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### DISLOYALTY WITHIN OUR RANKS.

IT is a very old and oft repeated opinion that Freemasonry has more to fear from foes within its lines than from enemies without, and just as many a man has had to express the hope that he might be spared from his friends, so there is no doubt that Freemasonry, like other institutions of the age, has felt the sting of the candid critic—he who does not shrink from doing what he considers his duty, no matter how much the disharge of that duty may lead him at variance with the principles he professes, or how far it may take him from the course which fraternal regard seems to lay down for his guidance.

Such a man is "Past-Master," who has taken upon himself to reply to the queries of a correspondent of the "Echo," who desired to know the aims and objects of Freemasonry, and how he might become a member of the Craft, he being a stranger in London, unknown to anyone who might recommend him for initiation. No doubt this "Past Master" has been taught the duties he owes to the Craft in general, and has probably forcibly impressed upon aspiring candidates all the Masonic attributes, enjoining them to speak well of a Brother absent or present, or, if that cannot be done with honour and propriety, to adopt that excellent virtue of the Craft—Silence; and yet he publishes in a public print statements which, even if true would be unjustifiable, but are more deserving of censure because they are not borne out by facts. In order that we may not run the risk of being accused of putting wrong words into the mouth of this "Past Master" we give his reply in full, as follows:

(25,121) FREEMASONRY.—(1) The aims and objects of this (to outsiders) highly prized secret society are social intercourse, benevolence, and the practice of every social and moral virtue. (2) How to become a Freemason, the querist being a stranger to London? This is no drawback, if he has a presentable appearance, and sufficient money to pay the initiation fees about £5 to £8, as many Lodges are now in a sad state of impecuniosity. When he joins he will be delighted with the beautiful initiation. But when he gets to know more of the Craft he will find it no different to Buffaloism, Druids, Oddfellows, &c., only in a little higher sphere. Benevolence generally covers a multitude of medals, and a general desire to dress up. There are two classes of Freemasons—those who make a religion of it, those who join to make a living of it. The latter predominate.—Past Master. ("Echo," 2nd November 1894.)

There is little to say in regard to the first part of "Past Master's" reply, unless we take exception to the slight he implies by the two words added in parenthesis, by which he seems to desire it shall be considered that Freemasonry is a "highly prized secret society" only in the eyes of outsiders. We have been intimately associated with Freemasonry for nearly twenty years, and during the whole of

that period have been in daily association with Masons of widely different degrees of temperament, drawn from almost every part of the country, and we can fearlessly say that the Order is more highly prized by those inside its ranks than it can be by those outside of it. Of course there are exceptions to every rule, and naturally we have occasionally met disappointed Brethren who have not thought it unjust to blame the whole system of Freemasonry because they did not get their particular desires, but we regard such complaints as about equivalent to that of the man who finds fault with the solar system because the sun does not shine on some particular day that he has set aside for his personal enjoy-Judging of "Past Master" from the whole of his reply, we can well imagine that as an "insider" he does not personally regard Freemasonry as a "highly prized secret society," and as a counter proposition we can well believe that the majority of Freemasons by no means regard him as a "highly prized" member of the Order.

It is when we come to "Past Master's" reply to the second query of our contemporary's correspondent, however, that we see the Brother to his disadvantage. It would be somewhat difficult to crowd so much that is un-Masonic into equal space even if it were the object of the writer to express the most unfavourable opinions in regard to the Craft, but here we have one who claims to be a Member of it, and probably imagines that he is paining himself in having to express so candid an opinion in regard to the present position of the Order.

First we may reasonably ask, are his accusations true? Is it a fact that many Lodges are now in a sad state of impecuniosity, and being so are willing to admit anyone having a presentable appearance and sufficient money to pay the initiation fees-about £5 to £8? For answer we give a direct denial. Readers of the Freemason's Chronicle are aware that we by no means approve of all that takes place in connection with the financial affairs of the Lodges under the English Constitution, and it has even been urged that Grand Lodge should exercise some influence in this direction, but it is certainly not the case that many Lodges are in such a state of impecuniosity as to be willing to admit anyone who comes forward, merely for the sake of his initiation fees; indeed, we feel justified in saying that "Past Master" himself would find it difficult to recommend a complete stranger to a Lodge that would so receive him. We are willing to admit that gentlemen are accepted and initiated on the recommendation of a single member in a Lodge, without that full inquiry that is deemed necessary by most of those who truly appreciate the advantages of Freemasonry, but it must be remembered that in such cases the candidate's proposer is known to the other members of the Lodge, who are able to form an opinion as to whether he would be likely to nominate a stranger without some knowledge of his fitness; in other words, if the members of a Lodge are satisfied with an individual Brother they can safely take his word that the gentleman he proposes is a fit and proper person to be received into their midst; if, on the other hand, there is the slightest feeling entertained against a member, then it is but reasonable to look most carefully into the surroundings and the character of the candidate he proposes for initiation, and in such cases it is well known that rigid inquiry is made, sometimes resulting in the withdrawal of the nomination, so as to obviate the necessity for an adverse ballot. In point of fact it would be as difficult to find a Brother who would be willing to propose a stranger without first satisfying himself that he was likely to become a desirable companion, as it would be to find a Lodge willing to admit that stranger merely for the sake of pecuniary advantage.

The concluding remarks of "Past Master" are in keeping with his preceeding ones, but he seems to have got a trifle mixed in his ideas, as, if anything, it is the medals that cover the benevolence, not vice versa, and while the design of the Charity jewel and other insignia of Benevolence in Freemasonry is so neat and unpretentious as it is he must be a very peculiar man indeed who gives money to the Institutions merely to increase the number of his decorations or the attractiveness of his "dress up." No, in this respect Freemasonry is above suspicionits benevolence is indeed the freewill offering of its members, far too expensive a luxury to be indulged in merely for the sake of adding a small medal or a piece of ribbon to one's insignia of honour, for it is in that light alone that even "Past Master" can regard the Charity jewel of the Craft.

As to the two classes into which "Past Master" divides Freemasons-it is gratifying to know he regards one section as making a religion of the Craft, but he falls short of what we deem his duty in not saying how many of those he describes as the predominent section—who join Freemasonry to make a living of it—are grievously disappointed in their expectations. When they joined they professed to be uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives; have they any cause for complaint if Freemasonry proves a poor mercenary speculation? May we be excused if we ask whether it is for any such a reason as this that "Past Master" has taken the opportunity of expressing his viewshappily very uncommon ones among those inside the ranks of Freemasonry-and which are far from being a fair criticism on the state of affairs that exists among the Lodges and Members of English Freemasonry of the present day?

We are not concerned with the methods or working of Buffaloism or other kindred Societies which "Past Master" includes in his comments, but think it is creditable to those Societies to learn, even at the hands of this critic, that their systems are much the same as that of Freemasonry.

We are pleased to see that "Past Master's" remarks are not allowed to pass wholly unchallenged in the columns of the "Echo," where the following appeared on the 8th inst:

FREEMASONRY (to "Past Master").—Few men think less of dress and show than myself, yet, as a banquet usually follows a Lodge meeting, I do not see that putting on a dress coat is dressing up. As regards "to outsiders," I think there is ample evidence that benevolence is not only the aim but the practice of Masonry. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love. "Past Master" says "there is no drawback if the querist has £5 or £3." True; but not forgetting Rule 14 of the Constitution. Again, "Past Master" remarks that "the class of Freemasons that join to make a living out of it predominate." But, a Brother making a living out of Masonry is not evidence that he joined the Craft to make a living out of it. "Past Master" may be right as regards small fee Lodges, but taking the Lodges all round, I think the balance is in favour of those who join from principle. However, if the querist become a Mason, he will find the Lodges of Instruction very cheap, and the Brethren ever ready to instruct; he will also hear the ritual delivered with exactness and grace.—R. Edmonds Fenouillet.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, Comp. W. W. B. Beach presiding. Col. Townley Caldwell was H., and the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope J. Comp. E. Letchworth S.E., Sir Reginald Hanson as S.N., W. B. Coltman P.S., George Read 1st Assist S., Sir G. D. Harriss 2nd Assist S., Robert Grey, T. L. Wilkinson, George Everett, C. H. Driver, Dr. Strong, Lennox Browne, W. M. Bywater, J. S. Eastes, R. Clowes, Frank Richardson, C. F. Hogard, J. E. Le Feuvre, Col. Money, Baron de Ferrieres, Walter Hopekirk, T. C. Walls, Thomas Fenn, J. H. Matthews, S. Valentine, T. V. Abraham, H. J. P. Dumas, Thomas Minstrell, F. Hilton, and several other Companions were present.

The paper of business as it appeared in these columns last week was agreed to, with the exception of the item concerning the Rose of Sharon Chapter, which was deferred till next meeting, the Committee having just received a petition from the Companions of that Chapter.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday of last week, at the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, under the presidency of the Grand Master Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P.

Among other matters of business a communication was reported from Mother Kilwinning, in which that Lodge claimed the right to designate its Master by the title of "Most Worshipful Grand Master," inasmuch as its Master was so designated at the time of the union with the Grand Lodge in 1807, and was not then called in question. On this being submitted to Grand Committee, the Grand Secretary drew attention to the fact that by resolutions of Grand Committee on 28th October last, confirmed by Grand Lodge, Mother Kilwinning was directed forthwith to abstain from using the title of "Most Worshipful Grand Master" in designating its Right Worshipful Master; and he had been instructed to send an answer based on previous resolutions of the Grand Committee and Grand Lodge. This was confirmed.

The Grand Master moved the adoption of the minute of Grand Committee recommending unanimously that the salary of Grand Secretary be increased by £100, and that of the Grand Cashier by £50 per annum. In doing so he spoke of the Grand Secretary as the most skilled and accomplished Freemason in Scotland at the present day, and referred in eulogistic terms to the labour and zeal which he had expended in bringing Grand Lodge into its present healthy condition. As to the Grand Cashier, he was able to serve them better as the years went on, and his salary would still be within range of that of his predecessor. The motion was adopted.

A new Masonic Hall was opened on Saturday, in Aberdeen, Bro. Forshaw Prov. G.M. officiating. It is to Bro. Forshaw's efforts the members really owe their new premises, which became their absolute property in May.

### DERBYSHIRE.

THE wish has frequently been expressed by the Mark Masons of Derhyshire and the control of the c Independent," that their county should be constituted a separate Province. Hitherto it has formed part of the united Province of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutland, presided over, for about a quarter of a century, by the late Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., of Leicester. Since the recent death of this venerable and venerated gentleman representations have been made to headquarters, and it is now stated that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, has sanctioned the creation of a Derbyshire Mark Province. He has, moreover, just appointed the first Provincial Grand Mark Master of Derbyshire in the person of Brother Abraham Woodiwiss, a selection which cannot fail to give satisfaction to the Derbyshire Brethren. For a great many years Bro. Woodiwiss has been actively and honourably associated with the Mark degree, and has won the full confidence of his associates. He went through the chair in the Derby Mark Lodge, No. 302, was appointed in due course Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and subsequently, for several years, filled the post of Provincial Grand Treasurer. Moreover, his energy obtained substantial recognition from headquarters, the Prince of Wales four years ago bestowing upon him the office of Grand Master Overseer (England). As a member of the Board of General Purposes, too, he has rendered yeoman service to the Degree.

