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SPITEFUL BLACKBALLING.

THE Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire devoted a portion of the annual address delivered at his Grand Lodge meeting last week to the question of Blackballing—not that judicious use of the negative vote which it is the right and privilege of every Mason to exercise, whenever he knows it is right to do so, but the malicious use of the ballot which not unfrequently happens when some member is disappointed or offended at the action of his fellows in the Lodge, and adopts the cowardly course of making innocent people suffer for what he imagines to be the fault of others, whereas, in reality, it may be they deserved commendation, for having exercised their right, and, perhaps, acted in the best interests of the Craft at large, and their own Lodge in particular, by voting against an undesirable candidate.

Bro. Smith, in the course of his remarks, quoted largely from the utterances of the Grand Master of Iowa on this question, and we have reproduced some of the comments in our report of the meeting, which appears in another column; we should have liked to give more, but for pressure on our space. The line of argument adopted by the American ruler is that when such a Brother as is here referred to is “disappointed because a friend is not received into the Lodge, he straightway forgets the Brethren whom he already has, in his desire to obtain another; he forgets his vows and his duty to his Lodge; forgets that every Brother has the same individual choice that he himself possesses; his heart turns to revenge, and he decides that none shall join the Lodge until he has forced in the one rejected.” This clearly discloses the position of affairs that has brought disaster on many a Lodge in this country, as well as in America, and as its existence is clearly recognised it leads one to ask whether it would not be better to have some official record made of rejections, so that the authorities might be at once apprised of any systematic Blackballing, and when they were of opinion that anything of the sort was being carried on, then some regular inquiry should be instituted, with the object of putting an end to the spiteful practices referred to, which not only bring trouble on those intimately concerned, but discredit on Freemasonry as a whole.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE annual Installation and Festival of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., acted as Senior Warden, and Sir John Monckton as Junior Warden. About 500 Brethren were present. The Prince of Wales was unavoidably absent, but he was declared duty reinstated as Grand Master,

and proclaimed as such by Sir Albert Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Earl of Lathom then announced, amidst much applause, that the Grand Master had been pleased to confer on Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia the rank and dignity of Past Grand Master. The Earl of Lathom next informed Grand Lodge of the other appointments, all of which were well received, and the investitures followed. The Earl of Lathom was again appointed Pro Grand Master, and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe Deputy Grand Master, while the remaining appointments were as follow:

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| Marquis of Tweeddale | - | - | Senior Warden |
| Lord Skelmersdale | - | - | Junior Warden |
| Archdeacon Sinclair | - | - | Chaplains |
| Canon Kynaston | - | - | |
| Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale | - | - | Treasurer |
| F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. | - | - | Registrar |
| T. L. Wilkinson | - | - | Deputy Registrar |
| Edward Letchworth | - | - | Secretary |
| W. B. Coltman W.M. 2456 | - | - | Senior Deacons |
| Lieut-General C. W. Randolph | - | - | |
| Alfred Cooper | - | - | |
| John Thornhill Morland | - | - | Junior Deacons |
| His Honour Judge Masterman | - | - | |
| Lieut-Colonel J. A. Bindley | - | - | |
| R. St. A. Roumieu | - | - | Sup. of Works |
| Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) | - | - | Dir. of Ceremonies |
| Lennox Browne | - | - | Deputy D. C. |
| E. Wallaston Stanton | - | - | Assistant D.C. |
| James Salmon | - | - | |
| J. Flower Jackson | - | - | Sword Bearer |
| Major-General F. Gadsden | - | - | Deputy Sword Br. |
| Lieut-Colonel J. T. Ritchie, R.A. | - | - | Standard Bearers |
| George Read | - | - | |
| Capt. T. C. Walls | - | - | |
| W. S. Hoyte | - | - | Organist |
| Alfred A. Pendlebury | - | - | Assistant Sec. |
| Abraham Green | - | - | Pursuivant |
| Frederick Hilton | - | - | Asst. Pursuivant |
| Henry Sadler | - | - | Tyler |

The rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon was conferred on Colonel Alfred Mordaunt Egerton, Equerry and Controller to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

The Annual Festival was held at Freemasons' Tavern, the Earl of Lathom again presiding. In the course of the proceedings he stated he had very good ground for saying that another member of the Royal Family would shortly join the Order. This was generally understood to refer to the Duke of York.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on the 18th inst., under the banner of Thornhill Lodge, No. 1514, Lindley. The Rt. Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., P.M. 289 P.P.G.W. Prov. G. Master presided, and was supported by Bro. Henry Smith P.G.D. Deputy, together with a large number of other Provincial Officers and Brethren, including, as Visitors, Bros. Charles E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., P.G.D., Treasurer R.M.I. for Boys, James Morrison McLeod P.P.G.W. Derbyshire Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, Joseph Hewson P.M. 792 P.P.G.D. Lincolnshire.

The Roll of Lodges was called over, when it was found that all but three of the seventy-six in the Province were represented, and then the Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

The Prov. G. Master, in the course of his address,

said: I am extremely obliged to you for your cordial salutation, and the very hearty reception you have given to me. I am, I assure you, very glad to be present, though yesterday there was an element of doubt as to whether I should be able to accomplish it. You may, perhaps, realise my feelings when I say that I found it difficult to decide, of two duties before me, which was the greater, and what was the proper course to pursue. It would have been a great disappointment to me had I not been here to-day, which, I take it, is the most important meeting of the year, and I felt it my duty to be with you; but, being here, I shall be compelled, I regret to say, to leave early. After going to bed at 2 o'clock this morning, I yet left London by the 5.0 train, and I must return by the 5.0 train this evening, as a stern sense of duty necessitates that course. You will, I am sure, acquit me of any intention of discourtesy, and I rely upon your kindness to support me in carrying out what I believe to be an undoubted obligation.

I am very much gratified to see so large a gathering at this, my first presidency at your meetings. I know that Huddersfield has held for many years a prominent place as a Masonic centre. I know that many, very many, distinguished Masons have sprung from its midst, or associated themselves with its Lodges. Let me remind you that the Marquess of Ripon, one of Her Majesty's present Government, was a member of a Huddersfield Lodge; and let me mention the name, still cherished and revered by every true Mason who knew him—the name of Bentley Shaw, late Deputy Prov. G. Master of this Province, as one who was also a Huddersfield Mason; and I could continue a long list, and I think I have shown that good and even illustrious men have arisen from this town.

And here let me say how deeply I regret the absence of our late Prov. G. Master Bro. Tew. I know, for I have seen him recently, I know that his heart is with us at this moment; and I am convinced, from the eager interest he displayed when we talked together, that his affection for his West Yorkshire Brethren is as warm as ever, and his desire to see the Craft prosper as strong as it was in his most vigorous times.

I must also express my obligation to the W.M. and Brethren of the Thornhill Lodge for the careful and painstaking efforts they have made to contribute to our comfort. It is, moreover, a pleasing feature, one which shows the happy and harmonious relation that exists amongst the Huddersfield Brethren, that when almost the youngest Lodge in the town desires to have the honour of entertaining Prov. G. Lodge, and has not room under its own roof, that the oldest should lend this splendid hall in order that the hospitable endeavours of the former might not be frustrated.

Before our meeting closes we shall have with us, as visitors, Bro. Chas. E. Keyser P.G.D. of E., Treasurer of the Boys School, and Bro. J. M. McLeod, the Secretary of that Institution, whom I am sure you will heartily welcome. Brethren, as you all know, acting by the advice of those whom I consulted, and assured by them that whatever my inclination it was certainly my duty, I have undertaken to preside at the Festival of the Boys School, in June next. It is a difficult undertaking at any time, but it is especially so this year, and for two reasons—first, because Lord Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England, and Prov. G. Master of W. Lancashire, is to take the chair at the Girls School Festival, and he, a worthy and deservedly popular chief, will, of course, receive not only the support of the two large and powerful neighbouring Provinces in Lancashire, but a much greater general Masonic recognition than perhaps any one else could gain; and secondly, because times are not opportune, because in the present condition of trade, calls upon the pocket, Masonic or not, should not be too readily made. This last reason it was that largely caused my hesitation. But, Brethren, my doubts of the success of the experiment are entirely removed; the generous, nay the noble, response which the Brethren of West Yorkshire have given has not only done away with any hesitation I may have had, but also permits me, I venture to say, to regard that recognition as a testimony that you approve of the course I have adopted, and that you are determined to show that approval in a most satisfactory and substantial manner.

I feel very grateful to you for this mark of your confidence.

The Prov. G. Master then called upon the Chairman of the Charity Committee.

Bro. Fox pointed out the liberal contributions which West Yorkshire had made during the year just past, to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and made special reference to the munificent donation of Bro. George Heaton, which he did not doubt would be fittingly recognised by that Prov. G. Lodge. He pointed out that at the recent election they had one Girl candidate (whom they of course carried), but no Boy on their list, and that for May they had three Men and two Widows. They could not hope to carry all, but he would assure them that they would do all that was possible in that direction. Bro. Fox then referred to the Board of Management of the Boys School, and, after explaining its constitution, pointed out that with eight applicants for five places amongst the Provincial candidates, Bro. Smithson had been returned at the head of the poll. It was not, he continued, necessary for him to plead at any length on behalf of their support of their Prov. G. Master's presidency at the Festival in June, but he hoped that before that time those Lodges which had not yet contributed would come into line with the rest, as he was sure it would especially gratify their Prov. G. Master to be able to say that he had the entire and unanimous support of his Province.

Bro. W. C. Lupton Vice-Chairman seconded the adoption of the Charity Committee's Report. He pointed out how many votes were yearly lost by the papers not being sent in, gave useful counsel in respect to the Benevolent Institution, assured every Charity Steward that a list of the votes would be sent to him, and begged them to relax no effort, as it was useless seeking subscriptions or issuing papers if, when the elections came on, the voting power of the Province was not utilised as it so well might be. The report was adopted.

