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LODGE SUPPORT FOR THE BENEVOLENT.

ONE hardly needs much better proof of the interest taken in the Masonic Charitable Institutions than that supplied by the various propositions brought before the Craft from time to time, with the object of altering the rules of one or other of those great Charities. Notwithstanding the care and attention devoted to the preparation of the codes in years gone by it is a matter of common occurrence for some change to be called for, and it is a subject for congratulation in this connection that most of the changes are made for the purpose of extending the scope or usefulness of the Funds, or are rendered necessary in order to legalise some more liberal application of existing regulations than has hitherto prevailed.

Such is the case at the present time, when a proposition is before the Craft for a Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to take into consideration a proposed addition to the Laws, so as to enable Lodges and Chapters to qualify as Vice-Patrons and Patrons.

It will be at once evident this proposed addition would not be necessary but for an increase of interest on the part of Lodges and Chapters in this estimable Fund, that works so well to relieve the wants and necessities of our Aged Brethren and their Widows, for it may be reasonably inferred that the present Laws on this point, which worked well for so long, were ample for the requirements of the times, and are now found to fall short of supplying existing needs because Lodges and Chapters do more than they formerly did in support of the Charities.

As in Freemasonry we recognise that the labourer is worthy of his hire, so we must recognise that a Lodge or other Masonic body spending liberally from its funds on behalf of the Institutions is worthy of recognition in some such way as shall make their devotion apparent to all who care to know of it, and we anticipate that as soon as the new rule is agreed to, and endorsed by Grand Lodge, more than one Lodge that has already done something for the Fund will look round and see what more is required of them in order to win the title of honour—for such is the designation rightly applicable to that of Patron or Vice-Patron of either of our Institutions.

It will be a surprise to many to know that this addition to the Laws is necessary, but as the matter stands at present there is no "titular" provision made for Lodges or other bodies who contribute more than fifty guineas to this particular Fund of Masonic Benevolence. In cases where that amount is given,

either in one sum, or in sums of not less than five guineas each, the Master or First Principal for the time being enjoys the rank of Vice-President, but there does not appear to be anything beyond.

We are happy to say this distinction does not go far enough, many Lodges having given far more than fifty guineas, or, being fully determined to exceed that limit, are zealously working in that direction. This, then, is the reason for the proposed alteration, which is to be considered at a special meeting on the 14th inst., and we think it is reasonable to expect that the suggestion will be at once agreed on, as likely to promote the prosperity of the Institution concerned, at the same time giving the Lodges or other contributing bodies some tangible recognition for their kindly aid.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS SCHOOL.

BROTHER Horace Banks, the well-known lecturer, gave his popular dioramic lecture, entitled "My Tour through America," at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea, on the 19th ult., and it gave the greatest possible delight to the audience. The "Clapham Observer," referring to the performance, doubts whether any more interesting and enjoyable entertainment is now before the public, as Bro. Banks describes his visit to the principal cities of America in an unconventional and most effective humorous style; while the views are simply of the highest excellence in every respect. Bro. Willie Wright was the right man in the right place as pianist, and Mrs. Banks, as a singer, is splendid in "Banks and braes of Scotland." Bros. Folkard and W. W. Lee gave some splendid songs, and Mr. Leonard Greaves skilfully manipulated the beautiful statuary and dioramic combinations.

WEST LANCASHIRE CHARITIES.

ON the 19th ult. the annual meeting of the Hamer Benevolent Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, Brother J. Pemberton P.P.G.D.C. in the chair. In the report, the Secretary (Bro. J. R. Bottomley) stated that though the Institution, founded for such a laudable purpose—the assistance of aged and reduced members—was in a fairly prosperous condition, the expenditure was fast overtaking the income, which this year has amounted to £500, while the probable expenditure would be over £400. He expressed a hope that this fact would cause increased efforts on the part of all the Lodges to support so deserving a charity.

The following Officers were elected on the Committee: Bros. John Pemberton P.P.G.D.C., R. Bradley P.M. 249, Philip Armstrong P.M. 724, R. Tunnicliffe W.M. 1182, Hignett P.M. 1393, Molloy P.M. 1675, Johnson P.M. 1756, J. C. Robinson P.M. 249, Woolfenden P.M. 2405, Latham P.M. 594, J. H. Evans P.M. 724. Bros. T. J. Jarman P.M. 1325 Treasurer, and J. R. Bottomley Secretary, were re-elected, as were also the Honorary Medical Officers—Bros. Drs. J. Kellett Smith, Liverpool,

John J. Dunn, Preston, Irwin, Lancaster, and L. Challoner, St. Helens. Bro. R. H. Leake I.P.M. 1547 was re-elected Honorary Solicitor, as were also Brothers Isaac Turner, W. E. Coxon, and J. Pittaway Auditors. The usual votes to the Chairman and the Officers were passed.

The same evening a meeting of Brethren interested in the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual Festival and Ball in aid of the funds. The chair was taken by Brother Dr. B. P. Philpot W.M. 241, the vice-chair by Bro. T. Salter P.P.G.D., and there was a large attendance.

Bro. W. Simpson P.P.G.W. was elected Chairman of the ball committee, Bros. John Edwards P.M. 1182 Vice-chairman, W. Rawsthorne P.M. 1132 Treasurer, and A. E. Povey S.W. 241 Secretary. It was resolved that the ball should be held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the second Tuesday in January, subject to the Lord Mayor's convenience. A deputation was appointed to wait upon his lordship, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—"Liverpool Mercury."

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

AT a special meeting of the subscribers to this fund at the Plymouth Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, Robert Morris Colwill, aged nine, son of the late Bro. Frederick Colwill of Lodge 1135 (Ilfracombe), and Alfred Betram Hearn, son of the late Bro. Alfred John Hearn of Lodge Metham 1205 (Stonehouse) were elected out of five candidates.

A SMART LESSON.

WE remember a case where a wearer of the purple was sent by the P.G.M. to visit and report upon a Lodge whose dinners were more famous than its Masonry. Hearing of this and suspecting no great friendliness on the part of the visitor, arrangements were made accordingly. He turned up and was greeted effusively by the W.M., but on attempting to enter the Lodge Room was politely asked who was his sponsor. A letter from the P.G.M. was produced, but the W.M. said that his obligation prevented him from allowing any visitor to enter not properly vouched for, &c., &c., &c. Bros. Smith, Jones and Robinson were successively mentioned by the visitor as having sat in Lodge with him, but unfortunately none of these Brethren were present. The W.M. then suggested that he should work his way in, and the P.G. Officer, smothering his indignation, was passed into a small room where a P.M. came to him, who began by causing him to swear that he had not been expelled, &c. This over, his G.L. certificate was called for, and signatures compared, after which the examination began, and after about a quarter of an hour the P.M. informed the W.M. that the visiting Brother had certainly proved himself an E.A., but did not seem to know much more. The W.M. at once proceeded to open the Lodge in the second degree, and regrets were sent outside to the visiting Brother that, &c., and Bro. Sec. was at once instructed to inform the P.G.M. that a Brother styling himself a P.G. Officer and arrayed as such, and who was possessed of a G.L. certificate but who was only an E.A., had attempted to visit the Lodge under these false pretences. The moral of which little story is obvious.—"Indian Masonic Review."

MASONIC DEGREES.

THERE is a young Brother much exercised about what he calls the higher degrees. He wants to attain Masonic eminence and is not sure in what Masonic eminence consists. It can scarcely be, he thinks, in the amount of jewellery with which he may deck his person, because he knows Bro. Brown, who was only initiated a short time ago, has already had to have a special appendage made to his coat to carry the gold and silver with which he is bedecked. It cannot be the number of degrees, for Brother Jones, who was only a Master Mason some six weeks ago, and who ten weeks ago was in a s... of d... which was only dispelled by a

free use of dispensations, is already a Companion of the R.A. Chapter, a Secret Monitor, a M.M.M., a Royal Ark Mariner, and next week will be balloted for admission to the Cryptic degrees, and our young friend, who is only a M.M., believes himself to be every whit as good a Mason as Bro. Jones, besides which it is a matter of common notoriety that Bro. Jones, in the course of his progress through these various degrees, was never able to prove himself a M.M. by signs.

Is it rank in Lodge? If so, how does it happen that Wor. Bro. Robinson became W.M. of his Lodge within fifty-four weeks of seeing the light, and only attended Lodge four times during the whole of that period?

Is it Provincial Grand Rank? Well, he has found by this time that promotion, whether from the E., W., or S., is like the wind, which bloweth where it listeth.

Our young Brother is pessimistic, and we beg to assure him first of all that these cases are somewhat exceptional, and second, we will assist him to choose in what path he will seek eminence by discussing them all.—"Indian Masonic Review."

A special Masonic service was held on Sunday afternoon in St. John's Church, Higher Broughton, says the "Manchester Guardian." The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, rector of the Bishop Lee Memorial Church, P.M. P.Z. Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Lancashire and Cheshire, from Gal. v. 1. and Eph. i. 8. He said that the Catholic Church of Christ had throughout the world for 1,800 years received wonderful support from the independent witness of the Masonic Craft. The precious doctrines of the Faith, the existence of a Supreme Being, the reality of a future state, the authenticity of the sacred Scriptures, and the truth of the Incarnation were now questioned or denied. These were all symbolised in the principles and ritual of Freemasonry. In an age when morality was depreciated and the public prints contained the unsavoury records of vice, impurity, sensuality, and crime, it was not a time to disband or weaken or discourage a great Society like Freemasonry, which put the law of God and the moral teachings of the Divine Word in the forefront of her ceremonies and rites.