### MONMOUTHSHIRE.

BRO. C. R. Lyne, Solicitor, Newport, was recently invested Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire at the Masonic Hall, Dock Street, Newport, in succession to the late Captain Homfray, who filled the position for many years. The ceremony took place under the banner of the Silurian Lodge, with which Bro. Lyne has been connected for several years. There was a full muster, and amongst the Visitors were a number of Freemasons from the county.

In the evening there was a dinner at the Westgate Hotel. The new Deputy Provincial Grand Master, says the "South Wales Daily News," is one of the elder sons of Col. Lyne, who has held the position of Provincial Grand Master of the county for upwards of twenty years.

### WILTSHIRE.

THE Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Lodge Room of the Unity and Loyalty Lodge, at Chippenham, on Saturday. The Prov. G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor presided, and there were over 100 Brethren present.

The Lodge received with regret the resignation of Bro. F. H. Goldney as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Bro. W. Merriman was elected in his place. The Provincial Grand Master appointed the following Officers:

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Bros. W. J. Mann	-	-		Senior Warden
H. Merrick	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. D. Dunl	op	-	-	Chaplain
W. Merriman	٠.	-	-	Treasurer
F. H. Phillips		-	-	Registrar
Harry Bevir	-	-	-	Secretary
J. R. Read	_	-	-	Senior Deacon
Edgar Neale		-		Junior Deacon
E. Waters	-	-		Superintendent of Wks
J. Chandler	•	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
C. J. Hibberd	•	•	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
C. B. Oliver	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
H. H. Baker	-	-	-	Organist
A. Wallington	-	-	-	1
A. Taylor	-	-	-	Pursuivants
W. T. Coleman	-	-		Standard Bearer
C. Bishop	•	-	-	1
B. W. Crees	-	•		Gr 3
G. W. Tyler	-	-	-	} Stewards.
W. Deane	-		_	}

There was a large number of Brethren present from the Bristol and other Provinces. After the Lodge the Brethren dined together at the Angel Hotel, the chair being occupied by the Provincial Grand Master, and the vice-chair by Bro. C. N. P. Phipps.

### NORFOLK.

THE Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the rooms of the Masonic Association, 47 St. Giles's Street, Norwich, on Friday of last week, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B. There was a fair attendance of Companions from the various Chapters in the Province (seven in number).

The Companions having given their Provincial Grand Superintendent the customary salute, the roll of Chapters was called, when all were found to be represented.

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers were then called with the result that very few failed to respond to their names.

Companion A. A. Markham (in the absence of Comp. G. W. G. Barnard the Prov. Grand Scribe E.) read the minutes of the last Annual Prov. Grand Chapter, held at King's Lynn, on the 19th October 1893, and the same were confirmed. The Prov. Grand Treasurer read the summary of the accounts of the Prov. Grand Chapter for the past year, and the report and recommendation of the finance committee. The Prov. Grand Registrar having given an account of the work of the Chapters in the Province during the past year, the Provincial Grand Superintendent appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—

np.	Hamon le Stra	nge	•	-	H.
-	Frank Burton	-	-	-	J.
	G. W. G. Barns	ırd	-	•	Scribe E.
	J. T. Stanton	-	•	-	Scribe N.
	George W. Page	3 -	-	-	Treasurer
	R. J. Mills	-	-	-	Registrar
	A. J. Berry	-	•	-	Principal Sojourner
	S. M. Mills	-	•	-	1st Assistant
	T. Cranmer	-	-	•	2nd Assistant
	Thomas Smith	jun.	-	-	Sword Bearer
	C. E. Ward	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
	George Baxter		-	-	Director of Ceremonies
	G. S. Smith	<b>-</b> .		•	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
	S. N. Berry	•	-	. •	Organist
	A. A. Markham	•	-		Assistant Scribe E.
	E. Hollidge	-	-	-	Janitor.

After the transaction of miscellaneous business the Grand Superintendent briefly addressed the Companions and congratulated them on the satisfactory financial condition of Prov. Grand Chapter, which had enabled them to vote so large a donation as they had done to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and on the state of affairs generally in the Chapter. He also made sympathetic allusion to the illness of Companion G. W. G. Barnard Prov. Grand Scribe E., and expressed the hope that he would soon be restored to health. The Chapter was then closed in ancient form, the proceedings having lasted about an hour and a half.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Masonic Rooms. Lord Suffield the Grand Superintendent occupied the chair, being supported by Companion

Hamon le Strange, and others.

### HISTORY: MENTURIA LODGE.

RO. GREATBACH, in the Lecture he gave at the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, said in 1800 there were four Masonic Lodges in Staffordshire-namely, No. 42, held at Wolverhampton, Unity at Lichfield, Friendly Brothers at Newcastle, and United Pottery at Lane End. The next five years four new Lodges were established, including the St. Martin's, at Burslem, in 1805, the date of the warrant being 30th April in that year, it being stated in the warrant that it was a resuscitation of a charter granted for the formation of a Lodge at Wolverhampton which had lapsed. In the same year a Lodge was established at Hanley. In December 1813, when the Lodge numbers were revised, there were in Staffordshire eight Lodges: St. Martin's, Burslem; Stability, Hanley; United Pottery and the Independent, both at Lane End; Unity, Longnor; Friendly Brothers, Newcastle; Stafford, Forebridge; Etruscan, Stoke. In 1833 there were only five Lodges in the Province—Etruscan, Stoke; St. Martin's, Burslem; Fortitude, Stafford; St. John's, Lichfield; and Noah's Ark, Bilston; leaving out the moving Military Lodges which from time to time were located with the regimental headquarters at Lichfield. The Bible used in the Menturia belonged to one of the

defunct Lodges of Lane End, and was dated 1822, and the Compasses used belonged to the other Lane End

Lodge.

From the draft minute book of St. Martin's from 1807 to 1810 the lines of working were different from the practice now prevailing, for at that time every degree was regarded as complete in itself; if the Lodge met for business only in the second degree, it was opened and closed in that degree only, and it was not an uncommon thing for the Lodge to be opened in the first degree after having been opened and closed in the second or the third.

Early after its formation, St. Martin's celebrated by a banquet the festival of St. John the Baptist, the titular Saint of the Burslem Parish Church, but as denoting the catholicity which then as now prevailed in the Craft, after the banquet the Brethren voted one guinea to the Wesleyan Sunday School. The Bible purchased for St. Martin's cost £3 6s 6d. In 1809 the festival expenses were 14s 7d per head for twenty Brethren. referred to some punch bowls and a jug in the Mayer Museum at Liverpool containing Masonic designs and the name Etruscan Lodge and impressed with the name of Wedgwood as the maker, he said only two Lodges survived in the Potteries in 1833. Bro. W. Barker, dating from "Shelton, near Newcastle," December 1833, wrote to Bro. F. G. Goodwin, of Rugeley, for guidance in the effort to form a Lodge.

After a long correspondence, and on the 17th of October 1834—just sixty years ago—the Secretary of Grand Lodge wrote to Bro. Barker saying, "by this day's coach I have forwarded the Warrant for the Lodge at Hanley." Bro. R. Stevenson was invited to become the first Master and to name the Lodge what he thought appropriate. No doubt Bro. Stevenson named the Lodge Menturia, but whence the name was evolved was a mystery. There was no reference in the minutes as to the naming of the Lodge. In his (Bro. Greatbach's) opinion, it was a compound word empirically arrived at, the last portion having reference to Etruria, probably meaning in succession to or arising out of the Lodge at Etruria.

The new Lodge was numbered 606, and 60 years ago, when the members first met, there were two candidates proposed for Initiation and one as a joining member. The minute book for the first year did not contain the name of the W.M., the minutes being signed "Pro. R. Stevenson," who, however, was installed as W.M. for a second time, and in January 1836, he was formally thanked for the way in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge from the commencement. At that time the subscription was 1s a month, raised to 1s 6d a month in 1837, and dropped again to 1s a month in 1840. It appeared from the minutes that on 13th May 1835, the Lodge met at six o'clock, and as there was no business of importance it was closed at 10 o clock, when the Brethren partook of refreshments. What occupied the four hours history deposeth not.

In the early days of St. Martin's and of Menturia, candidates were Initiated from widely distant places, and sometimes from places where Masonic Lodges then existed. At that time the minutes always closed with the quaint formula — "The Brethren then parted in peace and harmony, after partaking of refreshments, as becomes the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons." It might be assumed that the admirable point was parting "in peace and harmony," but refreshments were partaken of then as now. Now for a record in Freemasonry. On the 13th of December 1837, Brother George Baker, Wine and Spirit Merchant, Hanley and Burslem, was installed W.M. of 606. The Lodge met at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and was closed at 2.30, when the Brethren sat down to dinner. Toasts and songs followed, and at 11 o'clock (after a good, steady twelve hours' sitting) the Brethren "departed in peace and harmony." If they did not feel peaceful towards each other, and inclined to harmony after about eight hours' conviviality there must have been something wrong with the works.

After referring to various proposals, ceremonies, and visits to the Lodge, he pointed out that difficulties had been experienced as to accommodation for the Lodge, so that they had to move seven times in twenty-eight years. In December 1842, the Brethren, having a correct idea

of the dignity of the Craft, resolved that an offer be made to the proper authorities to lay the foundation of the new Town Hall, then about to be erected, with Masonic honours, evidently thinking that a Masonic ceremony would shed lustre on the proceedings. In 1843, Prov. Grand Lodge did not appear to have been so vigorous as the Brethren of Menturia desired, and they appointed a Committee, who presented a respectful memorial to the Grand Master, stating the circumstances under which they were labouring and petitioned for the removal of the Prov. Grand Master Col. Anson.

On 6th of December 1843, three Brethren were nominated for W.M. and four for Treasurer. One of the rejected ones for the office of W.M. was the same evening elected Tyler.

At that time there were niueteen members of the Lodge. In 1846 the subscription was raised from 12s to 20s a year. In 1846 seven Brethren were proposed for W.M., with the result, as before, that one of them was subsequently elected Tyler.

After quoting various items from the minutes showing the customs prevailing at this period, he said in September 1848, the Brethren "went to refreshment" to discuss the slender condition of the Lodge, and to devise means for its resuscitation by applying to old members to join and "add to its number and respectability." This seemed to be the beginning of the paralysis which held the Lodge in subsequent years. In June 1853, seven Brethren addressed a communication to the Hon. George Anson the Prov. Grand Master, to seek advice so as to extricate the Lodge from its difficulties. No Lodge had been held since 19th December 1849. It was suggested that the appointment, as Master of the Menturia, of Bro. W. K. Harvey would be the means of making the Lodge flourish.

The turning point in the career of the Menturia was reached on the 20th July 1853, when Bro. W. K. Harvey was placed in the chair. The Lodge was reinvigorated, but received a slight check in its prosperity in 1855 and 1856, owing partly to the lack of proper accommodation. Bro. Greatbach supplied particulars as to the connection of eminent Masons with the Lodge. The Lodge number was changed on the 1st of July 1863, to 418.