Bro. T. Bateman Fox then proposed, "That the sum of 150 guineas be voted to further endow the Provincial Grand Master's Chair, R.M.I. for Boys, in support of our Rt. W. Prov. G. Master, who will preside at the Ninety-sixth Annual Festival on 27th June next." Bro. W. C. Lupton seconded, and it was carried *nem. con.*

The Deputy Prov. G.M. then addressed the meeting, receiving a very warm reception. He said: We commenced the year 1883 with 3655 subscribing members, and now that the full returns for that year have reached us, we find that our numbers at its close were 3725, showing an increase of 70. During 1893 we had new members 293, an increase of 37; resignations 127, an increase of 3; deaths 65, a decrease of 17; exclusions 33, a decrease of 9; Brethren in arrears 191, an increase of 11. We have also added one new Lodge to our roll, the White Rose of York, No. 2491, Sheffield.

And now I trust you will pardon me, Brethren, if I call your attention to what you must all admit is a most important matter, a matter which in my estimation is essential to the success of the Craft, and adds greatly to the credit and reputation of the Lodges. We are a large and powerful organisation, but it is only by the loyal co-operation of the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, Treasurers, and Secretaries, that that organisation can be fully and usefully maintained. I specially address myself to those Brethren who aspire some day to occupy the W.M.'s chair in their Lodges. It is not enough that they should qualify themselves, as so many eminently do qualify themselves, to carry out the ritual and ceremony of Freemasonry. Beautifully and most reverently as this is very frequently done, it is not all—it is indeed to my mind but a small part of a W.M.'s duty. In addition to this his obligation compels him to make a careful study of the Book of Constitutions, in order that he may realise and understand the position which his Lodge occupies in relation to the Grand Lodge of England, and to the Province of which it is a component part.

There is another matter I wish to mention; and here let me say that, having seen this subject treated in a manner with which I thoroughly agree, I do not hesitate to use the words (of the Grand Master of Iowa) which so well describe my own views. They are as follows: "It is useless for Provincial Grand Masters to be continually urging upon Brethren the necessity of exercising caution in the acceptance of Candidates if, the moment

Brethren act upon that advice and reject one whom they conscientiously consider unworthy or undesirable, the friends of the rejected candidate turn round and retaliate by blackballing all subsequent applicants."

Bro. Wm. Harrop P.M. 290, moved "That Prov. G. Lodge Bye-Law No. 42, limiting the grant to widows or children be increased from £5 to £10," which was carried.

Bro. W. Fisher Tasker then presented his Treasurer's balance sheet. Bro. Josh. Bottomley proposed that it be approved. This was seconded by Bro. John Hunt W.M. 2491, and carried.

Bro. T. C. Hope P.M. 302 produced an inventory of Prov. G. Lodge property and Regalia, and moved that certain plate, now in the bank strong room, should be allowed from time to time to appear upon the banquet table. Bro. J. Wilson seconded, and it was carried.

Bro. Wm. Watson, Prov. Librarian, presented his report, with a list of donations. He proposed that it be printed and circulated, and that a grant of £20 be made from Prov. G. Lodge funds for the purchase of books, &c., for the Prov. G. Lodge Library. This was seconded by Bro. James Lawton, supported by Bro. J. R. Dore and others, and carried.

Bro. Fisher Tasker then proposed the election of Bro. Thomas Richards P.M. 208, as Treasurer for the ensuing year. He showed that Bro. Richards was a thoroughly proficient Mason, popular, useful, and distinguished in affairs of finance, and, as such, eminently fitted for the office. This was briefly seconded by Bro. Wm. Harrop, and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Master then invested his Officers for the year, a list of which will be given next week.

A sum of £20 was voted to relieve a case of distress.

The best thanks of the Prov. G. Lodge were voted to Bro. George Heaton, for his munificent gift of 1,200 gns. for the purpose of a Men's Presentation to the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Fox, in proposing this, also pointed out the valuable services rendered by Bro. W. F. Smithson in connection with this matter, and that the gratitude of the Province was due to him also for the prompt, energetic, and able manner in which he had brought it to its present successful issue.

Bro. Chas. Stokes W.M. 1239, on behalf of his Lodge, invited the P.G.L. to hold its next meeting at Sheffield.

The Prov. G. Master informed Prov. G. Lodge that he had received from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, an acknowledgment of the Address voted to him on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. Prince George, Duke of York, with H.S.H. Princess May. Having read it, he begged to move that it be entered on the minutes. Provincial Lodge was subsequently closed.

The Brethren then adjourned to the George Hotel, where dinner was served. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G. Master, the Deputy, Bro. Henry Smith, presided. Upwards of ninety Brethren sat down, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. The Huddersfield Brethren contributed some excellent music, which was highly appreciated.

The installation of the Earl of Dartmouth, as Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, will take place in June next, when it is expected a brilliant function will be arranged by the Brethren of that district.

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We may remind our readers that the consecration of the Thomas Ralling Lodge, No. 2508, will take place on Tuesday next, at the Victoria Tavern, Chingford.

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A recent issue of the "Yorkshire Gazette" says Bro. Dr. Charles Forshaw, of Bradford, is the most prolific author among the whole of the dental profession in Europe. In addition to bringing out no less than ten volumes on the "Poets of Yorkshire," he has published five volumes of original poems. From "Notes and Queries" of 27th January, we notice that the Doctor is the author of thirty-one books—rather a curious coincidence, seeing he has just attained his thirty-first year. In recognition of his literary abilities, in 1893 the faculty of the Baltimore College Dental Surgery (the oldest Dental College in the world) conferred upon him their honorary degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Dr. Forshaw is specially proud of this honour, as no living British dentist, except Sir Edwin Saunders, F.R.C.S., Dental Surgeon to the Queen, possesses a similar distinction.

Masonic Sonnets, No. 89.

BY BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 295 and 2417 (E.C.) Hon. Mem. 1242 (E.C.) and 24 (S.C.).

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THE MOST HIGH.

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L OUD let my fervent orisons arise,
To Him who is Supreme and is Most High;
Who rules the waves, controls the wondrous skies,
And hears in Mercy when His children cry!
Whose Strength the mightiest would not dare to gage,
Whose Beauty none can look upon and live,
Whose Wisdom's not portrayed on earthly page,
Whose Justice rich and poor alike receive!
A fragile creature as is puny man,
May never know His goodness or His power,
Until his short-lived life has reached its span—
Until he reaches Death's momentous hour!
And then, ah then! Oh! triumph glad and free
We hear His voice and all His glories see!

Winder House, Bradford,

25th April 1894.

THE TALMUD AND FREEMASONRY.

AT the Israel Lodge of Instruction, which holds its weekly meetings every Sunday evening at the "Rising Sun," Globe Road, a great number of Brethren assembled on the 15th inst., to listen to an address on this subject by the Rev. Isidore Myers, B.A. Among the 120 Brethren present many prominent members of the Craft were to be noticed.

Bro. Naphtali was the W.M. and to his great tact much of the success of the meeting was due. Bro. Oxley was S.W., and Bro. Danziger J.W.

The W.M., in introducing the lecturer, mentioned that Brother the Rev. Isidore Myers, B.A., whose father was a prominent Freemason also, had but recently arrived here from Australia, and in the short period he had been in England had established for himself a great name as an expounder of the many beautiful passages the Talmud contained. At a lecture which the Rev. Brother had given in Devonshire, the Bishop, who presided, paid warm tribute to the "grand oration," to use his own words, that the Rev. Isidore Myers had given. He also mentioned his (the lecturer's) book on "Gems from the Talmud," and introduced the lecturer to them.

Without a note or anything to guide him, the Rev. gentleman commenced his address, which was of a most eloquent description. He held his hearers in attentive silence for nearly an hour, only broken at intervals by the enthusiastic applause that followed some stirring passage, or the laughter at the criticisms of the lecturer, whose explanation as to why Adam was a Freemason, and the social side of the Craft, was exceedingly clever and witty. He gave some excerpts from the Talmud, which went far to prove that the ancient Rabbis were careful to promulgate those principles which were the groundwork of Freemasonry, and his personal experiences in the Holy Land were listened to with much interest. He told how he noticed in Palestine the various sects hating one another, and watching every opportunity to injure those who were not of the same religion as themselves, and the one peaceful spot was the Freemason's Lodge, composed of all sects, in which perfect love and harmony prevailed, under the Worshipful Mastership of the English Consul. That was very gratifying to the Craft; and with many more *bon mots*, the lecturer resumed his seat amid well-merited applause.

The questions which followed were of a most critical character, and Bros. Strang, Alvarez, Tijou, Steward, Simmons, Danziger, Ososki, Harris, Levy, Yetton, and Burgess did their best to embarrass the Rev. Brother, but the answers were very lucid and adroit. Methuselah, Confucius, Mahomed and Moses, Washington and Robespierre were laid under contribution, but to no avail, and the lecturer not only answered every question, but convinced the questioners.

As representing Grand Lodge, Bro. Tijou proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Myers, and said he had never listened to anything so entrancing as the address just given. This was admirably seconded by Bro. Basil Stewart, and carried by acclamation. In a few well chosen words, Bro. Myers returned thanks.

Bro. De Casseres suggested that the honorary membership of the Lodge be conferred upon Bro. Myers, and this was heartily approved and carried into effect.

Bro. Lewis Levy suggested that Bro. Myers should give them a lecture in some public hall, where they could bring non-Freemasons, and consent being given, the Hon. Secretary was instructed to form a Committee to carry the suggestion into effect. With a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, and election of new members, for which Bro. Wartski responded, Lodge was closed. — "East London Observer."

Marriage.

LEMON-BRIAN.—On 9th April, at Emmanuel Church, Compton Gifford, by the Rev. G. B. Berry, B.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. N. N. Lewarne, B.A., Curate, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D. (Oxon), formerly Vicar of Buckerell, only child of the late Lieutenant-General T. Lemon, C.B., Royal Marines, to Mary Louisa, eldest daughter of the late T. C. Brian, Solicitor, Plymouth.

JUBILEE: WAKEFIELD LODGE, No. 495.

IT falls to the lot of few Lodges to celebrate its jubilee and be favoured with the presence of the father and founder of it at the ceremony. This, however, has been the happy experience of the Wakefield Lodge, whose Jubilee was most successfully celebrated on the 10th, when Dr. Statter, J.P., its founder, who is in his 88th year, was present, and was the recipient of an illuminated congratulatory address.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. George Carbert, there being about fifty Brethren and Visitors present, including the Officers of the Lodge.