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It is expected that Worthing will be honoured by a visit from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, as the Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, on Saturday, 17th November, on the occasion of the Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at the Assembly Rooms. It is believed that this is the first occasion of a visit to Worthing by the Provincial Grand Lodge, says the "Sussex Daily News," and the function will be rendered additionally memorable by the anticipated visit of Royalty to that town. The meeting will be preceded by a luncheon, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance of members of the Craft.

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We have a letter from a Brother who claims our sympathy in what he calls a case of oppression (suppression seems more nearly to hit the mark). The Brother had allowed his dues to accumulate for four months during which he had been absent, and on his return omitted to square matters. On a question being put to the vote about some matter of local interest, the Brother in question voted with the majority and the question was carried by one vote. The W.M. proceeded to disallow our friend's vote, and the numbers then being equal, gave his casting vote the other way. Sharp practice possibly, and our lack of sympathy with the Brother must not be construed into admiration of the Master.—"Indian Masonic Review."

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Our contemporary, "The Mallet," records a recent answer to the question, "Are you a free man?" as causing general astonishment to the Brethren assembled; the candidate replying, "No! I'm a married man." Happily, dignity prevailed, says our contemporary, and the reputation of the Lodge was maintained. The Brother knows better now, it is added, though still as proud as ever of not being a "free man."

ROYAL ARCH.

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GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY CONVOCATION of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at six p.m.

BUSINESS.

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

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 19th July to the 17th October 1894, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	-	-	£842	17	5
" " Unappropriated Account	-	-	231	16	2
" Subsequent Receipts	-	-	346	5	8
			£1,420	19	3
By Purchase of £500 2½ per cent. Consols at 101½ and commission			508	3	6
" Disbursements during the Quarter			315	15	2
" Balance			370	17	11
" " Unappropriated Account			226	2	8
			£1,420	19	3

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

The Committee have also to report that in compliance with the resolution of Grand Chapter, "The Rose of Sharon Chapter," No. 1006, St. Day, Scorrier, which had returned its Charter, has been formally summoned to show cause why it should not be erased.

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

1st. From Companions Surgeon-Major Johnson Shearer as Z, Captain Maitland Cowper as H, Cooverjee Cursetjee Mehta as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Devon Lodge, No. 1999, Jullundur, to be called "The Jullundur Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Jullundur, Punjab.

2nd. From Companions Francis Powell as Z, Edward Barrington Stephens as H, Henry Moody as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2404, Chatham, to be called "The Royal Naval and Military Chapter," and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, in the County of Kent.

3rd. From Companions Francis William Wright as Z, George Frederick Baker as H, John Beavis Groom as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Robinson Lodge, No. 2046, to be called "The Montreal Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Brewer Street, Maidstone, in the County of Kent.

4th. From Companions Maurice Barnett as Z, George Robert Gordon as H, Albert Edward Harte as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Charters Towers Lodge, No. 1546, Charters Towers, to be called "The Charters Towers Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Charters Towers, Queensland.

5th. From Companions Frederick Bourne as Z, William Francis Flavelle as H, George Livingstone Chrystal as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Raphael Lodge, No. 1850, Roma, to be called "The Raphael Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Roma, Queensland.

6th. From Companions Harry Frederick Pollick as Z, Samuel Septimus Mossop as H, John Hardy Carter as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, Sutton Bridge, to be called "The Edward Albert Chapter," and to meet at the Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, in the County of Lincoln.

7th. From Companions Henry Lovegrove as Z, Edwin William Lewcock as H, Frederick Atkinson Powell as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Hiram Lodge, No. 2416, to be called "The Hiram Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

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

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

The De Swinburne Chapter, No. 24, from the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger Street West, to the Masonic Hall, Shakespere Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The Eyton Chapter of St. John, No. 601, from the Charlton Arms Hotel, to the Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Shropshire.

The Urmston Chapter, No. 1730, from the Masonic Hall, to the Longford Coffee House, Chester Road, Stretford, Lancaster, W.D.

The Committee recommend that the removal of the above named Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have likewise to report,—

1st. That the last exaltation in the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 447, Corfu, according to the last Return, was on the 21st November 1865, and that the Lodge to which the Chapter was attached was erased by Grand Lodge on 6th June 1894.

2nd. That the last exaltation in the Wellington Union Chapter, No. 517, Wellington, N.Z., according to the last Return, was on the 5th October 1882, and that the Lodge to which it was attached was erased by Grand Lodge on the 5th of September 1894.

The Committee recommend that both Chapters be summoned to show cause why they should not be formally erased.

The Annesley Chapter, No. 1435, Nottingham, having exalted a

Companion within twelve months from the date of raising, previously to the alteration of the Law, the Committee ordered the Companion to be re-obligated and the Chapter to be admonished.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

17th October 1894.

DORSET.

THE Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the White Hart Hotel, Beaminster, under the banner of St. Mary's Chapter, No. 707, on Wednesday, 24th ult. Comp. W. E. Brymer, M.P., Prov.G.H. presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Superintendent Montague J. Guest. Comp. J. S. Webb P.P.G.H. acted as H., and J. B. Cole P.P.S.N. as J.

In spite of the very tempestuous weather which prevented many from coming, there was a good attendance of Companions, all the Chapters in the Province being represented except one.

The Report of the Acting Prov. Grand Scribe E. having been received, and the Treasurer's accounts having been received and put for confirmation, the Rev. Mortimer Heath was unanimously elected as Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On the proposition of Comp. J. S. Webb seconded by Comp. R. Toleman, £21 was voted from the funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be divided between the Male and Female Funds, and to be placed upon the list of the Companion who serves the office of Steward at the next Festival of that Charity as representative of the Province of Dorset.

The acting Grand Superintendent then shortly addressed the Companions on the state of Royal Arch Masonry and more particularly with reference to the shortening of the time for taking the Degree, of which he could not entirely approve. He alluded very feelingly to the great loss which the Province had sustained by the sad death of the late Pelly Hooper Prov. Grand S.E. and P.P.G.H., and proposed a vote of condolence with the widow and family, which was unanimously carried, and the Grand S.E. was directed to convey the same to Mrs. Hooper.

On the proposition of Comp. Jas. Andrews P.Z., seconded by Comp. T. Giles P.Z. P.P.G. 1st Assist.S., Comp. S. R. Baskett P.Z. P.P.G.R. was appointed Steward to represent the Prov. Grand Chapter at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Comp. Baskett expressed his willingness to undertake the Office.

The Acting Grand Superintendent then appointed the Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—

Comp. W. E. Brymer, M.P., P.Z. 417	H.
Jas. Andrews Z. 707	J.
W. B. Morgan P.Z. 170	E.
W. W. Stickland Z. 622	N.
W. M. Heath P.Z. 622	Treasurer
H. Gibbs Z. 170	Registrar
C. J. Woodford Z. 137	Principal Sojourner
H. A. Huxtable J. 417	1st Assistant
C. Carter H. 137	2nd Assistant
D. J. Lawson J. 1037	Sword Bearer
Rev. E. G. Austen J. 707	Standard Bearer
J. J. Lawrence J. 1146	Director of Ceremonies
E. Newman P.Z. 417	Organist
R. Simmonds 170	Janitor.

Chapter being closed the Companions adjourned to an excellent banquet at the White Hart Hotel.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday of last week, at the Public Hall, Clevedon, under the banner of the Adair Chapter, No. 1750.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Grand Superintendent, R. C. Else Past Grand Standard Bearer England.

The roll of the Chapters was then called, and it was found, with one exception, that all those in the Province were represented.

After the reading of the minutes of the last Provincial

Grand Chapter, held at Wells, the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year. After other business had been transacted in connection with the Chapter, the Companions lunched together, and the usual Arch toasts were honoured.

MIDDLESEX.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held on Saturday next, 10th inst., at the Town Hall, Twickenham, when the Right Hon. Lord George Francis Hamilton, M.P., will be installed as Provincial Superintendent, the ceremony being performed by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., J. of the Grand Chapter of England and Provincial Grand Superintendent of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

ROYAL PAVILION CHAPTER, No. 315.

THE Annual meeting was held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on the 16th ult., when Comp. J. Wood was installed M.E.Z., J. Terry H., and H. Beaumont J.

On the closing of the Chapter the Companions sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of Comp. Wood.

Among the Visitors was the M.E. the Grand Superintendent Comp. Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph.

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UNITY CHAPTER, No. 1247.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday, 19th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, when the following were installed: Comps. C. Philp Z., W. H. Mayne H., and G. F. Watson J.

Prior to the ceremony of Installation a candidate was exalted by Comp. G. Firks P.Z.

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COVENT GARDEN CHAPTER, No. 1614.

THE Companions of this Chapter met to celebrate the Annual Installation on Thursday, 25th ult., at the Masonic Temple of the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when there were present Comps. Frederick Kedge, in the absence of John Skinner M.E.Z., Walter Hancock H., Samuel Hewitt J., George Reynolds Scribe E., H. Dehane P.Z. 890, A. Wilson 889, W. W. Lee H. 1524, G. R. Langley Prov. G. Treasurer Middlesex, Orlton Cooper 1928, Dr. Anthony Nutt, N. Dukes, Thos. Peet, Thos. Warren, W. M. Carter, James Rowe, H. G. Walker, Frank Hansen, J. F. Blyth, and Walter J. Thrussell, &c.

