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## HEARTY GOOD WISHES.

FROM whence do Visiting Brethren derive the custom, which is so universal and so generally practised, of tendering hearty good wishes to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge they are visiting, previous to its being closed?

We are led to put this question because, although we believe the custom is almost as old and almost as universal as Freemasonry itself, its propriety is again questioned and its practice discredited, by some who profess to have an intimate knowledge of the Craft, and are desirous of maintaining it in its integrity. We have been accustomed, and we presume every Brother has also, to hear the Visitors tender the "Hearty good wishes" of their Lodge to the Chair, previous to the conclusion of the business of our meetings, but the right to do this is challenged, the question being asked, by what authority an individual member pledges his Lodge in this way? When we were called to order on this point a few weeks back we were certainly unable to give any good answer to the question of the objector, who stopped our greeting with the interrogation—what authority or sanction have you from the Lodge to use its name, now that you are a visitor here? We pleaded it was the custom of the Craft, and were answered that the custom was bad, unwarrantable, and ought to be discontinued. We cannot agree on this point, but we know that those who, for some reason or other, have suddenly discovered an objection to this wide-spread custom, are attempting to force their views upon the Craft, and that being so the subject becomes deserving of consideration.

Rightly or wrongly the Craft has permitted this form of fraternal greeting from time immemorial, indeed, if we go back to the records of long ago we shall find it was regarded as of greater moment than it is now, for we frequently find old Minutes recording the fact that the Visitors tendered "hearty good wishes" previous to the closing of the Lodge; but even apart from this the custom is so universal at the present day that it seems almost laughable for any individual to commence a crusade against it—but so it is; the error has been pointed out, and the question will now have to be answered—Which is correct? our Grand Lodges, our Provincial or District Grand Lodges and Private Lodges throughout the world, or the little band of reformers who have made the "Hearty good wishes" of the Visitors a point of attack in their desire for change, and would rob us of this particular form of greeting?

Were we not accustomed to these little outbursts of enthusiasm in the way of reform, and did we not

know that however much they may be at variance with recognised ideas of what is right they seldom fail to leave traces behind, we might not have thought this particular fad worthy of notice, but it would be a misfortune for Freemasonry to forfeit any of the charm which now surrounds its feature of visiting; and, on that basis, if on no other, there should be an immediate and determined opposition to those who preach reform in this direction, unless they can give some very good grounds for their proposal to do away with the heartiness of the recognised Masonic greeting. We cannot say that haste to get over the closing ceremonies of our meetings, which this curtailment of conventionalities seems at first blush to imply, is at the bottom of the present movement, although we have heard Masters in their desire for extreme punctuality request that these greetings, the singing of the Masonic "closing hymn," and other little technicalities should be dispensed with, in order that the proceedings might be brought to an end at the appointed time. Energy in such a direction is misplaced, and goes far to imply a lack of knowledge of the fitness of things. Better by far that the closing should be delayed five or ten minutes than an impression created that any part of the work of Freemasonry is slurred over in the desire to sit at the festive board. Refreshment after labour is a splendid institution, but labour must be attended to first, and should be carried through to a decent finish, else the reward of refreshment is less deserved and less appreciated by the true Brother.

## INTERNAL DISSENTION.

BEARING in mind our remarks of last week to the effect that Freemasonry has more to fear from within, than from outside its ranks, we may ask how much longer will the Grand Lodge of England refuse to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand? The parent body will have to give in sooner or later, and such being the case why delay the gracious act? Here is a Masonic body most intimately associated with the Mother country, that has recently warranted its ninety-eighth subordinate Lodge, considered as being undeserving of official recognition, and, as a consequence, its members are regarded as outside the pale of Brotherhood—seceders, in fact, who are guilty of grave offence against the laws of the Craft. Can such proceedings be regarded in any other light than a farce, and is it consistent with the professed principles of Freemasonry to keep up this "family jar" as the Grand Lodge of England is doing?

If the position of independence was being maintained by a mere handful of New Zealand Brethren against overwhelming numbers who desired to continue under the rule of the old authorities the case would be very different, but in face of the fact that the new order of things is supported by close on one hundred different organisations in the colony there is no excuse for further unfriendliness. We do not desire that either section of the Craft in New Zealand shall be compelled to submit to the other, but we certainly consider the time has arrived for a termination of the unseemly strife and disruption in regard to Freemasonry in the colony, and we regard it as the duty of the parent Grand Lodge to take the matter in hand, and heal the breach in the best way possible. This, we think, can most readily be done by an early recognition of the local Grand Lodge, for, as we have already said, that will have to come some day or other, and delay is not only dangerous, but wholly at variance with the teachings and professed practices of the Order.

We have previously expressed our views on this subject, and then suggested that the New Zealand authorities might invest some of their leading members with powers as a deputation to the home authorities—they would not have much difficulty in finding Brethren about to visit this country fully qualified for such an office, and we can hardly believe that with the case properly brought forward by such a deputation official recognition would be long deferred.

Probably the Grand Lodge of New Zealand regards the matter much in the same light as we should—if the Grand Lodge of England declines recognition then they can go on without it, but in the interests of the Masonic brotherly spirit that should at least be found at the head of our affairs, we hope the two sides to the disagreement will each be willing to concede something—the one so far submitting itself as to ask for fraternal recognition, the other giving way as much as is necessary in order to accord it, without further quibbling, or professed desire to maintain the rights of the majority against the opinions of a minority—for in this case the minority is really strong enough to be dealt with independently and entirely on its own basis, of course with the understanding that no force is to be used to compel the opposition in the colony to submit, or act against their inclination.

We are of opinion that once the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is recognised many Lodges that now stand out against it will give in their adhesion, and that ultimately the Craft of the colony will be united under the one system, a state of affairs very much to be preferred to the present divided and opposing condition of the Craft there.

The other day the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Burma took place in Rangoon. One incident of public interest occurred on the day before the meeting. A peon called upon a Grand Lodge Officer for the Grand Lodge jewels, which are of solid silver, a few only being gold, in order to take them to the tailors to have them fastened to the new clothing. The peon also carried a considerable sum in cash and a few books. All the jewels, in a locked box, were given to the peon, and he went his way towards another Lodge Officer's house. He was hardly 150 yards on his way, when a Burmese highwayman attacked him, knocking him down, half stunned. The Burman made off with the cash and the box of jewels, dashing down a side lane, and all the police of Rangoon have been unable to trace him.—“Colonies and India.”

### FREEMASONRY IN PONTEFRACT.

A SPECIAL Lodge of the Pontefract Brethren was held on Wednesday, 10th ult., in the New Masonic Hall, Ropergate, in order to transfer the Warrant, Banner, and other insignia of the Order from the old Lodge premises in the upper floor of Mr. Arundel's house, to the New Rooms which the Lodge has built during the past summer.

There was a large number of Brethren present, and they assembled at five o'clock in the large Dining Room on the ground floor in order to receive the Past Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire Past Grand Deacon of England Provincial Grand Superintendent Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., who, having been conducted by selected Officers of St. Oswald Lodge to the Candidate's Preparation Room, robed and signed the attendance book.

He was then met by a procession of the Brethren present, at the head of whom was the W. Master Bro. Ellis Foulds, who presented him with a silver key, and requested him to unlock the door of the new Lodge.

The Past Provincial Grand Master, having accepted the invitation and opened the door, the procession followed him into the room, singing “Hail, Masonry Divine.”

Brother Tew then took his seat as W.M., the other official chairs, and the seats on the dais, being filled by members of the Lodge who are also Provincial Officers, the Warrant and furniture being all in order in their appropriate places as in the old Lodge.

The Lodge having been thus constituted, and the various formalities observed, the P.P.G.M. addressed the Brethren as follows:

Brother Thomas Ellis Foulds W.M., Officers and Brethren of Lodge St. Oswald,—It is not my intention to take up your time with many words this evening, but as this may be the last occasion upon which I shall have the pleasure and privilege of meeting my Brethren of Saint Oswald in open Lodge, I should like, with your permission, Worshipful Master, to make a few observations in relation to the history and progress of this Society of Freemasons in Pontefract, in the founding and promoting of which I have taken a not inconsiderable part.

Thirty-three years have now passed since, in conjunction with a few friends, I applied to the Grand Lodge of England for sanction to open a Masonic Lodge in Pontefract.

That petition, which was sent in the autumn of 1861, was signed, in addition to myself, by William Hall, Integrity Lodge, No. 529, Morley, Jeremiah Rhodes, Fidelity Lodge, No. 364, Leeds, Geo. Wood Bayldon, J. Handby, Fred Lumb and William Statter, all of Wakefield Lodge, No. 727.

The prayer of that petition was endorsed by Geo. H. Westerman W.M. Unanimity Lodge, No. 179, Wakefield and by Philip Yorke Savile, Robert Micklethwaite, B. W. Allen, F. Stuart Wortley, William Wood, and Rowland Childe, all of Lodge 727 (now 495), Wakefield.

Of these last-named seven Brethren, I believe only one, the Hon. and Rev. Philip Yorke Savile, Rector of Methley, survives.

Our prayer was heard, and in due course the warrant which bears date 14th February 1862 was received, and on the 7th of April of that same year I was installed by the late Brother John Gill, also of Wakefield, as your first Worshipful Master.

At the completion of my first term of office, you did me the honour of electing me to fill the chair of King Solomon a second time. Nor was this all. Some few years later, in 1868, the suffrages of my Brethren again placed me in that honourable position,—from which circumstances the members of more recent times may gather that during the infancy and early childhood of the Lodge St. Oswald, I was closely connected with its concerns and deeply interested in its welfare and progress. And, Brethren, that interest has never waned. My solicitude for all that relates to Lodge 910 has increased as the years have rolled on, and—let me add—I am proud of the very high position to which the Saint Oswald Lodge has attained. Not a few of its members have, from time to time, been thought worthy

of Provincial rank, and, at the present moment there are, I am informed, no fewer than fifteen of our Brethren who are entitled to wear the much-coveted collar which distinguishes the Officer in Provincial Grand Lodge.