Dr. Statter was escorted into the Lodge by the Past Masters and Provincial Officers present, the appearance of the venerable and respected founder of the Lodge being hailed with very hearty cheers.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to present to Dr. Statter an illuminated address from the Wakefield Lodge, on the occasion of its year of jubilee. Brother Carbert performed in a few well-chosen and appropriate words, the duty of presenting the address on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge, which tendered to Dr. Statter their most cordial, affectionate, and loyal greeting on the occasion, and rendering their heartfelt thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for His great goodness in preserving to them their venerable and revered father and founder. It pointed out that fifty years ago much and great service was contributed to Freemasonry in Wakefield by the formation of a Lodge which at once became popular and distinguished, and which, mainly by Dr. Statter's efforts, has held high rank amongst Masonic Lodges, and from the first day of its existence to the present time it had not failed to possess a home of its own in which the Brethren could meet; further pointing out that, as Treasurer for many years, the founder of the Lodge accumulated funds, and in due time his constant care and watchfulness over the best interests of the Lodge finally culminated in placing the Lodge in the proud position of proprietor and owner of the Masonic Hall in Wakefield. The Brethren marked with gratitude that although in his 88th year, the interest of the father of the Lodge had not waned, and that the same great love for the Craft which prompted him fifty years ago to put forth his best efforts on its behalf drew him into their midst, and they prayed that the Great Architect of the Universe might still persevere him, a noble example of all that was bright and best in Masonry, a striking example of what can be accomplished by indomitable courage and a determination to do one's duty, and above all a pattern of purity and nobility of character.

Prior to the recipient of the illuminated address giving his reply, Bro. M. B. Hick P.M. read a historical sketch with regard to the Lodge, which had been prepared by Bros. H. Oxley and Ellis Pickersgill. It pointed out that on the 15th February 1766 a Warrant was granted, empowering the holding of a Lodge in Wakefield, to be called Lodge "Unanimity." For a period of 78 years no other Masonic Lodge existed in the town; but at the beginning of the year 1844 a petition was presented to Grand Lodge of England by eleven Brethren, praying that a Charter might be granted for the holding of a Lodge on the second Wednesday in every month, to be called the Wakefield, and nominating Bro. W. Statter as the first W.M. A Charter, dated 1st March 1844, was granted, and on Wednesday, the 10th of April, the first meeting of the Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Thornhill Street, when Bro. Wm. Statter was installed W.M. On the 29th of May 1844 the Bye-laws, which continued to be in force until 1863, were approved by the Lodge, and on the same date it was determined to take the premises in Thornhill Street on lease for a term of seven years. At a Lodge of Emergency, held on the 26th of August 1853, it was unanimously agreed forthwith to remove the Lodge from Thornhill Street to a building which had been known for upwards of three centuries as the Rectory House, and which is mentioned by Leland in his tour of 1538. The Rectory House was pleasantly situated, and was fenced in by iron palisades. The usual approach to it was through "Vicar's Croft," the carriage entrance being out of "Doctors Lane," since named Vicarage Street. To give better access, however,

to the Borough Market a portion of the Rectory was taken down and a new street was formed, which was named Zetland Street, in honour of the Earl of Zetland, who at that time was M.W. Grand Master of England. A committee was appointed, consisting of the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge, together with the Past Masters, to purchase the property, and to devise the best means of raising the money for the purpose. The property was purchased for £300, of which sum £24 was contributed from the Lodge funds, and the remaining portion was raised in shares of £10 each. Only two of these shares are still in existence, and are held by the Father of the Lodge. All the others have lapsed by the death of the holders. A further sum of £200 was expended in adapting the premises to the requirements of the Lodge, and in furnishing and decorating. On the 14th of September 1853, the Lodge was held in the Rectory House, and continued to be held there until its demolition in 1880. On the 30th of September 1857, it was resolved that the property should be vested on behalf of the Lodge in trustees. On the 31st of December in the same year a deed was duly executed. Bro. Wm. Gillott was appointed hall-keeper in 1862, and on the 14th of March 1865 he succeeded Bro. John Beckett as Tyler, and faithfully served the Lodge until his death on the 22nd of February 1888, when his son, Bro. Herbert Gillott, was appointed in his stead. In December 1860, permission was given for the Unanimity Lodge, No. 154, which for some years had been in abeyance, to hold its meetings in the Masonic Hall. By an order of the Grand Lodge, dated the 6th of July 1863, the number of the Lodge was changed from 727 to 495 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Under a warrant dated 12th of May 1864, Lodge Sincerity, 1019, was founded, and an arrangement was made whereby that Lodge was allowed the use of the Hall. On the 27th of April 1870, the Right Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon, a member of this Lodge, was installed M.W.G. Master of England; he had previously been appointed the R.W. Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, and was installed at Leeds, on the 22nd of May 1861, on which occasion the sermon to the Brethren was preached by the Hon. and Rev. P. Y. Savile, a P.M. of this Lodge. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., was installed M.W.G. Master of England, in the Albert Hall, on the 28th of April 1875, and the following Brethren of the Lodge were present at the ceremony, viz:—A. Goldthorpe, R. W. Micklethwaite, Wm. Wood, J. Tolson White, John Craven, Joseph Hartley, and Joseph Wainwright. A Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Church Institution on Saturday, the 25th of November 1876, under the banner of this Lodge, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the New Clayton Hospital at St. John's. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., R.W. Prov. G.M., and the Brethren having marched in procession to the site, the stone was laid by Bro. Col. J. C. D. Charlesworth P.M. 495, with full Masonic honours. For many years it had been evident that although the Rectory House possessed some advantages, yet it was quite inadequate to the increased demands upon its resources, and it was felt that in the interest of the Craft more suitable and commodious premises should be provided. For this object the funds of the Lodge were carefully husbanded, and in the year 1879 the sum of £304 had been accumulated. With this sum in hand the Brethren considered they were warranted in taking active measures to provide the required accommodation, and accordingly, at a Lodge of Emergency held on the 22nd of April in that year, it was determined to take down the Rectory, and to build upon its site a Masonic Hall, and a committee, consisting of Bros. John Gill, W. B. Alderson and H. Oxley, was appointed to confer with the other Lodges in reference thereto. The proposal to re-build the Hall was cordially received, and eventually an arrangement was made whereby Lodge Unanimity and Lodge Sincerity undertook to pay for the use of the new premises a yearly rent. Bro. W. Watson P.M. 154 was appointed architect, and plans having been prepared, an urgent appeal for subscriptions was made, which met with a liberal response, and the sum of £354 7s was promised. On the 9th of April 1880 tenders for the work were accepted, amounting in the aggregate to £1,265, but this sum was subsequently increased by extras to £1,558 17s. Four days later the

Brethren met in regular Lodge for the last time in the Rectory House, and the day following the work of demolition began. On removing the ceiling of one of the rooms the date 1348 was discovered. It was not without many regrets that the old building passed away, and the happy hours spent within its time-honoured walls will not be soon forgotten. Great preparations were made for the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, which took place on the 26th of May 1880. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Music Saloon, at which, in addition to the Wakefield Brethren, no less than 150 visitors attended from various parts of the Province. Having formed in procession, the Brethren proceeded to the site of the intended building, where the foundation stone was laid with full Masonic honours by the W.D.P.G. Master Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P. At the conclusion of the ceremony a banquet took place at the Bull Hotel, which was very largely attended and most enthusiastic in its character. During the period of rebuilding the regular meetings of the Lodge were held at the Bull Hotel. The work was rapidly proceeded with, and it had so far reached completion that on Tuesday, the 9th of November, the Brethren were enabled to assemble in the new Lodge. The oak staircase, which had formed a prominent feature in the Rectory House, was transferred to the new building. In December 1882, the Brethren of Lodge Unanimity presented a handsome set of curtains, and Lodge Sincerity a valuable carpet of special design for the Lodge Room. In the following month a committee was appointed to undertake the decorating and furnishing of the Hall, which, with additions and alterations to the building, were carried out at a cost of £320, towards which the Brethren again liberally subscribed, and Lodges Unanimity and Sincerity each generously contributed £100 on condition that the leases dated the 1st of January 1881, should be extended to twenty-one years from that date. This sketch would not be complete without special reference being made to the great liberality and valuable assistance of Bro. Wm. Pickard P.M. 1019, in beautifying and furnishing the Lodge. On the 5th of April 1883, the Hall was solemnly dedicated for all time to Freemasonry by W. Bro. T. W. Tew D. Prov. G. Master, assisted by the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge; and on the 11th of the same month the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, under the banners of the three Wakefield Lodges. To do honour to Bro. W. Statter, the esteemed Father and founder of the Lodge, the Brethren assembled in large numbers on the 10th of April 1884, being the 40th anniversary of his installation—to associate his name in perpetuity with the Lodge. The "Founder's Chair" was endowed with the sum of fifty guineas for the benefit of aged Freemasons. In the trust deed it is provided that whenever and so often as the number of trustees shall be reduced to three, the survivors shall appoint new trustees to make up the original number of ten. Until 1887 it had not been necessary to appoint new trustees under this proviso, but becoming so in that year the surviving trustees, Bro. W. Statter P. Prov. S.W., Bro. the Rev. J. Senior, LL.D., P.G.C. of England, and Bro. John Gill P. Prov. D. of C. relegated the choice of new Trustees to the Lodge; and on the 29th day of November 1887 the following brethren were selected by the Lodge, and afterwards by a deed dated the 20th of March 1888, were duly appointed, viz., Henry Oxley, Joseph Hartley, Benjamin Craven, Benjamin F. Glover, Thomas Hargreaves, G. F. Wild, and G. H. Roberts. Through many vicissitudes and trials the Lodge has honourably existed for half-a-century, and when it attains its jubilee its financial position is sound, and its roll of members satisfactory. For years past it has been characterised by zeal and energy, and its future is full of promise and hope. Its relationship with the other Lodges of the city is marked with unanimity, goodwill and concord. Its founders are remembered with gratitude, and its work is recorded with pride.

Bro. Dr. Statter acknowledged the compliment paid him in the presentation of the illuminated address, after which Bro. H. Oxley presented to Bro. W. Pickard a well-executed portrait of himself (in consideration of his great service to the Lodge in years gone by), which, having been received by the subject, was in turn handed over to the Lodge by the recipient.