Bro. Robert Love, of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, having been balloted for and approved was regularly exalted by Companion Frederick Kedge P.Z., with the usual ceremony, the three lectures being delivered by Companions Kedge, Hewitt and Hancock respectively.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed Comp. George R. Langley P.Z. impressively installed Companion Walter Hancock as First Principal, and respectively inducted Comps. Samuel Hewitt P.Z. and George H. Foan as Second and Third Principals, with the usual ceremonies.

The following Companions were invested as Officers of the Chapter:—John Coltart Treasurer, George Reynolds Scribe E., Arthur L. Bullen Scribe N., Charles O. Burgess P.S., James D. Graham 1st Asst. Soj., George C. Bond 2nd Asst. Soj., James Woodward D.C., John T. Blyth Steward and Robert F. Potter Janitor.

A Past Principal's jewel was awarded to Comp. John Skinner I.P.Z., for services rendered to the Chapter during the past year, but owing to his absence the presentation was postponed.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, after which the Chapter was closed in due form, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet room.

The usual Loyal toasts were honoured, after which Comp. Coltart in eulogistic terms proposed the health of the M.E.Z.

Comp. Hancock, in reply, said he was proud to be installed in the difficult office as First Principal. He should never shirk his duties, but would endeavour to emulate those who had gone before him. He was pleased to learn that his labours so far had given satisfaction to the Companions.

Comp. Love, in response to his health, tendered his thanks for the honour done him that evening, and especially to the P.S. who had assisted him so efficiently during the ceremony. He considered the rites of Exaltation were very grand and were most effectively rendered.

In a few kindly words the M.E.Z. welcomed the Visitors, to which most of those present replied. The Past Principals and the present Officers of the Chapter were similarly complimented, after which the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination.

During the evening a capital musical programme was submitted by Comp. Walter J. Thrussell, who was assisted by Companion Harry Tipper (silver bells), Brother Charles Clark and Miss Cassie Bruce.

Comp. Edward Hancock, who has just been installed M.E.Z. of this Chapter, was born at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, on 12th February 1831, but was only initiated into Freemasonry so recently

as 1884, in the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056. Since that time he has taken great interest in the Craft and has greatly distinguished himself, as will be seen by the following record. He was one of the Founders of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, of which he is now a Past Master. He was exalted in the Regularity Chapter, No. 91, of Royal Arch Masonry, in 1888, and now occupies the chair of Second Principal. In 1890 he joined with others in founding the Covent Garden Chapter, of which he was first Principal Sojourner. He is also at the present time Supreme Ruler of the Anglo-American Conclave, No. 6.

Comp. George Reynolds, who is Scribe E., was born at the Houses of Parliament, Westminster, on the same day as Comp. Hancock, 12th February 1831, and was initiated in the Belgrave Lodge, No. 179, about twelve years ago, and there served various Offices. He subsequently joined the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, and is now a P.M. and present Secretary. He was one of the Founders of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, of which he is also P.M. and present Secretary. He was exalted in the Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, and has just been elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. His name also appears as one of the Founders of the Covent Garden Chapter. For services rendered to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction he was, four years ago, presented with a handsome gold watch and chain, together with a testimonial on vellum, and an escritoire was added for the acceptance of Mrs. Reynolds.

MARK MASONS.

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SUSSEX.

THE Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 31st ult.

Bro. the Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, Past G. Chaplain Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided, and was supported by several of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. R. Clowes and Bro. J. Everall occupying the Wardens' chairs.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follow, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective Offices:

Bros. W. E. Morrison	-	-	Senior Warden
Dr. A. King	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. P. Crick	-	-	Chaplain
E. E. Street	-	-	Master Overseer
J. Wood	-	-	Senior Overseer
B. Burfield	-	-	Junior Overseer
J. Farncombe	-	-	Treasurer
Thornton	-	-	Registrar of Marks
W. Wright	-	-	Secretary
R. P. Clowes	-	-	Senior Deacon
H. Brown	-	-	Junior Deacon
A. Lloyd	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. E. Hughes	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. A. Thilthorpe	-	-	Sword Bearer
T. S. Tanner	-	-	Standard Bearer
C. Marshall	-	-	Organist
T. H. Challis	-	-	Inner Guard
F. Carr	-	-	Stewards.
Stanford	-	-	
Reinmann	-	-	
E. M. Fiennell	-	-	

On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Fund of Benevolence of Grand Mark Lodge.

The Lodge having been closed the Brethren sat down to a banquet, the Deputy again presiding. The usual Mark toasts were honoured, and a musical programme arranged by Bro. Chapman Marshall Provincial Grand Organist was sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss E. Welling, Miss Maude Poole, and Bro. Baskcomb. Mr. Fred Upton also gave his "sensation novels." The duties of accompanist were in the able hands of Bro. W. Norman Roe P.P.G.O.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Kent was held at Gravesend on the 18th ult., under the banner of the Gordon Lodge, No. 364, and was followed by a banquet at the New Falcon Hotel.

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TEMPLE LODGE, No. 50.

THE Annual meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at the Freemason's Hall, Plymouth, for the Installation of Bro. John Goad.

Bro. W. Thomas the retiring W.M. presided, and the attendance included Bros. G. S. Strobe-Lowe D.P.G.M., &c. The ceremony of Installing the W.M. was most impressively performed by Bros. J. R. Lord and J. Kinton Bond, and the W.M. afterwards invested his Officers.

MASONIC NIGHT AT HULL THEATRE.

MR. J. L. Toole's interest in Freemasonry is well known, and it it perhaps exceeded only by the interest which the members of the Craft take in the veteran comedian. This friendly feeling is reciprocated in many ways, not the least pleasing of which is Mr. Toole's practice of having what are termed Masonic nights. On these occasions he is wont to give his Masonic Brethren the choice of what he shall appear in, and they in turn attend the theatre in their hundreds. Such was the case at the Grand Theatre, Hull, on the 25th ult. The announcement that the performance would be under the patronage of the Worshipful Master, the I.P.M. (Lord Londesborough) and Brethren of the Constitutional Lodge of Freemasons, No. 294, had its effect too on the general public, and, the inclemency of the weather notwithstanding, the building was crowded. Dion Bouicault's dramatisation of Dickens' "Dot" was the Masons' selection, and in this Mr. Toole took his original character, that of Caleb Plummer. Everyone is familiar with the role, and most of the comedian's admirers with his interpretation of it. His performance was splendid, and delighted the large audience.—"Eastern Morning News."

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Alhambra Theatre.—Under the able management of Brother Douglas Cox this popular place of amusement presents a very attractive programme which nightly attracts large audiences. The beautiful dramatic ballet of "Sita" has recently been supplemented by an amusing pantomime entitled "The Monkey Island," invented by M. Agoust, and the music composed by Mr. Walter Slaughter. A party of sailors landing on the island for a supply of water are met by the tribe of monkeys who show fight with sticks and cocoanuts. They are quickly driven off, when a charming girl is discovered, who appears to have been brought up by the animals. Of course the Lieutenant immediately falls in love, and eventually carries off the maiden to civilisation. Several laughable incidents occur in which the Bos'un, the Jimmy Ducks, and the monkeys take part, their antics causing roars of laughter and liberal applause. The cordial recognition extended to Miss Mary Lynne for her old but pretty ballads sufficiently justifies her engagement; while the witty caricaturist Robert Ganthony, the clever Fred Horman, and the sprightly Sisters Levey are well received. The Hugassets, aerial gymnasts, who are making their first appearance in England, remind us of the graceful and daring Leotard, and an exceedingly clever, but somewhat painful performance is given by the two Donatos, each of whom has lost his left leg. A new and varied series of Living Pictures illustrating subjects of a domestic and heroic nature have been presented during the week.

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The three hundredth performance of the delightful farce "The New Boy" will take place at the Vaudeville Theatre next Monday.

TRAIN SERVICE TO THE RIVIERA.

THE Winter Service of through trains from London and Paris to the South of France, by the Dover and Calais route, will begin on the 3rd of November.

For the convenience of English passengers desiring to travel through with the least possible fatigue, a special "Nice Express" will start from Paris (Nord Station) daily at 7.44 p.m., in connection with the 11.0 a.m. service from Victoria and Holborn via Dover and Calais, and run through to Marseilles, Cannes, Nice, Monte Carlo, Mentone, Ventimiglia, &c. The train will be composed of first class lavatory carriages, without extra charge. It will also have "Lits Salon" carriages and Sleeping Cars attached, and one "Coupé Lits Toilette" carriage will run through from Calais. A special feature of this new train will be a Dining Car, which will be attached to the train during its passage over the Ceinture Railway from Paris (Nord) to Paris (Lyon). By this means a comfortable meal can be had under all circumstances.

The Mediterranean Express, in connection with the 8.0 a.m. service from Victoria Station, will run twice a week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays. This train will be composed entirely of Dining and Sleeping Cars, and will run through from Paris (Lyon) to stations on the Riviera.

The London, Chatham, and Dover Company's splendid steamers "Calais-Douvres," "Empress," or "Victoria," run daily (Sundays included) in the 11.0 a.m. service from Victoria, Holborn, and St. Paul's.

A through first class carriage with "Fauteuil-Lits" compartment will also run from Calais to Ventimiglia daily, in connection with the 8.15 p.m. Mail Service from Victoria.