I myself, your first Worshipful Master, was chosen in 1875 by our late Provincial Grand Master, the much respected and gallant Sir Henry Edwards, to act as his Deputy. For ten years I held that responsible position, and on his retirement had the honour of being selected by our Royal Most Worshipful Master to occupy the highest position in the Province,—that of your Provincial Grand Master. So far then as honours and distinctions are concerned, the Lodge of Saint Oswald has received a fair share.

In addition to this, let me remind you that you have had other valued marks of recognition. On the 6th July 1864, the D.P.G.M. Brother Bentley Shaw, whom we all most highly esteem, visited Pontefract for the purpose of consecrating the Saint Oswald Lodge. On the 23rd October 1872, we were still more highly honoured, for on that occasion we received and entertained, not only the P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, but also the M.W. the G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England. I refer to the noble Marquess of Ripon, who simultaneously held both those important offices. He was accompanied by his Deputy Bro. Bentley Shaw, and a large body of Provincial Grand Officers,—and, as many here present will doubtless remember,—in a thoroughly Masonic way he laid the foundation stone of the present Church of St. Stephen at East Hardwick, the then Worshipful Master of Saint Oswald being our good Brother Edmund Lord whom I am delighted to see here to-day.

On the 17th August 1876, when the Freemasons of Pontefract wished to pay a tribute of respect to their friend and neighbour Brother Breffitt, alderman and sheriff for the county of Middlesex, the Prov.G.Master Brother Sir Henry Edwards came to Pontefract, and, surrounded by a band of other illustrious visitors, joined with us in uttering words of congratulation to Brother Breffitt upon the high position which by his perseverance and industry he had reached.

And again, in 1880 the Prov. G.L. of West Yorkshire met under the banner of Saint Oswald, and assisted us in promoting the interests of that most valuable and useful Institution—the Pontefract Dispensary.

Well, Brethren, though in no boastful spirit, I may say then that we can point to a not undistinguished past. We can show Members of Parliament and Cabinet Ministers on our roll. We have risen from a comparatively obscure position to one of numerical strength. Our financial condition is sound, and we have now at length reached that goal to which I have long been looking forward—we have obtained a Masonic Hall of our own. By the energy, the enterprise, and the business ability for which the members of Saint Oswald have ever been distinguished you have attained this result, and I heartily congratulate you thereupon. I was able, though in a most feeble condition of health, on the 25th of January of this year to lay the corner-stone of this Masonic Temple, and I am thankful to the G.A.O.T.U. that I have been spared to-day to see its completion. You have now a Lodge Room which only needs Masonic ornamentation to make it all that you may reasonably require; and you have suitable accommodation where, when occasion needs, you may hospitably entertain your Masonic friends.

But, Brethren, never forget the object and purpose for which this building has been projected. It is to carry out honourably and faithfully the principles of Freemasonry. What those principles are, and what is involved in the dutiful realisation of them, I have frequently endeavoured to pourtray to you and to others, to the best of my ability. But I cannot let this opportunity pass—this occasion which may be my last—without once more briefly reiterating some of my former words of counsel, warning and advice.

Freemasonry is an Institution, a parallel to which does not exist throughout the civilized world. 'Tis the one grand organisation which is in no sense self-seeking. Its great purpose is to establish the Brotherhood of man and to relieve distress wherever it may be found. Its foundation is the volume of the Sacred Law. Polemical and party discussions it will have none of. Within the Lodge, when a man has once become privileged to enter,

he should find Brotherly love and social equality. Political differences, religious dissensions, professional rivalries, and the animosities which the keen competition of trade and commerce may create, should here be all laid aside. All meet upon a common level, and all should act upon the square.

But, Brethren, our principles are not to be confined to the four walls of our Lodges. We must carry out into the world what we have been taught in our ceremonies. We are an unassuming and by no means a proselytising society—but our responsibilities are nevertheless great. We have to maintain and uphold—at a time when religion is openly derided, when political economy is scoffed at, when the recognised and time-honoured bonds of Society are sought to be ruthlessly burst asunder—we have, I say, to hold fast by the doctrines which Freemasonry teaches from the volume of the Sacred Law, and steadily to rally round the banners of the Craft upon which are inscribed the noble mottoes of our Order—Fortitude, Prudence, Justice, &c.

To do all this is only a part of the responsibility which we assume when we enter the Masonic Fraternity. We should also be modest in our demeanour and exercise self-restraint, since the actions of a few may readily bring our Brotherhood into contempt. How necessary then does it become that we should use the greatest caution and exercise the very fullest enquiry before we admit new members in the portals of our Lodges. On this point I feel most strongly, and would for that reason impress you most earnestly.

One last word, for I wish not to weary you. My part is played, my act of Masonic life is over. I have done what I could—little I fear—yet my humble best. I have tried to make a homogeneous Province, and to make it well thought of by the Grand Lodge of England. I have lived to see the Lodge of St. Oswald thrive and mature, to see it establish itself in an abode which is worthy of it, and I leave it in good hands. The Past Masters, many of whom are with us to-day, will, I am sure, give their time and attention and watchful care to all its interests and concerns; and the Lodge will, I trust, succeed in the future even as it has prospered in the past.

Strive, my Brethren, to carry out the beautiful principles of our Order, Charity and Mercy, and seek, even as I at this moment entreat, that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may fall upon you, that it may keep you steadfast to your duties, that it may enable you to act your parts as true men, good patriots, dutiful citizens, and worthy Masons, you and your children after you from generation to generation, until time and Pontefract shall be no more.

Let me again thank you not only for your cordial welcome, for your flattering attention, and for the generous support you have ever accorded me in Prov. Grand Lodge, but also for the many acts of courtesy of which I have constantly been the recipient.

At the conclusion of this address, which was received by the Brethren with many manifestations of approval, the New Rooms were declared to be duly and properly opened for the purposes of Freemasonry, the Brethren in full harmony responding in the usual Masonic manner, and the Lodge being closed in perfect peace and harmony.

The following is the inscription on a shield attached by a massive silver chain to the Key used on this occasion:—

Presented to

BRO. T. W. TEW R.W.P.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire,  
P.G.D. of England,

on the occasion of his opening the New Masonic Hall,  
Lodge St. Oswald, 910. 10th October 1894.

The Key was about 2½ inches long, the upper portion being occupied by a Masonic symbol enclosing the initial T, and being so worded as to represent the same both on the obverse and reverse.

It is intended to engrave on the back of the shield an armorial bearing consisting of the arms of the Province impaling those of Bro. Tew.—“Pontefract Advertiser.”

“The Autobiography of George Augustus Sala” is now in an advanced state of preparation, and will be published in a few weeks by Messrs. Cassell and Company.

## MIDDLESEX.

THE Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, Twickenham, when a numerous body of Principals and Companions assembled. Those who were present had also the pleasure of taking part in an interesting ceremony, as advantage was taken of the occasion to instal Lord George Francis Hamilton, M.P., as Grand Superintendent of the Province. The proceedings commenced at half past three o'clock, when Comp. Raymond Henry Thrupp Second Provincial Grand Principal in Charge presided, and was supported by Col. Noel Money Provincial Grand Superintendent of Surrey as H., and the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders as J. Among those present were the following: Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Third Grand Principal, E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, W. Mason Stiles Grand Treasurer, Frank Richardson G.D.C., W. R. Shutt P.P.G.T., J. G. Garson P.P.G.J., J. Gordon Langton G.S.N., J. W. Hay P.G.R., F. W. Levander P.P.G.T., A. Toulmin jun. P.G.A.S., A. C. A. Higerty P.G.A.S., H. Higgins P.D.C., E. Hopwood P.G.S.B., R. W. Forge P.G.P.S., W. A. Scurrah P.G.S., W. Taylor P.G.W., E. A. Francis P.A.S., Dr. J. Beresford Ryley P.G.J., C. Watkins P.A.S., G. L. Wingate P.A.S., Geo. R. Langley P.G.T., H. M. Williams P.D.C., W. G. Kentish P.G.Std.B., A. H. Scurrah P.G.S.B., S. W. S. Burrige P.A.S., C. Veal P.A.S., J. P. Houghton P.G.S.N., D. W. Pearn P.G.S.N., R. W. Bilby P.G.R., T. C. Austin P.G.D.C., W. J. Porter P.G.D.C., J. T. Briggs P.G.P.S., T. W. Ockenden P.G.D.C., H. Hooper P.G.Sword B.; M.E.Zs. A. H. Trehearne 1293, N. J. Hankim 1503, W. H. Glynn Smith 1691; P.Zs. E. Holt 1237, J. W. Hinton 1503, J. M. Siedwell 946, A. Marvin 382, Chas. Fraser 1293, H. H. Room 91, Astley T. Nieglue S.N. 1691, W. W. Lee H. 1524, Richard Poore H. 1423, Alfred Collins D.C. 1423, A. J. Oliver H. 1549, Stephen Richardson S.N. 1293, F. Chapman 2nd A.S. 946, Orton Cooper 1928, David Urquhart 10, J. R. Marvin 22, &c.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed.

The Auditors' report and accounts, showing a substantial balance, were presented and accepted. Comp. Thrupp then vacated the chair, which was taken by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, who proceeded to appoint a deputation of Past Principals to retire with the D.C. to introduce the Grand Superintendent Designate. Lord George Hamilton having been placed in front of the pedestal, the Patent of Appointment from the M.E.G.Z. was read. In a highly impressive address the Installing Officer enlarged upon the duties of the local chief, pointing out the responsibilities of the appointment, and the effect that he would have upon the Province. The Superintendent Designate having replied that he would conscientiously undertake the duties of the office, was then obligated and installed in the Principal's chair. The Prov. G. Superintendent appointed Comps. R. H. Thrupp and Frederick Mead as Second and Third Principals respectively. Comp. Frank Richardson then proclaimed the rank and titles of the Grand Superintendent, who was saluted by the Companions passing in procession before him.