A banquet was afterwards held, the chief guest being Bro. Dr. Statter, and the usual toast list being honoured, under the presidency of the W.M.

BOOK CANVASSERS AND THEIR BARGAINS.

A CASE affecting a large number of Freemasons through the country came before Judge French at Bow County Court, on the 23rd, when Erskine and Co., publishers, of Birmingham, sued John V. Rockley, music publisher, Stratford, for £5 5s., for a "History of Freemasonry."—Mr. Turnour appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Abinger for the defendant.—Mr. Abinger said that this case affected several thousand others through the country, and had already been before the Court in March last, when it was adjourned till that day for the plaintiffs to produce their contract note. He was prepared to argue that on the terms of the contract the "History of Freemasonry" was to be a new book. As a matter of fact, it was nothing but a "rechauffé" of an old book issued in 1886.—H. Christopher Poole, plaintiffs' traveller, was then called and gave evidence as to the signing of the agreement.—Cross-examined: He did not tell Mr. Rockley that he had been sent by Mr. Fenn, the secretary of the West Ham Abbey Lodge. He did not assure defendant that the book was a new one, and the proceeds of the sale were to go to Masonic Charities.—Mr. Erskine, the publisher, was called, and gave evidence that the book was not completed at the time the orders were signed. There were many new plates in this edition.—Judge French: That disposes of the argument that the book is not a new one.—Mr. Abinger: Our strong point is that fraudulent misrepresentations had been made by this traveller to induce Masons all over the country to buy this useless work.

After hearing the evidence of defendant, Judge French said it was clear plaintiffs were entitled to recover the amount of their claims. A charge of fraud was attempted to be set up, but one made on more flimsy and frivolous grounds he had never heard. People were not children, and signed these orders with their eyes open, and could not repudiate their bargains on such grounds. He would give the plaintiffs costs on the highest County Court scale.—*Morning Advertiser.*

It is announced from Coburg that the Prince of Wales has become an honorary member of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons of Gotha, and in accepting the membership, he expressed the hope that there would be close personal relations between German and English Freemasons.

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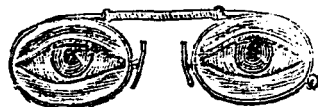
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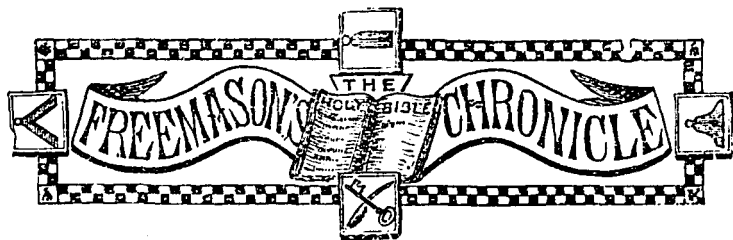
P.M. 1228, P.Z. 55.

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 dependant upon him. Resources nearly exhausted. Votes will be gratefully received by Bro. Alcock, 142 Graham Road, N.E.

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY MYERS (Aged 73 Years).

P.M. 820, 1445.—P.Z. 820, 933, and 1598.

Was initiated in the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, in 1870—twice W.M. and ten years Secretary; also Founder of Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, and twice W.M.; and a Founder of Ley Spring Chapter, No. 1598. Is a Life Governor and has served as Steward of the three Masonic Institutions, and otherwise a large contributor thereto. He has Chronic Rheumatism and Bronchitis, Failing Sight and Debility. Votes will be thankfully received by Bro. Myers, 196 Whitechapel Road, E.



SATURDAY, 28TH APRIL 1894.

THE INSTITUTIONS, &c.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE annual visit of Stewards to the Institution at Battersea Rise will take place on Monday, 7th May, when the various prizes will be distributed by Lady Lathom. The proceedings will commence at 4 o'clock with the usual entertainment by the pupils; followed by tea, and an inspection of the Institution at 5.30; and the much admired Calisthenic Exercises at seven.

DUBLIN SCHOOLS.

ON the 10th inst. the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by Colonel Jekyll, Private Secretary, and attended by Captain Burnes A.D.C., visited the Masonic Schools, Dublin. His Excellency first drove to the Boys School at Richview, Clonskeagh, where he was received by Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, Mr. Oliver Fry Hon. Secretary, Rev. Benjamin Gibson Chaplain, Mr. J. Holdbrook, B.A., Head Master, and several of the Governors. His Excellency was shown the new wing which is in course of erection, under the supervision of Mr. Samuel Bolton, and which will afford accommodation for 40 additional Boys; it is expected the new building will be finished by the end of the year, when there will be accommodation for 100 Boys, there being at present 67 in the School. The Lord Lieutenant was then conducted to the board-room, where His Excellency was presented with a copy of the last annual report, in which it was pointed out to him that the education of the Boys during the year reached a very high standard, and that the School had been placed in a most gratifying position from the fact

that at the last Intermediate Examinations 22 Boys had entered, and every one of them had passed, some gaining exhibitions and honours in classics, mathematics, and shorthand. His Excellency next visited the dining-hall, the dormitories, schoolrooms, and gymnasium. In the latter the Boys were exercised on the horizontal bar, and were put through a number of movements by the drill-sergeant Mr. M'Naughton. On leaving, his Excellency, who expressed himself very much pleased with what he had seen, was loudly cheered by the pupils.

The Lord Lieutenant then drove to the Girls School at Ball's Bridge, and on arriving was received by Mr. Graves Eves, J.P., Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. M. Scott, J.P., Assistant Secretary, Miss Neive Matron and Miss Triggs. His Excellency was shown over the buildings, and his attention was particularly directed to the new Centenary Memorial Hall, the Drill Hall, and Library, which are in course of erection by Mr. S. Bolton. On leaving, the Lord Lieutenant intimated that he was greatly pleased with everything he had seen. His Excellency was loudly cheered by the children on departing.—*Irish Times.*

MASONIC CHURCH SERVICE.

A SPECIAL service will be conducted by Bro. the Rev. Prebendary Rogers, Rector of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and Bro. the Rev. J. H. Smith S.W. Alliance Lodge, Chaplain to the Spectacle Maker's Company, on Thursday, 3rd May (Ascension Day), at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. The Most Worshipful Grand Master has granted a Dispensation, applied for on behalf of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, to wear Masonic clothing at the service, which will be held at seven o'clock, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the distinct understanding that no Masonic clothing be worn outside the Church. Cards of admission for Brethren, Ladies or Gentlemen, may be obtained of Bro. H. J. Tibbatts I.P.M. 2396 (70 Houndsditch).

The collection will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and contributions to be added to the collection may be sent to Bro. Tibbatts as above, by Brethren unable to attend.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held last week. The President and two Vice-Presidents were in their places, and there was a large attendance of other Brethren. Thirty-eight new cases were dealt with, two of which were dismissed, and three deferred. The others were relieved with a total of £875—one recommendation of £75, seven of £40 each, and six of £30 each; with fifteen grants of £20 each, and four of £10 each.

GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY CONVOCATION of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 2nd May, at six p.m.

BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, Election of Treasurer, and Appointment and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 17th January to the 17th April 1894, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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| To Balance, Grand Chapter | - | - | £543 | 1 | 11 |
| „ „ Unappropriated Account | - | - | 193 | 9 | 2 |
| „ Subsequent Receipts | - | - | 516 | 11 | 7 |
| | | | £1253 | 2 | 8 |
| By Disbursements during the Quarter | - | - | 357 | 9 | 2 |
| „ Balance | - | - | 695 | 1 | 10 |
| „ „ Unappropriated Account | - | - | 200 | 11 | 8 |
| | | | 1253 | 2 | 8 |

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions John Evan Bowen as Z., William Eugene Chapman as H., Henry Percy Harris as J., and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Herschel Lodge, No. 1894, Slough, to be called "The Herschel Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Slough, Buckinghamshire.

2nd. From Companions James Albin Roberts as Z., Albany Richard Grieve as H., Rufus James Weston as J., and seventeen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Sherborne Lodge, No. 702, Stroud, to be called "The Sherborne Chapter," and to meet at the Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

3rd. From Companions Henry Stones as Z., William Henry Arnott as H., John Adams as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Makerfield Lodge, No. 2155, Newton-le-Willows, to be called "The Makerfield Chapter," and to meet at the Pied Bull Hotel, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire (Western Division).

4th. From Companions James Edmeston as Z., Frederick W. Hugh Hunt as H., Illyd Moline Prichard as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, London, to be called the "The Canterbury Chapter," and to meet at 33 Golden Square, London.

5th. From Companions Arthur Trayler as Z., Nathan John as H., Richard Thomas as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Loyal Welsh Lodge, No. 378, Pembroke Dock, to be called "The Loyal Welsh Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock, South Wales (Western Division).

6th. From Companions David Williams as Z., John Thomas Hogg as H., Frederick Joseph Ferris Bailey as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Tennant Lodge, No. 1992, Cardiff, to be called "The Marmaduke Tennant Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, South Wales (Eastern Division).

7th. From Companions William Shurmur as Z., Henry Edward Joyce as H., Sidney Charles Kaufman as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1766, London, to be called "The St. Leonard's Chapter," and to meet at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received a Petition from Companions Alfred Emanuel Fridlander as Z., Edward Lines, M.D., as H., William Ranby Goate as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry, to be called "The Trinity Chapter," and to meet at the Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry, Warwickshire, but inasmuch as a Chapter which was attached to that Lodge was at the request of its members and the Lodge detached at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter and attached to another Lodge, the Committee deferred the consideration of this Petition for further information.

The Committee have also received Memorials with extracts of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Euclid Chapter, No. 859, from the Red Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, to the Isaac Newton University Masonic Hall, Corn Exchange Street, Cambridge.

The James Terry Chapter, No. 2372, from the Cheshunt Hall, Cheshunt, to the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have also received applications for permission to alter the names of the undermentioned Chapters:—

No. 1099, Devonshire, to change the name from The Hayshe Chapter, to "The Elms-Hayshe Chapter."

No. 1118, London, to change the name from The University Chapter to "The Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter."