MANY and various inquiries are being made as to the present condition of the boa which has gorged itself into such notoriety, and a packet has been received by the manager of the Zoological Gardens, London, bearing the Liverpool postmark, containing a slip of paper, on which is written:—"A dyspeptic who has suffered frequently from overfeeding, out of compassion for the 9ft. boa constrictor, whose waistcoat must be unduly tightened, begs acceptance of a large box of Beecham's Pills, which he strongly recommends being given to the reptile without delay. He has often heard Beecham's Pills are used for birds and beasts, and their effect on reptiles will surely be equally satisfactory. Should the box be given in its entirety, in the interests of science a keeper should watch until the lid comes off."

A new Masonic work is in preparation by Bro. John Yarker. The object of the work, as stated by the author, is to give a broad but condensed view of the various traces which are to be found amongst the ancients in their religion, in their art, and in their buildings—civil, sacred, and military—of a Speculative system such as is now embodied in Freemasonry. The printing of the work, however, depends on whether there will be a sufficient number of subscribers at 10s 6d to justify the outlay. The author claims that the work is the most complete account (of necessity short) that has ever been written upon the associations bearing on Freemasonry. It would indeed be a pity if the work, with such promise and claims, should be lost to the Masonic student.

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The Kendal Lodge of Freemasons has suffered a severe loss by the fire at their Hall. It is not only the pecuniary loss, although that is considerable—some say about £300. All the portraits of Past Masters and various other office holders have been destroyed, and in many cases they cannot be replaced. The organ, too, has been spoiled, which had only been played on once.

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Commenting on the above, the "Westmoreland Gazette" paragraphist says: It is fortunate the accident did not happen until after the late rejoicings. But I do not believe those wags who say that the fire would not have occurred at all if the poker had not been made too hot at an initiation ceremony on the previous night; do you?

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The members of the Lodge of the Marches, No. 611, Ludlow, arranged a Masonic ball last week at the Town Hall, and a pleasant and successful meeting resulted.

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** The Anniversary Festival will be held on the 27th February 1895, under the presidency of The Viscount Dungarvan Provincial Grand Master for Somerset. The services of Brethren to act as Stewards are fraternally invited.

By order,

JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

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3rd November 1894.

PROVINCIAL
GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 10th day of November 1894, at half-past three o'clock p.m., when the E. Companion the Right Hon. Lord George Francis Hamilton, M.P., will be installed as Grand Superintendent by M.E. Companion W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Third Grand Principal.

All Principals and Past Principals of the several Chapters of the Province are summoned to attend, and all Companions are invited to be present.

The Companions will appear in full Royal Arch Clothing and Morning Dress.

Yours fraternally,

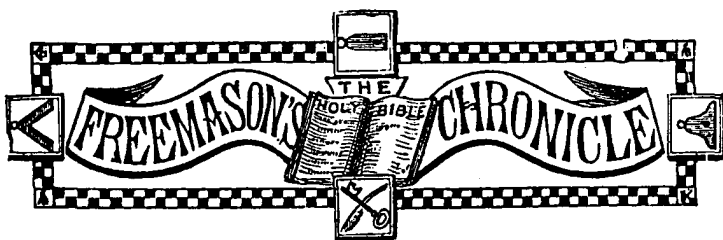
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SATURDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 1894.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Bromley Vestry Hall, on Wednesday of last week, when, after preliminaries, the special work of the day was proceeded with, this including the initiation of two candidates (Messrs. P. R. Bush and A. E. Toole), and the passing to the second degree of Bros. S. H. Weeks, E. G. Chapman and W. G. Reader.

After supper Bro. P.M. Bailey proposed the toast of the W.M., congratulating him upon the work he had done for the Lodge, a good specimen of it having been seen that evening. The fact that he was surrounded by so large a gathering showed the general esteem in which he was held. He congratulated the W.M. on the success he had achieved.

The toast was heartily honoured, and the W.M., in a few words acknowledged it, declaring that his love for Freemasonry was so great that it would be a great obstacle indeed that would prevent him doing the part allotted to him.

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DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THE regular meeting was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham, on Wednesday, 17th ult. Brother Harvey W.M.

Bros. Goldaker, Harsey and Highway were passed. Correspondence included a letter which was dealt with by reference to Grand Lodge. After the Lodge was closed a pleasant evening was spent around the festive board.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH LODGE, No. 2432.

THIS Lodge, which was established in 1892 for the convenience of Brethren connected with the tobacco trade, held its third annual meeting for the Installation of a Worshipful Master on the 25th ult., at its regular place of assembly, the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. It was presided over by Brother George Ransford, the second Master of the Lodge, who was supported by Brothers George Emblin S.W., D. Phillips J.W., W. Klingenstein Treasurer, A. F. Scholding Secretary, T. W. Lightfoot S.D., W. E. Lowry W.M. 1839 J.D., W. F. Bates I.G., C. Ransford Assist. S., Thomas Raynor Steward, O. W. Baur, Alex. Jones, W. H. Pink, J. F. Pink, S. Maier, O. C. Moore, E. Grahner, H. Cosins, T. M. Bell, W. C. Lightfoot, A. Zicaliotti, H. Mayor, N. Mayor, A. F. Jones, A. S. Benjamin, J. H. Custance, H. Otto Winter, H. Evenden P.M. Tyler; and Visitors: Bros. J. W. Clark W.M. 1512, H. Massey 160 P.M. 619 and 1928, A. Macchi S.W. 1503, W. B. Glasier 65, E. S. Caton 507, W. Woodroff 1929, W. A. Buxton 1513, and T. Whicher 1512. Letters of apology and regret for inability to attend were received from Capt. T. C. Walls P.M. G.Std.B., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.Chap. Chaplain, and W. H. Bullock the first Master of the Lodge.

The balance sheet, which was laid before the Brethren and adopted, showed that the Lodge was not only out of debt, but that it had a substantial amount of assets, an evidence of the admirable manner in which the Lodge has been conducted.

After the preliminary business of the Lodge had been transacted, Bro. Ransford installed Bro. George Emblin as Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. Ransford was invested as Immediate Past Master, D. Phillips S.W., T. W. Lightfoot J.W., W. Klingenstein (for the third time) Treasurer, A. F. Scholding Secretary, W. H. Lowry S.D., W. F. Bates J.D., C. Ransford I.G., S. Klingenstein D.C., J. T. Pink Organist, W. H. Bullock Steward, T. Rayner A.D.C., H. Anderson Assistant Steward, C. H. Peddell, T. M. Bell, H. Mayor Stewards, H. Evenden P.M. Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was admirably conducted, the new Master initiated Mr. Hans Otto Winter, performing his work in perfect style.

Bro. Ransford was presented with a handsome and valuable jewel of a Past Master, a gift which he gracefully acknowledged. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to a choice banquet, and honoured the customary toasts, Brothers Woodroff, Buxton, Nestle, Pink and Moore enlivening the proceedings with capital music.

Bro. Emblin W.M., in proposing the toast of the Grand Master, pointed out that during the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership Masonry had made great progress, and Warrants for 1075 new Lodges had been granted during that time.

He then proceeded to propose the toast of the Masonic Charities, and made a strong appeal to the Brethren to support the three Institutions of the English Craft, informing them that Brother Ransford was going to be Steward for the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge at the next festival of the Boys School. He hoped all the Brethren would support Bro. Ransford's list, and told them he would like to see every one of them individually a Life Governor for each Institution.

Bro. Ransford I.P.M. responded, and said Freemasons were banded together for the furtherance of charity. The Lodge had already supported Charity and it ought to keep pegging away. He exhorted the Brethren to give whatever they possibly could, without detriment to themselves or connections. The Masonic Charities were all well worthy of support. The present W.M. was the premier steward of the Girls and of the Boys Institutions. For the Boys School he (Brother Ransford) hoped all the Brethren would give him something; it would be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who had given the Brethren that evening a specimen of the admirable manner in which he could do his work. Bro. Emblin was a P.M. of a very old Lodge, one of the oldest in London, the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, and in coming forward as one of the founders of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge he had done his very very best to further its interests. He would continue to do so as long as he lived.

Bro. G. Emblin W.M. responding, said he could not claim to all the virtues Bro. Ransford had pointed out, but he could say he was second to no one in the interest he felt in the Lodge. He could assure the Brethren as he had often said before, that as far as his time permitted he would be present at every meeting of the Lodge and assist in doing its work. He admitted that he had been very zealous in Masonry in his time. He had passed through the chair of the Lodge of Justice and had tried to establish correct working. He had taken up the largest list for the Girls School, £2,124 and was the premier steward of England. In 1891 he took up £380 for the Boys School. He hoped he would meet with the support of the Brethren again. But passing from this branch of his subject, whatever he could do for the Lodge he should do; he should try to do his work thoroughly, and long might the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge live and flourish.

After Bro. Winter had responded to the toast of the Initiate, Bro. G. Emblin W.M. proposed the Installing Master, Brother Ransford, who, he said, had done a great deal for the Lodge; he assisted in bringing the members together; but he had now become the Past Master. His services had been so great to the Lodge that the Brethren unanimously voted him a P.M.'s jewel, and it was a great pleasure to him to present it. He hoped it would be an honour to say "I am a Past Master of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge." Bro. Ransford had richly earned the jewel, and it was to be hoped he would live many years to wear it.

Bro. Ransford, in replying, said he promised when the Lodge was founded to do his best for it and for Freemasonry in general. The Brethren would admit he had done all he could. He had tried to carry out his duties as well as Bro. Bullock, the first Master, who through business engagements was not able to be present on this occasion. He did not wish any gentleman brought into this Lodge who was not a fit and proper person to be made a Mason.