When in the year 1870-1 it was decided to form a Provincial Charitable Association for Staffordshire, Menturia had a Brother (T. Taylor) who laboured diligently in the formation of that Association. During the twenty-four years of its existence that Association had sent over £10,000 to London, besides spending over £1,000 in educating children in the Province. Towards the first item Menturia had contributed over £1,000, and towards the second over £250.

Bro Greatbach supplied interesting facts in relation to the Lodge, from the minute books, including the meeting for the first time in the Masonic Hall on the 19th January 1880; the celebration of the jubilee of the Lodge in 1884 (when there were eighty members freed from pecuniary difficulties), the celebration of the silver wedding in Masonry of the late Bro. Hales, the establishment of a Masonic club, the visit of Provincial Grand Lodge to Hanley, the garden party given by Brother Bromley P.P.G.S.W., at the Mount, and the presentation by Bros. Taylor and Tunnicliff of the handsome table containing the names of the Past Masters—all in the same year.—"Staffordshire Advertiser."

### HISTORY: MUNDY GROVE LODGE, No. 506.

W E recently reported the celebration of the Jubilee of this Lodge, on which occasion Bro. Farnsworth, one of the oldest members, read a brief history of the Lodge. Brother Farnsworth is thus reported in the "Alfreton Journal:"

My Brethren have done me the honour to invite me to give a short account of the rise and progress of the Mundy Grove Lodge during the fifty years preceeding the event we are now celebrating. Prior to 1844, there was a Lodge of Ancient Druids held at the Boat Inn, Shipley, and upon its extinction it appears that some of the members of this body became the early members of the Mundy Grove Lodge. Some years before the formation of the Mundy Grove Lodge there was a Masonic

Lodge held at the Sun Inn, Eastwood, in the Province of Nottinghamshire, known as the Marquis of Granby, No. 655. The Province at that time was ruled over by Colonel Wildman, of Newstead Abbey, and with the exception of the Worshipful Master designate, who was then a Past Master of the Newstead Lodge, Nottingham, No. 55, all the other seven petitioners were members of

the Marquis of Granby Lodge.

The Lodge was opened by dispensation on the 28th of September 1844, Bro. W. H. Wynn Past Master in the chair. On the 28th of December 1844, a warrant was granted by the Earl of Zetland Grand Master, and Earl Howe Deputy Grand Master, authorising the Lodge to meet on the second and fourth Saturday in every month. The Lodge met regularly fortnightly for two years, and then monthly. The usual hour of meeting was 8 o'clock, and the time of closing the Lodge 11 o'clock. I have been informed that in those days the Junior Warden at High XII. was oftener called upon to perform certain duties then is now the custom, and that refreshment was taken between labour. Our late Bro. the Rev. Dr. Oliver, the Masonic Historian, speaking of this practice says "I am not ashamed to acknowledge that  $\overline{I}$  like the good old custom of moderate refreshment during Lodge hours, because, under proper restrictions, I am persuaded that it is consonant with ancient usage."

The installation of Bro. Wynn took place on the 21st January 1845, Bro. Past Master W. Richards, Newstead Lodge (Father Richards) being the Installing Master. During Bro. Wynn's two years Mastership he occupied the chair thirty-six times, and after eleven o'clock frequently walked home to Nottingham, being accompanied part of the way as far as Strelley or Bilborough by two of our Brethren, from whom I have heard that the Ceremonies were imparted to them by Bro. Wynn

as they walked along

In the sketch of the history of the Tyrian Lodge Centenary, page 25, 1844 is given as the date of Bro. G. R. Colville's appointment as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, and it is fair to assume that the consecration of our Lodge was one of his first official acts. Bro. C. R. Colville Deputy Prov. Master held a Provincial Grand Lodge here, on 4th September 1845, when the Brethren, accompanied by Prov. Grand Lodge and Visitors, chiefly from Tyrian (Derby), Newstead (Nottingham), and Marquis of Granby (Eastwood) walked in procession to the Shipley Chapel of Ease, where Bro. Rev. Gervas Wright Prov. Grand Chaplain preached from Zechariah vi., 13, "Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." This event was a red letter day in the neighbourhood, the procession being witnessed by a great number of people, including myself. I find from the minutes of this date a remarkable occurrence. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at 12 o'clock, and after service, a mile distant, and banquet on return to Lodge, the Lodge was opened at the usual hour, eight o'clock, and a Brother raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. Rev. Gervas Wright took a warm interest in our Lodge, and he was several times Installing Master in later years. On 12th October 1846, the Lodge unanimously presented Bro. Wynn with a Past Master's Jewel in acknowledgment of his services; and again in December 1847, Bro. Wynn was presented with a silver snuff box, which, through the kindness of our venerable Bro. John Comyn, has now been reverted to the Lodge. Bro. Wynn died, I believe, in 1854, and to Nottingham Brethren, and especially Brethren of my own Lodge, who may not have heard his name before to-day, I would ask them to pay a visit to the Nottingham General Cemetery to find the esteem in which Bro. Wynn was held by Nottinghamshire Masons.

I find that the first elected Worshipful Master of this Lodge was a near relative of mine, and I am proud to say that, from the date of the birth of the Lodge, to this day, there has been a continuous membership in my family. In 1848-9 one of the Cavalry regiments quartered in Nottingham had had a Masonic Lodge attached to it (visitors to the Nottingham Masonic Hall will have noticed the Colonel's portrait upon the walls, General

Chadderton). Visits were frequently interchanged between the two Lodges, and in January 1849, Captain Holland gave a lecture in our Lodge on the third degree.

For some years the Lodge was without a banner. About twenty-one years ago in consideration of the early connection of Bro. C. R. Colville with the Lodge, and the warm interest taken by him and the kindly enquiries often made by him as to our early members, the Lodge decided to ask Brother Colville to allow us to adopt his arms for the new banner. To this he readily consented, and furnished his own banner for a copy, at the same time saying he felt highly flattered that the Lodge wished to have a lasting memento of him. The motto is "Persevero."

In the year 1872 this Lodge sent up the first candidate from Derbyshire to the Boys School. At that time the voting power of the Province was small, and very little organisation for increasing it. To our late Bro. G. T. Wright and Bro. Sir John Smith this Lodge was under a deep obligation for their interests in our candidate. Until 1887 I had for some years the honour of holding the highest Provincial rank in our Lodge. But in that year a further honour was conferred upon us by the appointment of a distinguished Brother as Prov. Grand Senior Deacon. I am not aware that during the past fifty years any Brother of our Lodge has had a higher honour conferred upon him. Especially during the last thirty years the progress of this Lodge has been onwards. In addition to the Lodge's votes many of the Brethren possess votes for the different Institutions. The present number of subscribing members is considerable. In celebrating our jubilee to-day we lament the absence, through death, of some of our Brethren, who took such a warm interest in the Lodge, notably, Bro. William Booth, G. R. Turner, and the late Treasurer, Bro. James Noon.

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SATURDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 1894.

Without in any way casting a reflection on a most estimable body of Brethren—the Tylers of our Lodgeswe think the action of one among their number, the Brother who guards the portals of the Osborne Lodge, No. 2169, is worthy of special reference. The Brother referred to contributed £2 12s to the Charity box on the Installation night, being the discount on articles supplied to the Brethren. We do not know whether this item represents discount that the Tyler might in the ordinary course look upon as his personal perquisite, or whether it is a source of income regularly arranged by the Lodge, but in any case it helped to swell the contributions of the Brethren and the contents of the Charity Box so far as to allow of £9 being contributed to the cause of Charity, but from the fact that the Brother who responded for the Charities specially thanked the Tyler for his handsome contribution, we may fairly assume the donation was a personal one—and it makes our Bro. Young stand out in marked contrast to some other Tylers, who make themselves positively obnoxious in the pertinacity with which they maintain their rights to "tips," "hat money," and other incidentals which are rightly regarded as extortions by those who have to meet them from time to time when attending Masonic meetings. The whole subject is one that calls for reform, and it should be commenced by a prohibition against the solicitation of tips by the waiters at our banquets. If the waiters have to depend on these tips to pay them for their work then it is unfair to them that they should be at the mercy of the guests, while if they are paid for their time it is an imposition for them to all but demand further recognition from those upon whom they have attended. We believe our larger caterers would do well to consider the advisability of including all fees in their charge for the banquet, and rigidly prohibit solicitation of tips by the waiters.

A conversazione to celebrate the existence of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge is announced to take place in the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 28th inst. The arrangements include an address of welcome from the Rev. J. C. Ball W.M., an oration on Freemasonry by Bro. Sir Benjamin W. Richardson (one of the members), and vocal and instrumental music at intervals. Bro. J. W. Crowe, of Torquay, will exhibit an important selection of his large collection of old and curious Masonic clothing, and Bro. G. L. Shackles, of Hull, will exhibit his unrivalled collection of Masonic medals, over seven hundred in number. A dispensation has been granted for Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing, and ladies may attend if regularly introduced by Brethren; as also non-Masons.

The visit of the Duke of Connaught to Worthing on the 17th inst., is expected to extend from 1.30 p.m., when luncheon will be served at the Assembly Rooms, until close on 5 o'clock. The Provincial Grand Lodge will assemble in the Drill Hall, but it is not expected the Prov. G. Master will be able to stay for the whole of the proceedings. Part of the programme of the day will be the reception of an address at the hands of the Corporation.

The Annual supper of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2472, will take place on the 26th, at the Masonic Hall, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, when Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex has consented to preside.

Bro. E. Casper Paine, of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, was yesterday re-elected Mayor of Gravesend. The banquet took place in the evening at the New Falcon Hotel, and was provided by Bro. John Simpson.

Masonic Sonnets, No. 105. By Bro. Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D., 295 and 2417 (E.C.) Hon. Mem 1242 (E.C.) and 24 (S.C.).

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ROM Labour to Refreshment—welcome sound— When toil is o'er a season comes of rest, And Brethren seat the festive board around And eat with thanks 'mid mirth and joke and jest. Convivial souls are gathered night by night, Banded together with one common aim, The good of men who've seen Masonic Light-The praise of Him for ages still the same. But comes a time when all must sorrowing part, No more on earth to grace such scenes as this, No more to Labour with an earnest heart To lead men onward to the shores of bliss. Yet if that Labour be right nobly done Glad rest awaits where Heavenly streamlets run! Winder House, Bradford,

1st November 1894.

Trafalgar Square Theatre.—Many worse burlesques that by Mr. Philip Hayman, All My Eye-vanuoe, success, and when the author has trimmed it up a bit and the actors are better used to their parts it should run smoothly enough. An excellent company has been engaged, including Mr. John L. Shine as the hero, Miss Maggie Roberts as the Lady Rowina, here called Soft Roe-ina, lively little Miss Clara Jecks as Tomba, clever Miss Phyllis Broughton as Rebecca, the graceful Miss Alice Lethbridge as Nell, together with Messrs. H. Grattan, Fred Storey, Fred Wright, E. M. Robson, H. M. Clifford, James Stevenson and Harold Eden, all of whom work hard for the desired result. The bright and effective music is composed by Messrs. John Crook, Howard Talbot, P. Hayman and Edward Solomon. The choruses are capitally rendered by a well trained choir, and some of the songs, especially those of Miss M. Roberts, are very pretty. The costumes, though extravagant in idea, are remarkably handsome, and the scenery, particularly the Glade in Sherwood Forest, is excellent. The burlesque is produced by Mr. Frank Parker with his customary attention to details, and the business manager is Mr. George Manners, a well known member of the Eccentric Club, who was last night (Friday) to have been Initiated into the Craft.

### REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

### ROYAL ARCH.

### INKERMAN CHAPTER, No. 1222.

THE Annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare on Monday 22 days super-Mare, on Monday, 22nd ult., the business on the agenda including the Installation of a successor to Companion F. W. S.

Wicksteed as first Principal.

The ceremony was undertaken by Colonel Long Prov. Grand H., who was supported by a large retinue of members of the Chapter. The honour of first Principal was conferred on Comp. Sebastian Sellick, Comp. Capell being promoted from third to second, and the vacant third filled by Comp. Blackmore.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand with which it

was hoped to assist the Stewards from St. Kew Lodge in attending the Benevolent Festival in February next, at which the Prov. G.M. of Somerset (Lord Dungarvan) will take the chair.

### CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

### MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE Annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 22nd ult., there being present:—Bros. W. A. Brabner W.M., F. W. Wollaston I.P.M., C. H. Beever S.W., C. Harrop J.W., Joseph Hilton Treas., M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., Henry Nall P.M. S.D., Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. J.D., Thos. Hamnett Acting I.G., Seth Wrigley P.M. D.C., J. W. Lloyd P.M., E. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Sam Luke, F. Todd, W. W. Hitching, C. H. Normanton P.M., S. H. Stubbs, Fred Arden, Andrew Ferrie, A. J. Holt, W. F. Dearden, Nagib Fiani, G. R. Ward, Harry Bowes. Visitors:—Bros. John Chadwick P.M. 44 P.G.Swd.B. Prov.G.Sec., Jas. W. Abbott P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C., W. Goldthorpe P.M. P.G.Reg., A. Millington W.M. 152, Jas. Morrison W.M. 1375, A. W. Reynolds W.M. 2109, D. P. Schloss W.M. 2322, Jas. M. Simpson W.M. 2387, F. H. Macklin S.W. W.M.-elect 1319, Wm. Rushton Organist 1375, Jno. Hinchliff I.G. 204, Thos. W. Rostron P.M. 1140, Arthur A. Moss P.M. 1375, C. E. Daber 317, Bertram D. Beever THE Annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Arthur A. Moss P.M. 1375, C. E. Daber 317, Bertram D. Beever 1009, W. Thos. Watts 1052, J. Yule-Deeley 1496, A. W. Bennett, and others.

By way of carrying out a custom adopted in this Lodge, the confirmation of minutes was followed by the reading of one of the Constitutional Charges of a Freemason, after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. W. A. Brabner W.M., M. Thomas S.W., Fred Hilton J.W., J. W. Abbott I.G.

Bro. Seth Wrigley having presented the W.M.-elect, the latter signified his adhesion to the usual Antient Rules and Regulations

submitted to him by Bro. Chadwick Prov.G.Sec., and the ceremony of Installation proceeded, Bro. Cyril H. Beever (one of the founders of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge) being placed in the chair of King Solomon by his predecessor with all the honour which could be derived from the adjunct of a finely-executed musical programme, the same being under the direction of Bro. Thomas.

Bros. Nall, Hilton and Wrigley, who assisted by respectively addressing the newly-installed Master, the Wardens, and investing the Officers, are noted for the uniform excellence of their work, and need no additional praise, but of Bro. Brabner, to whom this was a tentative effort, it is fair to say that he acquitted himself

with that credit which had been hoped for and expected.

This over, the Brethren adjourned to the large dining room of the hotel, where a banquet, provided in the magnificent manner which is a characteristic feature of Bro. Donald's management, awaited them.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and received responses

from Grand and Provincial Officers.

The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Brabner I.P.M., in the following racy speech:—Just as this is the chief day of all the year to this Lodge, so the toast which I have to propose is the chief toast of the evening. It is that of our Worshipful Master—Bro. Cyril H. Beever. I am sure, Sir, you may accept the hearty, spontaneous, and fervid greeting just evoked, not only as a tribute to your own merit, but as an earnest of the loyalty and devotion of the Brethren towards you during your year of office. I have been much exercised in my mind for the past week as to how I should propose this toast, because it is one which demands the very best that can be given to it of thought, of fancy, and of elequence; but much as I tried to frame some suitable words, none seemed to be what I wished, or what the subject deserved, so I came here tonight trusting to the inspiration of the moment, with only one beautiful line of poetry running in my mind, where it had been constantly present during all my projected speeches. It runs:-"There is always sunshine somewhere in the world," and it seemed to me that the thought which has cheered me often in my fits of gloom might have a special application here and now, for, Brethren, where should there more certainly be sunshine than in a Masonic Lodge, and where in that Lodge more surely than round and in the Master's chair? We have to-day been reminded of that bright luminary of nature which sheds light and lustre to all within its circle, and in like manner it will be your task, Worshipful Master, to diffuse light and learning to your Brethren in the Lodge. I do not doubt the performance of your duties in the chair being as efficient as that of any of your predecessors, and that the great light of Masonic truth will flood this

Lodge with its comforting and life-giving rays. Those rays have permeated our Lodge since its formation, and brought into deserved prominence its former Masters. It is as though some glorious sunrise spread across a land of mountains, and one by one the summits were touched with shafts of light spreading and ever spreading until the mount was bathed in roseate beams, and stood confessed in the full light of God's open day. So you stand to-day Worshipful Master, whilst your predecessors are apart, with the shades of evening mantling over them,—apart, yet side by side with you; isolated peaks which call to you wind the greating of the great state of the great state. friendly greetings; landmarks for guidance to the younger Brethren; apart, but not alone, for they mark but the commencement of that grand chain which, united at the base by the principles and tenets of the Craft, shall stretch throughout the Lodge and throughout the Masonić world when time for us shall be no more. Now, Brethren, I wish to say how great and especial has been my delight in installing Brother Beever this day. We two have been associated for many years in another society, where we have together blacked our faces and hidden those features with which Providence has blessed us-or otherwisebehind burnt cork; we have sung our songs; we have banged our tambourines; we have retailed in the wildest and most grotesque language those hoary and venerable "chestnuts" which are so intimately associated with negro minstrelsy, and we have been listened to with that kindly generosity and veneration to which those chestnuts were entitled.

Then, Brethren, this Lodge was formed, and again we were side by side, not only as founders, but as Deacons, and I have been told upon most excellent authority that we were the best Deacons in the Province. Now, Bro. Beever, you and I are of too modest a nature to dispute that statement even if we doubted it, which we do not, and we must let it stand, not for our own credit but for the credit of the Lodge. In a little time we were again side by side in the sense that we were Wardens together, and I have it on authority which compels belief which I should never dare to challenge, from a Mason whose intelligence is at once revealed by his statement, that we were the best Wardens in the Province.

Now, W.M., we are again side by side as Master and Past Master, and I am satisfied that the same high authority will show bis sound judgment and true appreciation of modest worth by once more declaring in the ringing tones of truth, that we are the best Masters in the Province. At all events, if that encomium is not passed upon us, I am convinced it will be no fault of yours, for I am sure your work will be carried out with that exactness, zeal, and brilliance which has characterised it in the past. I trust the Great Architect may give you strength to fulfil your own desires and our expectations with honour to yourself and satisfaction to the Brethren, whom I call upon to unite with me in drinking the health of my dear old friend and Brother, who is now our W.M.

Bro. Beever said, in reply, that he was well aware it was a custom to accord a hearty welcome to the W.M. in Lodge, and apologised for the lateness of the hour which precluded him from emulating the I.P.M. and indulging in a speech of great magnitude. Last year, after his installation, Bro. Brabner had led them to believe that he would rule with an iron hand, though it might be tempered with a velvet glove. For his own part, he would combine the "fortiter in re" with the "suaviter in modo"; it was much the same thing, but being Latin seemed more award. While he did his best to maintain the reputation of the Lodge, he hoped he should be backed up by the Officers who had been appointed that day, at the same time reminding them of a saying that "half the ease of life oozes away through unpunctuality," which he trusted they would remember. He sincerely thanked them for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and hoped that the harmony which had hitherto prevailed in Lodge would continue.

Bro. Beever afterwards proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, saying that Bro. Brabner, the subject of the toast, had proved his guide, philosopher, and friend. He had been a success, and not having obtruded the threatened iron hand, the Brethren had enjoyed his rule very much. The ceremony of installation as performed with musical surroundings was a very great tax, but it had been done in a manner which reflected credit upon the Installing Master. A soldier who gives proof of valour on the field of battle is generally rewarded with the Victoria Cross, so the W.M. of a Lodge, when he has displayed proofs of proficiency is rewarded by a Past Master's jewel, and the one which it was his duty and pleasure to present to Bro. Brabner was in recognition of what he had accomplished. Might he live long to wear it, for it was an honour well won, which would remind him of work well

done. Bro. Brabner responded in suitable terms.
Other toasts followed, that of the Masonic Charities being proposed by Bro. M. Thomas, Charity Representative, who reminded his listeners that for a young Lodge (formed only four years ago), they stood fifteenth in the list of 107 Lodges comprising the Province of East Lancashire, which had contributed a sum of over £200 to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Besides this they were donors to three London Institutions, and possessed in all 250 votes, as follows:-Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, 40; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 5; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 4; East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, 201.

During the evening a very excellent selection of songs and recitations was given by Bros. Todd, Thomas, Harrop, Nall, Hamnett, and Macklin (who was under engagement to perform at the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, in "A Sorceress of Love," an English adaptation of M. Sardou's "Patrie"). Bro. G. R. Ward, who is an accomplished and gentlemanly executant in this particular line, treated the company to a bones solo, which was highly appreciated. Another feature of the evening's entertainment was the singing of an original song by the I.P.M. Bro. Brabner is well known in Manchester circles as a composer of high class literature, and if we give his song in full on the present occasion it

is with the object of showing that he can be as versatile as he is clever. The words are in imitation of Chevalier's coster style, and Bro. Brabner sang them to the tune of "Old Dutch." They are as follow:-

### OUR W.M.

I've got a pal,—a proper sort of chappie, He's just the sort o' pal as makes a fellow happy; He's bin a Junior twice to me Since I was S. and him J.D., He's follored on, and now you see He's our W.M.

Chorus.

We've bin together now in Lodge four year, An' at work he's a puffick jem; There ain't a member in the Minstrel Lodge As I'd swop for our W.M.

How proud he'd walk when he was Junior Deacon, An' when it comes to talk-why there he ain't a weak'un; He knows the charges all complete, An' gives 'em—well, a reg'lar treat; He's little, but he's hard to beat Is our W.M. (Chorus).

I've seen you B-, when you was in the West there, Now you've come along 'o me an' I'll bet you'll be the best there. I ain't no saint, but here's my prayer, "When you've to quit the Master's chair The Lodge may say, 'He acted square Did our W.M. " (Chorus).