The Committee being satisfied with respect to the reasons for the changes, have given consent to the alterations.

The members of the Harmony Chapter, No. 220, Garston, having begged that the fine of One Guinea inflicted for breach of Rule 73, Book of Royal Arch Regulations, may not be enforced, as the other Chapter was not fined, the Committee informed them that each case is taken on its own merits and they, therefore, decline to alter the decision.

The Chapter of Economy, No. 76, Winchester, having exalted two Candidates before the expiration of twelve months from the date of raising, previously to the alteration of the Law, the Committee ordered the Companions to be re-obligated, and the Chapter to be admonished.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

18th April 1894.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:—

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

ERRORS OF THE PRESS.

(Continued from Page 124.)

The author of a temperance novel once saw with dismay that his expression "drunkenness is folly," was rendered "drunkenness is jolly." A writer who declared that "the battle is now opened" found the phrase amended into "the bottle is now opened," which caused the opposition journal to remark, "We have long suspected this."

Lord Brougham used to relate the following well-known, delightful clerical story as an instance of misreporting: A Bishop, at one of his country visitations, had occasion to complain of the deplorable state of a certain church, the dilapidated roof of which let in the rain. After censuring the negligent ones, his Lordship declared most emphatically that he would not visit the damp old church again till it was put in decent order. In the local journal, his Lordship was thus reported:—"I shall not visit this damned old church again." The Bishop immediately drew the editor's attention to the mistake, but that worthy supplemented his Lordship's statement by another. He said that "he willingly gave publicity to his Lordship's explanation, but he had every confidence in the accuracy of his reporter."

A preacher quoted from "Luther on Death," as follows:—"Pliny the heathen writer says, book XX. cap. I.:—'The best physic for a human creature is soon to die.'" The local paper reported it next day as:—"Bony the heathen eater says, took two chops for I.; the best physic for a human creature is soon to pay." The compositor got somewhat mixed here.

A newspaper once told of a minister, who, within two and a half years had attended over eighty funerals, adding, "More than half of them were members of this church," a remarkable membership indeed, which was composed of funerals.

A sporting print, in recording the funeral of a deceased veteran, stated that "the hearse contained 'the relatives' of the dead man," instead of "the remains." In reporting another funeral, a newspaper said:—"the body of the deceased gentleman was followed to the grave by a silent and deeply sympathetic audience."

In a certain discourse, a celebrated preacher said:—"While men slept, the devil sowed tares." A religious paper reported him as having said, "sawed trees." The slip of a Plymouth compositor caused a local paper to state that "the Bishop of Peterborough passed a reckless night, but his strength is fully maintained this morning." The word "restless" was intended.

Bishop Coxe said to a reporter, "I should like to correct the proof sheet of my prayer; you newspaper men are so unfamiliar with prayer that you are certain to bungle it up badly," a questionable compliment, certainly, upon their religious tendencies.

A Scotch newspaper, in reporting a Bishop of the Episcopalian Church, announced with regard to a place of worship in Aberdeen, that it has now got rid of "one of the greatest hindrances to the spread of the Gospel, namely 'curates,'" the last word being a misprint for "pew-rates."

Among the performers at a concert given in a small Scottish town, was a popular tenor singer, who was announced by the programme as prepared to give, with other selections, an "Aria, 'Sound the Alarm,' by Handel." The singer in question was horrified the next day to perceive in the local paper the statement that he had rendered with taste and expression, a fine song by Handel, entitled, "Maria, Sound the Alarm."

Many "confusions of the limbs" took place at a railway accident; but the announcement that a live surgeon had been caught in the Thames, and sold to the inhabitants (?) at sixpence per pound, must have surprised the reader. Of a place-hunter, a friendly editor intended to say:—"He has secured a position in the custom-house, as his well-known capacity convinced us he would." Perhaps the chirography of the editor was to blame for the announcement which aroused the ire of the aspirant, when, on the following day he perceived that, according to the paper, his success was due to his "well-known rapacity."

In the formation of a Welsh Land League, intending members were assured that they could send in their names anonymously. Another "bull" from the Principality is that of a Welsh reporter, whose paragraph was headed:—"Suicide of two persons.—Statement of the one that survived."

An evening paper inserted the following:—"A little girl was picked up in — Street, by a watchman about three years old, who is not expected to recover;" and another notice ran, "he was killed and otherwise injured." An announcement read, "He blew out his brains after bidding his wife good-bye with a gun;" another says, "Died from her recent marriage," which the coroner's jury had given as "recent hemorrhage;" while another verdict was thus rendered:—"The deceased bore an accidental character, and the jury returned a verdict of 'excellent death.'"

A lad was setting up a poem in which the word "Hecate" occurred, but not being conversant with mythological lore, he was, of course, ignorant that Hecate was the goddess of the infernal regions, and mistaking the orthography of the composer, he produced the following:—

"Shall reign the He cat of the deepest hell."

A correspondent sent a piece of poetry to a newspaper with these words:—"The following lines were written more than fifty years ago, by one who has for many years slept in his grave for his own amusement."

A sensitive poet wrote of his sweetheart, and asserted that he had "kissed her under the silent stars," but was almost driven to the verge of despair when he found that the compositor had made him say that he "kicked her under the cellar stairs."

"How to make babes grow: Soak them in boiling water, and let them dry in the sun" is the instruction given in type. The editor however explained that "bulbs," not babes, was meant.

Wishing to express himself concerning the appearance at a picnic, of the belle of the town, a reporter wrote "She looked au

fait," but found that the types had, "She looked all feet." The editor of a "society" journal, in his description of a bride, wrote: "Her feet were encased in shoes that might have been taken for fairy boots." The following was what appeared:—"Her feet were encased in shoes that might have been taken for ferry-boats."

"There is an awful state of affairs in our town," says a paper, "the printer substituted the word 'widows' for 'windows.' Our editor wrote, 'the windows of the church want washing badly, they are too dirty for any use, and a disgrace to the town.' We apologise."

A young bride was described as "bonny," and an envious compositor set her up as "bony." Another instance of the printer's carelessness occurs in the story of the lover who wrote a poem descriptive of his sweetheart for a local paper, in which the line, "O, she is lovely, she is rosy," appeared as—"O, she is slovenly, she is nosy."

One country paper speaks of a woman who "died without the aid of a physician;" another states that a young lady at an amateur concert had won a well-deserved encore by the exquisite taste with which she sang the well-worn old song "An Angel's Whisker;" while a third, by substituting "c" for "h," made a railway-train run over a cow and "cut it into calves." Another paper asserts that "A gentleman, this morning, laid an egg on our table that weighs all of four ounces." A paper informed the public that "a man in a brown surtout was yesterday brought before the court on a charge of stealing a small ox (box) from a ladies work-bag, the stolen property being found in his waistcoat pocket." "A rat," (raft) says another paper, "descending the river, came in contact with a steambot, and so serious was the damage done to the boat, that great exertions were necessary to save it." Again, "a gentleman was recently brought up to answer the charge of having eaten (beaten) an omnibus conductor for demanding more than his fare."

The various peculiarities of speakers often puzzle the reporters, and cause blunders. Imagine the fact of a reporter having to sit under a tedious and long-winded speech, delivered with a painful monotony which is absolutely prostrating; or one given with such fiery impetuosity that the words, like Sir Boyle Roche's metaphor, become jumbled up, and you will wonder how it is that more mistakes do not appear when the matter is printed. Singular to say, the three great orators of this age, Gladstone, Disraeli, and Bright, with a clear, distinct utterance, have been the delight of pressmen, they were so easy to follow, while less noted, although talented men like Mr. Lowe (Lord Sherbrooke), W. E. Forster, and others, "have been the horror" of those who have had to take down their orations. It has been said of John Bright, that when the last words of a sentence have been lost in the ringing cheers of the audience, he has quietly repeated the missing portion to the reporters sitting beneath him; and of the Prince of Wales it has been frequently written, that his clear, and distinct enunciation ought to put to shame some members of the House of Lords, who seem afraid that what they utter should be heard at all. But even the most careful of speakers are mis-reported at times. "Breezy atmosphere," in a speech by Professor Blackie, in which he was dilating on the glories of Edinburgh, became "greasy atmosphere." In Mr. Bright's memorable speech at Manchester, he spoke of the alarm which the London Reform Demonstration was exciting in the breasts of certain persons at the West End, "attenders of clubs," and so on. In the papers of the following day, the expression became converted into "vendors of gloves in the West End."

"The people's William," as the "Daily Telegraph" dubbed Mr. Gladstone, was once reported as having "sunk his boots, and burnt his breeches," when "sunk his boats, and burnt his bridges" was intended, while on another occasion he was represented as addressing a noisy "snob," instead of a "mob."

"What do the Italians want?" asks a fervid orator. "They want to be a nation." But the newspaper of next morning says—"They want to be in Asia." One account says:—"The speeches in the Reform debate threaten to stretch to the crack of the door," meaning of course, "the crack of doom," as Shakspeare wrote. A Conservative Whip was once reported as having "forty members on his back who are desirous of speaking in the great debate," the words "on his back," being a mistake for "on his book." Mr. Lowe made a furious attack upon the Treasury Bench, and succeeded in "touching the shirts of the government," this being intended for "vexing the skirts of the government."

"To avoid mistakes," says a well-known parliamentary writer, "a reporter in the Gallery of the House of Commons will, before beginning the report, often head the first slip of transcript with his own name, and that of the gentleman who has preceded him, thus: 'Jones follows Brown;' and he adds similiar words to the last slip, thus:—'Smith follows Jones.' Sometimes these words by mistake find their way into print, as on a celebrated occasion when Mr. Disraeli (afterwards Lord Beaconsfield), who was depicting in glowing words the dangers to society arising from some act of the Liberal government, exclaimed in the midst of his peroration, 'Then sir, what follows?' The question was unexpectedly answered in one morning paper by the remarkable words:—"Green follows Robson."

Tom Moore says:—

"Tis dreadful to think what provoking mistakes,
The vile printing press in one's prosody makes,"

but still, in spite of all our disappointments, and all our annoyances, we can afford to accept these mere gossamer plagues of journalism when we reflect upon the numerous advantages which are derived from the advocacy, the cheapness, and the general agency of the press.