Under the circumstances, after the very nice language of the W.M. about him and his performance of the ceremony of Installation, all he could say was that the W.M. had ability to follow him, and if each succeeding Master did the same, fifty years hence the Lodge would not be very far wrong. He again thanked the Brethren for the handsome jewel they had voted him.

The other usual toasts were afterwards honoured and responded to, and the Brethren separated.

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ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.

THE members celebrated their 159th anniversary on Thursday, 25th ult., at Colchester, when there was a large gathering to witness the Installation of Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green I.P.M. 2477 and Provincial Grand Treasurer as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Lodge was opened by Brother Harold Francis I.P.M. P.P.G.Stewd., in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master Bro. C. F. Wright, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the arrival of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.Reg. (Recorder of Colchester) was announced and he was admitted to the Lodge, escorted by a goodly array of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, the honours due to his rank in the Craft being heartily accorded him.

The Deputy then took the Chair, and performed the installation ceremony with the impressiveness for which he is so distinguished.

Bro. Joseph Grimes P.M. P.P.G.S. of Wks. was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

At the conclusion of the business the new W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day, which he esteemed a great compliment to himself and to the Lodge. The motion having been seconded by the S.W. was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Philbrick, in response, thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their kind reception of him, and said it gave him unspeakable pleasure to be present and see the prosperity of the Lodge. They had just heard a speaker at the Oyster Feast remark that the looker-on often saw most of the game, and when one came to the Lodge, as it were, on these birthday occasions, one could judge of how the Lodge was progressing. It had been a particular pleasure to him to instal a friend and Brother who would so worthily occupy the chair as Bro. Egerton-Green; and whilst every Mason looked upon the Lodge as his home, no place could ever seem more like a home to himself than the Angel Lodge in his native town.

The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and between fifty and sixty Brethren subsequently dined together at the Cups Hotel, the repast being well served as usual by Bro. and Mrs. Brown.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

A LARGE number of the members assembled at the Masonic Hall, Register Square, Beverley, on the 25th ult., being summoned to meet the Right Hon. the Earl of Londesborough I.P.M. and Bro. J. L. Toole, the comedian, who, with his celebrated company, were at the Grand Theatre, in Hull. Further interest centered in the gathering as it had been arranged to seize the opportunity to initiate Mr. Willis Mills, the town clerk, as a member of the Lodge, and also to present to the Worshipful Master Brother David Morley, a tea service of solid silver, in commemoration of his recent wedding.

Much disappointment was caused by the receipt of a communication to the effect that Brother Toole was unable to be present through indisposition, and also a telegram from the Earl of Londesborough of a similar nature.

The Lodge having been opened in the usual form, the ceremony of initiating Mr. Willis Mills was performed by the Worshipful Master Bro. M. M. Westerby P.M., J. R. Lane S.W. and R. Pape J.W.

The presentation to the Worshipful Master then took place, Bro. Lane, as the Senior Warden, handing over the tea service to Bro. Morley on behalf of the Officers and Brethren. In doing so he remarked that every member had freely and cheerfully contributed, and had been anxious to show appreciation, respect and esteem for Brother Morley. They trusted his life and his partner's would be long, happy and prosperous.

Bro. David Morley was heartily cheered on rising, and said it was impossible for him to express the depth or the sincerity of his thanks. He had had many handsome presents, but certainly not one which he and his wife would value more than the gift from his Masonic Brethren. It was a red letter year of his life, and he should never forget their many kindnesses. The service bore the following inscription:—

Presented

by the Brethren of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, to
Bro. D. Morley W.M., on the occasion of his marriage.

9th October 1894.

The same evening a number of the Brethren and friends, among whom were a few ladies, to the number in all of 140, journeyed to Hull in saloon carriages, to witness Bro. Toole play at the Grand Theatre, seats being reserved for them in the stalls.

EATON LODGE, No. 533.

ON Wednesday, 17th ult., the Brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John, at the Masonic Hall, Congleton. The gathering

was one of the largest ever held, showing the high esteem in which the W.M.-elect (Bro. W. T. Thompson, of Bosley) is held by a wide circle of Brethren, not only in the Province of Cheshire, but in the adjoining ones of Staffordshire and Lancashire. The muster was remarkable also in that it included four of the most venerable of Cheshire Masons—Bros. Wilson, Perry, Daniel and Sheldon—each of whom have in their day rendered good service to the Craft.

The Lodge opened at half-past two, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. James Laithwood, Chief Veterinary Inspector for Cheshire County Council, who installed his successor in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on himself and the Craft in Congleton. There was a board of 26 Installed Masters—the largest that the oldest Mason in Congleton can remember. The newly-appointed W.M., having received the congratulations of his Brethren, appointed his Officers.

After Lodge, the Brethren sat down to the annual banquet, which was catered in Mr. Hopkins' best style.

LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, 17th ult. There were present:—Bros. Henry B. Brown W.M., G. H. Barnes I.P.M., H. J. Harrison S.W., W. Jones S.D., Robert Adshhead J.D., J. C. Brown Treasurer, J. M. Frost Secretary, P. Swift P.M., William Kay P.M., John Greenup P.M. Dir. of C., Charles H. Griffiths, Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Dr. Christopher Carruthers, G. E. Mellor, S. Andrews, W. H. Wagstaff, Dr. Edwin E. Jones, George Ashworth, J. Hibbs, J. Chadderton, J. T. Moorhouse, Harry Crellin, William B. Gleave, F. W. Lord, J. G. Hewson, Walter Taylor and others. Visitor:—Bro. Dr. George Thomas 1219.

The minutes having been confirmed, Mr. Thomas Bibby, Openshaw, was balloted for and afterwards initiated, the ceremony being followed by the raising to the sublime degree of a Master Mason of Bro. Dr. Chr. Carruthers.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly responded to.

That of the Initiate was proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Bibby replied, saying that he was highly gratified with the first Masonic ordeal through which he had passed, and would do his best to act according to the principles laid down.

In response to the toast of the newly-raised Brother, also proposed by the W.M., Bro. Carruthers said he felt considerable satisfaction at the enthusiastic manner in which his health had been drunk. He was now through all the phases of membership, and as he had previously expressed himself, would do all he could to carry out the lessons which had been taught, and deserve all the kind remarks uttered in connection with his name.

Other toasts followed, the same being pleasantly relieved by songs, &c., rendered by Bros. Hewson, Roberts, Moorhouse, Carruthers and Mellor.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 811.

THE Mayor of Brighton (Alderman Dr. Ewart, J.P.) was, on Saturday, 20th ult., installed W.M. of this Lodge, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, and subsequently appointed his Officers.

AFAN LODGE, No. 833.

THE Annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Aberavon, on Thursday, 18th ult., the proceedings being opened by the W.M. Bro. M. E. Roberts.

The Installation of Bro. John David, the traffic manager of the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway, Port Talbot, was next proceeded with, and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. J. D. Williams a Past Master of the Lodge.

Two Past Masters were appointed to act on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee and a Charity Steward was also appointed.

A banquet took place at the close of the Lodge, the catering being excellently attended to by Miss Jones, Walnut Tree Hotel, and a pleasant afternoon was spent.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE Annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Lodge House, Heaton Norris, on Monday, 15th ult., Bro. Dr. Henry Wilson W.M. There was an attendance of over forty members and other Brethren.

The ceremony of Installing Bro. G. B. Goodfellow S.W. W.M.-elect into the principal chair was undertaken by Bro. Wilson, he being assisted by Bro. Abm. Pemberton P.M. P.P.G.D.C., who addressed the newly-installed W.M., and Bro. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C., who delivered the addresses to the Wardens and Brethren.

At the close of the proceedings the company sat down to banquet.

WARREN LODGE, No. 1276.

THE Annual Installation took place on Tuesday, 16th ult., in the Lodge Room, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Bro. G. W. Makin W.M.

Bro. Dr. Davidson W.M.-elect was presented by Bros. F. E. Sharpe I.P.M. and R. Parry P.M. for Installation, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. W. Makin P.M. Afterwards the newly installed W.M. invested his Officers.

At the conclusion of the business the Brethren dined in the Lodge Room, under the presidency of Dr. Davidson.

In the course of the evening Bro. Henry Matthews P.M. P.P.S. of W. presented to Bro. G. W. Makin I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his very valuable services during the past year.

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WAVERLEY LODGE, No. 1322.

THE Annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Queen's Arms Hotel, George Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Thursday, the 25th ult. There were present Bros. J. Riley W.M., Albert Sumner S.W., Walter Newton P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treasurer, W. Rawlinson S.D., Samuel Grundy J.D., Enos Andrew P.M. P.P.G.Org., D. Birkby I.G., Walter Eastwood P.M. P.P.G.S. Sec., J. Mercer Jones P.M., John Smith P.M. P.P.J.G.D., Wright Wood P.M., Alfred Cooper, Geo. Wesham Davies S.W. W.M.-elect 1459, W. Warren P.M., John Miller P.M., James E. Wilde, James Travis, R. Wood, S. Kirk, Ed. Hodgkiss, Geo. E. Parry, Henry Stockton, William Garside, M. Newman.

Visitors:—Bros. John Chadwick P.G.Swd.B. Prov. G. Sec., Chas. Warden W.M. 361, Samuel Newton W.M. 430 S.W. 300, J. Dearden W.M. 830, G. H. Farrar W.M. 1218, Elias Wild W.M. 1408, Alfred D. Rayner S.W. 268, W. L. Higson S.W. 324, H. L. Holland I.G. 268, Peter McRamee I.G. 1088, John Hulme I.P.M. 2156, Thos. Potter P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. 300, John Bottomley P.M. 324, Geo. Wagstaff P.M. 1088, Wm. Bee P.M. 1459, Ed. Roberts P.M. 1459, A. B. Wilkinson P.M. 2322, John Andrew 300.