In the course of his subsequent address to the Comps. Lord George said that when he heard his name had been mentioned in the highest quarters for the appointment of Provincial Grand Superintendent he felt considerable reluctance to accept it, as he was quite aware of his own shortcomings and was of opinion that no one should occupy a position unless he was perfectly qualified for it. However, after due reflection he considered that he could rely upon those excellent Companions with whom he was already well acquainted for assistance; and in their mutual position as Principals he felt they would be able to perform the duties in a satisfactory manner. He should ever bear in mind the impressive address of the Installing Z. and endeavour to maintain the high Masonic character of the Province. The ceremony in which they had taken part that day was one that tended to promote the best and highest interests of the Craft, which he hoped in the future he would be able still further to promote. Hearty applause greeted the Grand Superintendent as he resumed his seat.

Comp. Bilby proposed and Comp. Shutt seconded, that Comp. Oliver should be Grand Treasurer of the Province for the ensuing year, and there being no other nomination he was declared duly elected.

The following Officers were also appointed and invested:

Comp. Wm. Henry Lee	-	-	Scribe E.
Dr. Matthew	-	-	Scribe N.
W. H. Glynn Smith	-	-	Registrar
N. J. Hakim	-	-	Principal Sojourner
A. H. Trehearne	-	-	1st Assistant
E. Holt	-	-	2nd Assistant
A. Marvin	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. Barnes	-	-	Standard Bearer
W. Hislop	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. Poore	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Robert Morgan	-	-	Organist.

Upon the proposition of the second and third G.Ps. Comp. Gilbert was re-elected Janitor.

The Grand Scribe E. then called over the Roll of Chapters in the Province, when all but one were found to be represented. Comps. Scurrah, Wilkin and Bilby were elected to the Audit Committee, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Past Treasurer Comp. Geo. R. Langley for his management of the accounts.

Comp. Thrupp proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Strawberry Hill Chapter for the management of the day, and to Comp. Forge for his valuable services. This was seconded by Comp. Mead and carried.

The Grand Superintendent then proposed that the thanks of the convocation should be offered to W. W. B. Beach G.H. for his assistance in acting as Installing Z. He said Comp. Beach had attained the highest ranks in Freemasonry by his unceasing and indefatigable efforts, and certainly no one had contributed more than he to the success of the Order. They were specially honoured by his presence there that day and everybody must have been impressed by his able rendering of the ceremony.

Comp. Dr. J. Beresford Ryley seconded, and the proposition was carried with acclamation.

Comp. Beach, in acknowledging the compliment, said that he was always glad to fulfil any duty that lay in his power to perform, if it tended to advance the interests in the Craft. He congratulated the Province in having so highly esteemed a Mason as Lord George Hamilton for their Grand Superintendent, and wished him a happy and prosperous reign.

The business of the day being finished, the Grand Chapter was closed in solemn form and the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was served by Comp. H. Barton of the King's Head Hotel, Twickenham. Upon its termination the usual Loyal toasts were honoured, the G. Superintendent referring in kindly terms to the death of the Czar and the ready sympathy shown by the M.E.G.Z. in his hurried journey to Livadia to console the grief-stricken widow.

In proposing the Grand Officers Lord George said that one of the charms of Freemasonry was the sense of jollity that obtained after the labours of the day were over. He could therefore speak with greater freedom than he could otherwise do. He greatly regretted that Comp. Beach had been obliged to leave, and he had thanked him for coming up from the country for this duty. He was a real good fellow, and a very remarkable man. He had been many years M.P. for Bristol, he was an admirable Chairman of Quarter Sessions, a highly esteemed Master of Hounds, and for a long period he had been in the fore front of Freemasonry. In his youth he had taken great interest in athletics, and was the greatest sprint runner of his day. In his absence he would call upon Comp. Frank Richardson to respond, he was as good a Companion as could be found in the ranks of the Order.

That Companion bore testimony to the zeal and hard work of the Grand Officers in furthering the interests of the Craft; he had great pleasure in attending the ceremony, and in seeing the admirable manner in which Companion Beach had installed the Grand Superintendent.

Comp. Col. Noel Money then rose and said he had the great privilege to propose the health of their Grand Superintendent. It had given him great pleasure to assist at the ceremony of the Installation. He felt he



must add his testimony as to the work performed by Comp. Beach, who always carried out his duties as they out to be carried out. Everybody knew his reputation, and there was no Englishman but would acknowledge that he had done his duty to the satisfaction of the country at large. With regard to their Grand Superintendent he thought his appointment was a sign of great promise for the advancement of the Province, as Lord George Hamilton would carry out his duty to the satisfaction of his own conscience and the welfare of the Companions; he heartily wished him a happy and successful career.

The Grand Superintendent, in responding, said that as he had before stated he had considerable reluctance to fulfil the position, but having accepted it he would discharge the duties to the best of his ability. He found that as he got on in life his duties increased, and he had not so much time at his disposal, but he was encouraged by the fact that he had two stalwart pillars (Comps. Thrupp and Mead) to lean upon. He trusted the result of that day's investiture would prove satisfactory to the Companions, and he thanked them all for their assistance and kindly sympathy.

In proposing the Provincial Grand Officers he said the Province of Middlesex occupied an unrivalled position in the Order, which was mainly due to the Past Officers, because unless there were a number of men prepared to give their time and attention to the work, the Order must soon fall. Their duties were done quietly and unostentatiously, and they had brought up the organisation to the highest state of perfection. It was in fact the same great secret that had brought our little Island to its proud position, namely, that public spirit and sense of patriotism which thoroughly dispelled the notion that men would do nothing unless paid for it.

Comp. Thrupp said that no light responsibility had devolved upon him in carrying on the business of the Province since the lamented death of Sir Francis Burdett, but he had always the ready assistance and willing co-operation of good Officers. Their labours were not repaid in coin, but in the hearty appreciation and cordial support of their Brethren.

Comp. Noel Money, in replying for the Visitors, said that he cordially appreciated the sympathy that existed between the Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey, and he was sure in matters Masonic they had everything in common. The Visitors were exceedingly gratified at the beautiful ceremony, and he congratulated the Companions on having such an excellent Mason to preside over them.

The post prandial proceedings were enlivened by a capital programme of songs under the direction of Comp. Schartau, assisted by Comps. Vivian Bennetts, James Brand, and William Bradford.

### DORSET.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Bridport, on Tuesday, 30th ult., and largely attended, notwithstanding the fact that other important county engagements prevented the attendance of many of the Brethren. The proceedings commenced at 12.30 in the Congregational Schoolroom, where members of St. Mary's Lodge had made adequate arrangements for the accommodation and comfort of the Brethren.

In the absence of the P.G.M. (Bro. Montagu Guest) Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., D.P.G.M. presided.

The roll of Lodges having been called, and the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge at Weymouth confirmed, the acting Prov. G. Chaplain (Rev. P. G. U. Pickering) delivered an eloquent lecture, after which the Provincial Grand Sec. (Bro. R. Case) read a number of letters from Brethren who had been prevented from attending.

Other business connected with the P. Grand Lodge was transacted, including the receiving of the reports of the Charity Organisation and Dorset Masonic Charity Committees, and the voting of £20 to the latter Charity and £21 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Dugdale, who has acted as Steward of the Province to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for so many years, and with much zeal and success, was again nominated. The following were invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Major McAdam	-	-	-	Senior Warden
J. J. Roper	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. P. G. U. Pickering	-	-	-	Chaplain
R. D. Thornton	-	-	-	Treasurer
R. Case	-	-	-	Secretary
W. Roberts	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Blamey	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
C. Toleman	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. J. Lawrence	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
W. B. Alexander	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
H. Maunder	-	-	-	Organist
H. W. White	-	-	-	Pursuivant
C. F. Yearsley	-	-	-	
A. Knight	-	-	-	
P. J. Gavin	-	-	-	
R. C. Cave	-	-	-	
R. Gill	-	-	-	
W. Oxley	-	-	-	
S. C. Vye	-	-	-	

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The usual votes of thanks having been accorded to the W.M. and Brethren of the receiving Lodge for their hospitality, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed with the usual ceremony.

Luncheon followed at the Town Hall, and the customary toasts were drunk. The proceedings throughout were of a very pleasant character.—“Bournemouth Guardian.”

**Australian Fruit Culture.**—Our well known Brother—James Stevens—who has for some time past acted as Representative of the Australian Irrigation Colonies, gave a most successful series of lectures at Manchester, during the holding of the British and Colonial Industrial Exhibition there in September and October, and we believe he created considerable interest among his audiences in the work he particularly refers to. On these occasions he had the assistance of the limelight photo-views which are so attractive an adjunct to his lectures, while it may also be said that his ability as a speaker served to heighten the effect they produced; each, as a matter of fact, assisting the other. Bro. Stevens will deliver his lecture at the Horticultural College, Swanley, Kent, on Tuesday, 20th inst., at 7 p.m. We wish our old friend continued success in his efforts.

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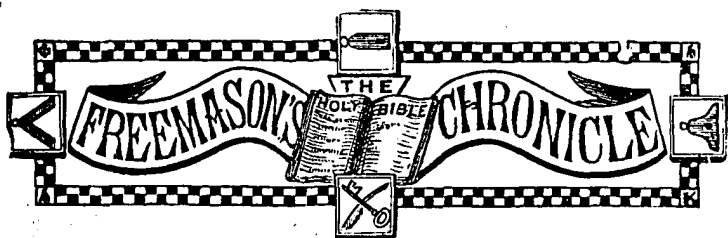
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SATURDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 1894.

Universal Masonic Benevolence in practice, as well as in theory, is the mark at which some of our Scottish friends aim, and although there may be insurmountable obstacles preventing the realisation of their desires, the spirit that has been aroused on the question is deserving of commendation.

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The Brethren who have taken the initiative in the matter have commenced by petitioning their Provincial Grand Lodge to "take such steps as shall enable it and every other Lodge in the Province, and in Scotland, to grant to every applicant any reasonable assistance he may claim, on his proving himself a worthy Mason," and for this purpose suggest:

1st, that a Brother be appointed to whom the Treasurer of every Lodge in the Province shall immediately report all sums of money given in "Charity" to any Brother (unless he be a son of the Lodge), together with name and Masonic designation of the recipient. 2nd, that the appointed Brother keep such a list of the names of recipients, and grants made that he may see when any one is making a trade of Masonic Charity. That he send on the names and Masonic designation of any who may seem to be thus guilty, to the Secretary of every Lodge in the Province, and to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge. 3rd, that the Provincial Grand Lodge approach the Grand Lodge, with the object of making the scheme universal throughout Scotland.