"Book of Rarities," by Bro. Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov.G.T.

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The De Percy Chapter, attached to the De Ogle Lodge, No. 636, was consecrated on Tuesday, at Morpeth.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THE installation meeting was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on the 16th inst., Bro. Alexander Jacobs W.M. The ordinary business being disposed of, the W.M. very impressively passed Bro. Dr. Taylor, and raised Dr. Dove. Bro. W. Yetton was elected a Joining Member. Bro. H. Marks P.M. installed Bro. Charles Eschwege W.M., who invested his Officers. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel and a supplementary one, which had been subscribed by the members of the Lodge.

A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Ashby, to whom every credit is due for the pains he took to see everyone properly attended to. The usual Loyal toasts followed. Bro. Eschwege assured his hearers that the proudest moment of his life was that night when they had placed in his trust the Warrant of the Friars Lodge, and his every effort would be used to hand it to his successor pure and unsullied. His whole heart was with them, even when Africa's sun poured on his head and the sea divided them, and now that his year of office had been so brilliantly inaugurated, he took it as an omen that they would have every reason to say he had been faithful to his duty. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Jacobs, Weston, Phillips, &c. The W.M. gave the toast of the Past Masters, spoke with pleasure of the support they rendered to the Lodge, and especially mentioned his indebtedness to Bro. H. Marks for his rendering of the installation ceremony.

Mention should be made, says the "East London Observer," of the excellent musical arrangements made by Bro. De Casseres P.M. Under his direction a most enjoyable concert was given, the artistes being Miss Alice Motterway (whose rendering of "Killarney" was very charming), Madame Helen Coleman, Herr Muscovitz, and Mr. W. J. Derby.

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ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

THE monthly meeting was held at High Street, Poplar, on the 19th, when the W.M. Bro. Bolingbroke A. Moore presided, supported by his Officers, and several Brethren.

Bros. Godding, Osman, Kennedy, With and Batt were raised, and Messrs. John James Oates and Percy Coward, having been duly approved, were initiated according to ancient custom. Both ceremonies were admirably worked.

The joining fee was advanced from five to ten guineas, and a Committee was appointed to consider the advisability of raising the annual subscription. All Masonic business being finished the Brethren adjourned to supper.

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BISHOPSGATE LODGE, No. 2396.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, under the presidency of Bro. H. J. Tibbatts W.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the report of the Auditors was submitted and duly received, after which Bro. Alfred J. Hollington, who has already won distinction in the Craft as Master of No. 58 and Grand Steward, was regularly installed as W.M., Bro. G. N. Johnson Past Master of the Lodge officiating, and afterwards giving the addresses. The new Officers were appointed as follow: Samuel Jacobs P.P.G.P. Herts. S.W., David A. Romain J.W., Frederick Dadswell Treas., Milton Smith Sec., C. J. Thomas S.D., W. Newman J.D., W. Jacobs I.G., Henry Mead P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex D.C., J. F. Haskins P.P.G. Orgt. Essex Organist, A. P. Little and E. H. Mead Stewards, R. H. Goddard Tyler.

The next business before the Lodge was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the outgoing ruler, and in giving this Bro. Hollington said the Lodge had every cause to be particularly gratified at the conduct of the Master of the past year. The Lodge was but young, and he did not wish to suggest that one of its rulers had acted better than the others, but he did venture to say that no one had more faithfully discharged his duty than the Brother he was then investing with the P.M. jewel of the Lodge; he did this with the best wishes of every member among them, who hoped the recipient would enjoy long life and happiness to be with them for many years to come.

The sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the Immediate Past Master, who is acting as Steward for the next Festival of the Institution, and Bro. Hollington having signified his intention to give fifty guineas towards the formation of a Lodge Benevolent Fund, a notice to establish such a Fund at the next meeting was given by the Secretary. A proposition for Initiation having been handed in the Lodge was closed, and the company adjourned to the banquet, which, being of the most enjoyable character, was a credit to the Great Eastern establishment, and bore testimony alike to the capability of Bro. Becker, under whose supervision it was served, as well as the skill of the staff under his direction.

In addition to Officers already named, two of the honorary members of the Lodge: Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C., and Bro. C. F. Hogard P.G.St.B.; H. J. Adams P.G.Sw.B., J. H. Whadcoat Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, W.M. Royal Athelstan, No. 19, R. J. Beeton P.P.G.St.B., J. Noyes P.G.S., H. M. Bates P.M. 91 P.G.S., C. E. Smith P.G.S., H. Airey P.M. 1389, C. Free P.M. 1227, H. Clements P.M. 1237, D. J. Ross P.M. 862, H. Glenn P.M. 19,

Myers P.M. 188, Dr. Beswick 11, W. C. Smith S.W. 2264, Jacobs I.G. 43, Alex. Ritchie 173, A. Woolf 1610, W. Roach 49, A. C. Burnley 19, H. C. Amendt 1617, F. A. Lloyd 2411, D. E. Watson 973, M. Woolf 1766, A. Clarke P.M. 1924, Knight 95, Morris 1827, A. Wormull P.M. 19, Campbell 933, Morgan 177, and others were present.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, Ald. Sir Jos. Renals, Ald. Davies, Ald. Sir Reginald Hanson, W. M. Bywater P.G.Sw.B., Frank Richardson P.G.D., Rev. Preb. Rogers, Lt.-Col. Sewell-Davies, A. J. Altman, Baron de Bush, C. B. Barnes, &c.

At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung, and then the Master gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of the Grand Master, who he said thoroughly devoted himself to the duties of his exalted position.

The next toast was that of the Grand Officers. The Master spoke of a quiet little titter which he fancied he had noticed among the Brethren on his right (Bro. Brownrigg Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. Adams P.G.Sw.B., and Bro. Hogard P.G.St.B.), when he said the Grand Master did all the principal work of Freemasonry, but he fully recognised that those in subordinate positions had much to do, and faithfully carried out the part that fell to their lot. Their Lodge was well-known to Grand Officers, who would, he was sure, give the Bishopsgate credit for trying to accord them a hearty welcome at all times, as well as do all that lay in the power of the members for the good of Freemasonry. As a young Lodge they were particularly indebted to Grand Officers—who had performed the chief part in their Consecration.

Rev. Bro. Brownrigg was the first to respond. It was verging on twenty-six years since he had received his appointment as Chaplain in Grand Lodge, but the heartiness of the welcome he had received had not waned. Having won distinction themselves the Grand Officers were anxious to teach others, and he jokingly referred to two matters in this direction, first, having themselves learnt to smoke at an early stage of the evening they were desirous to set an example for others; hence the applicability of the recent remarks of the Master. Secondly, the Grand Officers had learnt that ordinary Brethren much preferred listening to good music than to long rigmaroles from Grand Officers, so that he felt it only necessary to thank them. Bro. Adams also responded, in brief terms.

The Immediate Past Master proposed the health of the W.M. He once more assumed the emblem of power in the Lodge with infinite pleasure, because having passed through what he might term his twelve months' ordeal in the chair, he was now in the position for the first time to propose the toast of its Master, and this pleasure was heightened because he knew their present chief intended—provided he had health and strength—to make the Lodge better than it had been before. The new ruler was no young Mason, for eighteen years ago he was a Master in Freemasonry, and he brought such experience to bear upon his present efforts as should ensure their success. He was looking for the cordial assistance of every member of the Lodge, and with that a successful year would be assured.

In reply, the Master, having tendered his thanks, said one could not help feeling when so long a period as eighteen years was spoken of as having elapsed since a previous Mastership, that he was getting into the sere and yellow leaf. The Bishopsgate Lodge had conferred on him the highest honour it was in the power of the members to bestow, and recognising this he assured them he should endeavour to act up to the standard they desired for their Lodge. If he failed in the work before him it would be from inability rather than from any want of desire on his part, and in telling them how much obliged he was for the reception of the toast of his health, he assured them it would give him the greatest pleasure to do everything in his power for their young, but at the same time exceedingly prosperous and useful Lodge.

The next toast was the Visitors, which the Master was sure would be well received. He maintained that, young as was the Bishopsgate Lodge, there was no other more pleased to see guests than they were. They had a goodly array that night, notwithstanding which there were very many who had not been able to avail themselves of the invitations that had been sent out. It was very difficult to select anyone from so illustrious a list as was before him to respond to so illustrious a toast, as all were equally welcome, and they were pleased to see each of them. He trusted what they had done in Lodge had satisfied the Visitors, and that what had been done since had been acceptable to them.

Bro. Noyes was the first to respond. It was an unusual pleasure for him to be the guest of a Lodge which was in reality a daughter of his Mother Lodge, and to see such perfection in the working as they had witnessed that day.

Bro. Whadcoat expressed his gratification. As Worshipful Master of No. 19 he felt proud that they were, in a measure, answerable for the Bishopsgate coming into existence, his Lodge having signed the petition for its Warrant. He also congratulated the Lodge on its determination to establish a Benevolent Fund, and particularly on the handsome start made in this direction by the Worshipful Master. He should like to see older Lodges following on the same lines, and considered that if it became the custom to endeavour to keep pace with the younger ones in this direction it would be well.

The toast of the I.P.M. and P.Ms. was next on the list. The W.M. considered it might reasonably be termed the toast of the evening. It was quite natural for a Master to feel that he was fast verging into that seat of comfort just then occupied by the I.P.M., who was really enjoying the peace and quietness that came as a reward for busy times during the preceding year. The Brother he was specially referring to was an exceptional Past Master, one who might be envied by any Lodge. He had given the members of the Bishopsgate such a display of his skill as was worthy the imitation of every officer and member among them. They had besides, two other Past Masters in their Lodge, who had done good service for it. One of them had sent a telegram regretting his unavoidable

absence, the other had performed the Installation ceremony for them that night, but had left at the conclusion of the Lodge proceedings, so that it was impossible for him to speak in reply to the toast. But the one who was present was a host in himself, and was generally appreciated.