The Lodge having been regularly opened by Bro. J. M. Jones, Bro. Walter Eastwood Sec. read the summons, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and in due course Brother Albert Sumner S.W. W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. Riley W.M. to receive the benefits of installation.

Bro. John Chadwick Prov. G. Sec. questioned him upon the fifteen ancient Constitutional Charges, to which he gave a ready acquiescence, and shortly afterwards a Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Jones Installing Master being assisted in the ceremony by Past Masters Walter Newton, J. Smith and Walter Eastwood.

A capital banquet had been provided, to which the Brethren sat down at an early hour. During the progress of dinner, Brother Chadwick took the opportunity of addressing a few words to those present, explaining that as his train went away shortly, he was obliged to claim their indulgence. He commended the work of the day, which, he explained, differed somewhat from what he had been accustomed to, and concluded by saying that he was very glad to see his old friend Walter Eastwood in harness as Secretary and doing good work.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and honoured.

Bro. Riley I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., saying that from what he knew of Bro. Sumner he would do his duty in the chair equally as well as it could be performed by any member of the Lodge. Bro. Sumner was young yet, but he had reached the height of his ambition. He hoped he would leave the position as he had found it.

Bro. Albert Sumner W.M. said that he was peculiarly placed, as he did not know what to say in answer to the many kind things which had been uttered about him. At any rate he could thank Bro. Riley for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and also the Brethren for their enthusiastic reception of it. His aim throughout the year would be to perform his duties strictly and impartially.

Bro. Wright Wood proposed the health of the Installing Masters, saying all would agree with him that it was an important toast, and he regretted that, not being an adept in the beautiful ceremonies, he was not qualified to do justice to such toast. His old and esteemed friend Bro. Jones had looked forward with a great amount of trepidation, and had displayed no little anxiety in being faultless that day, and he deserved to have acquitted himself perfectly. Just as Bro. Jones had been successful, so had Brother Newton, and his explanation of the Working Tools belonging to the various degrees was splendid. From Bro. Smith they expected nothing but was well done, and they invariably got their desire. Their Secretary's work spoke for itself, and he was sure that they would all go away from that meeting with the impression that no one had acquitted himself better than Bro. Eastwood. Bro. Wood spoke enthusiastically of the whole of the ceremony of Installation and at the conclusion of his remarks there was a rapturous burst of applause.

In reply, Bro. Jones said that he hardly deserved one single tithe of the eulogy which had been heaped upon him, and he regretted that he had not been enabled to perform the ceremony with greater effect. In his work, however, he had received valuable assistance from his coadjutors, who had all acquitted themselves admirably. He praised Bro. Secretary Eastwood, as having especially shone, and hoped that in the future all who assisted might continue to shine as bright luminaries, so that the ceremony might give unqualified satisfaction.

Bro. Newton expressed himself as pleased to learn that the portion he had taken in the ceremony had met with their approval. For years he had been willing to perform a very active part, but there were now rising Officers who were capable of taking their share, and he had no doubt that they would do so when called upon.

Bro. Smith thanked the Brethren for their enthusiasm, and said that if anything which he had done had met with their approval he felt perfectly satisfied, and he would be glad at any time to do his best for them.

Bro. Eastwood also thanked them for the cordiality with which the toast of the Installing Masters had been received, saying that personally he had done his best, and if it had pleased those who had been present that day, this fact more than recouped him.

Other toasts followed, which were pleasantly relieved by a

selection of songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Bros. Roberts P.M., Hulme P.M. (who gave operatic selections on the violin), Cuthbert Blacow, Cooper, and Ogden. Bro. Enos Andrew P.M. presided at the pianoforte.

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WYCOMBE LODGE, No. 1501.

THE Installation meeting took place at the South Bucks Auction Mart, Wycombe, on the 25th ult.

Among the Visitors present were the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Bucks. (Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg), J. Terry P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.B.I., J. M. McLeod P.P.S.G.W. Derby. Sec. R.M.I.B., &c.

The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, there being a substantial balance in hand.

Bro. J. Bliss was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. F. Johncock I.P.M. P.P.G.O.

The W.M. presented to Bro. F. Johncock the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable and efficient services during his year of office.

At the conclusion of the business the banquet, under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M., was held, the room having been very elaborately decorated for the occasion.

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CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE Annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Lodge Rooms, Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, 18th ult., Bro. W. H. Norton W.M.

After the confirmation of minutes, Mr. Frederick Stephenson, Prestwich, was balloted for and initiated, this ceremony being followed by the Installation into the chair of Bro. Wm. B. Midgley S.W. Bro. Norton performed the ceremony, assisted by Bros. R. Hothersall P.P.G.D.D.C., John Walkden, E. P. Mead and Allan Mercer.

Lodge business over, the Brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, the dinner being cooked on the premises under the immediate supervision of Mrs. Wardle, a lady who, at every Masonic function in connection with the Lodge, evinces the warmest possible interest, and who is thoroughly deserving of this slight recognition of her untiring labours.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in the usual enthusiastic manner, that of the newly-installed W.M. being proposed by Bro. Norton I.P.M., who said of Bro. Midgley that all who knew him in connection with his Lodge must admit that he had performed his duties excellently well. With a wonderful capacity for work, he had gradually brought himself into an honoured position. He knew by heart every ceremony and every Charge, and could explain all the Working Tools, and he had no hesitation in saying that the subject of his remarks would hand down to his successor the records of the Lodge in a pure and unsullied condition.

Bro. Midgley W.M. acknowledged in suitable terms the eulogiums which had been passed upon him, and took the opportunity of presenting to the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the Brethren, hoping at the same time that the recipient would live long to wear it.

Bro. Walkden proposed the health of the newly-initiated Brother, saying that although he was suffering under a heavy domestic affliction yet he had put forth an effort to be present that evening for the purpose of performing a pleasing duty towards Brother Stephenson, who, in the first instance, he had proposed as a candidate, feeling sure that he would prove a true and trusty Brother, and one who, although unostentatious in his manner, would commend himself to them.

In reply, Bro. Stephenson said that although desiring for some time past to become a Mason, he had refrained from making the attempt until he had felt himself thoroughly justified in his action, and divested of pecuniary motives. His desire to join the Craft was induced by what he had learned of the unity and Brotherly friendship existing amongst its members. He had also heard of their many acts of philanthropy, and it often struck him that he would like to join such a body of men. In conclusion he hoped that he would prove worthy of the distinction which had been conferred upon him.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs, &c., given by various Brethren.

Besides those mentioned above, there were present at the Lodge and banquet, Brothers E. S. Done J.W., John W. Thompson P.P.G.Std.B. Treasurer, John Wardle P.M. Secy., E. W. Maxwell S.D., R. J. Bennett P.M., Ed. Hilton P.M., W. W. Briggs P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), J. E. Lightbown. Visitors:—Bros. W. Pearson W.M. 1345, Rev. F. W. Mentha Chap. 1357, Wm. Moulton S.D. 654, Thos. Nesbitt Treas. 1055, Council. Samuel Mills P.M. 1077, Richard Simister P.M. 163, J. Pollitt P.M., and others.

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HOMFRAY LODGE, No. 1562.

THE Installation of Bro. B. Williams, Blaina, as Worshipful Master took place on Thursday, 18th ult., at Risca. Bro. Col. Lyne Provincial Grand Master, and Lieut-Col. Lyne Deputy Provincial Grand Master were present.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Public Hall.

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HARTISMERE LODGE, No. 1663.

THE Installation of Bro. C. W. Harper S.W. as Worshipful Master took place at the White Lion Hotel, Eye, on Wednesday, 17th ult. The Installation ceremony was impressively

performed by Bro. H. J. Wright P.M. 936, in the presence of a large gathering of Visiting Brethren.

All the business having been transacted, the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Mr. Sewell, the new proprietor of the Hotel.

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CARADOC LODGE, No. 1674.

A LARGE and representative gathering took place on Monday, 15th ult., at the new Lodge Rooms, Market Street, Rhyl, to take part in the installation of Bro. Hugh Roberts S.W., the first to take place in the new Lodge rooms.

These rooms were opened on the 21st of May last, when there was a representative gathering of Brethren from this and the neighbouring Provinces of Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire. The Lodge room is large and airy and one of the most comfortable and richly decorated in the Province, the ceiling being divided into three panels, each panel having emblematic corners and centres in silver and gold, relieved with delicate tints on a rich ivory cream-painted ground. The walls are painted a light salmon tint, with sky blue frieze, two feet deep, relieved with a darker blue Grecian key and double square medallions, painted in four different shades of cinnamon tints, with decorative emblems worked in gold. Hanging from this is a heavy gold swag silver ribbon, attached to which are several emblems worked in gold, immediately over the situations of the several Officers, one in particular being most striking, that at rear of the Master's chair. A pendent crest of the Lodge, surmounted by the fitting emblem, above which are clouds worked into the frieze, has a pretty effect.

The ceremony of Installation was very ably and impressively conducted throughout by Bro. Jno. H. Ellis I.P.M.

After the business of the Lodge, the newly installed Master presented Bro. J. Duncan Miller the retiring W.M. with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, bearing the crest of the Lodge.