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Without claiming too much for ourselves we may take the credit of having made suggestions almost identical with the above, some time back, and although our Scottish Brethren may never have heard of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in this connection, it is the fact that their proposals are almost the same as those set forth in our pages. We cordially wish our friends across the border success in their endeavours, but we fear they are doomed to disappointment.

Yet, it may be asked, why should there not be some recognised authority from whom Masons really in need of a little assistance might ask for pecuniary aid—not as a favour, but more as a matter of right? We believe it would not cost more to maintain a regular system of relief than is now spent in unorganised grants to those who appeal for assistance at various times and in various parts of the country, while there would be the further satisfaction of feeling that in the one case there was something for every legitimate applicant, instead of, as is now the case, the idea that half the grants made in casual relief go to swell the gains and increase the number of Masonic imposters.

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While on this subject we may direct attention to an article that appears elsewhere, from an American contemporary, on the question of "Dispensing Masonic aid," as well as to a letter on the subject from the same source. As is well known, our American cousins devote considerably more attention to the settlement of such details as there referred to than is the case with English Masons, and although we by no means desire that all their practices should be adopted here, there can be no harm in knowing what others do in their efforts to carry out the true principles of Freemasonry.

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Special arrangements were made in connection with the regular meeting of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, held on Tuesday, to mark the Masonic Jubilee of Bro. Lieut-Col. George Lambert, F.S.A., Past Master of that and other Lodges and Past Grand Sword Bearer of England. As mentioned in the "Weekly News and Chronicle," Col. Lambert's Masonic record will find but few, if any, equals, as during the whole of his fifty years membership he has only been absent from his Lodge four times, three of which absentions were occasioned by very severe family bereavements.

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The address of congratulation from the Brethren of Cheshire to their Provincial Grand Master, on the occasion of his marriage with the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, and which was voted on the occasion of the holding of the Provincial Grand Lodge on 20th September, was presented to Lord Egerton of Tatton on Saturday, 3rd inst., the presentation taking place at Tatton Park, Knutsford, the palatial home of Lord Egerton. The presentation was made by Sir Horatio Lloyd to His Lordship and Her Grace the Duchess in a few appropriate words, in which he extended the congratulations of the Brethren to his Lordship upon his recent union, and expressed the hope that both might long be spared to each other. His Lordship as suitably replied, and expressed his thanks for the gift, which he should treasure very highly. Subsequently the Brethren who formed the deputation had lunch, and were afterwards accompanied through the beautiful grounds, conservatories, &c., by their noble host.

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A new Lodge of Instruction was to be inaugurated last night (Friday), at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Hackney, working under the banner of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897. The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation were to be rehearsed by Brother James Terry P.G.Swd.B. and Secretary to the Benevolent Institution, at 7 o'clock precisely, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. W. Wright Prov.G.Organist Middlesex. The Officers named for continuing the work of Instruction are eminently suited for the task of carrying on and maintaining the Lodge in a state of efficiency, and are: Preceptor Bro. O. J. Von Holtorp; Treasurer Bro. T. I. Bird; Secretary Bro. H. Willsmer, 17 Foulden Road, N., of whom all information can be obtained.

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The Minehead Masonic Hall Company (Limited) was registered on the 29th ult., with a capital of £1,000, divided into 200 shares of £5 each, to acquire by purchase a plot of land in Minehead, for the purpose of erecting a building adapted for a Masonic Hall and other purposes. The office is at 12 Hammet Street, Taunton.

## NEW TEMPLE AT MARGATE.

ON Tuesday, 6th inst., the ceremony took place of the laying of the memorial stone of the new Masonic Temple, now in course of erection in New Cross Street, on ground at the rear of "The Limes." A procession of between fifty and sixty members of the Union Lodge, and Brethren from Ramsgate, &c. was formed at the Lodge House, King's Head Hotel, collars, aprons, &c. being worn; and on their arrival they found a large audience assembled on the site.

The ceremony commenced with the hymn "O God, our Help in ages past." The Chaplain (Rev. W. Taylor Jones) having read a suitable prayer, Bro. Albert Latham (the architect) presented a silver trowel to the W.M., who laid the memorial stone, which bears an inscription stating that

"This stone was laid by

W. Bro. EDWIN CROSOER W.M. Union Lodge, No. 127,  
6th November 1894."

After performing the ceremony in a business-like way, Bro. Crosoer declared, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, that the stone was well and truly laid. He said the stone marked an eventful epoch in the history of their Lodge, which had been in existence 130 years. During that time they had had no fixed home or habitation, but now, with those walls rising around them, they would reach the height of their ambition. He hoped that there Brotherly love would flourish among them; that they might have many brought into their ranks; and, from that auspicious occasion, he trusted that Union Lodge, No. 127, would have a long and very prosperous career before it.

The Chaplain offered a prayer of thanksgiving and pronounced the Benediction, after which the Old Hundredth Psalm was sung, and the ceremony ended.

The procession re-formed, and proceeded, via Market Street and Marine Drive, to their Lodge Room.

The large Hall will be 44ft. by 24ft., approached by a handsome and capacious hall; and there will also be robing and candidates' preparation rooms, &c. It will be built of red brick, with stone dressings, and the roof will be of open timber-work. On the north side will be the caretaker's cottage, consisting of two floors. The Hall will have a prettily decorated elevation, and no doubt it will be a great local improvement and an advantage to the neighbouring properties.

## INAUGURATION OF THE IXION INSTRUCTION LODGE.

THERE was a large gathering at the Denmark Arms, East Ham, on Wednesday, 7th inst., the occasion being the inauguration of this new Lodge of Instruction, the proceedings being followed by a banquet. The ceremonies of the day were performed by Bro. John Ives P.M., who, in the course of his rehearsal installed Bro. H. F. Bromhead P.M. P.P.S.G.W. as Master. Bro. J. S. Chapman was chosen as Treasurer, and W. W. Ives (4 Sibley Grove, East Ham) Secretary. Bro. T. Cowell will act as Preceptor.

The banquet was catered for by Bro. Window, of Canning Town, who gave the greatest satisfaction to all the Brethren. During the evening selections on the piano were performed, and a delightful programme of toasts and songs rendered the meeting most enjoyable.

The Annual Supper of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction will take place on Monday, 26th inst., in the Masonic Hall of the Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, at 6.30 p.m. precisely. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar Deputy Provincial Grand Master Essex will take the chair, and Bro. Wm. Gower Deputy Preceptor 2374 and Bro. N. Fortescue I.P.M. 2374 the Vice-Chairs.

Messrs. Cassell and Company will shortly publish "The People's Life of William Ewart Gladstone," which, within the compass of a shilling volume, fully illustrated, will contain a popularly written account of the career of the great statesman.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

A DISPENSATION has been granted permitting the wearing of Craft and Royal Arch clothing at a Service for Freemasons to be held on Sunday, 16th December, at St. Paul's, Haringay, when it is expected Bro. William Sinclair, the Ven. Archdeacon of London, will deliver an address. Bro. H. I. Abrahams 201 is acting as Treasurer, and Bro. J. J. Cummins (1 Upland Road, Ridge Road, Stroud Green, N.) as Secretary in connection with the Service.

THE Annual Masonic Service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Southport, on Sunday, when the Rev. T. Barton Spencer P.G. Chaplain of England preached to about 600 Brethren who formed part of a full congregation. He stated that £110 had already been raised towards the endowment (£700) of a cot in the new infirmary, and he appealed for a liberal offertory towards this object. The collection realised £36 5s.

ON Wednesday evening, the 7th instant, the annual Service in connection with the Dungannon Masonic bodies was held in Killyman Parish Church, on the invitation of Bro. Rev. E. F. Campbell, M.A., Rector. This Service, says the "Irish Times," is part of a scheme originated six years ago by Bro. Dr. J. C. Sugars Provincial Grand Senior Warden, for the purpose of founding in Dungannon vice-patronships and vice-presidentships of the Masonic Orphan Schools. The scheme has been so successfully carried out that the local Lodges are now entitled to one vice-patronship and five vice-presidentships. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Armagh preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from St. Luke x, 29 "But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?"

## RE-OPENING NEWTON ABBOT HALL.

THIS Masonic Hall has been redecorated with great splendour and artistic ability, says the "Western Morning News," after designs by Bro. Lewis Stevens P.M., who has devoted most of his spare time for some months past to the work. The Devon Lodge, No. 1138, to whom the hall belongs, and of which Bro. G. H. Harder is the W.M., will celebrate the re-opening of the Hall on Tuesday, 20th inst., by the holding of a conversazione, under the patronage of Viscount Ebrington Prov. Grand Master of Devon, W. G. Rogers D.Prov. G.M., Major C. Davie P.A.G.D.C. Prov. Grand Sec., Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., Prov. G.M.M., and other distinguished Masons. An exhibition of Masonic curios will be one of the features of the conversazione. Bro. F. J. W. Crowe P.P.G.O. will lend from his unique collection a complete series of the various certificates issued by the "Regular," "Atholl," and United Grand Lodges of England, and certificates, jewels, aprons, and sashes of Masonic grand bodies from all parts of the world. Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. Eng. is preparing a short lecture on Freemasonry in its connection with Newton Abbot and Newton Bushell. A dispensation has been granted for Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing.

The "Letters of Hargrave Jennings," the well-known Masonic writer (author of the "Rosicrucians," "Phallicism," &c.), are announced as being prepared for press by "Invictus" (c/o R. H. Fryar, Bath). They are submitted as forming the unabridged Correspondence with the Editor of the "Bath Occult Reprints," between 1879 and 1887, and intimately relate to all those extraordinary and recondite subjects on which Mr. Jennings was such an adept, and contain views and opinions hitherto suppressed or only privately imparted to a select few. Prompted by this circumstance, the Publisher pledges himself never again to reprint them, and only in the present instance in a limited copyright edition, at a price (10s 6d) that shall cover the cost of production, and secure, as far as possible, their circulation among those advanced thinkers for whom they are intended.

