Southampton, under the presidency of Bro. Bates, Mr. Sheriff Button was initiated a member of the Order, the ceremony being performed by P.M. Lashmore. Several Brethren were raised, P.M. Dacombe officiating. The Treasurer, P.M. Lemon, presented an excellent framed portrait of himself to the Lodge, for which he received a cordial expression of thanks. The banquet which followed was attended by a large number of Brethren, and in the course of the subsequent proceedings the health of the newly initiated member (Bro. L. Button) was drunk with Masonic honours.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Fairfield, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., Bro. Hy. B. Brown W.M. There were also present: Bros. H. J. Harrison S.W., W. Jones S.D., Robt. Adshead J.D., G. H.

Scott I.G., J. C. Brown Treas., G. H. Barnes I.P.M., J. M. Frost Secretary, B. Swift P.M., John Greenup P.M., Wm. Kay P.M., Thos. Tyers P.M., Edwd. Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Dr. Edwin E. Jones, Saml. Andrews, J. T. Moorhouse, Joseph Harrison, T. Pollitt, W. H. Wagstaff, C. H. Griffiths. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Wenham Davies S.W. 1459, Ernest O. Ritson 1161 and 2464, E. Hampson S.W. 1166, A. Hollings, McLeod.

The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m., and after the minutes of last meeting had been confirmed, a ballot was successfully taken for Mr. Stephen John Watson, who was afterwards prepared and initiated.

Supper followed, this being graced by the attendance of ladies, a departure which was evidently agreeable to the fair sex, who expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied with the arrangements. The following were present: Mrs. H. B. Brown, Barnes, Jones, Hampson, Harrison, Adshead, Scott, Greenup, Kay, Swift, Griffiths, Andrew, Wagstaff and Davies. Misses Brown, Hollings, Bridge, M. Bridge, Smethurst, P. and M. Heywood.

Several toasts were honoured, amongst others that of the Ladies, which was proposed by Bro. Swift in a humorous speech. Bro. McLeod responded.

Bro. Brown W.M. proposed the health of the newly-initiated Brother, saying he expected that the ordeal through which the latter had passed would have a tendency to improve him, and lead him to think that Freemasonry was not all that had been said of it by the outside world, but something infinitely better. Bro. Watson responded.

Bro. Barnes I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., saying that the position which their principal Officer occupied had many very arduous duties attached to it, but Bro. Brown was equal to a faithful performance of them all, and the Lodge, under his guidance, would lose none of its lustre.

Bro. Brown said that it afforded him extreme pleasure to respond to such a toast, especially in the presence of ladies. He could assure his auditors that from the time of his initiation into the Lodge he had tried to do his best to promote its interests, and he would continue to do so. He strongly advised young officers to try and get to the top of the tree, for it was a noble aspiration. He might incidentally mention to them that the only nervousness he had experienced was in connection with the position he held, which might have been caused by his great anxiety to do his duty. At any rate, the feeling would wear off after a few months practice, when he had got used to it, and he might be perfect by the time that he had to leave the chair.

Bro. Tyers P.M. proposed the health of the visitors, which toast received suitable responses from Bros. Davies, Ritson and Hollings.

These proceedings over, dancing was indulged in, and continued until a late hour, the whole being pleasantly relieved by songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Bros. Pollitt, Griffiths, Moorhouse, Roberts, and Mrs. E. E. Jones. The latter, who has a very pleasing voice, sang "When the tide comes in," and its antithesis "Kitty Muldoon," and the "Alabama Coon."

The instrumental music was contributed by Bros. C. Jackson 2156, R. Perrin 2156, and Mr. J. Collinge.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE regular meeting was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on the 19th ult. There were present, amongst others: Bros. Henry Wilson W.M., R. B. Goodfellow S.W., Henry Smith P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treas., Thos. Knott I.P.M. Sec., F. T. Burgess S.D., Hyde Marriott J.D., Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., F. Burdett I.G., Wm. A. Vaughan P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), H. T. Fisher, E. Broome, F. N. Rudgard, Dr. Frank Cubbon Rogers. Visitor:—Bro. Geo. R. Swann P.M. 1387.

The name of Mr. Thomas Burnley Brooks was put to the ballot, and being successful, that gentleman was initiated by the W.M., he being assisted by Bros. Knott I.P.M., and Goodfellow S.W., the former of whom gave the address, the latter presenting and explaining the working tools.

This ended, Bro. Rogers was advanced as a F.C. The W.M. again undertook the ceremony, being assisted on this occasion by the S.W., who gave the address and also explained the working tools.

Supper followed, and it being rather late when this was finished, the proceedings in connection with the festive board were necessarily curtailed.