In the absence of Bro. E. A. Smith Organist, Bro. C. E. Daber Affability Lodge, 317, presided at the organ during the ceremonial, and at the piano during the proceedings of the festive board.

### OSBORNE LODGE, No. 2169.

THE Annual meeting was held on Thursday, 1st inst., at East L Cowes. The choice of the Lodge had fallen upon Bro. G. Groves, who is well-known and highly respected in East Cowes, he being a member of the Local Board and having done excellent work in connection with various movements of a semi-public character. For some years past Bro. Groves has been a member of the Lodge, and has held various offices, the duties of which he has carried out with credit to himself and the whole of the fraternity. That being the case a goodly number of Brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion.

The usual Lodge business having been transacted the duties of Installing Master was undertaken by Bro. W. H. Brading, who carried out the work most impressively and with great efficiency.

In token of the Lodge's appreciation of the services rendered to the Lodge by the retiring W.M., a handsome gold jewel was presented to Bro. Brading.

In the evening the Installation banquet was held.

Bro. Brading I.P.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master Bro. Groves, for whom he wished a pleasant and successful year of office.

The W.M., in reply, said that was a red letter day with him, he having attained to the honour which had been his ambition ever since he became a Mason. The more he saw of the Craft the better he liked it. He would do his best for the Lodge, which he trusted would continue successful.

Bro. Wheeler proposed the Charities, which he said were the bulwarks of Masonry. Not only were old and distressed Masons and Widows looked after, but their children were well cared for, fed, clothed, and educated as well as they would be in college. Locally there was an Institution which made grants for the education of the children of poor Masons, they remaining under the care of their parents.

While Bro. Wheeler was singing "Hard Times" a collection was made for the Charities, which, with £2 17s found in the Charity box, and £2 12s contributed by the Tyler, Bro. Young, from

the discount on articles supplied to the Brethren, amounted to £9.

Bro. G. Fellows S.W. 35, in responding for the Charities, thanked the Brethren, and especially the Tyler, for their handsome contribution, which would enable the Lodge to obtain another vote in one of the Institutions. Much good had been done in the past, but more help was required to do all that was asked.

During the afternoon a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Brother

Brading, on behalf of the Lodge, by Bro. Rogers.

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### SMITH CHILD LODGE, No. 2064.

THE Annual meeting was held at the Town Hall, Tunstall, on Wednesday, 31st ult., and was presided over by Bro. James Wearing the retiring W.M.

Bro. John Young was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by the retiring W.M., assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge and Prov. Officers.

Subsequently the annual banquet was held in the Town Hall, when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, about eighty Brethren being present.

### TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992.

ON Thursday, 11th ult., the Installation of Bro. John Sheridan took place at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, the interesting ceremony being performed by Bro. F. J. Ferris Bailey Prov.G.Reg. I.P.M. in the presence of a large assembly. A cordial reception was given to the newly-installed W.M., who subsequently invested the Officers for the ensuing year.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Lesser Park Hall, Brother Sheridan W.M. presiding.

The post-prandial proceedings concluded with a dance in the crush room at the Park Hall, which was very enjoyable.

### WINDSOR LODGE, No. 1754.

THE Annual Festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Penarth, A on Wednesday, 31st ult., when the ceremony of Installing Bro. Robt. H. Currick S.W. was performed by Bro. H. Morgan Rees W.M. Prov. J.G D., in the presence of a large muster of members of the Craft representing the various Lodges in Cardiff and district.

The W.M.-elect was presented to the Installing Master by Bro.

F. P. Adey, and was accorded a most cordial reception by the

Subsequently the annual banquet was held at the Esplanade Hotel, under the presidency of the newly Installed W.M., who was supported by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant Dep. Prov. Grand Master for the Eastern Division, Bro. Lyne Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Monmouth, and others.

### ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

THE Brethren held their annual musical evening at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 30th ult., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. John Sayers. A pleasing programme of vocal music, arranged by Bro. Geo. Cole P.M. P.P.G.O., was well sustained.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the attendance of the "father" of the Lodge Bro. W. Kuhe P.M. P.G.O., whose health was drunk with enthusiasm, and who contributed a pianoforte

### ST. ELETH LODGE, No. 1488.

THE Annual Installation took place on the 6th inst., at Amlwch, Bro. Dr. T. E. Jones being installed W.M. Bro. T. Williams I.P.M. was the Installing Officer.

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### LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

THE Regular meeting was held at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, the 3rd inst., Brother Hamlet L. Burgess W.M. In the absence of Bro. Shepherd S.W., on account of sickness at home, his chair was occupied by Brother Robert Cauldwell P.M. P.P.G.S.B., while Bro. Buckley Carr P.M. acted as

J.W., so as to enable Bro. Worsley to preside at the organ.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a successful ballot was taken for Brother Max Sachs, Merchant, Stockholm, who was desirous of becoming a Joining Member.

Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. then assumed the chair, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Sandiford was raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Hilton, who afterwards vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Carr, the latter raising Bro. Whittaker to the degree of a Master Mason. In this instance the W.M. acted as J.W.

Bro. Burgess having again taken the chair, Bro. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. presented the Working Tools, and delivered the Traditional History of the degree to both candidates.

The election of Officers afterwards took place with the following result:—Bro. Shepherd S.W. W.M., Bro. Fred Hilton Treasurer, Bros. Herbert Hellewell, Leech, and Sidney R. Muller Auditors. The Secretary was instructed to forward the best wishes of the meeting to Bro. Vincent, the former Treasurer, with an expression of regret that other duties prevented his retention of the office.

The usual festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being honoured. In proposing the health of the newly-raised Brethren, the W.M. said that Bro. Sandiford and Whittaker had shown by their demeanour that they fully appreciated the solemnity of the ceremonies through which they had passed. No doubt the very excellent manner in which the work had been performed had added an additional impressiveness which could not have been obtained by mere slipshod utterance. The efforts of that day would be a credit to any Lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Bro. Whittaker said he had been very much impressed with the whole of the ceremonies through which he had passed, and in looking back did not regret the step he had taken. He had come amongst them upon the recommendation of the W.M. and Brother Shepherd, and although he was a stranger and had been taken in,

felt it to be an honour to belong to a Freemason's Lodge.

Bro. W. H. Worsley J.W. proposed the toast of the Visiting Brethren, saying that he welcomed them with that heartiness which was peculiar to the Truth Lodge. They were not very great with regard to this element, but what they lacked in quantity was compensated for by quality. He gave a humorously characteristic description of those who had remained to participate in the hospitality of the festive board.

Bros. W. B. Russell W.M. 1219 P.P.G.D.D.C., W. J. Herring W.M. 815, Robert Williams J.W. 1052, T. W. Start P.M. 1052, and Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE) responded, all paying a well-deserved compliment to Brothers Hilton, Carr, and Hebden for the manner in which the ceremonies had been

performed.

Bro. Fred Hilton, in proposing the health of the W.M., said the hearty manner in which the Brethren had received the announcement of Brother Burgess's name led him to consider that he had performed his duties satisfactorily and well. His reason for not having taken his share of that day's work was because he had recently been so much engaged upon election matters, and it had been impossible to give that attention which was necessary. By previous experience of him, however, he was justified in saying that they were well satisfied with his former labours, which he hoped

would be continued in the future.

In response, Brother Burgess said that when he accepted the position of Master he had also taken up the responsibilities attaching to that position. No doubt they would have weighed very heavily upon him but for the assistance which he had received from the Past Masters and others, who had obligingly come forward and undertaken duties which they had performed with credit to themselves and to him as W.M. He took the opportunity of thank-

Bro. Worsley proposed the toast of the I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge, speaking in high terms of the work done by Bro. J. Archdale, who had always thrown his heart and soul into his work.

They could not have failed to appreciate his labours, and would therefore join heartily in said that after the eulogistic way in which

Bro. Archdale I.P.M. said that after the eulogistic way in which Bro. Worsley had spoken, he hardly knew what to say; he scarcely thought he deserved all that had been uttered of him. It was an honour for them that day to be able to claim that the ceremonies of raising had been performed by Past Masters, the body to which he now belonged, and surely this would be an inducement for him in the future to do his best in this direction.

The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers, praising them individually, and reverting to some of the work which they had done. Of Bro. A. B. Taylor I.G. he said that his genial face at the door was enough to encourage any Brother, whether candidate, member, or visitor. The Officers had performed their labours in such a manner as to make his position an easy one. Of Brother Thos. Hy. Hall he said that as an indefatigable Secretary he had not only performed his own work, but in the absence of their Treasurer Bro. Vincent he had done some of his. With such a set of Officers as those he had mentioned, some of whom were travelling to higher positions, the lustre of the Lodge was likely to be maintained.

Other toasts followed, the same being varied by songs and recitations, given by Bros. Worsley, Taylor, Muller, Roberts, Hilton,

Williams, Russell and Hebden.

Besides those mentioned above, there were present:—Brothers Moses Davies P.M., G. H. Needle P.M., Leop. Hirsch S.D., John Joseph Dean acting J.D., Edwin Parkin, Chas. Bretherton, Wm. G. Kempston, A. Woolfgang, E. Jackson, James Hyde. Visitors: Brothers Harry H. Martyne I.P.M. 1387, and J. W. Travis J.W. 1354.

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### CURWEN LODGE, No. 1400.

THE Annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, South Watt Street, Workington, on the 10th ult. The chair was taken by Bro. F. Appleyard P.M. After some business of minor importance had been disposed of, Bro. A. Little Worshipful Masterelect, was presented for Installation, and was installed by Bro. L. Ward P.M. P.P.A.G.P., assisted by Bro. R. Ward P.M.

After hearty good wishes the Brethren, at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, were entertained to an excellent supper, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

### ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 2nd inst., there being present:—Bros. Jas. Morrison jun. W.M., C. H. Beever I.P.M., A. Pickford S.W., Charles Rawle J.W., W. Dyson Fryer P.M. Treas., Henry Nall P.M. Sec., T. A. Holland S.D., Jas. A. Carse J.D., W. T. Hesketh P.M. D.C., J. Coupland I.G., Wm. Rushton Org., A. Redfearn, E. M. Beebee, J. M. Crone, J. R. E. Birkett Stewards, John Bradshaw P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Arthur A. Moss P.M., Jr.o. G. Bromlev P.M.. Ed. Roberts P.M. (Freemason's Chronicle). Wm. Bromley P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Wm. C. Flint, W. J. Bull, B. R. Rowland, Hugh W. Bloomer. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Bygrave P.M. 2091, Thomas Plumpton 317.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Bull was passed to the second degree by Bro. Morrison, he being assisted in the ceremony by Bros. Pickford and Rawle, the former delivering the S.E. Charge, and the latter presenting and explaining the Working

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and responded to, that of the newly-passed Brother being proposed by Bro. Crone, and replied to by Bro. Bull in suitable terms. The proceedings were relieved by songs, &c., rendered by Bros. Nall, Rushton, Pickford and Beever.

### COPE LODGE, No. 1357.

THE festival of St. John took place at the Brooklands Hotel, Sale, Cheshire, on the 19th ult., when Bro. William Speed Coppock S.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. T. D. Simcock P.M. P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Brother Travis the retiring Worshipful Master.