The installation banquet was at the Westminster Hotel, the W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

THE Annual festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Tuesday, 15th ult. The chief feature of the festival was the Installation of Bro. Harry Hodges P.P.G. Swd. B. S.W. as W.M. for the year. The popularity of Bro. Hodges throughout the Fraternity led to a large attendance of Brethren, over whom the retiring W.M. Bro. Harry Manfield Prov. G.J.D. presided, and installed his successor, with an accuracy and impressiveness which was the theme of the highest commendation.

After the initiation of two members, the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Manfield with a Past Master's jewel, remarking as he did so that he had proved himself thoroughly worthy of it, and it was the hope of them all that he might live many years to wear it.

Bro. Manfield thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the presentation made him, and said as long as he lived he should remember with pleasure the happy year of office through which he had passed.

The newly-elected W.M. and the retiring Worshipful Master made useful presentations to the Lodge, for which they were heartily thanked.

The W.M. next referred to the loss the Province of Norths. and Hunts. had suffered by the death of their Deputy Grand Master Bro. Butler Wilkins. He felt sure they all regretted the death of so active a worker among them, and that they also deeply sympathised with his family in their bereavement. He proposed that a letter of condolence be sent from the Lodge to the family of their deceased Brother, and that it be entered upon the minutes.

Bro. Manfield seconded the proposition. The loss they had sustained, he said, was very great, and he felt sure they all regretted it personally as well as Masonically. He thought he was speaking the voice of the whole of the Brethren when he said they had suffered a loss which it would take a long time to repair, and also that they most heartily sympathised with the family deceased had left behind him, and to whom he was so deeply attached.

The vote was carried unanimously, and Lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet subsequently held was provided by Brother W. F. Tipler, of the Guildhall Restaurant, in his customary excellent style.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, 19th ult., the following being present:—Bros. Thos. T. Sefton W.M., Thos. Threlfall I.P.M., W. Mosley S.W., James Clough J.W., Samuel Statham P.M. P.P.G.T., F. Townson P.M. Treas., J. Clarkson Sec., W. Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. T. Blease I.G., W. Allen Smith, W. Woodeson Stewards, Ed. Holland, J. Harrop, Thos. Kay, R. Duxbury, E. Winterbottom, J. L. Smith Past Masters, Ald. Rich. Mottram, Ed. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), John Harwood, J. S. Kitchen, A. H. Sellers, Richard Hilton, Tom Bradbury, W. Bransby, P. B. Hayden. Visitors:—Bros. W. W. Siddall W.M. 1993, Rev. J. A. Pattinson 730, Wm. Haigh 1293, R. Knight 1496, J. J. Reed 1534, Jas. Preston 1061, E. L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. 1730, J. Bowers P.M. 1730, W. Bowers 1730, G. Hargreaves 1993, P. Jones 2216.

The minutes of the regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. H. Sellers was raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Sefton, in that careful manner which always distinguishes his work.

The election of the W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and resulted in the unanimous selection of Bro. William Mosley

S.W. During the evening there were two propositions, and the candidates will accordingly be balloted for at a future meeting.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the newly-raised Brother being proposed by Bro. Townson P.M., who said that he hoped Bro. Sellers would find Freemasonry all he had anticipated. Many people outside the Craft wondered what it was, having an idea that some of its principles were brotherly love, relief and truth, which did not altogether satisfy them, and they wanted to know more. Brother Sellers, however, had now solved the question as to what it was, and he hoped the impression made upon him would be of a lasting character.

Bro. Sellers, in response, said he thanked them sincerely for the Brotherly and hearty way in which they had drunk his health. He was greatly relieved to know he had got quite through, yet was not disappointed with the conception he had originally formed of Freemasonry. He was desirous of becoming a true Brother, and hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would assist him in his endeavour to attain that end.

Bro. Statham, in proposing that of the Visitors, said that the Lodge had been honoured in many ways: they were now honoured by events foreshadowed, and he warmly congratulated Brother Ald. Richard Mottram upon having been selected as the Mayor-elect of Salford, and presumed that before their next meeting he would be duly installed in that high and responsible position. He was proud to acknowledge the presence of clergymen amongst them, as it graced their assemblies, and indicated that there was nothing in Masonry to be ashamed of. Its members never claimed that it was a religion, but it was the handmaid of religion.

In responding for the Visitors, Bro. the Rev. J. A. Pattinson said he had thought his circle of life in Manchester had been complete, but after his visit here he found it had not been so. The Rev. gentleman spoke of the very excellent ceremony which had been performed, and before closing his remarks reverted to the title of the Lodge, and the prince from whose name it had been derived. He recollected Prince Albert Victor as an undergraduate at Cambridge University, and spoke of his life and surroundings as being of the most exemplary character, and above all suspicion. Indeed he was such a fine example of what a Christian gentleman ought to be, that he sincerely hoped every Brother of the Lodge which bore his name would copy him.

In answer to the toast of the W.M.-elect, proposed by Brother Sefton W.M., Bro. Mosley said that it had always been his aim to reach the chair of King Solomon, and qualify himself for the position. The Brethren had been very kind in their acceptance of his name that evening, and he hoped he should realise their expectations by discharging the duties which would be imposed upon him with a zeal and faithfulness which might be acceptable to them.

The musical portion of the proceedings were contributed to by Bros. Clarkson, Walter Bowers, W. Allen Smith, and P. Jones.

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ANDERIDA LODGE, No. 2434.

THE Annual Installation meeting was held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, 17th ult., under the presidency of Bro. W. E. Morrison, in the absence of the retiring W.M. (Bro. Harry Sutton) through indisposition. The Lodge was reported to be in a good financial position with a roll of about sixty members. Bro. J. H. Wright was installed as Master for the ensuing year by Bro. Morrison.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 2487.

THE anniversary was celebrated at the Assembly Room, Crown Hotel, Stone, on Monday, 8th ult., when Bro. F. Brandon P.P.G.R. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of Colonel Bindley D.P.G.M., and about fifty other Brethren.

The Lodge having been opened, Col. Bindley, accompanied by other Provincial Officers, entered, and the D.P.G.M. was masonically greeted. He said it gave him great pleasure to visit the youngest Lodge in the Province, and to find in the first year of its existence it had made such great progress. He expressed a hope that the Lodge might continue to prosper.

The Installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. M. Wood P.P.G.R. the retiring W.M., who was assisted by Brother J. T. Howson 418 P.P.G.S.B., and Bro. David Jones 418 P.P.G. Steward.

After the Installation, Brother Wood was highly complimented upon the way in which he had managed the affairs of the Lodge since it was consecrated, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

The business of the Lodge having been disposed of the Brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, Bro. Brandon presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, special allusion being made to the satisfaction felt at the fact that the Earl of Dartmouth had accepted the office of Prov. G.M. Col. Bindley, as Grand Deacon, responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and as D.P.G.M. for the Officers of the P.G. Lodge. In the course of his remarks he intimated that he was sure when he made his report of what he had seen and learnt that day at St. Michael's, the P.G.M. would be highly gratified.

The health of the W.M. was drunk with much heartiness, and Bro. Brandon, in the course of his response, said he should not have taken the position he had done if he had not seen the benefits Freemasonry had conferred upon many. Masonry was, in fact, charity; and it meant that those who were Masons wished to do good to others—to assist those who were not able to help themselves. He should do the best he could to maintain the honour of Freemasonry and the dignity of the Lodge. His remarks were much applauded.

Bro. Brandon proposed the health of the I.P.M., who had attended sixteen meetings in ten months, and shown an example of punctuality and the genial qualities essential to a Master in the chair.

Bro. Wood said he had been two years W.M. of the Etruscan Lodge and one of St. Michael's, in which time he had initiated, passed and raised twenty-nine Brethren. He did not think there was one amongst the number who would ever disgrace the Order.

MASONIC HONOURS AND LOG-ROLLING.

To the Editor of the Liverpool "Porcupine."

SIR,—The last time you took up the cudgels in a Masonic cause showed a miserable ignorance of the whole question. Your informant had certainly given you the balance sheet of a Lodge for your guidance, but you displayed a great want of knowledge in handling the matter placed before you, and the reply in your contemporary was considered—by those who know—to have completely knocked you out. You are now making another attack upon an excellent body of men, and a body who are acknowledged to have the most able men at its head that can be found in the kingdom. It is quite clear that your present informant is some disappointed member who has not received what he considers his legitimate due—that is, honours in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and in consequence of this you think the whole institution is feeling the bad effects of what "Porcupine" previously wrote. You go on to tell us that £20 judiciously spent in treating is said to gain all the honours desired by an ambitious Mason. By this, am I to understand that the boss is the recipient of all these good dinners, and if so who is the boss? In my time (when the Province was not so large in number of Lodges or in the number of members) I have known a man to receive that very questionable honour by presenting the boss of that day with a pair of comfortable boots for his poor old feet, but in those days things were much easier to work than they are to-day. But what does the whole question amount to? Mainly this, that some silly fellow has not got all he wants; but if he would weigh up the words used by the Earl of Leicester in "Kenilworth," when alluding to the collars of his various orders, that "they are bonds which knaves have invented to fetter fools," he would not desire to have that which by common consent is thought no longer an honour, because it is conferred by a paid servant, and not, as in the good old times, by a gentleman who filled the post without fee or reward. However, if he is still dissatisfied with his treatment, the best thing for him is to try to divide the Province by petition to the Provincial Grand Master or otherwise, and the more Provinces he can make out of the present 110 Lodges the more chances he will have to get recognition at the hands of perhaps an honorary boss. In last week's "Freemason" I notice that the Grand Secretary, when consecrating the Lancastrian Lodge, in London, said, "It was dedicated to the service of God." If you will refer to the last balance-sheet issued by the Treasurer of this Province you will find the income was under £800, and the salary and the expenses of the Secretary were over £500. Therefore, this Province cannot be devoted to the same purpose.