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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## METROPOLITAN.

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## LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE regular meeting was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday of last week. The W.M. Bro. C. Dawe occupied the chair, and was well supported.

Messrs. T. J. Harris, P. L. Lynch, G. W. Westwood, P. C. Blow, and W. R. Gurley were initiated, the W.M. performing the ceremony. After business, the Brethren repaired to the Banquet Hall, where a capital dinner was served, and was followed by the customary toasts.

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## KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Tuesday of last week, at the Railway Hotel, Highbury Station, the W.M., who presided, being supported by his principal Officers. Mr. Harry Kerr was initiated and other business was transacted.

The banquet was held in the large saloon, and was well provided and served by Bro. Tuck, the W.M. presiding.

Bro. P.M. Mayer proposed the health of the W.M., and in the course of his address remarked that although it was a very long time since he had the honour of making such a proposition, he made the present one with a heartiness that came from a full appreciation of merit.

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## VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1816.

A NUMEROUS attendance took place at the City of London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Thursday, the 25th ult., when Bro. Alfred Reed S.W. was installed as Master by Bro. C. Reeve P.M., who did ample justice to his various duties, conducting every part of the beautiful ceremony with the utmost precision and dignity, and rendering the addresses with earnest impressiveness.

At the instance of Bro. Govier P.M., seconded and supported by other Brethren, it was resolved to elect Brother Calver P.M. as an Honorary Member of the Lodge, in recognition of his eminent services as Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. The vote was unanimous in his favour, and Brother Calver responded, briefly thanking the W.M. and the other Brethren.

Other Masonic business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where, in accordance with the traditions of the London Tavern, the purveyorship left nothing further to be desired. Exactly one hundred sat down to table, the largest number, the "East London Observer" believes, in the history of the Lodge.

Bro. Meiklerid, in a few well-chosen sentences, proposed the health of the new W.M., wishing him every prosperity.

In terms equally brief and to the point, Brother A. Reed W.M. thanked Bro. Meiklerid and the Brethren.

In reply to the toast of the Installing Officer Bro. C. Reeves said the work he had done that afternoon had been a work of love. He was proud to instal a Brother who he felt would be an ornament to the Lodge.

Among those responding for the Past Masters, Bro. Govier, in his usual happy vein, commented on the growing list of Past Masters. Looking round on the numerous gathering before him—comparing it with the earlier days of the Victoria Park Lodge—it must be admitted that the contrast was great.

Bro. H. Rogers said they might feel certain that the prosperity of the Lodge was secured, and if he occasionally reminded them there were such things as subscriptions it was a necessity of his position as Secretary to do so.

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## LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 86.

ON Wednesday, 7th inst., the Installation of W.M. took place at the Masonic Rooms, Kings Arms, Prescott, when Bro. John Truesdale was installed. There was a large gathering of members and Visitors.

Bro. W. Tyrer P.M. P.P.G.S. of Wks. installed the new W.M., and addresses to the Officers were delivered by Bro. F. Pritchard P.M. D.C.

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## SYMPATHY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 483.

A T the meeting held on the 12th inst., at the Star Hotel, Gravesend, Bro. T. H. Lygo acted as W.M., E. Ingman S.W., W. Hawker J.W., H. Watts Treas., J. P. White P.M. Sec., R. J. Beamish P.M. Preceptor. Brother C. G. Rayfield was present as a Visitor.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Moore P.M. being the candidate.

The Annual balance sheet was read, showing a balance of nearly £13.

A resolution was carried that the Lodge join the Masonic Charitable Association which has just commenced, and when a vote be drawn a further sum of £5 5s be taken from Lodge funds and a vote purchased in the name of the Preceptor.

The ceremony of Passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rayfield being the candidate.

## ROYAL LEBANON LODGE, No. 493.

A T the Bell Hotel, Gloucester, on Tuesday, 6th inst., Bro. W. J. Jenkins was installed. Bro. J. Herbert W.M. performed the ceremony, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering, which included several Masons from South Wales.

The business of the evening was followed by a banquet, and the usual Masonic toasts, interspersed with music.

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## LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

A MEETING was held at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, on Thursday the 8th inst., the following being present: Bros. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor, G. T. Lenard Treasurer, Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Secretary, R. Lingard, H. J. Harrison, E. Entwistle, W. Dyson Fryer, Thos. Hamnett, J. J. Dean, A. Ashworth P.M., Jno. Whittaker, Edward Whittaker, R. A. Hepworth, A. Longworth, G. Rothwell Berry, Sam. Butterworth, W. Jones, J. F. Fletcher, H. G. Jackson, H. B. Brown, Nathl. Jones.

Bro. Lingard assumed the principal chair, being supported by Bros. Harrison acting S.W., Entwistle J.W., Fryer S.D., Hamnett J.D., Dean I.G.

After the reading of minutes, Bros. George Henry Russell, Duchess of York Lodge, No. 2482, and Joseph Grime, Integrity Lodge, No. 163, were successfully balloted for as Joining Members, after which Bro. Lingard advanced the Lodge to the F.C. degree, and Bro. W. Jones, who had expressed a wish to act as Candidate, was questioned in the usual way and retired. Upon his re-entry the ceremony of Raising was rehearsed, Bro. Lingard not only conducting the work of the ceremonial, but giving the Traditional History of the degree also. Bro. Harrison presented and explained the Working Tools.

Bro. Entwistle afterwards assumed the chair, and concluded the remaining business, finally closing at 9.5 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., when the ceremonies of Initiation and Passing will be rehearsed.

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## ST. CUTHBERGA LODGE, No. 622.

A T the last monthly meeting, Bro. T. H. Ensor W.M. alluded in sympathetic terms to the loss the Lodge and Freemasonry in general had sustained by the death of Bro. Budden, and proposed that letters of condolence should be sent to the widow of deceased, and also to his mother, in their bereavement.

Bro. Habgood, in seconding this, also alluded to the high merit and ability of Bro. Budden.

Bro. T. Lodder was, on Monday, 5th inst., presented with a Past Master's jewel, and an illuminated address "in appreciation of his valued and excellent services as Treasurer during a period of over eleven years, and of the exceedingly kind and fraternal manner in which those services have ever been rendered." The presentation was made by Bro. Parkinson.

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## ST. JOHN'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1343.

THE Annual banquet of this Lodge of Instruction took place at the King's Arms Hotel, Grays, on Tuesday, 6th inst., when a good spread was excellently served by Bro. Cunningham. Bro. T. S. Guy presided, and was supported in the vice-chairs by Bros. C. Westwood and F. W. Pelling. About fifty sat round the tables. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, including that of the Lodge, proposed by the Chairman and responded to by Bro. Westwood, the evening was rendered most enjoyable by songs given by Bros. Borradaile, Weymouth, Wingrove, Captain Atkins, James Howell, A. J. Baldock, Pelling, Cunningham, and others.

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## FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

A T a meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, on the 8th inst. Bro. F. R. Hansell was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Charles Greensides was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. S. Farmery was re-elected Tyler.

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## ST. ELETH LODGE, No. 1488.

A T the Annual meeting of the Lodge, at Amlwch, Dr. T. E. Jones was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers.

The Installing Master was Brother Thomas Williams.

A banquet was held at the St. Eleth Inn, to which a large number of Brethren sat down, to the excellent catering of Bro. R. Lemin.

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## TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE regular meeting of the Lodge was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester, on the 12th inst., Bro. Percy E. Land W.M. There were also present Bros. Fras. Long I.P.M., R. Knight S.W., Chris. Preston J.W., Geo. Burslem P.M. Treas., Wm. Yeadon S.D., J. S. Done J.D., H. Russell I.G., D. Johnson P.M. D.C., Hy. P. Jones P.P.G.R. P.M., Jos. Kershaw P.M., Wm. Blears P.M., C. W. Maybury P.M., J. W. Rathbone P.M., Thos. L. Frith, J. Yule-Deeley, A. J. Tarr, H. Mogridge, E. Dewsbury, Thos. Jackson, Walter Lees.

Visitors: A. C. K. Smith 317, E. Holland P.M. 1773, John Greaves jun. J.W. 277, John Allin Org. 2231, E. H. Flower P.G. Tyler (E.L.) Tyler.



The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. John Henry Rowse, Cycle Manufacturer, Manchester and being successful the Brethren then adjourned for Tea. On re-assembling, the candidate was Initiated by the W.M. in a manner which spoke volumes for the future working of the Lodge (this being the commencement of his year of office and first ceremony).

The Working Tools and the charge were given respectively by the S.W. and J.W. in an equally efficient manner. Brother E. H. Flowers was elected Tyler of the Lodge and was invested by the W.M., Bro. Rathbone P.M. delivering the charge.

After hearty good wishes had been expressed by the Visiting Brethren the Lodge was closed at 9 p.m. At the social board which followed, after the usual Loyal toasts the W.M. proposed the health of the Initiate, which was heartily received and was feelingly responded to by Bro. Rowse, who expressed himself as being very much impressed with the ceremony.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, who in responding paid a very high eulogium upon the W.M.'s working, and also that of the Officers.

Brother Long I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. who in responding thanked them all for their very kind expressions towards him and his Officers.

Other toasts followed. Bros. Allin, Lees, Mogridge and Yeadon added to the evening's enjoyment by songs; Bro. Allin presiding at the pianoforte.

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#### DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1529.

THIS St. Columb Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on the 7th instant.

Bro. John Evans was ably and impressively installed W.M. by Bros. F. E. Remfry P.P.G.S.W. and Thomas Hicks P.P.G.J.W., the musical part of the ceremony being conducted by Brother E. Rickard.

The banquet was held at Bro. T. B. Liddicoat's Railway and Commercial Hotel, and between the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were songs by Bros. T. E. Remfry, John Hawken, Howard, Crossman and Benny.

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#### EARL OF CHESTER LODGE, No. 1565.