Bro. W. Campbell P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. was elected as the Lodge Charity Representative.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet. The usual Masonic toasts were given and received.

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### OKEOVER LODGE, No. 1324.

THE twenty-fourth Festival was held on Thursday, 1st inst., at the Town Hall, Ripley, near Derby, when Bro. Joseph Cook P.M. P.P J.G.D. was, for the second time, Installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The Installing Master was Bro. Arthur Day I.P.M. Afterwards the W.M. invested his Officers.

The Brethren dined together at the White Lion Hotel.

### RYBURN LODGE, No. 1283.

THE ordinary monthly meeting was held at the Lodge Room, Sowerby Bridge, on Wednesday, 30th ult. Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred Cocker, L.D.S., R.C.S.I., occupied the chair and was supported by the following members of the Craft: Bros. T. Was supported by the following members of the Craft: Bros. 1. Gaukroger P.M. P.P.G.P., Haigh P.M. P.P.G.T., W. H. Thorpe P.M., A. Briggs I.P M., J. C. Bell S.W., W. B. Richards J.W., J. Smith jun. Sec., T. Gill Treas., W. A. Wood I.G., W. Ackroyd Tyler, W. Perrin Brown, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., J. H. Stead, J. Crowther, J. A. Sutcliffe, A. C. Quest, A. Greenwood, Thos. Briggs, and Visiting Brethren J. T. Last I.P.M. 2321, W. Walker 2321 and Dr. Charles Forshaw, L.L.D. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed.

The Brethren then proceeded to elect the Officers for the coming year. The result of the ballot showed that Bro. J. C. Bell S.W. had been elected W.M., Bro. Thomas Gill re-elected Treasurer

and Bro. Greenwood Tyler.

After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed according to ancient form and the Brethren adjourned from Labour to Refreshment, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Our representative for Yorkshire (Bro. Dr. Forshaw) recited Hood's celebrated poem "The Dream of Eugene Aram," for which he received the hearty congratulations of the members. After other songs and speeches the gathering dispersed, pleasure and profit having resulted for all present.

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### PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 959.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, 5th inst., when Bro. Alma Cocks was Installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Kemp.

The addresses to the newly installed Master and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Martyn D.P.G.M. while Bro. J. White gave

that to the members generally.

The Installation banquet followed, the W.M. presiding, and being supported by the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn), &c.

Bro. W. B. Hanson gave the toast of Lord Henniker P.G.M.,

paying, in the course of his remarks, a tribute to Lord Henniker's interest in Masonry, and expressing the hope that when the present domestic cloud had passed away they would see his lordship more

frequently amongst them.

The Worshipful Master, in submitting the toast of the Rev. C.

J. Martyn P.G. Chap. D.P.G.M. and the Officers of P.G.L. present and past, looked upon it as the toast of the evening. Bro. Martyn, he said, had travelled some two hundred miles in fulfilment of his promise to attend that gathering, and he felt deeply grateful for the honour he had thus done the Prince of Wales Lodge. He could not adequately express the love and esteem which the Brethren bore him for his kindness and goodness to the Craft, neither could he find time to dilate upon his distinguished career in the Masonic body, amongst whom his name was a household word throughout the United Kingdom.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding, said that when he was able to make his appearance among them he always felt when his health was proposed as Deputy Prov. Grand Master that he was standing before them as an impostor, because no one could realise as he did the trials and shortcomings that must necessarily attend the circumstance of his being 200 miles away from the Province. Whenever he did come, he always met with a friendly, affectionate, and, he might say, loving reception, and though it was a matter of serious consideration for him that if only somebody else would take his office he would be only too thankful to resign it, still, while it was the pleasure of the Province that he should hold it, he would continue to do all he could for them. It was an immense pleasure to be present that night. It was a great many years since he attended the Prince of Wales Lodge, when he installed one of the best of Masons, their late Bro. William Clarke P.G.D.C. He remembered when the Prince of Wales Lodge was a very small one compared with what it now was, but he had lived to see, and was thankful to see, that it had grown into its present proportions, and with every prospect of a prosperous and splendid future, and which he hoped would be realised.

Bros. S. R. Anness and H. C. Casley responded on behalf of the

Officers of P.G.L. present and past.

Bro. W. Kemp, in giving the toast of the Worshipful Master, confessed that his powers of speech were inadequate to do justice to the toast and express the feelings of his heart, and of that of the Brethren, with reference to Bro. Alma Cocks. He, however, wished the Worshipful Master a successful year of office, and he assured him that he would have the cordial assistance both of himself and the Past Masters in the discharge of his duties. The speaker also alluded in felicitous terms to the approaching marriage of their Worshipful Master, whom he was sure they all wished a happy and contented matrimonial life, and health and strength to enjoy all its

The Worshipful Master, in replying, warmly thanked the Brethren for placing him in a position which he recognised as one of the grandest that could be conferred in Masonic life. He assured them that he would exercise every energy to forward the interests of the Prince of Wales Lodge, and, at the end of his tether, he trusted that his credentials would not only reflect credit upon himself, but upon the Lodge. With regard to the reference to his marriage—that was a fact. He hoped, too, that he would be able to carry out the duties appertaining to married life creditably to himself and to his wife also.

The other toasts were the Visitors, the Masonic Charities, the Immediate Past and Installing Master, the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's Toast.

The evening's pleasure was greatly enhanced, says the "East Anglian Daily Times," by songs rendered by Bro. J. H. Brockbank, Normandale, Geo. Abbott, &c.

### PELHAM PILLAR LODGE, No. 792.

VERY impressive ceremony took place on Thursday of last A week, at the Masonie Hall, Grimsby, when the W.M.-elect Bro. Benj. Coulbeck P.G. Steward S.W. was Installed to the chair for the ensuing year. The ceremony of Installation was carried out by Bro. J. B. Morton P.M. P.P.G. Swd. B., assisted by Brother J. Waldram P.M. P.P.G. Swd. B. and Treasurer, in the presence of a large number of Past Masters, Brethren and Visitors from other Lodges.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Yarborough Hotel,

where a banquet was held.

After the Loyal toasts came that of the I.P.M. of Pelham Pillar Lodge, Bro. Frank Barrett P.G. Assistant Secretary, which was proposed by the W.M., and much could be said of the cool, calm, and heartfelt words he expressed, with feelings of affectionate admiration, of the manner in which the office had been so ably conducted during the past session; and in response it was with mingled feelings of affection that the I.P.M. Bro. Barrett spoke of the valuable assistance his Officers had rendered him during his year of office.

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### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

REGULAR meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., Bro. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor. The summons had announced the time as 7.30, and there being a good attendance at that hour, a prompt start was made, the first and second ceremonies being rehearsed.

In the first instance, Bro. Geo. Wenham Davies S.W. W.M. elect Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459, occupied the principal chair, being supported by Bros. Edward Entwistle acting S.W., R. Alfred Hepworth J.W., J. Townley Trotter S.D., Thos. Hamnett J.D., and

Chas. Adshead I.G.

Bro. Chas. Slee consented to act as candidate, and Bro. Davies, who attempted the ceremony of Initiation for the first time, made a very creditable performance. The Working Tools were presented and explained by the acting S.W.

Before the Lodge was closed in this degree, Bro. H. J. Harrison, who had expressed a desire to act as candidate for the passing, had the usual questions put to him by Bro. Davies acting W.M. and after being duly entrusted, retired. Bro. Davies then vacated the chair, and it was assumed by Bro. G. T. Lenard Treasurer, who opened in the second degree, and the candidate having been announced, the ceremony of Passing was proceeded with, Brother Lenard being supported by those Officers who had acted during the first ceremony. The Working Tools of this degree were presented and explained by Bro. Hepworth.

There were two propositions, the names of Brothers J. Grime, Integrity, 163, and Geo. H. Russell, Duchess of York, 2482, being submitted as probable Joining Members. The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony by Bro. Harrison, a little after 9 p.m.

Besides those already named, there were present:—Bros. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Secy., A. Phillips, Edward Loebell, Walter Marshall, Robert Lingard, A. Ashworth, J. J. Dean, John Horsefield, W. Marsden, Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and others to the number of twenty-four.

### LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 574.

THE Brethren assembled on the 2nd inst., at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, under the presidency of the Worshipful

Master Bro. J. Napoleon Day.

Several residents in the town and neighbourhood, who had been proposed as members, were balloted for, and at the conclusion of the business an interesting lecture on the antiquity of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. the Rev. W. M. Hope, curate of Newbury Parish Church, and Grand Chaplain for the Province of Oxfordshire.

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### TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

THE regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall,

Brixham, on Monday, 15th ult.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, Bro. W. J. Bradden W.M., on behalf of Bro. G. T. Barry P.M. P.P.G.P. and P.Z., begged the acceptance by the Lodge of a life size portrait of

the latter, in a massive gilt frame.

Bro. W. C. Gregory P.M. Treas., in moving that the picture be accepted, and that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Brotner Barry for his generous gift to the Lodge, said that as next Past Master in seniority to Bro. Barry in that Lodge, he was pleased to add his testimony to the sterling worth of Bro. Barry as a Mason, and the oldest Past Master of that Lodge. For forty years he had been most assiduous in his labours for the Craft in general, and of that Lodge in particular.

Bro. T. W. Atherton P.M., in seconding, said that as a Mason he had known Bro. Barry twenty-five years and he was seldom, if ever, absent from any of the meetings of the Lodge. He, too, was pleased to add his testimony to the value of Bro. Barry as a Past Master of

Bro. C. Janes P.M. P.P.G.A.S. in supporting, trusted that Bro. Barry would be long spared to give them his presence and valued

counsel.

The motion was then carried with acclamation, and Brother Barry having thanked the Brethren for their kind remarks and the acceptance of the portrait, it was decided to place it side by side with that of the late Samuel B. Colestone P.M. P.Prov.G.S. of

### LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

REGULAR meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 31st ult. There was an attendance of about forty members and Visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. Robt. Fox W.M. 2452, F. Baxter W.M. 2368, H. Powell Jones P.G.Std.B. 1957, W. Dyson Fryer P.M. 1375, H. Sharp 54, T. J. Parker 688, G. J. Gissing 1056, J. H. Greenwood 2387.

The principal business was the raising of Bro. Alfred Cresswell, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. M. H. Blamey W.M., assisted by Bro. Wildgoose P.M. P.P.J.G.D, the latter presenting and explaining the Working Tools, and also delivering the Traditional History; the work of both Officers being done in a manner which fully sustained the credit of the Lodge for excellence of

ceremonial.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, an opportunity being taken to wish "God speed" to the newlyraised Brother, who is leaving Manchester to take up his residence in the metropolis. Bro. R. Alf. Hepworth S.W. proposed the health of the W.M., to which Bro. Blamey said, in reply, that the Brethren, who had been so eulogistic in praise of his work, had done their best to upset him completely. It afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to respond to the toat so ably put by the S.W. His own term of office had been a very pleasurable one, and he had always endeavoured to do his work in the best possible way. He had not had an opportunity of performing a Raising before, and from his heart he thanked the Brethren for the friendly feeling which they had expressed with regard to his first effort in that direction. He concluded by adding that apart from his business and home, Freemasonry was his chief thought.