The Loyal toasts having been disposed of, that of the newly-initiated Brother was proposed by Bro. Wilson W.M., to which Bro. Brooks responded, saying that he thanked the Brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had received his name; at the same time he must object to the statement of the W.M. that he was gifted with eloquence. Although it might be unbecoming for him to express a decided opinion with reference to the ceremony through which he had passed, still he would admit that he had been very much impressed by it. Personally he was a very cautious man, but he had noticed what seemed to be—not a superficial, but a genuine feeling of Brotherhood, which he had not supposed existed in Freemasonry.

Bro. Goodfellow S.W. proposed the health of the W.M., and took the opportunity of congratulating him upon having had more work than any preceding Master. He also said that few had done work so well; in fact, so excellently was it performed by him that visitors when told that he had been in the chair only a few months were quite surprised.

The W.M. in reply thanked the Brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and assured them that in undertaking the duties it was with a sincere desire to do his best in every way.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs, etc., which were rendered by Bros. Goodfellow, Edmondson and Roberts.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, 15th ult., Bro. W. H. Norton W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Wm. B. Midgley S.W., E. S. Done J.W., J. W. Thompson P.M. P.P.G.St.B. Treas., John Wardle P.M. Sec., H. B. Fawcett J.D., R. Hothersall P.M. P.P.G.D. D.C., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), S. F. Simons P.M., Edward Hilton P.M., Alexander Allan.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened and closed in the various degrees.

At the festive board which succeeded, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, these being varied by songs, recitations, etc. from Bros. Simons, Fawcett and Roberts.

Bro. Norton W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Allan, who had just returned to England after a lengthy tour on the continent, taken on account of failing health. The speaker congratulated Bro. Allan upon his restoration to strength, and gave him a very hearty welcome to the Lodge. Bro. Allan responded, and took the opportunity of giving a very interesting description of his journey.

Bro. Hothersall proposed the health of Bro. Simons, who had just qualified himself as a Life Patron of one of the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Simons in a very humorous speech adduced his reasons for desiring such a qualification as that indicated by Bro. Hothersall. Other toasts followed.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on the 16th ult., Bro. Thos. T. Sefton W.M.

Some minor business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to supper.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and responded to, the same being pleasantly varied by the efforts of the following: Bro. Kirkland, who sang "The Old Brigade," Bro. Harwood, who gave a "Yankee way of getting a wife," Bro. Roberts, who related the story of "Saint Patrick and the Serpent," and Bros. Bradley and Clough, the former of whom sang "The Postillion," and the latter "The Miner's dream of home." Bro. Clarkson officiated at the piano.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters, saying that they had a formidable array present that evening. One of them (Bro. Hardcastle), who had taken a prominent part in all matters connected with the Lodge, was obliged through ill-health, to undertake a long journey, and he sincerely hoped it would be of the greatest benefit to him. The P.M.s responded.

Bro. Hilton proposed the health of the W.M., and said that it was impossible to speak too eulogistically of him, for now that he had attained the chair he went through his duties with just the same zeal as he had displayed in his progress through the minor offices. In conclusion he hoped he would be long spared to be connected with the Lodge, and evince the same amount of activity as heretofore. Bro. Sefton replied.

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CROOK LODGE, No. 2019.

IN the presence of a numerous assembly, Bro. Myles Taylor S.W. was on Thursday of last week installed as W.M. by Bro. Samuel Houldsworth P.M. 124 and 2019. The retiring Master, Bro. A. Y. Talbot, was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, and the Officers of the Lodge were regularly invested. The annual banquet was served up by Bro. T. A. Brown, of the King's Head Inn, Hope Street, Crook.

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ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

A REMARKABLE epoch in the history of this Lodge occurred on Monday, the 12th ult., its place of meeting having been changed from Ardwick to the well-appointed and commodious quarters of Bro. Braun, the Clarence Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester. The Lodge, established in 1866, had for some time been in a languishing condition, but a supreme effort has recently been displayed by the Past Masters and Brethren generally, with the best of results.

On the present occasion, as might have been expected, a large number of Brethren were in attendance to assist at the opening ceremony in the new quarters. As there was a considerable amount of business to transact, the proceedings commenced at the early hour of 2.30. Bro. James Hayes W.M. being in the chair.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Messrs. Charles William Dove and William Thomas Higginbotham were balloted for and approved, and being in attendance were duly initiated, the former by Bro. Hayes W.M., and the latter by Bro. Hoyland P.M. Both ceremonies were admirably rendered, and made an evident impression upon the candidates.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. T. Richardson P.M., who inducted Bro. J. W. Atkinson S.W. into the chair in a very creditable manner. The following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. R. W. Atkinson S.W., W. Goodman J.W., W. Rostron Treasurer, W. J. Melling P.M. Sec., W. Hoyland P.M. P.G.P. D. of C., T. C. Lilley S.D., W. Hyde J.D., T. B. Dodd Org., C. Paine I.G., J. K. Farrar S.S., H. G. Walker J.S., J. E. Chapman 3rd S., Oscar Katz 4th S.