THE festival of St. John took place in the Masonic Hall, Lymn on the 1st, when Brother Joseph Taylor S.W. was installed as W.M. by Bro. Andrew Curtis Sparkes W.M., assisted by Brother Hooper P.M.

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#### EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE Installation of Brother James Smith S.W. as Worshipful Master took place on the 12th inst., at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York.

A large number of Brethren attended the ceremony, which was performed by Brother T. B. Whytehead P.M. Past Grand Sword Bearer England P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, assisted by Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M. P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, supported by Brother G. Lamb P.M. P.P.G.J.D. North and East Yorkshire.

The Installation banquet took place in the evening, at the Royal Station Hotel.

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#### URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday last, the following being present:—Bros. W. H. Jolliffe W.M., John Walton jun. J.W., Ed. L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treasurer, Geo. R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.T. Sec., Walter Bowers S.D., Geo. G. Mends J.D., G. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., J. Bowers P.M. Organist, John Slyman P.M. P.P.G.D., Peter Heaton P.M. P.P.G.S., R. Swindells P.M., J. H. Marsh P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), G. G. R. Mends, Hedley Jones, John Fowler, J. F. Mends, E. W. Barratt, Thos. French, Jas. S. Whitley, W. H. Ashworth, W. Kirk, Arthur Hawkins. Visitors:—Bros. Rev. William W. D. Firth J.D. Chap. 633, Wm. Mosley S.W. W.M.-elect 1773, H. Warner I.G. 950, W. A. Wood I.G. 1283, Charles Birch jun. 203, Dr. Joseph Clegg 633.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. James Fisher Mends was raised by Bro. Lloyd, he being assisted by Bro. John Walton jun. J.W., the latter presenting and explaining the Working Tools.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly honoured, that of the newly raised Brother being proposed by the W.M. in appropriate terms. In reply, Bro. Mends thanked the Brethren for their kindness to him during his passage through the various degrees; all had impressed him very much with their beauties. Of the last ceremony he said that judging from his own standpoint, it had been well performed, and he should always treasure the valuable lessons which he had learned from it.

Bro. Marsh I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., to which the latter responded. Bro. Jolliffe admitted that upon this evening at least he had not had much more to do than look on, and took the opportunity of thanking Bro. Lloyd, who, at no little trouble, and probably with risk to his health (for he was far from well), had been of such great assistance to him. Although suffering under great disadvantages, yet the ceremony had been performed in Bro. Lloyd's best style, and might be considered one of his most creditable efforts.

Other toasts followed, the same being varied by songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Bros. the Rev. W. D. Firth, H. Warner, John Slyman P.M., and Edward Roberts P.M.

#### CHOLMONDELEY LODGE, No. 1908.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on the 6th inst., at Frodsham. There was a large attendance of members and Visitors.

Bro. Samuel Davies S.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Brother J. W. Whits.

The proceedings were followed by a banquet, at which Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a handsome gold jewel was presented to Bro. Abernethy as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the Brethren.

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#### DE LA PRE LODGE, No. 1911.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 8th inst., Bro. C. A. Markham I.P.M. in the chair, in the absence of Brother the Rev. F. S. Thornton Worshipful Master.

Bro. F. Willoughby was installed, Bro. H. Manfield performing the ceremony, and Bro. G. H. Percival P.M. acting as Director of Ceremonies.

After the Installation ceremony the customary banquet took place in the Dining Hall.

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#### WICKHAM LODGE, No. 1924.

THE Installation meeting was held on Monday, 5th inst., at St. Peter's Hall, Brockley, when Bro. William Gore was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Morley I.P.M., and the Brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet in the Large Hall.

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#### HADRIAN LODGE, No. 1970.

ON Tuesday, 6th inst., the Annual meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Ingram Street, South Shields.

Bro. R. Farmer W.M. presided, and there was a large attendance of members and visiting Brethren. Bro. P. Tighe the W.M.-elect, was presented for Installation by Bro. J. T. Ross P.M., and the Installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Farmer.

On behalf of the Lodge, Bro. Tighe presented to Bro. Farmer a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. The musical portion of the ceremony was admirably rendered by the Freemasons Choir, under the leadership of Bro. Winstone, who also officiated as Organist.

The W.M. received the congratulations of visiting Brethren, after which the Lodge was closed.

In the evening the annual banquet took place at the Golden Lion Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by Miss Proud, manageress. Bro. Tighe W.M. presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with musical selections by the choir.

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#### TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992.

AT the regular meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, Bro. W. D. Deighton, in the presence of a large number of Brethren and Visitors, presented to the Lodge a magnificent full length portrait of the I.P.M. Bro. F. J. Ferris Bailey, which is a splendid specimen of photographic art.

It was accepted on behalf of the Lodge by the Master Brother John Sheridan, who referred to the faithful discharge of his Masonic duties by Bro. Bailey, and the esteem and affection in which he is regarded by the Brethren of the Tennant Lodge.

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#### EDEN LODGE, No. 2285.

AT the Masonic Rooms, Portland Square, Workington, on Thursday, the 8th instant, the Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master Bro. J. Burford. The business of the Lodge was the Installation of Bro. Mitchell J.W.

The ceremony was most earnestly carried out by Brothers J. C. Thompson, George Kenworthy and J. Patterson.

After the business of the Lodge, the newly-installed Master invited the Brethren to a banquet at the Central Hotel, which reflected the highest possible credit upon the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, who admirably arranged for the comfort of everyone.

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#### ASHFIELD LODGE, No. 2412.

AT the Annual meeting held in the Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield, on Wednesday, 17th ult., Bro. C. B. Beecroft was installed Worshipful Master, W. B. Littlewood I.P.M. being the installing Officer.

Visiting Brethren were from Edwinstowe, Mansfield, and Nottingham. The banquet was held at the Denman's Head Hotel.

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#### DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 8th inst., there being present:—Bros. W. Boden W.M., W. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D., Fred. Warburton S.W., Thos. T. Hardicker J.W., Jas. Andrew P.M. P.P.S.G.D., Clement Jno. Hall Sec., John Kinsey J.D., Geo. A. Bowden I.G., B. Hopkinson P.M., T. H. Stott, A. G. Bryce Stewards, J. H.

Maybury, Oates Rushton D.C., W. H. Taylor, R. Chiswell, Arthur Scarlett Org., H. B. Rudolph, A. O. Wooler, Thos. D. Lightfoot, S. Kew, J. S. Whittle, Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors:—Bros. Rev. J. O. Jelly 78 277 P.P.G.C., Jas. R. Sewart S. 2269, R. H. Harrison 277, Peter Bratt 2482.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read by Bro. Hall, and confirmed, Bro. Warburton S.W. reported upon the local charities, after which Bros. Samuel Kew and J. Fairbairn were raised, the former by Bro. Schofield and the latter by Bro. Boden.

The absence of Bro. Robt. Meggitt S.D. was reverted to, and the cause assigned being domestic affliction, the Brethren expressed the deepest sympathy with him in his trouble.

Before the Lodge was closed, the name of Mr. Jas. Roberts, Accountant, &c, Northwich, was, upon the motion of Bro. Kinsey, and seconded by Bro. Lightfoot, submitted as a candidate for Initiation, and that gentleman will accordingly be balloted for at a subsequent meeting.

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

That of the Visitors, proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. the Rev. J. O. Jelly, who said he hardly felt like a stranger, inasmuch as he seemed to be almost one of themselves, and sympathised with them in their troubles and anxieties. He was thoroughly satisfied with the work which had been performed that evening, and congratulated them upon their success in this direction. He said he belonged to an old Lodge held in the old town of Middleton, sometimes called Old England, and he invited the Brethren there. Bro. Jelly told a few characteristic stories of the district which we may produce under another form.

Bro. Bratt said that unless he had been reminded that he was a Visitor, he should scarcely have realised the fact, there were so many old faces around him. He praised the manner in which the ceremonies had been done, thanked the members for their hospitality, and invited them to the Duchess of York Lodge, to which he belonged.

The W.M. also proposed the health of the newly-raised Brethren, to which Bros. Kew and Fairbairn responded. The former, while thanking them heartily for their kindness to him said the ceremony of that night had made an impression upon his mind which would ever remain there. Bro. Fairbairn said he experienced a difficulty in expressing the pleasure which he felt in the knowledge that he had attained the third degree. He should imagine that it would be impossible for any man to pass through such a ceremonial without being very much impressed with it. Though he should like to say a great deal about it he must restrain himself, for he felt something like the young bird who was only just beginning to feel its wings, and dare not attempt to soar too high. He thanked Bro. Kinsey and other Officers who had by their assistance piloted him through so successfully.

Other toasts followed, which were relieved by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Hall, Kew, Hopkinson, Maybury, Rushton, Stott and Roberts.

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#### LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE regular meeting was held at the Club House, Birch Lane, Longsight, on Wednesday, 7th inst. There were present:—Bros. H. Grimshaw W.M., W. Gadd S.W., Ald. Lloyd Higginbottom J.W., Fredk. G. Berry P.M. Treasurer, Councillor John Phythian P.M. Secretary, E. H. Ritson Assistant Secretary, Henry Sheard S.D., W. H. Wilson J.D., C. S. Cotton I.G., T. T. Jones Organist, Henry Wood, Fredk. Grammer, W. A. Bacon Stewards, Councillor Thos. Uttley P.P.A.G.D.C. I.P.M., F. W. Lean P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), R. Barlow P.M., Andrew Ellor, W. W. Potter, Thos. Glynn, Thomas Plumpton, G. H. Russell. Visitors:—Brothers Frank Green 2231, Thos. K. Peacock 2231.

The principal business of the evening was the balloting for and subsequent Initiation of Mr. Laurence Rostron Entwistle, Solicitor, Manchester, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Grimshaw W.M. assisted by Bro. Ald. Higginbottom J.W., the latter presenting and explaining the Working Tools of the degree.

At the festive board which followed, songs and recitations were given by various Brethren, the same being a pleasant set off to the orthodox Loyal and Masonic toasts.

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#### WALTON LODGE, No. 161.

THE Annual meeting was held on Monday, 22nd ult., at the Sandon Hotel, Oakfield Road, Liverpool, there being a good attendance of members and Visiting Brethren.

The W.M.-elect Bro. A. Ingleby was introduced by Bros. R. H. Webster P.M. and Harry Thomas the retiring W.M., and was installed in the chair, the ceremony being most impressively conducted by Bro. J. Pilling P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C.

During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. by the members of the Lodge, as a slight token of their appreciation of the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge during the past twelve months.

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#### ALFRED LODGE, No. 247.

THE Annual Festival was held in the Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford, on the 25th ult. There was a good muster of Brethren, amongst those present being the Provincial Grand Master Lord Valentia.

For the second year in succession Brother Mark U. Weyland S.G.D. of England was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Past Master Jenkin.

The statement by the Treasurer showed the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory state, and the Provincial Grand Master expressed his pleasure at the efficiency of the work.

#### JUBILEE IN ADELAIDE.

TUESDAY, 14th August, will be long remembered by the Freemasons of the colony, more particularly those at Port Adelaide, as on that day the Jubilee of the foundation of the Adelaide Lodge, meeting at the Port, was celebrated with becoming pomp and ceremony.\*

Ten years next October the Lodge of Friendship, the oldest Lodge in South Australia, celebrated its jubilee; but peculiar interest attached to Tuesday's event, because the Adelaide Lodge was the first Lodge that was consecrated in this colony, the mother Lodge of Friendship having been opened in London.

A large number of Brethren of the mystic Craft from the city, suburban, and country Lodges attended the Festival. His Excellency the Governor, who is Grand Master, was unable to be present owing to the presence in Adelaide of Lord and Lady Hopetoun. A numerous body of Grand Lodge Officers, however, including the Chief Justice, went to the Port by the early evening trains.

Proceedings were begun at 4.30 in the afternoon. Three gentlemen were Initiated into the mysteries of the ancient Craft, and afterwards Bro. A. A. Fairweather was Installed as Worshipful Master. This will be the third year of Bro. Fairweather's occupancy of the chair. The ceremony was ably performed by Brother Philip Sansom the Deputy Grand Master, who has officiated as Installing Master in this Lodge for very many years.

A tablet commemorative of the jubilee was then unveiled by Bro. H. C. E. Muecke P.G.M. It was made by Bro. F. Herring, of white Italian marble, representing a scroll, and finished with polished face. Bro. Muecke, in performing this ceremony, said the tablet pointed to the past. Like everything on earth the labours of the Lodge had not been perfect, but their work had been done with honesty of purpose. The Lodge had striven to inculcate and disseminate the great principles and benefits of the noble Order, and its influence had been felt in the outer world. Its connection with other Lodges had been of a most cordial character. The tablet also reminded them that the second half of the century had begun, and it admonished the Brethren to continue with untiring zeal and cheerful hearts in the building of their emblematic temple. Might the Most High ever preside there, and make them better men and better citizens.

At this stage the Deputy Grand Master read the history of the Lodge, which he had written expressly for this meeting, and the manuscript of which in book form he presented to the Lodge. In this history, which was full of interest throughout, many pleasant associations being recalled, Bro. Sansom recounted the doings of the Adelaide Lodge from its inception.

Bro. Sansom was specially thanked for what the W.M. termed an excellent review of the history of the Lodge.

The Lodge closed at about 9 o'clock, and a sumptuous banquet was then held. In the absence of the Grand Master the Pro Grand Master (Bro. His Honour the Chief Justice) presided, and several toasts were honoured.

\* This Lodge stood on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England as 505 (Harmony) up to 1885, when it was removed from the Register on the formation of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

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THE whole of the music which was sung at the Installation of Bro. F. H. Macklin as Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Asaph was composed for the occasion by Bro. J. H. Casson, who had to interpret his music Bros. Ernest Marriott, William Davies, R. E. Miles, and Charles E. Tinney. Next to the singing, the banquet, and the speeches, the most interesting feature was the long list of Shakespearean mottoes, beginning with "Sit down and feed and welcome to our table," from "As You Like It," and ending with "A kind good night to all," from "Macbeth," which characterised the programme, and showed the hand of the Shakespearean student. Who was he? Bro. Macklin?—"Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News."

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A daring, unparalleled feat was performed by Charles Owen Peart on Lord Mayor's Day at the Royal Aquarium. From an almost invisible platform, suspended at an altitude of 115 feet, Peart dived head foremost into the small enclosure of shallow water below the floor level, striking the water so absolutely in the centre of the tank as to force down a small piece of paper placed there. The water is stated to be about 6 feet in depth and the tank's dimensions 18 feet by 12. A repetition of the performance will be given twice daily, at about 4.45 and 9.45; all the Aquarium divers will also appear.

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"Cassell's Family Magazine" enters upon its 21st year of publication with the part issued on the 26th inst., and henceforth the price will be sixpence per month instead of sevenpence, as hitherto. Amongst the contributions which will appear in the December part are, a New Serial Story, by L. T. Meade, entitled "The voice of the Chamer;" Short Stories by J. M. Barrie and Anthony Hope; "The Cabinet and its Secrets," by Sir Wemyss Reid; and an illustrated article on the Hats and Bonnets worn by the Princess of Wales.

## DISPENSING MASONIC AID.

OUR attention is again called to this subject by a circular just received from a committee appointed at the recent annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, for the purpose, as they state it, "to lay before the several Grand Lodges of the country the question of Masonic relief, the object being to attempt to establish more systematic and uniform methods." A careful reading of the circular discloses the fact that the only "uniform method" embraced in the movement is an attempt to establish the following proposition, which Grand Lodges are asked to adopt:

"It is the duty of each Lodge to take care of its own members in distress, wherever they may be. In case of its inability to do so, this duty devolves upon the Grand Lodge from which it holds its charter. It being understood that in no case is the Lodge furnishing relief and asking reimbursement to go beyond actual necessities, without express authority from the reimbursing body."

The chairman of this committee, and so presumably the active mover in this matter on the part of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, is Bro. Wm. C. Swain P.G.M., and this calls to mind that at the Masonic Congress, held in Chicago during the World's Fair, Bro. Swain made an effort to commit the Congress to a similar proposition, which was as follows:

"The conclusion of the Congress is that each jurisdiction should take care of its own members when in distress, and that it is the duty of Grand Lodges to see that all legitimate expenses incurred in the relief or burial of a Brother in foreign jurisdictions are paid either by the Lodge of which he is a member, or the Grand Lodge from which it holds its charter."

This proposition received but very little support outside of the delegates from Wisconsin, while the following was almost unanimously adopted:

"The conclusion of the Congress is, that worthy Masons are entitled to relief from Brethren and Lodges wheresoever they may be found in need of relief, and that the Brethren of Lodges granting such aid are not entitled to demand reimbursement from the Lodges in which they hold their membership, but that when a member of one Lodge is relieved by another, and the financial situation of his Lodge is such as to permit, common courtesy and duty alike demand that it should reimburse a poorer Lodge relieving its members."

The Grand Lodge of Indiana came to this same conclusion in 1869—just a quarter of a century ago—and has successfully maintained it ever since. It is so taught in the very first degree in Masonry, in the grand lesson that a Mason's Lodge extends from East to West and between North and South, and that Masonic charity should be equally extensive. This same idea of universality is expressed in the petition which a man presents to a Lodge when he desires to become a Mason. Here is the form of it: "The petition of the subscriber respectfully sheweth, that having long entertained a favourable opinion of your ancient Institution, he is desirous of being admitted a member thereof if found worthy." Nothing is said about becoming a member of that particular Lodge, or of any Lodge, for that matter. In fact, it may be said that the present system of Lodges is a modern invention in this "ancient institution." The obligation to aid a Brother who needs assistance is a personal one, which every Mason has assumed, and the rendering of aid by Lodges is only that the burden may be borne equally by many instead of a few, and thus make it light for all. The needy Brother is entitled to assistance wherever he may be, and the duty of affording it rests where the application is made.

In sending out this circular, with a proposition for Grand Lodges to consider, one would naturally suppose that the committee would have presented some arguments to support it; but all we find in it is the recital of two cases in Wisconsin, where Lodges had been compelled to expend a larger amount of money than they could afford, in the relief of Masons holding a membership in some other State. Now, let us suppose that instead of this, two members of these same Lodges had been away from home, and had received an equal amount of relief from Lodges in another State, would not demand for reimbursement from these foreign Lodges have proved just as great a burden on them as though the aid had been given them at home? We can see no difference in it, and their members were just as liable to be away from home and need assistance as that a strange Brother should come among them in that condition. Making one Lodge responsible for aid

afforded one of its members by some other party is narrowing Masonic charity into a channel that the great Masonic Brotherhood will never accept. Such a plan is wholly contrary to the design and spirit of Masonry, and if we are not much mistaken the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin will stand alone with her proposition. There may possibly be a few Grand Lodges in the far West that will support it, but the great majority will continue to dispense Masonic aid without the hope of fee or reward.—"Masonic Advocate."

The following letter, which appears in the same issue of the "Advocate," is also of interest in this connection:

LAFAYETTE, IND., 4th October 1894.

DEAR BROTHER,—The frequency with which city Lodges are solicited for charity by persons representing themselves to be Masons leads me to write our plan of dealing with them to find out if they are worthy and thus save our Lodges considerable money each year. Nine out of every ten who apply are frauds. When one appears before one of our relief board claiming to be a Mason, we take his full name, the number and name and location of the Lodge to which he claims allegiance. He is then given a telegram inquiring as to the truth of his statements, to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Accompanying this is an order to the telegraph office to send it and collect of the relief board. We do not pretend to do the telegraphing ourselves because we have found it cheaper to let the applicant carry the message, for this reason: Nine out of ten of such messages are never sent, and thus we are saved much money. The applicant, if he be a fraud, is thus exposed. If the message is delivered at the telegraph office an answer is usually received within three or four hours if in the daytime. Sometimes the other Lodge pays the expense of the reply and sometimes it is left to us to pay. If the reply is favourable, of course we help him.

While awaiting the reply the applicant is entitled to be considered a Mason. Therefore if he needs food or rest an order is given to him to a transient boarding-house with the order to collect what is ordered on the card. Only one in four of these orders ever come back. Thinking this plan would be of interest to Lodges who are not using it, this letter is written.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. F. KEIPER, W.M. No. 123.

## PENILESS PILGRIMS.

A FEW weeks ago the "Westminster Gazette" contained an announcement that two young journalists, Mr. Edwin R. Loudon and Mr. Herbert G. Field, had started on a tramp round the world under the following extraordinary conditions. "The whole journey will be made on foot except where sea voyages are absolutely unavoidable. They take no money with them—will not use (till their return) the proceeds of the journalistic work they have undertaken—and for their necessary expenses during the four or five years they expect to be away they rely entirely on their wits and good luck, being ready to tackle anything they may come across in the shape of honest work, be it a diplomatic mission or a temperance lecture. They carry very little in the way of luggage, but take a 'kodak,' which will be in constant use, both for business and pleasure."

This is by no means a new idea, for in a very humorous work issued in 1618, a work which is considered to be one of the greatest curiosities of English literature, is an account of the manner in which a doggerel poet obtained food and shelter during an expedition undertaken upon somewhat similar lines to that of the above. It is a racy although affected and nonsensical description of a journey into Scotland by John Taylor, the eccentric Thames boatman, who by permission of King James the First was allowed to style himself "The King's Majestie's Water Poet and Queen's Waterman."

Taylor's narrative, which contains a description of the manners, customs, scenery, and people, is a wondrous combination of prose and verse, and is considered to be exceptionally good. With the prevailing redundancy of language which characterised the writings of the age in which he lived, the author entitles his effusion "The Pennyles Pilgrimage, or Money-lesse Perambulation of Iohn Taylor, alias the King's Majestie's Water-Poet. How he travail'd from London to Edenborough in Scotland, not carrying any money to or fro, neither begging, borrowing or asking meate, drinke, or lodging, &c."

According to "Chambers," Sir Walter Scott acknowledges himself to be indebted to the Water Poet for his description of the Highlands, and method of hunting called the Tinchel, which has furnished materials for the hunting scene in the celebrated romance of Waverley.

Edward Roberts P.M.

A new Mark Lodge will shortly be consecrated in Bootle. Mark Masonry, says the "Liverpool Mercury," has, during the past year or two, made considerable progress in the Province of Lancashire, especially in the Western Division, of which Liverpool is the centre.



## NEXT WEEK.

## Monday.

8 British, Freemasons-hall  
21 Emulation, Albion  
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.  
720 Panmure, Balham  
862 Whittington, Freemasons-h.  
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern  
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons-h.  
1506 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1587 Saint Peter Westminster, Criterion  
1657 Aldersgate, Albion  
1694 Imperial, Cloat's Rest.  
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's  
2060 La France, Café Royal  
2265 Barnato, Café Monico  
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green  
77 Freedom, Gravesend  
236 York, Duncombe Pl., York  
248 True Love and Unity, Brixham  
284 Shakespeare, Warwick  
312 Lion, Whitby  
359 Peace and Harmony, Southampton  
377 Hope and Charity, Kidderminster  
382 Royal Union, Uxbridge  
424 Borough, Gateshead  
455 Perseverance, Kettering  
466 Merit, Stamford Baron  
827 St. John, Dewsbury  
840 Scientific, Wolverton  
872 Lewis, Whitehaven  
900 St. George, Tewkesbury  
925 Bedford, Birmingham  
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth.  
986 Hesketh, Croston, Preston  
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris  
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham  
1199 Agriculture, Yatton  
1208 Corinthian, Dover  
1255 Dundas, Plymouth  
1387 Anchor, Northallerton  
1443 Salem, Dawlish  
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold  
1502 Israel, Liverpool  
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston  
1674 Caradoc, Rhyl  
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke  
1814 Worsley, Worsley  
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham  
1973 Saye and Sele, Belvedere  
2049 Ellan Vannin, Douglas I. of Man  
2074 St. Clair, Landport  
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester  
2114 Prudence, Liverpool  
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth  
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby  
2309 George Gardner, Eton  
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields  
2349 W. Lanc. Century, Blkpool.  
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield  
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield  
2482 Duchess of York, M'chester

## Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern  
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge H. Hotel  
95 Eastern Star, Ship & Turtle  
162 Cadogan, Freemasons-hall  
194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel  
435 Salisbury, Freemasons-hall  
704 Camden, Anderton's  
857 St. Mark, Camberwell  
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley  
2021 Queens Westminster, Holbn Restaurant  
2022 Haven, Ealing  
2408 Hampstead, S. Hampstead  
213 Perseverance, Norwich  
223 Charity, Plymouth  
293 King's Friends, Nantwich  
384 St. David, Bangor  
386 Unity, Wareham  
414 Union, Reading  
418 Menturia, Hanley  
432 Abbey, Nuneaton  
452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon  
468 Light, Birmingham  
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen

551 Yarborough, Ventnor, I.W.  
560 Vernon, Stourport  
660 Camalodunum, Malton  
667 Alliance, Liverpool  
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield  
958 St. Aubin, Jersey  
960 Bute, Cardiff  
1006 Tregulow, St. Day  
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham  
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of Man  
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness  
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Fnss.  
1276 Warren, Seacombe  
1410 St. Peter & St. Paul, Newport Pagnel  
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old Brompton  
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1551 Charity, Birmingham  
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool  
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth  
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton  
1787 Grenville, Buckingham  
1893 Lumley, Skegness  
1894 Herschel, Slough  
1903 Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Portsmouth  
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley  
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton  
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Wil-lows  
2316 Princes, Liverpool  
2339 Mistle, Manningtree  
2351 Ermine, Lincoln  
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud

## Wednesday.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge and Bd. of Benevolence, at 5  
Grand Stewards, F'masons-hall  
7 Royal York of Perseverance, Albion  
140 St. George, Greenwich  
174 Sincerity, Gresham Street  
190 Oak, Freemasons-hall  
700 Nelson, Plumstead  
969 Maybury, Inns Court Hotel  
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth  
1150 Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons-hall  
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tav  
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle  
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town  
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's  
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1624 Eccleston, Criterion  
1673 Welcome, Viaduct Hotel  
1677 Crusaders, Highbury  
2241 Cordwainer Ward, Cannon Street Hotel  
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham  
2348 Lombardian, Ship & Turtle  
2361 Cricklewood, Cricklewood  
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate  
2456 Chancery Bar, Lincoln's Inn  
20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Chatham  
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance  
127 Union, Margate  
137 Amity, Poole  
175 East Medina, Ryde  
178 Antiquity, Wigan  
200 Old Globe, Scarborough  
210 Duke of Athol, Denton, near Manchester  
221 St. John, Bolton  
243 Loyalty, Guernsey  
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham  
261 Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton  
285 Love and Honour, Shepton Mallet  
311 South Saxon, Lewes  
325 St. John, Salford  
342 Royal Sussex, Landport  
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich  
451 Sutherland, Burslem  
537 Zetland, Birkenhead  
581 Faith, Openshaw  
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury  
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester  
610 Colston, Bristol  
662 Dartmouth, W. Bromwich  
683 Isca, Newport, Mon.  
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford  
823 Everton, Liverpool  
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells  
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames

934 Merit, Whitefield  
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham  
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood  
962 Sun & Sector, Workington  
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury  
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield  
1040 Sykes, Driffield  
1086 Walton, Kirkdale  
1114 Joppa, Fakenham  
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale  
1336 Carew, Torpoint  
1161 De Grey & Ripon, M'chester  
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston  
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel  
1246 Holte, Aston  
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby  
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse  
1323 Talbot, Swansea  
1334 Norman, Durham  
1353 Duke Lancaster, Lancaster  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea  
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom  
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1842 St. Leonard's, St. Leonard's  
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth  
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of Man  
2135 Constance, Consett  
2153 Hope, Gosport  
2203 Farnborough & North Camp, Farnborough  
2258 W. D. United Service, East Stonehouse  
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield  
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne

## Thursday.

House Committee, Girls School, Battersea, at 4.30  
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons-hall  
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.  
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons' H.  
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel  
766 William Preston, Cannon Street Hotel  
858 South Middlesex, Fulham  
861 Finsbury, Gt. Eastern Hotel  
871 Royal Oak, Deptford  
1421 Langthorne, Ilford  
1563 City of Westminster, Café Royal  
1608 Kilburn, Kilburn Gate  
1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall  
1816 Victoria Park, London Tav.  
1974 S. Mary Abbots, Kensington  
2012 Chiswick, Kew Bridge  
2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet St.  
2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel  
51 Angel, Colchester

78 Imperial George, Middleton  
202 Friendship, Devonport  
346 United Brethren, Blackburn  
348 St. John, Bolton  
403 Hertford, Hertford  
594 Downshire, Liverpool  
784 Wellington, Deal  
787 Beaureper, Belper  
809 United Good Fellowship, Wisbech

935 Harmony, Salford  
1163 Emulation, Birmingham  
1345 Victoria, Eccles  
1392 Egerton, Bury  
1404 St. Vincent, Bristol  
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tee  
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-T.  
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport  
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness  
1971 Aldershot Army and Navy, Aldershot  
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham  
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming  
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere  
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover  
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria  
2215 Anfield, Anfield  
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield  
2335 Cycling & Athletic, L'pool.  
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake  
2387 Manchester Dramatic, Manchester  
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool  
2463 Bootle Wilbraham, W.D'rbry  
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

## Friday.

Bd. of Management, Boys School, Wood Green, at 2.30  
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons-hall  
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qtrs. Hon. Artillery Co.  
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café Royal  
2312 London Irish Rifles, Freemasons-hall  
785 Twelve Brothers, S'hampton  
1295 Gooch, New Swindon  
1712 St. John, N'castle-on-Tyne  
2371 Felix, Felixtowe

## Saturday.

1584 Loyalty and Charity, Kew  
1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's  
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Rest.  
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone  
1579 St. James, Enfield  
2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton

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