Some very excellent songs and sketches were given by Brothers Greenwood, Sharp, John Studd P.M., B. Williams P.M., J. E. Williams P.M. Prov. G.D.D.C., E. Buzzard and H. A. Owles S.D.

### METROPOLITAN.

### CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 193.

N Wednesday of last week this Lodge held a very successful dinner at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, Lime Street, about 40 members of the Craft sitting down to the excellent fare provided

The chair was occupied during the evening by Brother W. Belchamber I.P.M. Preceptor, supported by the Treasurer of the Lodge, Bro. W. Wood, and Past Master Hart, whilst the vice-chair was ably filled by Bro. Pitt P.P.G.S.B. Surrey.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, says the "City Press,"

and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

### ASAPH LODGE, No. 1319.

THE Installation was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 5th inst., under the presidency of Bro. James Edward Hambleton Worshipful Master. Bro. Francis Henry Macklin was installed as Master by Bro. Hambleton, and after the appointment and investiture of the other Officers the Lodge constituted itself a Vice President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for the next festival of which the new Master offered himself as Steward.

Bro. W. S. Penley ("Charley's Aunt") volunteered himself Steward for the Boys School, and the Lodge voted ten guineas to his list. The Lodge, which was founded twenty-four years ago for the convenience of members of the dramatic and musical professions, has now, after liberally assisting many cases of distress, nearly £1,000 in its Benevolent fund.

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### ÆSCULAPIUS LODGE, No. 2410.

THE Installation meeting was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Wednesday, the 10th ult. There was a large gathering of members and distinguished Visitors present to witness the ceremony, among the latter being the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chap., Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D., and Dr. Lott P.G. Org. Brother Jacob Pickett, M.D., was installed as Master for the

The Auditors-C. Luxmore Drew, M.B., Barrister-at-Law, and W. Arbuthnot Lane, M.S., F.R.C.S.—brought up the statement of accounts, which showed a large balance in the hands of the Treasurer, £20 out of which was voted to Masonic Charity.

After the business of the Lodge had been transacted the Brethren dined together.

### BARNET LODGE, No. 2509.

THERE was a very successful meeting on the occasion of the regular Lodge held at the Assembly Rooms, New Barnet, on Thursday, under the presidency of Bro. J. Morrison McLeod W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. Cranston S.W., J. A. Witthaus J.W., H. T. Matthews Treas., F. S. Plowright Sec., J. Falconer S.D., T. E. Witthaus J.D., W. Sergeant Lee P.M. D.C., W. Baddeley I.G., Harold Imray and W. Fitch Stewards.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Rev. G. E. Gardner was raised, that ceremony being followed by the initiation of Mr. Harry de Couves Matthews and Dr. Walter Roughton. The way in which the ceremonies were performed was not only a credit to the Master -whose ability is well known—but a gratifying testimony to the careful attention bestowed by the Officers on the work they have to perform. The ceremony of initiation was carried out in a more

complete form than is usual, the Charge being given from the chair, and this fact alone is sufficient to stamp the working at the Barnet Lodge as of exceptional merit, so far as London Lodges are concerned. It is a very great pity that the Charges and Tracing Board Lectures are so generally neglected.

The Rev. Bro. Gardner was invested with the collar of Chaplain of the Lodge, and the Secretary announced the arrival of a receipt from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for a payment of ten guineas, towards the endowment of the Master's chair. This sum was made up of ten donations of a guinea each given by individual members on the occasion of the last Festival, and was united in the Lodge's behalf so as to secure perpetual votes. The W.M., speaking on this point, desired that some particular reference should be made to the transaction on the Lodge Balance Sheet, and a sharp look out kept that the Lodge votes were regularly received, for, said he, there were Lodges he knew of where the votes had been allowed to fall through—rather a bold statement, we think, to be made by one of the three Brethren whose duty it is to see that the Institution votes are forwarded to Lodges and Brethren entitled to receive them. We fully endorse the approval expressed at the fact of the Barnet Lodge thus early securing perpetual voting power, and hope it may increase its donations from time to time. The Lodge was subsequently closed.

The Visitors included Bros. F. G. Mason 1385, T. H. Webb

51, R. W. Oldfield S.W. 1385, Henry J. Clute 1910, Frederick Taylor J.D. 2256, C. L. Grundy W.M. 1692, T. Matthews 1491, T. H. Martin P.M. 1719, Frank B. Wood 2128, G. D. Taylor 1385, W. W. Morgan 177, H. A. Hebb P.M. 444 P.P.G.C. Devon, B. Spicer 1385, E. H. Moore W.M. 2278, T. W. Scales 186, E. Storr P.M. 167.

After supper the Master gave the usual Loyal toasts, and then Bro. Sergeant Lee submitted that of the W.M. He considered the Barnet Lodge was highly honoured in having the Secretary of one of the great Charities at its head. Bro. McLeod was also a Mason who had the whole laws of the Craft at his finger ends; the experience of the Bye-Laws Committee had proved this, for no matter what point prove for discussion the Master was ready with matter what point arose for discussion the Master was ready with the law. It was a grand thing to have a Master so well posted. Masons generally hoped to learn the ritual, so as to perform the ceremonies, but very few of them were absolutely certain on points of law. The experience of Brother McLeod's work that day was sufficient to also stamp his as a master of ritual.

The W.M. tendered his thanks. Bro. Lee had commended to the notice of the Brethren many virtues he did not claim to possess, and a mass of knowledge he knew he did not enjoy. He endeavoured to do the very best in his power, and much appreciated the high position he had been placed in. He specially thanked the Visitors for the assistance they had given in the reception of the toast, and assured them the Barnet Lodge members endeavoured to carry out the principles of Masonry in their highest sense. Their effort would be to secure good men rather than a large membership, and generally they would strive to make the Visitors so happy as to induce them to feel that the members of the Lodge were doing their best for it, and for Masonry in general.

The next toast the Master regarded as the chief one of the evening-the health of the two Brethen initiated that night. He had just said the desire of the Lodge was to bring into Masonry only good men and true. Certainly the two just admitted gave every promise of proving to be so. One of them was a Lewis, and as such was deserving of special welcome, they being particularly pleased to receive a worthy son of a worthy father, such as they knew their Brother Treasurer to be. But he could speak of both their new members as good men and true—Brethren who were likely to add lustre to the Lodge. He hoped they would never regret having joined the Barnet Lodge, but would make an effort to assist in carrying out the work thereof.

Bro. Matthews first tendered his thanks. He had felt much relieved in finding on arrival that his Brother Initiate was a M.D., as he felt he should be able to get some relief if the trying ordeals of the ceremony were anything like what had been described to him. He hoped to become a worthy member of the Lodge.

Bro. Roughton followed. He felt he could not adequately thank the members for the honour they had done him that evening. He really knew nothing of Freemasonry beyond what had just been taught him, but from the jovial faces he saw around him he had come to the conclusion that Freemasonry could not be a very bad thing—it certainly could not do them any great harm. He felt sure the time would never come when he would have to say he

regretted having become a Mason.

The W.M. next said he could not allow a meeting of the Barnet Lodge to pass without proposing the toast of the Charities. It was not often he had the proposition of this toast, his lot being to generally reply to it. There were two reasons why he was pleased to propose this toast; first, although a young Lodge they had already done something for the Institutions which all prized, and without which there would be little to justify their festive board beyond sociability. The second reason was because it would be his duty to represent the Lodge at the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, in accordance with a promise given at the consecration of the Lodge. The Master referred to the presence of Bro. Hebb, the Head Master of the Boys School as a Visitor that night, and paid a well merited tribute to his ability, as evidenced by the splendid results which followed the examination of the lads.

Bro. Hebb acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that

of the Visitors.

In submitting this toast the Master tendered a hearty welcome to the guests. They had seen a large array of guests at the conse-cration of the Lodge, when, in fact, they had to place a limit because their quarters would only accommodate a certain number. He was pleased to see they had sixteen or seventeen Visitors present that night, which exactly corresponded with the membership of the Lodge. Bro. McLeod made special reference to several of the guests, for whom Bros. Martin, Matthews, Moore, Grundy, Chute, Storr and Wood were asked to reply, those present doing so.

Other toasts, with that of the Tyler, concluded the proceedings.

### NEXT WEEK.

### Monday.

5 St. George & Corner Stone, Freemasons-hall

58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle 59 Royal Naval, F.M.H.

90 St. John, Albion

Hotel

193 Confidence, Anderton's 1366 Highgate, Midland Gnd.Ho. 1571 Leopold, Bridge House Ho.

1670 Adelphi, Freemasons-hall 1789 Ubique, Criterion

2243 Argonauts, Putney

2394 Galen, Freemasons-hall 2426 Wood Green, Wood Green Guildhall School of Music

Holborn Restaurant South Middlesex Artillery Freemasons' Hall

Anchor and Hope, Bolton

40 Derwent, Hastings 61 Probity, Halifax

68 Royal Clarence, Bristol Love and Honour, Falmth.

85 Faithful, Harleston

88 Scientific, Cambridge 89 Unanimity, Duckinfield,

Cheshire 102 Unanimity, Nth. Walsham 104 St. John, Stockport 105 Fortitude, Plymouth

106 Sun, Exmouth

133 Harmony, Faversham 151 Albany, Newport, I.W. 189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse

237 Indefatigable, Swansea

240 St. Hilda, South Shields 262 Salopian, Shrewsbury 264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley 270 Royal Lodge of Faith and

Friendship, Berkeley 292 Sincerity, Liverpool

296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield 297 Witham, Lincoln

302 Hope, Bradford

303 Benevolent, Teignmouth 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden

Bridge United Friends, Great Yar mouth

314 Peace and Unity, Preston 330 One and All, Bodmin

379 Honour, Bath 388 Prudence, Halesworth

339 Unanimity, Penrith 408 Three Graces, Haworth

411 Commercial, Nottingham 433 Hope, Brightlingsea 467 Tudor, Oldham

481 St. Peter, Newcastle-o-Tyne 543 Cleveland, Stokesley

587 Howe, Birmingham Druid Love and Liberality Redruth

607 Chicheley, Thrapston 613 Unity, Southport 665 Montagu, Lyme Regis 671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly

699 Boscawen, Chacewater 721 Independence, Chester

Wentworth, Wellingboro' 797 Hauley, Dartmouth 884 Derwent, Wirksworth

893 Meridian, Millbrook 941 De Tabley, Knutsford

985 Alexandra, Lincoln 1069 United Brothers, Ports-

mouth 1112 Shirley, Shirley zenevoience Sperborne 1174 Pentangle, Chatham 1221 Defence, Leeds 1237 Enfield, Enfield

1253 Travellers, Manchester 1272 Tregenna, St. Ives 1280 Walden, Saffron Walden

1286 Bayon, Lincoln 1350 Fermor Hesketh, Liverpool 1373 St. Hubert, Andover

1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool 1408 Stamford and Warrington Stalybridge

1436 Castle, Sandgate 1447 St. Matthew, Barton-upon Humber

1449 Royal Military, Canterbury 1474 Israel, Birmingham

1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge 1496 Trafford, Moss Side

1542 Legiolium, Castleford 1564 St. John, Woking 1575 Clive, Market Drayton

1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds 1600 Hamilton, Alford

1611 Eboracum, York 1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea

1730 Urmston, Urmston 1741 Montgomerie, Diss 136 Good Report, Inns of Court 1757 King Henry Eight, Hemel Hempstead

1792 Tudor, Harborne 1802 Vernon, East Retford 1852 Forest, Mansfield

1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington 1895 Thames, Henley

1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove 1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall 1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-

 $\mathbf{Frith}$ 1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington

1977 Blackwater, Maldon

2034 Masefield, Moseley 2144 De Tatton, Altrincham

2185 Ardwick, Ardwick 2197 Spencer Walpole Temper-

ance, Douglas, Isle of Man 2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells

2376 Carnarvon, Layland 2422 Ebbisham, Epsom

2457 St. Annes, St. Annes-on-Sea

### Tuesday.

96 Burlington, Albion 180 St. James's Union, F.M.H.

198 Percy, Ship and Turtle 211 St. Michael, Albion

228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern

235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross 548 Wellington, Deptford 917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St.