The I.P.M. acknowledged the toast, and tendered his thanks for the handsome jewel presented to him in Lodge. He had promised, when elected to fill the chair of the Lodge, to do his best to uphold its dignity, and he had ever striven to do this. If his small efforts had merited their approval he was much gratified. The very handsome jewel they had been pleased to present him with was a tangible expression of the approval he had been striving to win during the past year. He then referred to his Stewardship for the Girls School, and thanked the Lodge for its vote on that behalf, which vote he hoped would be supplemented by many others from individual members. He also spoke of the special Masonic service to be held at St. Botolph's Church in the evening of Ascension Day, when the body of the church would be reserved for Brethren in Masonic clothing—the necessary dispensation having been given for the public display.

The joint toast of the Treasurer, Secretary and Director of Ceremonies was next given. They all regretted the circumstances that kept their Treasurer away from the meeting that day. The Secretary was one of the best Officers it was possible to find, his only real fault being—if fault it was—that he was ready to do everybody's work, that of the Worshipful Master and all thrown in, but there was no fear of his having to do this in the present case; they might rather rely on his striving to do everything in his power on their behalf, and they were reaping the benefit of his efforts. The Master also spoke a few words in praise of the D.C.

The Secretary replied, tendering thanks for the very kind words said in praise of those included in the toast, some of which he felt were unmerited. They all regretted the absence of the Treasurer, who had been associated with the Craft for a period of 38 years—the most of any of the members of the Lodge. The Master had spoken of the work attached to the Secretaryship, undoubtedly there was some, but his experience of it was that it more resembled the peaceful gliding of a barque along a flowing stream under easy sail than anything of a troublesome character. Their Lodge had made steady progress. It started with sixteen founders, and at the close of the first year had twenty-eight members, at the end of the second year there were thirty-one, and now they had thirty-six. Doubtless they could have made it a much larger Lodge had they desired to do so, but they had preferred to follow the advice of their Consecrating Officer—Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke—to study quality first and quantity afterwards. Eight of the members of the Lodge had each seen twenty-eight years service in the Craft, and many others could boast of an almost equally long experience, so that the Lodge, though young in itself, possessed some experienced Masons, which was a safeguard that they were not likely to get into trouble.

Bro. Mead D.C. also lamented the absence of the Treasurer. He had virtually given up Freemasonry, but being so closely associated with the district from which the Lodge took its name he had not been able to resist associating himself with it, with the result that he had found all his old interest in Freemasonry return and he felt quite capable of doing what he hoped to accomplish in the way of helping to bring the Lodge to perfection.

The toast of the Officers concluded the programme, and in proposing this the Master referred to the past experiences of several of those in Office in the Lodge, who had passed the chair in other places, while as regarded the younger ones coming on he believed they were anxious to do what their elders had accomplished, or even excel them.

The two Wardens acknowledged, and then the Tyler gave the concluding toast, bringing a very pleasant evening to a termination at an early hour.

Not the least enjoyable part of the proceedings was the excellent programme of music arranged under the direction of Dr. Haskins Organist of the Lodge, the artistes being Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Hermione Hamilton, Miss Alice Andrews, Miss Ethel Bevans, Bro. Charles Butler, Bro. W. H. Webb and Bro. Schartau (in place of Bro. James Kift, who was indisposed).

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ÆSCULAPIUS LODGE, No. 2410.

THE concluding meeting of a most successful Masonic year was held, says the "Lancet," at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on the 11th inst., the Worshipful Master, E. Ernest Pocock, M.D., presiding. Jacob Pickett, M.D., was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. G. Danford Thomas, M.D., and Thomas Dutton, M.D., were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively. F. Harry Simpson and James Crooks, M.D., were admitted to the third degree, and J. Routledge Bosworth, M.R.C.S., to the second. W. Arbuthnot Lane, M.S., and C. Luxmore Drew, M.B., Barrister-at-Law, were appointed auditors to examine the accounts, which, the Treasurer stated, were in a satisfactory condition.

The Brethren, after the Masonic business was concluded, sat down to a very enjoyable dinner and spent a pleasant evening.

Professor G. Hare Philipson, M.D., D.C.L., made an eloquent speech in response to the hearty manner his health was drunk, and, as an apology for not being a regular attendant at the Lodge meetings, pleaded distance as his excuse.

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We learn that a Warrant has been granted for a new Lodge to meet at New Barnet, under the title of the Barnet Lodge, No. 2509, and that the consecration will probably take place on the 28th of May. Brother J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, will be the first Master.

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HENGIST LODGE, No. 195.

AT the meeting on the 5th inst., an uncommon and interesting ceremony took place, the presentation of a handsome Volume of the Sacred Law to each of the Boys who recently carried the Bible in the procession of Freemasons at the laying of the foundation stone of St. John's Church, at Boscombe. In presenting the volumes the Worshipful Master Dr. W. R. Thomas P.M. P.P.G. S.D. West Yorks, said:—Master Vye, Master Preston, and Masters Hawker, you are sons of respected Masons, and as such you were lately permitted to take part in a procession of Freemasons, when engaged in a sacred and holy work. You had the honour of conveying the Volume of the Sacred Law to its new resting place at Boscombe, where an edifice is being raised in which the words contained in that Sacred Volume will be preached for many many years, and to generations yet unborn.

In commemoration of the interesting event, it was decided by Provincial Grand Lodge that a copy of the Bible should be presented to each one of you. You are Lewises. The word Lewis denotes strength; and to Masons, the son of a Mason. As a Lewis, it is the duty of each one of you to honour your father and mother; to help them, if necessary, to bear the heat and burthen of the day; and to assist in rendering their declining years happy and comfortable. As the Worshipful Master of the oldest Lodge in Bournemouth, I have the pleasure of presenting to each one of you a copy of the Holy Bible, and I trust that it will be your constant companion through life. By it, you will be taught your duty to God, to your neighbour, and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name, save with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to the Creator; to your neighbour, by doing unto him as you would that he, under similar circumstances, should do unto you; and to yourself, by never doing anything of which you need be ashamed, ever remembering that His all-seeing eye beholds you, and that He is always watching and caring for you. I trust that you, in after years, will, after living a good and well spent life, be able to look back with pleasure, to the few happy moments you spent 'as boys' in a Mason's Lodge, and that the presentation of this grand old work will influence your whole career in life.

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STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

THE installation was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Lodge Room, Swan Hotel, Stafford. There was a large attendance of Brethren, including Lieut.-Col. Bindley Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge of the Province, to witness the installation of Bro. George Wormal, the present Mayor of Stafford, as Master for the year.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Nevitt, and, as had been confidently expected, he admirably performed the whole of the ceremonies and addresses with marked effect.

The business of the evening being concluded, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a superb repast was served under the personal superintendence of Miss Perks, in her usual satisfactory manner.

The usual Loyal toasts having been honoured, those of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges were given by the newly installed W. Master, and ably responded to by Lieut.-Col. Bindley, who, in the course of his remarks, made special reference to the installation in June next of Brother the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master Designate, and hoped all would make effort to attend. Bro. Wooldridge Prov. G.D.C., in proposing the health of the newly made W.M., said it was a particularly pleasant duty to propose the toast. He had watched from time to time the career and steady progress made by their W.M., and they all knew the unique and popular position he held as chief magistrate of the borough and now W.M. of No. 726. Regarding the latter honour, which had been conferred upon him that day, and speaking for himself, he was perfectly sure the Brethren would confirm it when he said they were proud to acknowledge him, because he was beloved by all.

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and the W.M. on rising to respond was greeted with a hearty welcome. The Masonic Charities was proposed by Rev. S. Wickham Jones (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. M. Barker, the President of the Staffordshire Masonic Association, and who had attended specially, but was compelled to leave by an early train), who stated that the Staffordshire Knot Lodge very nearly headed the list in the Province, only one other Lodge subscribing more. The W.M., who is also Charity Steward, responded. Other toasts followed.

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LEWIS LODGE, No. 872.

ON the 16th inst., the fraternity mustered in strong force at the Lodge Room, Duke Street, Whitehaven, to do honour to the I.P.M., Brother Archibald William Johnston. There are black sheep in every flock, and although all belonged to the mystic tie the "secret" oozed out that something beyond the ordinary business of the evening was to be transacted, hence the large number of visitors and Brethren.

The Lodge was opened by the esteemed W.M. J. A. Fowler who said it gave him much pleasure to see such a large, influential, and representative gathering of Brethren as were present that evening. He knew that they had assembled in such numbers to show their appreciation of the skill, ability, and zeal which Bro. Johnston had displayed during the year as W.M.

To him it was a great treat to scan the roll of illustrious Masters, who had so worthily filled the chair recently vacated by Brother Johnston.

Some were no longer with them, it having pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call them away from labour here to that rest which is glorious. He was sure, in placing Bro. Johnston's name on their roll of worthy and distinguished Past Masters, they were adding another bright ornament to its already lengthy list. And now it gave him more pleasure than he could express to present to Bro. Johnston, on behalf of his Officers, a Past Master's Jewel, and he hoped he would be spared for many years to wear it. Bro. Fowler then placed the jewel on Bro. Johnston's breast, while the Brethren present accorded him Masonic honours.

The jewel bore the following inscription:—

“Presented to

BRO. ARCHIBALD WILLIAM JOHNSTON,
P.M. Lewis Lodge, No. 872,

by the Officers for 1893, as a token of regard.”

Bro. Johnston, who spoke with emotion, replied in suitable terms. He said the proceedings of the evening would be indelibly stamped on his memory. It was one of those episodes in life that could never be effaced by time's rude hand. He assured his hearers he had never for a moment anticipated such a spontaneous outburst of good feeling as had been accorded him that night. He was sure they would excuse him saying all he would like, but he had been so taken by surprise that his thoughts, which ordinarily flowed fast enough, refused to come to his help on this occasion, but he thanked all present, and his past Officers particularly, for the good wishes they had expressed to him that evening.

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HARROGATE AND CLARO LODGE, No. 1001.

ON the 13th inst., the members celebrated their annual festival at the Masonic Hall, Harrogate, when Bro. Walter Davey was installed as Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. A. Macnab I.P.M. The newly-appointed W.M. invested his Officers.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a banquet was held, at which there was a good attendance, Brethren being present from the Alfred (Leeds), the Philanthropic (Leeds), Agricola (York), and other neighbouring Lodges.

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LEWIS LODGE, No. 1209.