The Master was now addressed by Bro. Hoyland, whilst Bro. W. J. Melling performed a similar duty with regard to the Wardens and Brethren, after which the Lodge was given into the charge of the W.M. The latter, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Hayes (the retiring Master), a handsome P.M.'s jewel as a token of esteem for services rendered during his year of office, the gift being subsequently acknowledged in fitting terms.

The Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, which had been

admirably decorated for the occasion. It is only necessary to say at this juncture that the dinner was served in a manner which gave unqualified satisfaction to all who were present.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and honoured, that of the W.M. being proposed in well-chosen words by Bro. Hayes I.P.M. Bro. Atkinson responded.

Bro. Melling proposed the health of the Visitors, adding that it was a toast which was in true accord with the spirit of Masonry, because the Brethren were bound together by the ties of such a nature that no closer union could possibly exist between men, although they were separated into Lodges and Provinces; that, however, was only a matter of convenience, for they could not all meet together in one place. On the present occasion they had come together, and they offered to each other a kindly welcome, which he ventured to say was the true way of showing Brotherly Love and friendship. He hoped that the members of the Ardwick Lodge, and indeed of every other Lodge, would long practise and carry out these Grand Principles, for they were not only the cement of society, but they were the true teaching of an Institution that was certainly not surpassed, even if it was equalled in the world; and as members of the great and glorious Fraternity, they would be unworthy the name of Mason if they acted otherwise. He also thought that it was their experience (it was certainly his), that whenever they visited each other, whether in the Provinces of East or West Lancashire, they were very warmly received, and he was sure that their visitors of that night would give him credit for being sincere when he assured them that the Brethren of the Ardwick Lodge were delighted with their presence. Was there not something great in the universality of our Institution, seeing that it was established over the whole of the civilised world, and embraced men of every tongue and of every nation? It possessed ties that could not be found in any other society, and it was not only in that room where its influence was felt, but in all parts of the world. Its teachings were the teachings of Christianity; its doctrines the doctrines of patriotism and Brotherly Love; its sentiments the sentiments of exalted morality. All that was kind, good, and charitable, Freemasonry encouraged; all that was vicious, cruel, and oppressive it reprobated, and wherever the wandering steps of civilised man had trod—whether north, south, east, or west—its temples had been reared, and many of the wisest and best of men had ranged themselves under its banners. In conclusion, Bro. Melling said that the Brethren of the Ardwick Lodge were delighted to have the association of so many able and distinguished Masons, many of whom had worked hard for the interests of our noble Institution and its members, thus earning the regard and affection of their Brethren.

The toast was responded to by the Visitors, who expressed the pleasure which they had derived from being present, and acknowledged that their reception had been of a most princely character.

The W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Hayes I.P.M., and the latter, in response, said that he was grateful to the Officers and Brethren for the courtesy displayed towards him while in the chair. He complimented his successor upon the bright prospect which was before him, anticipating that he would have a successful year.

Bro. Atkinson proposed the healths of the Installing Master and Past Masters, extolling the services which they had rendered to the Lodge. Bros. Richardson, Hoyland, and Melling replied.

The health of the host (Bro. Braun) was next proposed by Bro. Melling, who said he might venture to add that from the many eloquent speeches, together with the humorous songs, and excellent music they had been treated to, they had spent a most enjoyable evening; but there was something more than this which had contributed to their comfort, and that was the splendid dinner. Everything had been of the best quality, well-cooked, and served in first class style, and must have more than satisfied the most fastidious amongst them. There were many philanthropists in the world, but to his mind, one of the greatest benefactors of mankind was he who provided good, palatable, well-cooked food. It was said that "music had charms to soothe the savage breast," but to his mind it would require a great deal of music of an exceedingly fine character to soothe the savage breast of any Brother in that room who had just dined off burnt meat, half cooked potatoes, sour bread, heavy cake, and flabby pie. As the physical part of man's nature had much to do with his happiness and comfort, he thought they would agree with him, that he who prepared food capable of satisfying and pleasing the physical nature of man, was philanthropist of the very first order. Too much praise therefore, could not be bestowed upon Bro. Braun, for the able and successful manner in which he had attended to their requirements that evening.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and responded to by Bro. Braun, who said that if he had pleased the Brethren he was more than satisfied, and he thanked them for the confidence which they had reposed in him, which he assured them should not be abused. Other toasts followed.

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IONIC LODGE, No. 2405.

ON Thursday of last week Bro. J. O. Swift was installed as Worshipful Master, at the Masonic Rooms, St. Helens. The installation was performed by Bro. J. S. White in the presence of about 30 members of the Lodge. The Officers were invested.

After the installation a banquet was held at the Fleece Hotel, when the company sat down to an excellent spread, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett excelling upon the occasion. This was succeeded by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

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NEPTUNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 22.

AT the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Station. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed with Bro. King as candidate. Other parts of the ritual were gone through, and Bro. Cheese was elected W.M. for next meeting.