933 Doric, Anderton's 1196 Urban, Freemasons-hall

1269 Stanhope, Camberwell 1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons-hall

1614 Covent Garden, Criterion 1668 Samson, Café Royal 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tav. 1969 Waldeck, Freemasons-hall

2127 Drury Lane, Theatre Royal 2400 Brentford, Brentford

2427 Hampden, St. Pancras 80 St. John, Sunderland

93 Social, Norwich 126 Silent Temple, Burnley 131 Fortitude, Truro

160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford 184 United Benevolence, New Brompton

241 Merchants, Liverpool 272 Harmony, Boston

319 New Forest, Lymington 371 Perseverance, Maryport 373 Socrates, Huntingdon 378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dk.

448 St. James, Halifax 473 Faithful, Birmingham 484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield 494 Virtue and Honour, Axmin-

ster 495 Wakefield, Wakefield 496 Peace and Harmony, St.

Austell 502 Rectitude, Rugby 503 Belvedere, Maidstone

506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate 567 Unity, Warwick

573 Perseverance, Halesowen 593 St. Ann. Aldernev 599 Cherwell, Banbury

603 Zetland, Cleckheaton 624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent 626 Lansdowne of Unity,

Chippenham 650 Star in the East, Harwich

686 Jerusalem, Bristol

696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury 723 Panmure, Aldershot

764 Harbour of Refuge, West Hartlepool 771 Windsor Castle, Windsor

779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Ashbyde-la-Zouch Dunheved, Launceston

855 Sympathy, Wotton-under-

Edge 877 Royal Alfred, Jersey

892	
897	St. Helens of Loyalty, St.
	Helens
903	Gosport, Gosport
954	St. Aubyn, Morice Town
967	Three G. Principles, Penryn
973	Royal Somerset, Frome
979	Four Cardinal Virtues,
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1120	St. Milburga, Ironbridge
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1193	Doric, Wymondham
1214	Scarborough, Batley
1220	Solway, Aspatria
1250	Gilbert Grenall, Warrington
1256	Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
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	Blandford
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1314	Acacia, Bromley, Kent
1395	Wey Side, Woking Station
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1545	Baildon, Baildon
1560	Albert Edward, Leicester
1587	St. Giles, Cheadle
1713	Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-
	Hill
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1799	Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
1837	Lullingstone, Wilmington
1847	Ebrington, Stonehouse
1883	
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1902	
2099	,
2104	Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2124	Wilberforce, Hull
0164	Joshua Nunn, Halstead
0004	St. Germans, Peel
2524	Horwich, Horwich
2360	Victoria, Southport Colne, Wyvenhoe
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54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn84 Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship.

Guernsey 125 Prince Edwin, Hythe 128 Prince Edwin, Bury

146 Antiquity, Bolton 187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality Bristol

204 Caledonian, Manchester 225 St. Luke, Ipswich 244 Yarborough, Jersey 250 Minerva, Hull

274 Tranquillity, Newchurch 277 Friendship, Oldham 281 Fortitude, Lancaster 288 Harmony, Todmorden 290 Huddowsfold, Huddowsfol 290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield 323 Concord, Stockport 387 Airedale, Shipley Croydon

483 Sympathy, Gravesend 498 Royal Standard, Dudley 533 Eaton, Congleton 555 Fidelity, Framlingham 606 Segontium, Carnarvon 661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour

666 Benevolence, Princetown 679 St. David, Aberdare 681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield 730 Ellesmere, Chorley 731 Arboretum, Derby

750 Friendship, Cleckheaton755 St. Tudno, Llandudno851 Worthing of Friendship, Worthing 852 Zetland, Salford 854 Albert, Shaw

1005 Zetland, Gloucester 1018 Shakespeare, Bradford 1024 St. Peter, Maldon 1031 Fletcher, Birmingham 1060 Marmion, Tamworth 1064 Borough, Burnley 1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge

1091 Erme, Ivybridge 1094 Temple, Liverpool 1101 Grey Friars, Reading 1125 St. Peter, Tiverton 1135 Concord, Ilfracombe 1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor 1181 De la Pole, Scaton, Devon

1209 Lewises, Ramsgate 1242 Tynwald, Douglas 1248 Denison, Scarborough 1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot 1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne

1356 Toxteth, Liverpool 1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury 1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness 1400 Curwen, Workington 1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk

1465 Ockenden, Haywards Heath 1503 Sir Francis Burdett, Twick enham

1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock 1529 Duke Cornwall, St. Columb 1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow 1544 Mt.-Edgeumbe, Camborne 1547 Liverpool, Liverpool 1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes

1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford 1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on Tyne 1645 Coine Valley, Slaithwaite

1663 Hartismere, Eye 1692 Hervey, Bromley, Kent 1703 Windrush, Witney

1734 Trinity, Rayleigh 1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint

1798 Zion, Manchester

1855 St. Maurice, Plympton 1868 Unity, Oldham 1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble 1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor 1947 Stanford, Hove

2120 Abbey, Chertsey

2156 Arthur Sullivan, M'chester 2183 Royal Hampton Court, Hampton Court

2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne Smyth, Grimsby 2294 Wavertree, Wavertree 2389 Avondale, Middlewich 2404 Lord C. Beresford, Chatham 2423 St. Mark, Connahs Quay 2483 Hadrian, Westham

### Thursday.

23 Globe, Freemasons-hall 49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern Constitutional, City Term. Hotel St. Mary's, Freemasons-hall

169 Temperance, Deptford 179 Manchester, Anderton's 657 Canonbury, Holborn Rest. 733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest. 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tav

1227 Upton, Aldgate 372 Harmony, Budleigh Salter-1287 Great Northern, Freemasons Hall 1321 Emblematic, Bridge H. Ho. 409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Ho. 463 East Surrey of Concord, 1475 Peckham, Camberwell 1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's 1901 Selwyn, E. Dulwich Hotel 2310 London Scottish Rifles,

> 42 Relief, Bury 56 Howard of Brotherly Love, Littlehampton 57 Humber, Hull 98 St. Martin, Burslem 100 Friendship, Gt. Yarmouth

Criterion

132 Unity, Ringwood, Hants. 203 Ancient Union, Liverpool 215 Commerce, Haslingden 230 Fidelity, Devonport 245 Mechanics, Jersey

267 Unity, Macclesfield 268 Queen's Arms, Ashton-u.-L. 280 Worcester, Worcester 286 Samaritan, Bacup

322 Peace, Stockport 324 Moria, Stalybridge 343 Concord, Preston 345 Perseverance, Blackburn 350 Charity, Farnsworth

361 Industry, Hyde 363 Keystone, Whitworth 367 Probity & Freedom, Roch-

394 Southampton, Southampton 425 Cestrian, Chester 430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-L.

449 Cecil, Hitchin 450 Cornubian, Hayle 456 Foresters, Uttoxeter

469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding 472 Friendship and Sincerity, Shaftesbury

489 Benevolence, Bideford 523 John of Gaunt, Leicester 600 Harmony, Bradford 605 Combemere, Birkenhead

625 Devonshire, Glossop 659 Blagdon, Blyth 663 Wiltshire Fidelity, Devizes

758 Ellesmere, Runcorn 761 St. John, Dursley 777 Royal Alfred, Guildford 802 Repose, Derby 833 Afan, Aberavon

939 Pelham, Worksop 940 Philanthropy, Stockton 971 Trafalgar, Batley 1000 Priory, Southend 1011 Richmond, Manchester

1037 Portland, Portland 1042 Excelsior, Leeds 1184 Abbey, Battle 1247 St. John, Plymouth 1299 Pembroke, Liverpool

1332 Unity, Crediton 1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln 1393 Hamer, Liverpool

1432 Fitz-Alan, Oswestry 1459 Ashbury, West Gorton 1464 Eramus Wilson, Gravesend 1470 Chiltern, Dunstable 1512 Hemming, Hampton Court 1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield

1534 Concord, Prestwich 1562 Homfray, Risca 1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.

1763 St. Mary, Thame 1776 Landport, Landport 1821 Atlingworth, Brighton

1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W. 1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton

1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford 1892 Wallington, Carshalton 2107 Etheldreda, Newmarket 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe

2189 Ashburton, Ashburton 2226 St. David, Rymney 2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield

2302 St. Mary, Southwell 2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent 2325 Rose of Lancaster, South-

2341 Clemency, Oldham 2342 Easterford, Kelvedon 2414 Wychwood, Burford 2430 Runnymede, Wraysbury

### Friday.

143 Middlesex, Albion 975 Rose of Denmark, Kennington 1118 University, Freemasons-hall 1623 West Smithfield, Free-

masons-hall 1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's

2157 S. Mark's College, Holborn

Restaurant 2346 Warrant Officers, F.M. Hall

152 Virtue, Manchester 271 Royal Clarence, Brighton 347 Noah's Ark, Tipton

355 Royal Sussex Emulation, Swindon 401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn

404 Watford, Watford 460 Sutherland of Unity, New-castle-under-Lyme 541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on

652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth

993 Alexandra, Levenshulme 1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill

1074 Underley, Lonsdale 1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley 1311 Zetland, Leeds 1330 St. Peter, Market Harboro'

1357 Cope, Sale 1389 Fenwick, Sunderland 1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote

1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton 1794 De Vere, Nottingham 2063 St. Osyth's Priory, Clacton-

on-Sea 2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe 2231 Talbot, Stretford

2380 Beneventa, Daventry 2447 Palatine, Manchester

### Saturday.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street H. 1329 Sphinx, Camberwell 1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern

1732 Kings Cross, Anderton's 1767 Kensington, Notting Hill 2308 Viator, Anderton's

416 Surrey, Reigate 811 Yarborough, Brighton

1096 Lord Warden, Walmer 1126 Oakwood, Romiley 1556 Addiscombe, Croydon

1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow 2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton 2437 Downshire, Wokingham 2458 Eton, Eton

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