ON Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, was held the installation and annual banquet. There was a large and representative attendance at both functions, several Brethren coming from Sandwich, Broadstairs, and elsewhere to take part in the proceedings. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed, the Worshipful Master for 1894-5 being Bro. George Chapman.

Fifty-two sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in splendid style by Bro. J. J. Roach. A lengthy toast list was gone through.

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HAMILTON LODGE, No. 1600.

THE Anniversary took place on the 16th inst., when Bro. W. H. Kell was installed as W.M. by Bros. F. Riggall and T. A. Handsley.

The Brethren adjourned to the White Horse Hotel, where the usual banquet was provided by Bro. Hibbitt, and was served in an excellent manner.

Afterwards the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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ROSE OF RABY LODGE, No. 1650.

THE annual meeting was held on the 24th, at the Mechanics' Institute Hall, Darlington, for the installation of the W.M.-elect, Bro. Lord Barnard S.W., the ceremony being performed by the Provincial Grand Master Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. There was a large attendance, including several Provincial Officers.

The Lodge was opened by Sir Hedworth Williamson and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. C. D. Hill Drury acted as Deputy P.G.M. until the arrival of Bro. Canon H. B. Tristram. The W.M.-elect was presented by the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. R. Hudson), and in due form was most ably installed.

At the close the P.G.M. said he thought it right to express to Lord Barnard the great gratification it had been to him to come there that day, his first Masonic experience since his return from foreign parts. He congratulated the Lodge on the choice of their W.M., on the way the Lodge had been conducted, and on the hearty and sympathetic attendance of so many members of that Province, and also of the Provinces of Northumberland and North and East Yorkshire. It gave him the highest satisfaction that Lord Barnard had become W.M., because it would enable him (Sir Hedworth) to take the earliest opportunity to advance his Lordship in Prov. G. Lodge. In a few years he and his worthy Brother Canon Tristram might not be as fit to rule the Province as they were now, and it was pleasing to find they had a nobleman taking such an interest in the Craft, who would honour the Province in succeeding either himself or his worthy Deputy.

The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form by Lord Barnard.

Letters of apology had been received for absence from Sir M. W. Ridley, the Marquess of Zetland, and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett.

In the evening a banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel, when an excellent menu was served. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Sir Hedworth Williamson replied for the Provincial Grand Lodge, and proposed the toast of the W.M. Lord Barnard, which was most enthusiastically received, and his Lordship replied.

AGRICOLA LODGE, No. 1991.

THE installation meeting took place on the 23rd, at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate, York. There was a large assembly of Brethren, including visitors from other Lodges in the Province, who assisted in installing Bro. David Young the Senior Warden into the chair for the ensuing year.

After the transaction of the formal business of the Lodge, the W.M.-elect was duly installed by Brother George Manton P.M., P.G.St.B. N. and E. Yorkshire.

The Worshipful Master invested the Officers.

The Secretary read apologies for non-attendance, from the Deputy Prov. G. Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and others.

The installation banquet was held in the evening at Brother Bucktin's, the Coach and Horses, Ousegate, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., who was well supported.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the W. Master, and success to the Agricola Lodge, being received with enthusiasm on the proposition of the Installing Past Master.

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ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

BROTHER G. T. KER, J.P., has been appointed to represent this Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls School. Since 1890 this Lodge, though not very strong in number, has subscribed about £80 to the various Masonic Charities.

It is interesting to record that during the winter months lectures on scientific and archaeological subjects, cognate to Masonry, have been given to the members by Brethren of the Lodge, who have made these matters their study. The Lodge is rapidly rising to a high position in its Province, and its traditions for hospitality and harmonious good fellowship have been well carried out by the present W.M., Bro. H. F. Whyman.

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ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 2226.

THE installation took place on the 19th inst., at Rhydney. Bro. John Llewellyn J.W. was installed by Bro. J. J. Williams, assisted by Bro. T. Morgan. The Officers were invested. The banquet was provided by Bro. and Host Turner, and the usual toast list was gone through.

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CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 2350.

THIS Lodge celebrated its Festival at the Pennington Memorial School, Hindley, on the 5th inst. Bro. Richard Christopher was installed Master by Bro. J. D. Murray P.G. Treas. England, assisted by Bro. W. Simpson Prov. S.G.W., after which the new W.M. invested his Officers.

At the close of the ceremony the Brethren proceeded to the banquet, which was presided over by W.M. Christopher. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were pledged.

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ROSE AND THISTLE LODGE, No. 158.

THE Brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, King Street, Wigan, on the 11th inst., to instal Bro. Thomas Margeson S.W. Bro. Walter Simpson I.P.M. officiated as Installing Master, and the new W.M. invested his Officers.

At the post-prandial proceedings, which were enlivened by some excellent songs, the customary Loyal and Mark toasts were pledged.

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JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE, No. 172.

AT the annual gathering, Bro. F. J. Sowby was installed W.M. for the year, and appointed his Officers.

HOTELS, ETC.

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EALING—Feathers Hotel.

EASTBOURNE—Pier Hotel, Cavendish Place. View of Sea and Pier. A. TAYLOR, Proprietor.

EAST MOLESEY—Castle Hotel, Hampton Court Station. Specimen Menus, with Tariff, on application. JOHN MAYO, Proprietor.

H AVERFORDWEST—Queen's Family and Commercial Hotel. BEN. M. DAVIES, Proprietor.

RICHMOND—Station Hotel, adjoins Railway Station. Every accommodation for Large or Small Parties.

SANDWICH—BELL FAMILY and Commercial Hotel. Good Stabling. J. J. FILMER, Proprietor.

COWES (WEST)—Gloucester and Globe Hotels. G. A. MURSELL, Proprietor.

BOOKBINDING in all its branches. Price list on application. Morgan, Fleet Works, Bulwer Road, New Barnet.

TAXING NON-AFFILIATES.

NON-AFFILIATED Master Masons in Tennessee are required by the Grand Lodge to pay annually to the Secretary of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction they reside, the sum of two dollars. The Secretary must forward the same to the Grand Secretary, and the money thus accumulated is designated as the "Widow and Orphan Fund," to be disposed of as the Grand Lodge may direct. Non-affiliates who fail to pay such contribution are reported to the Grand Lodge for discipline. If two dollars could be collected annually from every non-affiliate in the United States, it would build and maintain a National Widows' and Orphans' Home that would accommodate all the widows and orphans of Masons who need assistance. Judging, however, from the annual report of the Grand Secretary of Tennessee we fear the great army of non-affiliates do not generally pay their two dollars, as the sum reported as received from that source was only \$104, showing that only fifty-two had paid, while there are probably several thousand in the State. When a Mason takes out a dimit he voluntarily surrenders all rights and privileges pertaining to Lodge membership; and hence the tax levied on him is simply for the privilege of being a Mason. It is not much wonder that so few pay.

Every man who becomes a Mason does so by his own voluntary act, or as he is required to declare, of his "own free will and accord." Whether he shall thereafter all his life retain an active membership in some Lodge, we think him as free to decide for himself. While we think it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of a Lodge and contribute to its support, and that when one ceases to do so he should be deprived of the benefits that are derived from being thus associated together, we still think every one is free to decide for himself which he will do. If he surrenders his claims on a Lodge by taking out a dimit he suffers the penalty of forfeiture of all rights and privileges in a Lodge. Upon what principles a Grand Lodge may impose upon him an additional penalty by fining him two dollars a year is not within our Masonic knowledge. Many Brethren dimit because they are unable to pay the annual dues. They forego what they would greatly enjoy that their families may not suffer. Is it right then for Grand Lodge to take a like sum from them without a recompense? Is it right for such Brethren to be subjected to discipline and disgraced by suspension or expulsion from the Order? If so, we are mistaken in the purpose of this great time-honoured Institution.— "Masonic Advocate."

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square
62 Social, Manchester
148 Lights, Warrington
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill
1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-under-Lyne
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1753 Obedience, Okehampton

Tuesday.

- Colonial Board, at 4
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel
171 Amity, Ship and Turtle
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons-hall
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Limehouse
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow
2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons-hall
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam's, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
294 Constitutional, Beverley
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
393 St. David, Berwick
1222 St. Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1310 Harrow, Harrow
1336 Square and Compass, Wrexham
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Buihth
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, S. Shields
1981 Arnold, East Molesey
2032 Richmond, Richmond
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2475 Border, Blackwater

Wednesday.

- Grand Chapter, at 6
1298 Royal Standard, Cock Tav., Highbury
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1585 Royal Commemoration, Putney

- 74 Athol, Birmingham
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariners, Guernsey
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
1205 Metham, East Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-Street
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsay, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Longleat, Warminster
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2193 Queen's Jubilee, Nelson
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2330 St. Lawrence, Ridsey
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2490 Ampthill, Ampthill

Thursday.

- 10 Westminster & Keystone, Freemasons-hall
27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons-hall
1216 Macdonald, Camberwell
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1361 United Service, Café Royal
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
1724 Kaisar-i-Hind, Café Royal
1765 Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place
1950 Southgate, New Southgate
24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengist, Bournemouth
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariners, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Leeds
295 Combermere of Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester

- 360 Pomfret, Northampton
362 Doric, Grantham
1231 Savile, Elland
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1500 Walpole, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lancaster, Padiham
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1639 Watling Street, Stony Stratford
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere, Kidderminster
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2169 Osborne, East Cowes, I. of Wight
2255 Philbrick, Chingford
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester

Friday.

- 2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons-hall
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Rural Philanthropic, Highbridge
306 Alfred, Leeds
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1295 Gooch, New Swindon
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1725 Douglas, Maidstone
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton
1993 Wolseley, Manchester
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield

Saturday.

- 142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle
1928 Gallery, Anderton's
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell
2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany
1223 Amherst, Riverhead
1388 Canynges, Bristol
1458 Truth, Manchester
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1494 Felix, Hampton Court
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
1567 Elliot, Feltham
1929 Mozart, Croydon
2054 Wilson Iles, Rickmansworth
2077 Epping, Chingford
2148 Walsingham, Wilmington
2205 Pegasus, Gravesend
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey
2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet
2442 St. Clement, Leigh
2473 Molesey, E. Molesey