Yours, &c.,

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THE Chrysanthemum Show and Fête of the year will be held by the National Chrysanthemum Society, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6th, 7th and 8th November, at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. This will be the largest Exhibition of the Golden Flower in the United Kingdom, the National Society reserving their efforts for this event, which is eagerly anticipated by all lovers of the "Mum." A great feature will be the latest novelties from Japan.

THE Midland Railway Company has now extended its arrangements for the booking and delivery of passengers' luggage to their hotel or residence, so as to apply to all the towns served by the Midland system in which that Company delivers with its own carts. Smaller towns are, therefore, now placed in the same advantageous position as London, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Nottingham, Leeds, Bradford and the other principal centres in this respect, and we anticipate the arrangement will become very popular.

THE Bishop of Ripon will contribute a paper entitled "The Heart of Religion" to the November part of "The Quiver," which commences a new volume.

So great has been the demand for the second volume of Mr. Traill's "Social England" that, although the work was only published last month, a second edition is already in the press. The first volume has also been reprinted.

Some idea of the cost of mounting modern plays is given by the statement that the weekly expenses in connection with the production of "The Derby Winner" at Drury Lane Theatre amount to two thousand pounds.

In Catholic Spain to accuse anyone of being a Freemason is regarded as libellous, and the Queen has accordingly directed the Minister of Justice to prosecute a Dominican monk, of Valencia, named Corbato, for having stated in a book entitled "Leo XIII., the Carlists and the Liberal Monarchy" that she had become a member of a Freemasons' Lodge. The object of the book, says the "Sunday Times," is to promote the cause of the Carlists, and its author seemed to think that he could not do better to bring the present dynasty into discredit than by representing the Queen as an advocate of Freemasonry. He is now in prison, and will shortly be tried. The Ultramontane Party say that whatever may be the result of the trial it must be favourable to them, as it will give a legal sanction to the prejudice against their old enemies the Freemasons.

The "American Tyler" describes how on a recent occasion a Brother was listening to the words of wisdom falling from the lips of the W.M. preparatory to being raised, when an earthquake occurred. The Brethren, including the W.M., disappeared rapidly without the formality of being passed out, and when, in a quarter of an hour they returned, the Candidate was observed still standing amid the ruins. The W.M. tried to apologise, but the Candidate explained that he had been under the impression it was all a part of the ceremony. Um!

"Made in Scotland" will ere long be regarded by Masons in much the same light as "made in Germany" is regarded in mundane affairs, unless our Brethren across the border reform their ways. They not only "rush" candidates, but do it in a wholesale way, as evidenced when we read that at a regular Lodge meeting no fewer than nine candidates had the first degree conferred on them. Let us hope the quality in this case was as much in evidence as the quantity.

Bro. J. A. M'Callum, on behalf of Ayr St. Paul's Lodge, has purchased from the Ayr Town Council one of the vacant sites in High Street for the purpose of building a Masonic Hall. It is proposed to proceed with the building at once, plans having been completed for some time past by Bro. Eaglesham, the architect of the Lodge. A bazaar in Ayr is going to be the means of raising the wherewithal, says "The Trowel," and it is hoped that the promoters will meet with the success they deserve.

The most destructive fire known in Leeds for many years occurred a few days back, when the Crown Point Works of Bro. Ex-Mayor Alderman Alfred Cooke, one of the best known colour printers in England, were completely gutted, the damage being roughly estimated at £100,000.

In giving a description of the badge to be presented to Mr. Sheriff-Elect Hand, the "City Press" says the right and left shoulders of the badge are charged with the five-pointed star and double triangle, denoting Mr. Hand's close connection with Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

The Annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for the election and Installation of the Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew, will be held in the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, on Friday, 30th inst., at 4 o'clock.

A Masonic ball under influential patronage was held last week in the Town Hall, Wolverhampton, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and was a great success.

It is announced that the Masters and Officers of the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805, hope to arrange a Masonic dance, to take place on the 28th inst.

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 12 Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle
25 Robert Burns, F.M. Hall
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
144 St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
256 Unions, Freemasons-hall
1319 Asaph, Freemasons-hall
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall
1731 Cholmeley, Café Royal
1924 Wickham, Brockley
1996 Priory, Acton
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden
53 Royal Sussex, Bath
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Square and Compasses, Whitehaven
135 Perpetual Friendship, Bridgewater
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
395 Guy, Leamington
422 Yarborough, Gainsborough.
428 Sincerity, Northwich
431 St. George, N. Shields
441 Three G. Prinpl., Cambridge
478 Churchill, Oxford
482 St. James, Handsworth
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundulph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1399 Marlborough, Woodstock
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1573 Caradoc, Swansea
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotehele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kington
- Tuesday.**
Colonial Board, at 4
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
172 Old Concord, F.M. Hall
217 Stability, Anderton's
765 St. James, Bridge Ho. Ho.
1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden Square
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Limehouse
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal
1381 Kennington, Kennington Pk
1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow
1397 Anerley, Anerley
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1693 Kingsland, Highbury
2398 Holborn, Holborn Rest.
47 Newstead, Nottingham
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam's, Sheerness
203 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleborough
252 Harmonic, Dudley

- 265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
294 Constitutional, Beverley
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
366 St. David, Milford
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, Southmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmth
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
660 Camalodunum, Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, Newcastle-on-Tyne
702 Sherborne, Stroud
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
814 Parrett & Axe, Crewkerne
847 Fortescue, Honiton
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
960 Bute, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
990 Neyland, Neyland
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1336 Square and Compass, Wrexham
1367 Beaminster Manor, Beaminster
1488 St. Eleth, Amlwch
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, S. Shields
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
2136 St. Michael, Bishop's Stortford
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2475 Border, Blackwater

Wednesday.

- Grand Chapter, at 6.
511 Zetland, Anderton's
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1585 R. Commemoration, Putney
1610 Northern Bar, Café Royal
1687 Rothesay, Frascati
74 Athol, Birmingham
86 Loyalty, Preston
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariners, Guernsey
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
320 Loyalty, Mottam
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rys
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
380 Integrity, Morley
406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417 Faith and Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
611 Marches, Ludlow
643 Royal, Filey
645 Humphrey Cheetham, Manchester
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth

- 697 United, Colchester
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
838 Franklin, Boston
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
929 Waveney, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Loos
992 St. Thomas, Lower Broughton
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, I. of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1205 Metham, East Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-Street
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsay, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Longleat, Warminster
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2193 Queen's Jubilee, Nelson
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2368 Allan, Cheshire
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesboro.
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2490 Amptill, Amptill

Thursday.

- 91 Regularity, Freemasons-hall
181 Universal, Café Royal
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons-hall
263 Bank of England, Albion
534 Polish National, F.M.-hall
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
879 Southwark, Bridge H. Hot.
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1471 Islington, Highbury
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Tur.
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall
1708 Plucknett, East Finchley
1791 Creaton, Freemasons-hall
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant
1987 Strand, Criterion
2033 University of London, Freemasons-hall
2047 Beckenham, Beckenham
2076 Quatuor Coronati, F.M.-h.
2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith
2168 Derby Allcroft, St. Pancras
2417 Bolingbroke, Clapham Jun.
2509 Barnet, New Barnet
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
71 Unity, Lowestoft
97 Palatine, Sunderland
112 St. George, Exeter
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
130 Royal Gloucester, Southampton
139 Britannia, Sheffield
191 St. John, Bury
208 Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
332 Virtue & Silence, Hadleigh
333 Royal Preston, Preston
337 Candour, Uppermill
344 Faith, Radcliffe
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
477 Mersey, Birkenhead
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Guisborough
586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden

- 710 Pleiades, Totnes
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Deal
786 Croxteth United Service, Liverpool
816 Royd, Littleborough
91 Tyne, Wallsend
945 Abbey, Abingdon
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lytham
1098 St. George, Tredegar, Mon.
1099 Huysie, Stoke Damerel
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1429 Albert Edward Princees, of Wales Newport
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
1459 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1515 Bertie, Oxford
1576 Dee, Park Gate, Cheshire
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waterfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Teignmouth
1911 De La Pré, Northampton
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2016 Shalden, Alton
2028 Granite, Narborough
2038 Portcullis, Langport
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton M.
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2285 Eden, Workington
2311 St. Alkmund, Whitechurch
2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
2449 Duke of York, Manchester

Friday.

- 33 Britannic, Freemasons-hall
134 Caledonian, Ship & Turtle
157 Bedford, Freemasons-hall
177 Domatic, Anderton's
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington
1704 Anchor, Café Royal
2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
36 Glamorgan, Working-at-Cardiff
81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
318 True and Faithful, Helston
445 Fidelity, Towcester
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, Selby
680 Sefton, Liverpool
712 Lindsey, Louth
815 Blair, Hulme, Manchester
916 Hartington, Eastbourne
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-the-Wold
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Harrogate
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1289 Rock, Birkenhead
1428 United Service, Landport
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1605 De La Pole, Hull
1661 Newton, Newark-upon-T.
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-T.
1849 Royal Leek, Bangor
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney