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A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

WE must certainly join issue with the Editor of our Australian contemporary, "Masonry," and question the correctness of his views in regard to what is right and proper under certain conditions when it is unfortunately deemed desirable to exercise the rights of the ballot, and so secure the rejection of a candidate. The facts of the case are fully set out in the article, &c., on page 293 which we extract from our contemporary, and although some may imagine we are wrong in discussing the case while it is, apparently, *sub judice*, we may excuse ourselves by saying that we do not propose to deal with this particular case, but rather to confine our observations to the one point on which the whole controversy seems to hinge.

It appears that two members of a Lodge under the English Constitution felt it their duty—or it may be they had some other motive—to black ball a candidate, in spite of which the Master of the Lodge declared the ballot clear, and from the meagre details before us it would appear that notwithstanding the protests of the members who voted adversely, and because the implements of the ballot had been disturbed, the Lodge accepted the verdict of the Master, and even went so far as to exclude the protesting members, on the charge that they had acted un-Masonically in declaring how they voted. But even with the scanty details before us it is pretty clear that the offending members have brought upon themselves the ill-will of their fellows, who seek to avenge one injury by the commission of another.

We can hardly understand the Master of a Lodge allowing a ballot to stand when it was challenged in so marked a manner as appears to have been the case here. The proper course under such circumstances would have been to take the ballot a second time, and it would almost appear to an outsider that the Master stood self convicted by refusing to do so. As the Colonial Board said in their letter on the subject it would be impossible to guard against the fraudulent use of the ballot if members of a Lodge were precluded from challenging the correctness of an announcement by the W.M., that there were not a sufficient number of black balls in the box to cause a candidate's rejection, and it seems to us to be not only a strange, but also a very dangerous course to attempt to argue that Brethren who black-balled a candidate, or who intended to do so, have no right to question the announcement of a Worshipful Master should he state that the ballot was clear.

Happily instances of such irregularity on the part of a Master are so very rare as to be almost beyond belief, but, if the facts are as stated by our Australian Brethren, the unexpected has happened, and there is now a question of oath against oath between members who intended to cast adverse votes, and the Master who may have been mistaken when he said the record was clear. It will be observed we give each side the benefit of the doubt, but what is wanted is a method of declaring the ballot that prevents the possibility of error.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the three chairs were held by Bros. Robert Grey President, D. D. Mercer Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President during the first part of the evening, and by Bros. D. D. Mercer, C. A. Cottebrune, and C. J. R. Tijou afterwards.

The Brethren first confirmed the recommendations at last meeting for the approval of the Grand Master, to the amount of £270, and afterwards dealt with thirty new cases. Five of these they dismissed, and two they deferred; but they granted £575 to the remainder, in sums of £50, £40, £30, £25, £20, £10, and £5 each.

STAFFORDSHIRE CHARITY.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee in connection with the proposed festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association was held at Stoke-on-Trent on Thursday, 4th inst., Bro. E. V. Greatbatch presiding. Final arrangements were made for the festival, which, by kind permission of the Duke of Sutherland, will be held at Trentham, on St. Swithin's Day. The contract for the catering was given to Mr. Zella, of the Stork Hotel, Walsall, and it was decided to engage Mr. Gladman's band from Lichfield, and the Apollo Glee Singers. There are fully 100 Stewards subscribing five guineas each, and, given fine weather, it is estimated that the attendance will be upwards of 1,000. A special train will run from Birmingham, and will pick up passengers from Wolverhampton and Walsall at Wolverhampton, and from Stafford, Lichfield, Rugeley, and Cannock at Stafford.

DEVON WIDOWS' FUND.

THE Widows' Annuity Fund, which is being formed for the benefit of Aged Widows of Freemasons in the Province of Devon, has already a subscription list of over £500 from Lodges and Brethren. The promoters anticipate that the fund will be duly inaugurated in August, at the Provincial Grand meeting, with fully £1,000 subscribed. Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., has sent a donation constituting him a Vice-Patron of the Charity, and the recently-appointed Provincial Grand Master the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., has given his support and sanction by forwarding a cheque to the chairman of the fund, Major Geo. S. Strode Lowe.—"Western Morning News."

ESSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Maldon, on Wednesday, 15th July. The Countess of Warwick having been invited to the banquet, ladies accompanying Brethren will be cordially welcomed, and it is hoped that many will be present to support her ladyship. As a large attendance is expected, members are asked to intimate to the Secretary, by the end of the month, how many tickets they will require Gentlemen 10s 6d, Ladies 7s 6d. For the entertainment of non-Masons, a Promenade Concert and Military Tournament is being arranged.

The May issue of the "New Zealand Craftsman" completed the first volume of that paper under its present management, who are enabled to give a satisfactory report of its progress, although they "cannot claim to have been exempt from any of the inevitable difficulties which are inseparable from . . . a fraternal publication." We wish our contemporary a long and successful career in the cause of Masonic journalism.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, 11th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Grimsby, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Yarborough, who was attended by the Past Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire Bro. Major Smythe, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire Bro. Sissons. There were also present a large gathering of past and present Provincial Officers, with a numerous company of Brethren representing the various Lodges in the Province.

After the roll had been called, and the minutes confirmed, the Provincial Grand Master delivered his address.

The finance statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. C. M. Nesbit was presented, and showed the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition.

The returns of the Lodges from the P.G. Registrar Bro. H. Watson were then received, together with the report of the Committee, an abstract of accounts of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, Oliver Memorial Fund, Smyth Scholarship Fund, and Sutcliffe Fund.

Bro. Vickers P.G. Secretary presented the report of the P.L. Charity Committee; and the P.G. Charity Stewards Bros. B. Beeson and F. Barrett, appointed at last P.G. Lodge to act on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, also presented their report, which showed that during the past year £1,500 had been sent to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls from Lincolnshire.

Bro. W. H. Sissons D.P.G.M. proposed, "That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to record its high appreciation of the services of Bros. Bennett Beeson and Frank Barrett as Provincial Grand Charity Stewards from 1894 to 1896, and has much pleasure in presenting to them the suitable charity jewels, to which they have become entitled by their services." This was carried.

The Committee appointed to make special arrangements for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge last year, upon the occasion of the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough as Provincial Grand Master, presented their report and financial statement, after which the inventory of the property of the Prov.G. Lodge was presented by the Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. C. M. Nesbit (Louth) was re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, and two auditors for the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence were also appointed.

It was decided the R.M.I.G. should be the Charity to have the support of the Province next year, and Bros. B. Beeson (Grantham), and F. Barrett (Grimsby), were re-appointed P.G. Charity Stewards.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, it was decided, "That a sum of 150 guineas be granted to the P.G. Charity Stewards, Bros. Beeson and Barrett, as contribution for this year to the Provincial Benevolent Fund" the votes secured thereby to be placed in the name of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Officers for the year were invested:

Bro. C. Maddison (Grimsby)	-	-	Senior Warden
Dr. Behrindt (Scunthorpe)	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. H. W. Hall (Grantham)	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. G. S. Tyack (Crowle)	-	-	
C. M. Nesbitt (Louth)	-	-	Treasurer
H. Watson (Lincoln)	-	-	Registrar
B. Vickers (Lincoln)	-	-	Secretary
Dr. Alexander (Grimsby)	-	-	Senior Deacon
G. Doughty, M.P. (Waltham)	-	-	Junior Deacon
G. B. Dickinson (Boston)	-	-	Superintendent of Works
G. F. Barrell (Spalding)	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
F. Fletcher (Spalding)	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
G. P. Pullen (Barton)	-	-	Sword Bearer
A. J. Eve (Spilsby)	-	-	Standard Bearers
F. F. Sowerby (Gainsborough)	-	-	
H. Healey (Sutton Bridge)	-	-	Organist
A. Ramage (Lincoln)	-	-	Assistant Secretary
T. Nettleship (Market Rasen)	-	-	Pursuivant
A. H. Read (Boston)	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Dixon (Lincoln)	-	-	Librarian
F. J. Clarke (Bourne)	-	-	Stewards
J. Raynor (West Bridgport)	-	-	
H. Knight (Sleaford)	-	-	
J. Cross (Brigg)	-	-	
C. E. Bonner	-	-	
W. Donner (Barton)	-	-	Tyler.

The Secretary, in his annual report, announced that the total increase of members in Lincolnshire was five, after the number of resignations and deaths had been deducted.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Spalding.

Upon the Lodge being closed, the Brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by Bro. Pratt, of the Dolphin Hotel, Cleethorpes. The room had been gaily decorated for the occasion by Mr. David Smith, flowers being kindly lent by Councillor Goodwin, Chairman of the Parks Committee. The company numbered about two hundred.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including the Masonic Charities and the Visiting Brethren.

In the evening a pleasant garden party was held in the grounds of the Grimsby Bowling Club, at Brighowgate, and amongst those who attended were a good number of Freemasons. The Bowling Club has, of course, no direct connection with the Freemasons, but the garden party was arranged for the same date as the Provincial Grand Lodge, in order to provide an attractive finish to the Masonic day, and at the same time to contribute towards the success of the Bowling Club. The great pastime of the evening was the *al fresco* dancing, which was carried merrily on to the strains of Tasker's Quadrille Band. The perfectly even and velvety turf made a delightful dancing floor for a summer evening, and though for the first hour or two the attendance was not numerous, the number of watchers, strollers, and dancers gradually increased and the grounds soon assumed a festive and animated appearance. As the twilight deepened, the Chinese lanterns and fairy coloured lights that were hung upon the summer-house and the surrounding walls and trees were lighted; and these weird and varied illuminations combined to throw over the scene that suggestion of romance which always heightens the enjoyment of such gatherings. The company's material wants, in the way of refreshment, being efficiently supplied from the summer-house, they did not disperse until after midnight.—"Grimsby News."

NEW HALL AT GAINSBOROUGH.

IN consequence of a fire at the old Masonic Lodge Rooms, the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough, found it necessary to obtain fresh quarters, and by permission of Sir H. B. Bacon, Bart., a suite of rooms was granted them in that historic building, the Gainsborough Old Hall. These have been suitably equipped, and on Wednesday, 10th inst., the ceremony of dedication was performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire.

His lordship was accompanied by Bro. Sissons, of Barton-on-Humber, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a number of distinguished Provincial Officers and Brethren from the adjacent Provinces of Yorkshire and Notts.

The Brethren assembled numbered 300. The Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession, bearing the elements of consecration; the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy saluted. The architect handed in the plans, and was addressed by Lord Yarborough.

The Master of the Yarborough Lodge requested Lord Yarborough to perform the ceremony of dedication, and the Deputy Grand Master delivered an oration. After an anthem the ceremony of dedication was performed. The Sanctus was then sung, and the salutation followed the ceremony, concluding with the Benediction and hymn.

A Royal Arch Chapter, with an exaltation, was subsequently held, the Grand Superintendent Dr. Sissons being present.

A banquet was given at the White Hart Hotel, when the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed.—"Nottingham Guardian."

The Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master Lincolnshire has conferred the honour of P.P.S.G.W.—to mark the twenty-first anniversary of the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master—on Bro. Richard Ellison, of Lincoln, and Bro. Anderson Bates, of the St. Alban Lodge, Grimsby.

CONSECRATION.

NAVY LODGE.

THIS new Lodge was consecrated on Friday of last week, at Freemasons' Hall, by the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, and the Prince of Wales was declared installed as its first Worshipful Master. The Lodge has been established especially for the convenience of members of the Royal Navy, and it is numbered 2612 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Earl of Euston, who was assisted by Viscount Dungarvan, installed Rear Admiral Albert Hastings Markham District Grand Master of Malta as Deputy Master of the Lodge. Bro. Gordon Miller was appointed to act as the Immediate Past Master, and Col. W. Campbell, R.M.A., A.D.C., and Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair were invested as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.

ROYAL ARCH.

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BERKSHIRE.

ON Friday, 12th inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Temperance Hall, Newbury, when the transaction of the usual business was supplemented by the consecration of the Hope Chapter, No. 574, the ceremony being performed by Comp. J. T. Morland, M.A., Grand Superintendent, assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers.

The Companions subsequently attended the installation banquet of the Hope Chapter, which was well served at the Queen's Hotel.

BELGRAVE CHAPTER, No. 749.

AT a convocation held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Friday, 12th inst., the following Officers were installed as Principals for the ensuing year:—Comps. R. W. Walker Z., H. W. Noakes H., and Arthur Ronaldson J. Comp. W. A. Scourah P.Z. was re-appointed Scribe E., and John J. Thomas P.Z. re-elected as Treasurer.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 890.

A CONVOCATION was held at Bro. Edward Stevens's, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, Paddington, W., on Friday, 12th inst., Comp. S. Almond Z.-elect 1839 Z., J. C. Tilt Z. 862 H. and Treas., J. Cruttenden 779 J., H. Dehane P.Z. 890 Prov.G.P.S. Essex S.E., A. J. Taylor H. 186 S.N., J. Bailey P.Z. 1602 P.S., A. Clark J. 2021 A.S., W. Hillier J. 834, J. Wynman 188.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wynman candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Almond for the admirable manner in which he rehearsed the duties of Z. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged, as was a vote of thanks to Comp. Tilt.

MARK MASONRY.

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CORNWALL.

THE Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, at Camborne, was largely attended. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves Sawle invested the Provincial Officers, as follow:

Bros. P. Colville Smith	-	-	Deputy
R. Rowe	-	-	Senior Warden
E. S. Carus-Wilson	-	-	Junior Warden
W. Vial	-	-	Master Overseer
George Timmins	-	-	Senior Overseer
T. Letcher	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. W. Erskine	-	-	Chaplain
W. Colenso	-	-	Registrar
E. M. Milford	-	-	Treasurer
W. J. Johns	-	-	Secretary
J. Cleare	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Adams	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Retallick	-	-	Inspector of Works
J. Fitton	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
N. Lean	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Battie Rashleigh	-	-	Sword Bearer
Bennallack	-	-	Standard Bearer
T. H. Menadue	-	-	Organist
John Nicholls	-	-	Inner Guard
F. W. Mitchell	-	-	Steward
John Langdon	-	-	Tyler.

Brother W. L. Chegidden P.Prov.G.J.O. was re-elected Auditor.

Sir Charles Sawle intimated that in consequence of failing health he felt obliged to place his resignation in the hands of the Prince of Wales, and shortly they would have to elect some one in his place. He retired with deep regret, but feared his continuance in the office would prove detrimental to the Province of Cornwall Mark Masonry.

Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizell proposed that the Lodge receive with deep regret the announcement of Sir Charles Sawle's retirement. The motion was seconded by Bro. P. Colville Smith and carried.—“Western Morning News.”

Viscount Valentia, M.P., P.G. Mark Master of Berkshire and Oxfordshire has fixed Monday, the 29th inst., for his annual Provincial Grand Lodge, which will be held under the banner of the Jersey Lodge, at Maidenhead.

ROYAL NAVAL LODGE, No. 239.

THE regular meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Monday, 15th inst., Bro. James Speller W.M.

The ballot was taken for two advances and two joining members, and proved unanimous in their favour. The ceremony of advancement was ably rendered by the W.M.

The installation of Bro. C. H. Bestow W.M.-elect was then proceeded with, Bro. Wm. Vincent P.M. P.A.G.D.C. undertaking the duty in his usual careful and masterly manner.

The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, and presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. James Speller I.P.M., in appreciation of his valuable services.

The Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, and there enjoyed an excellent banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. After dinner an attractive programme of music was rendered.

A new Masonic Hall, built by the Marquis of Zetland for Lodge Zetland, No. 391, in North Charlotte Street, Grangemouth, and seated for 180 persons, was recently opened and consecrated by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, amongst the members present being Brothers George Christie, Stirling, Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Francis Gosnay, the business manager of the Globe Theatre, who has been connected with the phenomenal run of “Charley's Aunt” from the commencement, is compelled—acting under medical advice—to take a rest, and has therefore resigned his appointment with Bro. W. S. Penley. He will shortly proceed on a sea voyage, which, we sincerely hope, will prove of benefit to him.

The Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace N., where the regular meetings of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733, are held, has recently passed into the hands of a new proprietor, in the person of Mr. D. Peron, who will, we hope, extend the same advantages to members of the Craft as did Bro. Butcher, his predecessor, with satisfactory results to himself. We tender him our best wishes for his future success.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

AS mentioned in our last issue, the Midland Railway Company have made special arrangements for the additional traffic likely to arise on their system next week, in connection with this Society's Show, at Leicester, their ordinary service being supplemented by the running of an additional express train on Monday and Tuesday, from St. Pancras at 7.45 a.m., and Kentish Town at 7.50, arriving at Leicester at 10.15 a.m. We have also spoken of the special tickets to be issued at a fare and a quarter, the cheap excursion trains from all parts of the Midland Line, and the special season tickets provided for the Show week, but may refer our readers to the Company's advertisement on another page for yet fuller details.

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

THE death is announced of Bro. James Howell Past Master and Treasurer of the Lodge of St. John, No. 1343, which occurred somewhat suddenly last Monday at his residence at Grays, Essex. Bro. Howell was highly esteemed by his Brethren of the Province, and greatly respected by his fellow townspeople. He was Master of the Lodge in 1887-8, and soon after received further honours by being appointed Provincial Standard Bearer. For many years past he has acted as Charity Representative of the Lodge.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Francis James Carter S.W. Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, and J.W. Chelmer Mark Lodge, No. 342, who had been ill but a short time with heart disease, took place at the Parish Church, Dunmow, Essex, on the 18th inst. He was highly respected by a large circle of friends and relatives, and was looking forward with pleasure to being W.M. of the Rosslyn Lodge next year, the twenty-first of its existence, on which occasion it is expected the Prov.G.M. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Warwick will most likely attend. Many wreaths were sent by friends, and in addition by the Rosslyn and Chelmer Lodges. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Chapman W.M., F. J. Snell, Wright, Brazier, A. Rattray Past Masters; Broadbridge S.D., Piper J.D., Livermore, Lewis, Young, Hoskins, Turner, and J. G. Mackenzie Sec., all of 1543; Franklin W.M. 1312, and representatives of the Chelmer Lodge, at Chelmsford.

THE funeral of Mrs. Cuthbertson, wife of Bro. J. C. Cuthbertson, of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and of the Skiddaw Hotel, Chippenham Road, Paddington, took place on Monday last. The deceased lady was only ill for five days, and was buried at the City of London Cemetery, Ilford, the attendance on the occasion giving proof of the great respect entertained towards her. Bro. Cuthbertson has our sympathy in this further trial, his eldest son having died in January last, at the age of twenty-six, and we trust that the future may afford him and his family some brightness to alleviate the pain of their present sorrows.

THE CONSTITUTIONS AND LORD BRASSEY.

AT its last meeting the only English Lodge now meeting in Victoria—the Combermere, No. 752, E.C.—elected His Excellency Bro. Lord Brassey as the Worshipful Master. The date of installation in this Lodge was one upon which His Excellency was otherwise engaged, and to meet the difficulty the Lodge cabled to the Grand Secretary, England, to permit the alteration of the date, and received in reply the information that Lord Brassey was not eligible for the office, as he had not served in the office of Warden for twelve months under that Constitution. The Lodge will, therefore, have no other option than to decline to confirm the minutes relating to this election and proceed afresh to elect a Worshipful Master. The case is an interesting one as pointing out that conferred titles, such as Bro. Lord Brassey lately received, carry with them no other privileges, and this necessary period of probation is as inflexible in its application as were the laws of the Medes and Persians. The position suggests that some modification of the law is necessary to suit certain cases. Had Lord Brassey served as Warden and Worshipful Master in England, he would still have been ineligible to hold office as Worshipful Master of any Victorian Lodge, as the same law prevails in that territory and in New South Wales. Some suggestions have already been made in Victoria, and notice of motion given to except those who have served as Masters and Wardens in the Sister Constitutions of Australia, and much may be said in favour of it. We are virtually one people in Australia, our Masonic laws in the various territories are very similar, and the interchange of residence in the different capitals very frequent. A Past Master of one Constitution carries his rank and its recognition into another, but to obtain its privileges in affiliation with a Lodge he must again earn them by serving afresh as Warden in the new territory. The only reason for this service must be to make him familiar with the Masonic laws of the territory in which he presides, and, notwithstanding those laws being identical with those prevailing whence he came, he still must go through the prescribed forms. Thus the valuable services of an active man may be lost to the Craft, and this becomes even more apparent when it applies to such an influential officer of the Crown as the Vice-Regal representative in any territory. The time appears to be quite ripe for Combermere Lodge to throw in its lot with the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and its members might well do this by the formation of a new Lodge under the Victorian Constitution, making Lord Brassey their first Worshipful Master, which can be done without previous service as Warden. Thus also Lord Brassey would be the means of removing the last remnant of disunion in Craft Masonry in Victoria.—“Masonry.”

MASONIC ORATION.

Delivered by Bro. Rev. J. T. Lawrence, Offg. District Grand Chaplain, at the Consecration of the Moore Lodge, Bangalore.

FOR the better satisfaction of the Brethren as assembled, it is customary among Freemasons, whenever gathered together for the transaction of business, for an address to be delivered setting forth the occasions of the assembly. In events of such comparatively frequent occurrence as the initiation of candidates and the conferment of degrees, the charges and addresses customarily delivered have been, by the usage of centuries, to some extent stereotyped. Upon so solemn and important an occasion as the consecration of a new Lodge, the dedication of a new temple to the name and glory of T.G.A.O.T.U., the form and extent of the address are chiefly determined by local circumstances.

Brethren, in the circumstances that have brought us here this evening there is happily cause for nothing but congratulation. Freemasonry was first illustrated in Bangalore in 1840, when a Lodge called the Cantonment Lodge was formed. It was largely composed of soldiers: there were but few civilians in Bangalore in those days, and it suffered from the migratory character of its members and died out in 1862. The year following, Lodge Bangalore was formed, so that it may be said that Freemasonry has had a continuous existence in this station for more than half a century. Never during that period did the light of Masonry burn more brightly in Bangalore than it does at this moment. Other Lodges in the district have looked with surprise, pleasure, and envy at the progress made by Lodge Bangalore in every respect in which progress is worth making, and last year it attained the zenith of its fortunes when it stood at the head of the district both in numbers and work. But there must be a limit to both numbers and work. If the numbers increase, promotion stagnates and Brethren lose interest. If work increases, then the Master has no leisure to instruct the Brethren. Such being the case, it was felt that Lodge Bangalore

was unable to cope further, by herself, with the increasing desire for enlightenment, and hence our present assembly.

Let us now contemplate this evening's assembly from another standpoint. It is my duty to address the Master and Officers elect of the new Lodge both as to the important privileges to which they seek admission and the serious responsibilities they are about to incur. A Lodge is an assembly of earnest men, who have declared that in every emergency in life their whole faith and confidence is in God, who declare that they regard the volume of the Sacred Law as the unerring standard of truth and justice, who profess the strictest principles of morality, uprightness and equality, and who are actuated by feelings of the purest loyalty and patriotism. All these declarations are preliminary to the obligations they have subsequently taken and which combine in rendering a Freemasons' Lodge a gathering adorned with every moral and social virtue. You, Brethren, have not met here simply to reaffirm these obligations; you seek the power to impose them on others, a proceeding which adds tenfold to their weight as regards yourselves. It will be your duty to determine which of your fellow citizens are worthy to be made Masons. Whilst there are Brethren who ignorantly imagine they can evade their Masonic obligations by retiring from active communion with us, you, Brethren, have voluntarily come forward to add to all others those appertaining to the teacher and guide.

As members of a Lodge you have a character to maintain before the world. Lodge Moore will be judged in time to come not by what she professes, but by what she practises, for membership of a Lodge confers upon you a character or a reputation for piety, morality and loyalty.

And these are times when Freemasons need to act upon the defensive. Just as the Craft had its origin in the necessity of protecting the operative Mason from material dangers, so we have to protect all that we hold dear, and that is now being assailed as never before. There are men of light and leading who deny the inspiration, the authenticity, the truth of God's Word. The Freemason regards it as the great light of the Order and stands or falls by it. The literature of the day teems with impurity and license. The Freemason is pledged to regard chastity both in man and woman, in thought, word, and deed, as a sacred thing. Even in the days of King David there were those who said in their hearts there was no God. But such are not Freemasons. Among us there is no room for the infidel or the atheist, the anarchist or the traitor. To the Freemason, that glorious watchword “Liberty, Fraternity, Equality” is a true and living charter, interpreted in its highest and holiest sense.

Finally, Brethren, let us exhort you not to regard this as a gathering merely for the diffusion of good fellowship. We are here to diffuse the eternal principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, to wish God-speed to our Brethren and to ask the Almighty Father to strengthen them to meet their responsibilities and appreciate their privileges.

Let us trust that Lodge Moore will not be behind-hand in fulfilling the mission of Freemasonry, but that down the new channel thus created its pure tenets and principles may flow unpolluted as they have done for centuries past.—“Indian Masonic Review.”

CHURCH SERVICE.

THE Provincial Grand Chaplain of Kent Bro. the Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., P.M. has invited the Brethren of the Kentish Lodges to divine service at All Saints' Church, Perry Street, Gravesend, on Sunday, 28th June, when the sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. J. E. Player P.M. 2237. It is hoped that all Brethren who can make it convenient will assemble at the Vicarage at 10:30 o'clock. As it is the desire of the Provincial Grand Master Earl Amherst that the Brethren of the Province should contribute to the restoration of the Chapter House, Canterbury Cathedral, the offertory on this occasion will be devoted to that purpose.

At the Lodge of Instruction at Leicester, last month, Bro. W. H. Barrow, Mus.Doc., P.M. 523 G. Mark Organist Eng., was presented with a set of doctor's robes, which had been subscribed for by a number of Brethren of the Province of Leicestershire, and the jewel in gold of his office as Grand Mark Organist, on the back of which is inscribed:

Presented to
W. BRO. W. H. BARROW, Mus.Doc., &c., Grand Organist England,
as a mark of esteem from many Brethren, and an expression of thanks for
much fraternal kindness in adding to their pleasure.

The presentation of the robes was made by Brother S. S. Partridge Deputy Prov. G.M. P.G.A.D.C. Eng., says the “Minstrel,” and the jewel by Bro. H. G. Marriott W.M. 2028.

THE COLONIAL BOARD AND A BLACK-BALLING SCANDAL.

THE Combermere Lodge, No. 752, E.C., meeting in Melbourne, recently expelled two Brethren for un-Masonic conduct, an alleged conspiracy to black-ball and an exposure of the ballot. These Brethren appealed to the Grand Lodge of England, and the Colonial Board, which all good Masons hoped would have been disbanded long ago, as an effete body, has instructed the Lodge to re-instate the expelled Brethren. It appears to us that the Colonial Board has overlooked a most important point, i.e., that the announcement that there were two black balls put in the box was not made until some of the unused balls had been collected. The Board states that the W.M. had it in his power, by permitting the examination of the box, to prove to the Lodge that the statements were false; but, as we understand the matter, the statement was made when the W.M. did not have it in his power to again examine the box, as other black balls had then been returned to it, and it was no longer in the condition in which it was when the ballot was taken. There is also this overwhelming fact against the statement of the individual Brethren, that Bros. Morton, Oldfield and Virgoe all declare that two black balls did not appear, and although the Brethren who were expelled have received a cutting admonition as to their line of conduct, this Board directs their re-instatement amongst gentlemen, who could not under the circumstances associate with them; indeed, their rapid withdrawal from the precincts of the Lodge after its last meeting was evidence enough that they were themselves aware that they are permanently "in Coventry" so far as all good Freemasons are concerned. The letter is as follows:—

W. R. VIRGOE, Esq., Secretary Combermere Lodge, No. 752.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Adverting to your letter of the 17th December last, and the papers and documents which accompanied it, I am desired by the Colonial Board to acquaint you that by the same mail was received a complaint from Bros. — and — against the Combermere Lodge for having improperly excluded them. The Board has very carefully considered the circumstances of the case as disclosed in your communication, in the minutes of the meeting of the Lodge on the 3rd December last, and in the copy of the shorthand writer's report. The Board particularly notes the absence of any denial of the truth of the very grave charge preferred by and against the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Morton, of having declared elected a candidate for joining, against whom it was openly stated two black balls had been deposited in the ballot box. If the allegations of Bros. — and — as to the deposit of the black balls were untrue, the W.M. had it in his power, by permitting the examination of the box, to prove to the Lodge that the statements were false. As no attempt appears to have been made either at the time or at the subsequent meeting on the 3rd December, to disprove Bros. — and — assertions, the Board is driven to the conclusion that they were founded on fact. It is no part of the duty of the Colonial Board to inquire into the motives which may have induced Bros. — and — to exercise, to the prejudice of the candidate, the right which the Constitutions give to every member of a Lodge to exercise his own discretion in the matter of voting, but the Board desires me to point out that although no one has a right to inquire of any Brother how he may have voted, it would not be possible to guard against a fraudulent use of the ballot if members of a Lodge were precluded from challenging the correctness of an announcement by the W.M. that there were not a sufficient number of black balls in the box to cause a candidate's rejection. The charge preferred against Bros. — and — did not include any allegations that the statement made by them in open Lodge of having black-balled — was otherwise than true, and the Board, after the fullest consideration of the circumstances disclosed in the statement and documents received from you, is of opinion that the action of the Lodge in excluding Bros. — and — was illegal, the causes alleged being insufficient to justify such a proceeding, those Brethren being within their legal rights in black-balling the candidate, and the decision of the Board is that Bro. — and Bro. — be re-instated members of the Lodge. I have to request you will be good enough to report to the Board that this has been done. I enclose for the information of the Lodge a copy of the letter addressed by the Board's direction to Bros. — and —.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Your faithfully and fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

Freemasons' Hall, London,
6th February 1896.

But the Colonial Board does not set the Craft any better example in the legitimate use of the English language than did the executive in Victoria in the recent "deprecatory" circular on the opening of the Board of Installed Masters. In a letter to the W.M. of the 10th January, the Board terms itself in the same sentence first as "it" and within a few lines as "they." The appeal now made by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge against the finding of the Colonial Board is emphatic and unmistakable, and the members of the Combermere Lodge have the sympathy of all true Freemasons in their present unpleasant position. That an alleged ruffianly conspiracy to stab a Brother whom these self-confessed black-ballers had never seen, for the sake of venting petty spite on an Officer of the Lodge into which he sought admission, should be condoned by this Colonial Board, without sifting to the utmost all the evidence available in the case, is a lesson which is not likely to be soon forgotten in the Lodges which spread themselves all over Australia under the English Constitution, and affords the

Combermere Lodge an excellent opportunity of taking shelter under the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, where speedy and equitable treatment could be secured. We are fully aware that the rights of membership are always carefully preserved, and that expulsion is not easily sustained, but the Colonial Board in England flouts all the great Masonic authorities when it asserts that Brethren are justified in declaring how they voted in the interests of and for the protection of the purity of the ballot. The declaration of the W.M. is supported by his I.P.M. and his Secretary, both of them Brethren who are held in high esteem as citizens of unblemished reputation, and that their declarations or affidavits should have so little weight against the absolutely unsupported statements of men who were self-confessed black-ballers of a man highly recommended, and of whom they personally had no knowledge of an adverse nature, is a scandal upon the Craft which nothing but the speedy abolition of this Board can obliterate, and all colonially situated English Freemasons will watch with great interest the result of the appeal to the Grand Lodge of England.—"Masonry."

We congratulate our contemporary, "The American Tyler," on the progress it is making with its tenth annual volume, which opened with the issue of 15th February last. The editor said, in the issue of that date: "it seems like yesterday since after much mental cogitation and anxiety the first number rolled from under the press. . . . The battle since then has been severe and constant, and although our armour shows many dints, and saw teeth in our sabre indicates the blows warded off, we rejoice to find ourselves still armed for the fight, and our face to the foe, for God and human brotherhood." As our Brother editor remarks it is on such occasions as the one he refers to that one notices the rapid flight of time. In our case it is nearly twenty-two years since we helped to produce our first issue, yet it seems, in a manner of speaking, but yesterday.

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The Friars Lodge of Instruction, which usually meets every week at the Plough Inn, Mile End Road, has closed for the summer, until the first Monday in September, in consequence of structural alterations which are about to take place in the house.

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St. PANCRAS	... arr.	4-20	5-30	7-35	7-55	10-30	9-45	11-10	11-55	2-50	4-20	5-55	7-25	8-30	9-50	10-45	

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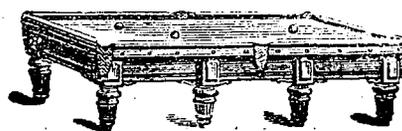
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J. MORRISON McLEOD, P.G.S.B.,

Hon. Secretary to the Board of Stewards.

6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

12th June 1896.

** The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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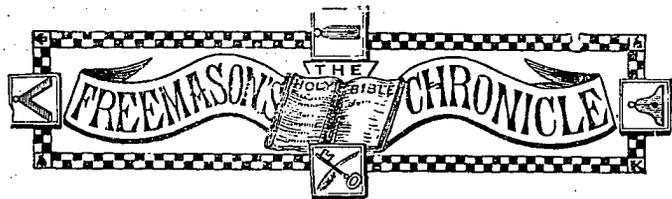
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THE GIRLS SCHOOL.

SATURDAY next, the 27th instant, will be observed as Ex-Pupils' Day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on which occasion any of the former pupils of the School will be heartily welcomed, at 3-30 p.m. The advantage of these gatherings to the old scholars, as well as to the Institution itself, has been referred to on many occasions, and we can but express the hope that the assembly next week will prove as successful and as profitable as any of its predecessors.

THE BOYS SCHOOL.

THE annual visit of the Board of Stewards to the Institution at Wood Green is appointed to take place on Tuesday next, 23rd inst., on which occasion the prizes will be distributed by Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire. Those who hold tickets are requested to take their seats in the Assembly Hall, by 2-45 p.m.

Among other attractions is a performance of the opera of "Patience" by the Boys, commencing at 4 p.m., permission for the representation having been granted by R. D'Oyly Carte, Esq., while after tea the pupils will give a Gymnastic display. Special fares have been arranged from Kings Cross Station of the Great Northern Railway for holders of invitation cards.

We anticipate there will be a very large gathering of friends of the Institution, indeed, the difficulty which the Board of Management have to face is how to provide for the many who desire to pay a visit to the School on this occasion, not only with the idea of deriving some amount of amusement from the programme provided, but also to view the Institution itself, and judge of the progress made by its pupils.

THE Annual Athletic Sports of the Boys took place on Saturday, at Kempton Park, to which pleasant spot the pupils were invited by Bro. George Everett, who also acted as Treasurer for the occasion, and in many ways worked hard in the endeavour to secure the enjoyment of those present.

The following is a list of the events and the winners:

High Jump (Open). First prize, Tankard. Second prize, Fives Gloves, presented by Mrs. F. S. Guy. 1—Marston, 2—Truine. Height 4ft. 4in.

100 Yards (under 13). First prize, Photographic Album, presented by Bro. H. Pritchard. Second prize, Cricket Pads. 1—Chadwick, 2—Tanner.

440 Yards (open) handicap. First prize, Handbag. Second prize, Cricket Ball, presented by the Logic Club. 1—Marston, 2—L. Greenwood.

300 Yards (open). First prize, Cricket Bat. Second prize, Batting Gloves, presented by Bro. F. S. Guy. 1—Marston, 2—Bedford.

High Jump (Preparatory). Prize, Military Hair Brushes, in case, presented by Bro. Thos. Morris. 1—Frost and Malby.

220 Yards (under 13) handicap. First prize, Cricket Bat. Second prize, Pair of Brushes, presented by Bro. F. Orchard. 1—Chadwick, 2—Curtis.

Throwing the Cricket Ball. First prize, Gladstone Bag, presented by Gavel Club. Second prize, The Ball. 1—Truine, 2—Kent. Distance thrown 74 yards.

100 Yards (open). First prize, presented by Bro. Eve. Second prize, Tennis Racquet. 1—Marston, 2—Bedford.

Gymnastic Display. Groombridge, Leeming, Whitehall, Binks, Robinson, Coates, Fitzwater, Foster, Spain, Truine, L. O. Roberts, Bedford. Sergt. Instructor: Sergt. Willmott (Rifle Brigade). Parallel Bars, Pyramid, High Vaulting Horse.

440 Yards (under 13) handicap. Prize, 200 Foreign Stamps (value £2), presented by Bro. G. E. Fairchild. 1—Chadwick, 2—Owen.

Three-legged Race. First Prizes, Cricket Bats, presented by Committee Dinner Club. Second Prizes, Cricket Balls. 1—Kennedy and Lowenthal, 2—Hayward and Spain.

220 Yards (Preparatory). First prize, Silver Watch and Chain, presented by Bro. R. Topping. Second prize, Cricket Bat, presented by Bro. R. Clowes. 1—Frost, 2—Taylor and A. W. Evans equal.

880 Yards (open) handicap. First prize, 300 Foreign Stamps (value £5), presented by Bro. G. E. Fairchild. Second Prize, Cricket Bat. 1—Campbell, 2—Mills.

100 Yards (Preparatory). First Prize, Writing Case, presented by Mrs. John Sayers. Second prize, Fives Gloves. 1—Frost, 2—A. W. Evans.

High Jump (under 13). Prize, Silver Watch and Chain, presented by Bro. R. Topping. 1—Buck, 2—Campbell and Seabrook equal.

220 Yards Strangers' Race. First prize (value £1 1s). Second prize, (value 10s 6d, to the first under 14 years). Open by invitation to boys under 16 from Public Schools. 1—Stringer (St. Olive's School), 2—Vandenbrook (Tottenham Grammar School).

220 Yards (open) handicap. First prize, Gladstone Bag, presented by the Derby Allcroft Lodge. Second prize, Cricket Bat. 1—Owen, 2—Marston.

Old Masonians' Race (220 Yards). Prize presented by Bro. Jas. Willing jun. No Race unless there are six starters. Entries to be made on the field to G. A. Roberts, Esq. 1—Churchill.

Obstacle Race. First prize, Handbag, second prize, Handbag, presented by Bro. Jas. Stephens. Third prize, Tennis Racquet. 1—Spain, 2—Bedford, 3—Dodds.

Tug of War. Prizes, 12 Silver Pencil Cases, presented by Bro. W. Manfield. Teams captained by Groombridge and Davey. Davey's side won.

Consolation Sack Race. First prize, Tennis Racquet. Second prize, Handbag, presented by the Hampden Lodge. 1—Austin, 2—Garraway.

Victor Ludorum. Over 13, Silver Watch and Chain, presented by Bro. Geo. Everett. Marston. Winners of open events only are eligible. A first place counts 3, a second 2, a third 1.

Under 13, Tankard, presented by the Assistant Masters. Chadwick, No competitor is allowed to take more than three prizes.

It is announced that Bro. G. S. Graham has resigned the position of D.G.M. of English Freemasonry in Auckland, by reason of failing health. His appointment dates from 1877.

NEXT WEEK.

Further particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

- 26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel
1910 Shadwell Clerke, M'kmasons'-h.
2397 Columbia, Criterion
61 Probity, Halifax
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
388 Prudence, Halesworth
408 Three Graces, Haworth
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Oldham
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
699 Roscawea, Chacewater
999 Robert Burns, Manchester
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
1271 F'dship & Unity, Bradford-on-Avon
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
1861 Claremont, Croydon
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
1991 Agricola, York
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall
255 Harmony, Richmond
1158 Southern Star, Southwark
2108 Empire, Criterion
47 Newstead, Nottingham
160 True Friendship, Rochford
253 Tyrian, Derby
366 St. David, Milford
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
564 Stabilify, Stourbridge
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby Z'ch
788 Crescent, Hampton Court
789 Dunheved, Llanconston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1052 Callander, Manchester
1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'u.
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1309 Acacia, Hampton Court
1390 Whitwell, Millon
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1447 St. Matthew, Barton-on-Humber
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1580 Cranbourne, Hatfield
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2339 Mistle, Manningtree
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch'tm.
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's
2414 Wychwood, Burford
2518 Chas. Ed. Keyser, Hoddesden

Wednesday.

- Festival R.M.I. Boys, Brighton
2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
2076 Quator Coronati, F'masons'-h.
36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
258 Amphibious, Heekmondwike
301 Apollo, Alcester
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
320 Loyalty, Mottram

- 321 Unity, Crewe
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
697 United, Colchester
724 Derby, Liverpool
761 St. John, Dursley
778 Bard of Avon, Hampton Court
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1296 Vale of Brislington, Brislington
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Camborne
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1633 Avon, Manchester
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2186 Striguil, Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2357 Barry, Cadoxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

- General Committee, Girls School, 5
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
99 Shakespear, Albion
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
1523 St. Mary Magdalene, Café Royal
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Middleton
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
202 Friendship, Devonport
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
283 Amity, Haslingden
318 True and Faithful, Helston
324 Moira, Stalybridge
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
361 Industry, Hyde
410 Grove, Ewell
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Illoe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
625 Devonshire, Glossop
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
710 Pleiades, Totnes
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
1313 Fermor, Southport
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1616 Fr'ndship & Harmony, W'yb'ge
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoeburyness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove

- 1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.
2028 Granite, Narborough
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2184 Royal Vict. Jubilee, Rainham
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2418 Hedworth, South Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Booble-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

- Council Boys School, F.M.H., at 4
60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Watford
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme
602 North York, Middlesbrough

Saturday.

- 1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn
2472 Walthamstow, Walthamstow
149 Peace, Meltham
370 St. George, Chertsey
444 Union, Starcross
453 Chigwell, Chingford
631 Methuen, Taplow
1462 Wharncliffe, Penistone
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
1851 Ewell, Kingston
1982 Greenwood, Sutton
2087 Electric, Hampton Court
2353 Broxbourne, New Barnet
2421 Carrington, Amersham
2460 Ascot, Ascot

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BLACK-BALLING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a member of the Lodge of (name omitted—Ed. F.C.) I wish to ask why your last reports of the proceedings of this Lodge contained no account of the black-balling of candidates proposed for Initiation? There was certainly no occasion to publish the names of these persons, but I think the facts should be stated, as a warning to other Lodges, and also to intending Candidates. You have done so much for the cause of Freemasonry that I think it is a pity the facts were not reported.

Yours fraternally,

MEMBER.

15th June 1896.

[The matter of the black-balling of Candidates at your Lodge was omitted intentionally, as we did not consider any good purpose would have been served by publishing it. The black-balling of a Candidate must always be a painful subject, especially for the proposer and seconder; and we think that where the tongue of good report cannot be heard in any person's favour it were better to exercise the most excellent gift of silence. At the same time we would recommend to your notice the article on "The Ballot," in last week's issue.—Ed. F.C.]

A NEEDED REFORM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Much has been said in reference to the continually increasing salary of the Provincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashire. It appears to me that, seeing he has so much work that at times he is unable to grapple with it, it would be a good idea were he (the Secretary) to pay an assistant. There are many poor Brothers who would be glad of the berth, at, say £100 per annum, leaving the Provincial Grand Secretary then a handsome income; or perhaps it would be better to divide the Province into three or four parts, thus reducing the working expenses and increasing the charity fund.

Yours truly,

P.M.

THE USE OF OUTSIDE TITLES.

To the Editor of "Masonry."

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should be glad to have your opinion as to the Masonic etiquette of applying outside titles to Brethren when in the Lodge. Take, for instance, the medical faculty. The practice now-a-days in announcing or denominating these Brethren is always by prefixing "Dr." It was taught on my entrance to Freemasonry that all Brethren were upon the level when within the Lodge, outside rank and differences of station in life being eschewed, no honour or title being conferred or applied but that earned through progress in the art. Why then should the differences be observed in the Lodge now-a-days? The only object I can assign is to impress the Brethren of the outside rank of the Brother. His worth as a Freemason is a very secondary consideration. If this kind of thing is to go on we shall have in the near future such announcements as these; "Bro. Civil Engineer X., M.I.C.E.," or "Bro. Q., Barrister and Solicitor," thus a cheap means of advertising will be provided for professional Brethren, tolerated by the Masonic body.

I am, fraternally,

ANTI-HUMBUG.

30th April 1896.

[NOTE.—Our correspondent is forgetting the explanation given of the level "That distinction amongst men are necessary for the subordination of Society." At any rate actual and courtesy titles are universally recognised. Would our correspondent have the titles of our Grand Masters, the Hon. George Coppin, Sir Wm. J. Clarke and Lord Brassey ignored? if so Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King at Arms, Grand D.C. of the Grand Lodge of England, is in error when proclaiming H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, or Bro. the Earl of Lathom as Pro Grand Master, &c.—"Masonry."]

ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

From the "Tablet."

SIR,—Let me add a few lines as to the substantial identity of Freemasonry in England and abroad, and in support of the suggestion of a "Scotch Catholic" in favour of the establishment of an Anti-Masonic Association in England.

I. Albert Pike, the "Sovereign Pontiff of Universal Freemasonry," having died in April 1891, an election was held in Rome, 20th September 1893, to appoint a successor. The choice fell upon Adriano Lemmi. Thereupon twenty-six Sovereign Delegates drew up a lengthy protest (of which the original was deposited in London) addressed to the "Most Serene College of Emerited Masons, &c., &c.," and setting forth reasons against the election of Adriano Lemmi. One of the charges was that, whereas English and

American Lodges had contributed large sums of money towards the propagation of Masonic work in Italy, these monies had not been rightly invested. "In England and the United States," say the protestors, "the adepts of the perfect initiation have always wished for the prosperity of the Italian Masonry; besides, the poverty of this family is a well-known fact in the Order; therefore, the English and American Masons have delivered to the Italian Grand Master large subsidies, often reiterated, in order to multiply the Lodges in a country where the Pope of the Superstition is proudly enthroned. Now the accusers of the Elect maintain, &c., &c." (section Zain). I presume that, if the "perfect initiated" send the subsidies, the humbler Masons helped to pay them, and thus participated (blindfold perhaps) in the work of their Italian Brothers.

II. What now is the nature of this work? It may be gathered from a circular letter addressed by Grand Master Adriano Lemmi, in 1886, to the "Venerable Brothers of the Lodges of Upper Italy." The principal points are as follow:

i. The Education question is to be one of the daily preoccupations of Freemasons.

(a) Catholics, or persons who have Catholic instincts, are not to be admitted as teachers; and theories and habits hostile to religion are to be instilled;

(b) Schools are to be withdrawn from Communal or Municipal control, and subjected to the direct control of the State;

(c) Teachers are to be allured by the prospect of higher salaries and those who are favourably disposed towards religion are to be rendered unpopular and forced to resign.

ii. Encouragement is to be given to (a) Cremation of the dead, (b) Civil Marriages, (c) Civil Burials.

iii. The Baptism of children, so far as possible, is not to be permitted.

iv. Everything that has a religious character is to be brought into discredit.

v. Assistance is to be given to those only who belong in spirit to Freemasonry, or who give hopes of becoming Masons.

III. What now are the religious (or otherwise) opinions of Adriano Lemmi, "Sovereign Pontiff of Universal Freemasonry?"

The protest of the twenty-six Sovereign Delegates objected that he was not orthodox, in that he caused to be sung "the hymn where the Excelsior is termed with the name repugnant to orthodoxy" (section Ur). In other words, it was laid to his charge that he is a Satanist, worshipping the Devil ("the Excelsior") under the name of Satan; and that he is not an orthodox Luciferian, who, as such, should worship the Devil under the title of Lucifer.

To conclude: It is asserted that there are Satanists and Luciferians who are not Masons, and that there are many Masons who are not Luciferians. There are doubtless Masons who look upon Freemasonry as a sociable Benevolent Society, and have no idea of its being anything beyond that. But as there are "The True Elect and Perfect Initiated," it follows necessarily that there are also those who are not "Initiated." Catholics, and indeed all honest people, will guard themselves against becoming even of the number of the "uninitiated;" but they should go further than this, and should endeavour to counteract the hidden machinations of this alluring yet baneful Society.

FRANCIS M. WYNDHAM,

St. Mary of the Angels, Bayswater, W.,

9th June 1896.

A FREEMASON'S ANNUITY.

WILLIAM SEAMAN made a claim in the Westminster County Court on Thursday in last week, for the recovery of £10 from Mr. James Terry, the Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

The plaintiff, who conducted his own case, said that his father-in-law, Edward Woolridge, was elected an annuitant, and he was to receive four quarterly payments of £10 on 1st June, September, December, and March. These payments were due immediately after midnight of the last day of the previous month, and were payable in advance upon the declaration of a clergyman or magistrate being sent that on the 1st of the month the annuitant was alive. Woolridge died at half-past eight p.m. on 1st September, and the defendant refused to pay the money.

Mr. Carver, for the defendant, argued that this was a bounty, and there was no promise to pay. Even if an action would lie, which, he submitted, could not, the defendant was not the proper person to sue, and the plaintiff was not the executor.

James Terry, called for the plaintiff, said his Institution was merely a charity, and the annuitants paid nothing.

Mr. Seaman: How much does it cost an annuitant to be elected?

Witness: I do not know, nothing, as far as I know.

Plaintiff: Well, I can tell you. It cost him over £30.

His Honour (with surprise): Where did it all go to?

Plaintiff: It went for postage, printing, and other things.

In answer to His Honour, Mr. Terry said no doubt if the matter had been put in proper form it would have been paid.

His Honour: I have very great doubt if the case will lie at all. If it is put in proper form, I suppose it will be paid.

Mr. Terry: I have no doubt the Committee will consider it.

Judgment was entered for the defendant without costs.

Replying to His Honour, Mr. Terry said the Institution paid out £16,500 in annuities.—"Star."

We regret to hear Sir Hugh Owen, after whom one of the more recently consecrated Lodges was named, is seriously ill.

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Bro. Lord Amherst of Hackney has given £100 towards the completion of the purse of £1,000 started by the Duke of Westminster with a similar donation, in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, to be presented to the Duchess of Connaught at the Rose Fete at Queen's Hall on the first day, the 23rd inst.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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CRIPPLEGATE LODGE, No. 1613.

ON Tuesday, 9th inst., the members made their annual river trip. The party, about eighty in number, travelled to Taplow by rail, and thence to Marlow on the steam launch "Emperor." A recherché dinner was served at the Angler's Hotel. The tables had been decorated for the occasion with great taste by Mrs. Kilby and her assistants. The chair was taken by Bro. Grover. During the afternoon a selection of music was played by the Marlow Orchestral Band, under Mr. R. Gibson's direction. The party left for Maidenhead on the launch about 7:30 p.m.

LEWISHAM LODGE, No. 2579.

A MEETING of this new and flourishing Lodge was held at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, on Saturday, 13th inst., when a large number of Brethren were present.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. H. Ponter and T. Hinds were unanimously elected joining members.

Bros. W. Clark, H. B. Brooman, H. Kortlandt, and J. H. Minson were raised to the third degree.

The Ballot was taken for Messrs. E. C. Cook, S. R. Cook, and R. R. Cook (three brothers) and Mr. N. Poirin, and, proving unanimous in their favour, they were duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. Christopher Sims, both ceremonies being rendered in his usual impressive manner.

The Lodge was closed and the Brethren sat down to dinner, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a good programme of music was rendered, the following Brethren taking part, viz.: Bros. Bridges, Lamb, Price-Taylor, D. Bartlett, Kortlandt, Simmons, Wilkes, and E. Hall Sec., who gave the "Initiate's" song, the Brethren joining in the last verse with much enthusiasm.

This Lodge, which was consecrated on 28th October last, now numbers forty-six members, and is sending two Stewards to the Charities, viz.: Bro. W. C. Tyler to the Boys School, and Bro. J. W. Drysdale to the Benevolent Institution.

INSTRUCTION.

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ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

A SUCCESSFUL meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the popular Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, on Tuesday. Bro. J. L. Henson W.M., W. Truman S.W., C. Cartwright J.W., H. Kobelt S.D., T. J. Phillips J.D., C. G. Ridgway I.G., J. M. Sillitoe Sec., E. C. Mulvey Preceptor, J. Blundell P.M. Treas., Scarlett, W. C. Mainwaring, Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), A. Pettit, M. Flemings, R. H. Nichols, T. Kelly, J. O'Connor, T. Eyers P.M.

The W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Scarlett candidate. Bro. Mainwaring having answered the questions leading to the second degree, the Lodge was opened in the second and third, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Truman being installed. We may compliment the W.M. on the excellent style of his working of this and the previous ceremony; he continued with the customary addresses to Master and Wardens.

Bro. Mulvey finished by giving the address to the Brethren in general, which was also discharged in an able manner.

Bros. Mainwaring and Fleming were elected members, and Bro. Truman was unanimously chosen W.M. for next meeting.

Bro. Mulvey proposed that a vote of thanks to the W.M. should be put on the minutes, for the most able manner in which he had discharged his duties for the first time, which was unanimously agreed to.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

AT Mr. D. Peron's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace N., on Tuesday, Bro. George Barter W.M., G. Weaver S.W., G. Miller J.W., G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362 S.D., J. Wynman J.D., C. Halston I.G., R. J. Rogers P.M. acting Preceptor, G. Butcher, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Halston candidate. At the request of the W.M. Bro. Mogford took the chair, and opened in the second degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the same Brother acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first, and Bro. Barter re-occupied the chair.

Bro. Weaver was elected to the chair for the next meeting. Bro. Rogers proposed, and Bro. G. D. Mogford seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Barter, on his first performance in the chair, with congratulations on the skill he displayed.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

ON the 16th inst., at the Lord Truro, Dalston Lane, N.E., Bro. F. Dunstan Preceptor W.M., McLachlan S.W., Russell J.W., W. S. Harvey Sec., George Clark, Schlosshauer, Walter Clark, Alderman, Fred Clark, Coulthard and T. Mathews.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Brother Schlosshauer candidate, followed by Brother Alderman being raised to the third degree. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, and then adjourned for its summer vacation, to Tuesday, 29th September.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

AT the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, Paddington, on Monday, Bro. H. Harris W.M., H. Crookes S.W., H. Campbell J.W., H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Sec., E. J. Green S.D., W. J. Lovegrove P.M. 1968 P.P.G.S. of W. Salop J.D., A. Clark P.M. 1668 I.G., W. Smith Stwd., W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177 Preceptor, G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362, E. Stevens 733, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

Bro. Campbell, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair. Bro. Clark, after the usual preliminaries and the Lodge being opened in second degree, was passed.

The Lodge was opened in the third degree and Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. Stevens was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Crookes was elected W.M. for next meeting.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1681.

AT Bro. F. H. Vant's, the Berkeley Arms, Mayfair, on Wednesday, Bro. R. Heal Goodenough W.M., T. Lewis S.W., T. Kelly J.W., E. Lewis S.D., F. J. Oliver P.M. J.D., G. Johnson I.G., G. Wood P.M. Preceptor, G. W. Kuffle as Sec., F. B. Miles, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), E. C. Mulvey P.M., and several others.

Bro. G. Johnson offering himself candidate, and having been examined and entrusted, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. F. J. Oliver candidate. Great credit is due to the W.M. for the excellence of his working. Both ceremonies were perfectly and expressively rendered. A word of praise is also due to Bro. G. Wood Preceptor and the Officers, for their able assistance.

Bro. Mulvey P.M. proposed that Bro. Wynman should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, he being a representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and the Brethren being always pleased to see anyone belonging to the press. This was seconded by Brother T. Kelly, and agreed to. Bro. J. Lewis will preside next Wednesday as W.M., and it is hoped he will have a good attendance.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E., on Wednesday, 17th inst., Bro. F. A. Slater W.M., G. Fennell S.W., H. S. Weeks J.W., C. Holland S.D., H. M. Pollock J.D., W. Joss I.G., De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, T. Thornton Sec., Boyce P.M., A. S. Bird.

The Lodge being opened to the second degree, Bro. Bird answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. The Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Bird candidate. The Lodge resumed to the first degree, and the Brethren assisted Bro. Holland to work the first and second sections of the lecture.

Bro. Fennell was elected to the chair for the next meeting, on Wednesday 24th inst.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

A VERY successful meeting was held on Friday, at Bro. Witte's, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, when Bro. Fred W. Bishop occupied, for the first time, the position of W.M., supported by Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. S.W., Jones J.W., Dunstan P.M., &c. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, Mason S.D., Matthews J.D., Calley I.G., Barnes, Bishop sen., A. E. Horstead, Feistel, Geo. Clark P.M., Witte, F. Kebell.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a very praiseworthy manner, Bro. Barnes candidate, and at the end of the meeting was accorded the customary vote of thanks, with complimentary allusions by Bros. Dunstan and I. P. Cohen Past Masters, to the excellent way in which his work had been done.

The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Clark P.M., who opened in the second degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Willsmer candidate.

Bro. Dunstan then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, delivering the usual addresses in an admirable manner.

Bro. A. E. Horstead, a member of the Mother Lodge, was elected a member, and Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. appointed to act as the W.M. for the next meeting.

LEWISHAM LODGE, No. 2579.

NEARLY eighty Brethren attended to hear Bro. Nelson's eloquent and instructive lecture, which we announced last week, and which, together with the splendid slides shown by Bro. Tyler, kept them interested for three hours.

At the close, Bros. Nelson and Tyler received the best thanks of the Brethren, and were elected hon. members of the Lodge of Instruction, which compliment they accepted in a few words, expressive of thanks.

PROVINCIAL.

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HARBOUR OF REFUGE LODGE, No. 784.

ON Tuesday, 9th inst., Bro. George Fox was installed W.M. at West Hartlepool, by Bro. J. Mark P.M. The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, by Mr. H. Ducksbury.

CROXTETH UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 786.

THE annual installation was held on Friday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, when there was a numerous gathering, largely composed of visitors connected with the Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. W. Irvine was installed W.M. and the Officers were invested.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Browne, and at the close of the usual banquet a selection of music was given by Bros. Gray, Wilson, Shaw, Scott, Sweetman, Thierry, Edwards, Workman, Evans, Tuson, Percy, and Lee.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1035.

ON Thursday, 11th inst., in the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, the installation took place, in the presence of a numerous and representative gathering of the Masonic fraternity.

Bro. J. Edwards was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. J. Newall P.P.S.G.W., and he afterwards invested the Officers.

ERASMUS WILSON LODGE, No. 1464.

THE following is the list of Officers invested at the last meeting of this Lodge:—Rev. Augustus Jackson, M.A., W.M., George Sharland S.W., H. T. Sells J.W., William Russell Prov.G.Tr. I.P.M. and Treasurer, Arthur Ronaldson P.P.A.G.S. Secretary, Edward Matthews S.D., G. J. Lucas J.D., M. J. Greig I.G., and George Martin Tyler.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

AT a meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Saturday, 6th inst., Bro. H. T. Robins presiding, Bro. T. W. Griffiths, who has filled the office of S.W. with marked ability during the past twelve months, was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Griffiths is one of the most popular of local Freemasons, says the "Western Morning News," and his unanimous election was hailed with hearty applause.

Bros. C. Philp, J. G. Kevern and C. Mutten were re-elected respectively as Treasurer, Representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Charity Steward, and Bro. W. H. Phillips was again appointed Tyler.

It was decided to hold the usual summer outing, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The installation of Bro. Griffiths as W.M. will take place at the next regular Lodge meeting, and a large attendance is anticipated.

ELLIOT LODGE, No. 1567.

A MEETING was held on Saturday, 6th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, Bro. T. I. Bird P.M. W.M. presiding, supported by the following Officers: G. R. Nichols I.P.M., W. T. Dillon S.W., Sam Pardoe P.M. J.W., E. W. Winter Chaplain, Harry Willsmer Sec., W. Langdon S.D., H. C. R. Dailey J.D., E. Brooker I.G., S. Millin and A. E. Mason Stewards, and Bros. A. Bevis P.M. P.A.G.D.C. Middx., E. T. Taylor P.M. P.G.S.Wks. Middx., Calley, King, Keighley, Fenn, Butterson, Tilley, Fagan, Wyatt, Ditchman, Markham, Hume and T. C. Edmonds Tyler. Visitor: Bro. F. Bassett P.M. and Sec. Corinthian, 1882.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. E. H. Keighley, a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Keighley raised to the degree of a M.M. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. T. Taylor P.M. who passed Bro. Markham to the degree of a Fellow Craft.

A presentation of a Masonic map was made by Bro. W. C. Tyler to the members of the Lodge.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to a dinner, the W.M. Bro. Bird in the chair. The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and vocal contributions by members of the Lodge brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, the 8th inst., Bro. Walter Bowers W.M. The following were also present:—Bros. Geo. G. Mends S.W., Ed. Lewis Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., G. R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.Treas. Sec., G. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., John Bowers P.M. Org., A. Hawkins I.G., John Walton jun. I.P.M., R. Swindells P.M., John Slyman, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.D., Thos. French, J. F. Mends, E. W. Barratt, and others.

There was no special business for consideration, but Bro. Littler read a very interesting letter from Bro. Archie Christie (residing in London), who enclosed a sum of money for the Lodge charity box. The Brethren present also subscribed, and a substantial sum being collected, it was voted for the support of "Our Brother's Bed" (the Clarence), and will be duly forwarded for that purpose.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., the following being present:—Bros. Leon E. Levy W.M., Walter Fowden P.M., B. Steel J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treas., Geo. Rideal P.M., Geo. Board P.M. P.P.J.G.D., Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, J. L. Norris, A. Kirkwood, H. Frankenstein, L. Kaufman, Henry Arensberg, and others.

Visitors:—Bros. John Bladon P.M. 317 P.P.G.A.D.C., P. Joseph 960. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the following were successfully balloted for as joining members, viz., Bros. Joseph Ramus, Fine Art Dealer, Manchester, Montefiore Lodge, No. 753, Glasgow; and Phillip Joseph, Furniture Dealer, Leicester, Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff. Bros. Henry Norris and Morris Phillips were then duly passed into the degree of F.C. by the W.M., who was assisted by Bro. B. Steel J.W., the latter presenting and explaining the working tools. By general consent a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Gershon S.W. (who was absent), for presenting to the Lodge a very handsome devotional box and other accessories.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Bro. Board and the principal Officers, to take into consideration a suggestion of the W.M. that a supreme effort be made by the Lodge to aid the local charities for the year 1896.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with songs, sketches, &c., rendered by Bros. Norris, H. Frankenstein, Levy, and Roberts.

ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1855.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at Plympton, Devon, when Bro. T. Luke was impressively installed as Master, subsequently appointing his assistant Officers for the year. The Treasurer reported a substantial balance in hand. It was decided to have an outing instead of the usual banquet.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Hunt's Bank, Manchester, on Thursday, the 11th inst., the following among others being present:—Bros. T. T. Hardicker W.M., Clement J. Hall S.W., Robert Meggitt J.W., J. Kinsey Sec., T. H. Stott Assist. Secretary, A. Scarlett J.D., J. Whittle D.C., Wm. Boden P.M., S. Kew, A. Sutcliffe, R. H. Whatham. Visitor:—Bro. A. Jepson 2554.

Being the last meeting of the season, many matters of interest were discussed and disposed of, after which the Brethren adjourned.

PHILBRICK AND BRIXTON LODGES SUMMER OUTING.

THE Worshipful Master of these two Lodges, Nos. 2255 and 1949—Bro. G. S. Dauntou—arranged for a united Ladies' outing on Thursday, 11th inst., when the following participated in the pleasures of the day:—Bro. G. S. Dauntou W.M., Mrs. Dauntou, Mrs. Z. Dauntou, Mr. J. W. Dauntou, Mrs. J. W. Zaehnsdorf, Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.B.I., Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, Bro. A. R. Chamberlayne P.Prov.G.R.Essex, Mrs. Chamberlayne, the Misses Chamberlayne, Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Bridgman, Bro. and Mrs. Winter, Bro. C. Patten, Miss Patten, Bro. Rattle, Mrs. and Miss Rattle, Bro. T. Hawkins, Miss Huckle, Bro. and Mrs. J. Milroy, Miss Foden, Mrs. Stuart, Miss Alexander, Miss Robinson, Mr. and Miss Tyndall, Bro. and Mrs. R. Poore P.P.G.D.C.Middx., Bro. and Mrs. H. Baldwin P.P.G.Std.B.Middx., Bro. and Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. C. W. Sax, Mrs. E. F. Gye, Mrs. Berkin, Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Brook and niece, Bro. and Mrs. S. A. Gould, Bro. Dr. T. H. Underhill, and Bro. A. Collins.

On arrival at Reading the party embarked on the steam launch "Duke of York," which was lying in waiting at Caversham Lock. The tables were already laid for luncheon on deck and in the saloons, and after a most enjoyable repast the tables were cleared away. By this time the much celebrated Sonning Lock was passed. The weather was all that could be desired for this kind of excursion, and, after the unceasing rains of the previous days (which were so much needed) had the effect of clearing the atmosphere, and making everything bright.

The next incident which occurred was at one of the Locks, when Bro. James Terry R.M.B.I., who, through business engagements was prevented from joining the party sooner, stood waiting the arrival of the launch. As soon as he was recognised he was greeted with a most enthusiastic reception, which seemed to rather astonish the natives who happened to be near.

On arrival at Windsor the party debarked for a banquet, which was served at the Castle Hotel. The thief of all human pleasures—old Father Time—here asserted himself very severely. The banquet, which did credit to the host, had to be hurried and the speeches curtailed. The Queen and the Craft and the rest of the Royal Family was the first toast.

Bro. J. Terry proposed the toast of the W.M., in eulogistic terms, interspersed by racy anecdotes. His ready flow of language and versatility was received with great applause.

The W.M. immediately rose to respond, and was vociferously received by the assembly. In replying he apologised for his inability to acknowledge properly the eloquent terms and compliments with which Bro. Terry had proposed the toast. Although he might be wanting in aptness of expression he was none the less appreciative of the honour and kindness bestowed on him by everyone present.

Bro. A. L. Chamberlayne P.G.R.Essex proposed the Ladies and visitors, and Bro. H. Baldwin replied.

At this stage it was decided to leave the festive board to catch the train for Waterloo. The whole of the proceedings were thoroughly enjoyed by all, the perfect success of the day being added to by the Master's presentation of a souvenir to each of the Ladies.

SCRAPS FOR SPARE MOMENTS.

MASONS, as a rule, are probably rather over the average in cheerfulness, and amongst the very large number I know, many dearly love their own little joke. And a harmless desirable pastime it is, which puts a man in good humour with himself and those around him, whether this takes place within the walls of a Masonic Hall or elsewhere, say I.

But there are jokes, and jokes, and next to finding his own unappreciated there is nothing so aggravating to the cheerful man as to miss the point of others' sallies, and be unable to join in the general hilarity. Well, I am not much of a joker, but if I can amuse my Brethren with a reminiscence, or arrest an occasional bon-mot as it passes, for their amusement or edification, it is my intention to do so.

Everybody likes the bright side of things, even if their own side of life does not shine; and I think this may now be regarded as a proverb which, like many a great thought, is only useful as it may be properly understood. Some will say it is as old as the hills, but are not nearly all the jokes nowadays?

Apropos of the "bright side of things," not long since a Brother who is now getting into the "sere and yellow leaf" was asked to support a Lodge pic-nic. "Why should I?" he enquired, "when I cannot go." "But, Brother P.M., you are as young as most of us half your age, and the ladies insist that the outing will be a failure if you don't! Of course if they talk like that, the pic-nic must be abandoned; now you would not like the whole thing to fall through, and thus establish a bad precedent? Joking apart, you are an indispensable, and must go. I know you don't like looking at the dark side of things, so if you really think you cannot possibly go, at any rate let that be a secret between you and me, and countenance our efforts at least." So said the Secretary to the pic-nic.

"Ah! what you mean," said our friend, "is that I ought to look at the bright side of things and—pay! Well, the last time I did so the expenses, notwithstanding the "outers" had the benefit of my share and of others' subscriptions, far exceeded the estimate. Once I paid a round robin of £2 additional for the same folly. But I'll tell you what I'll do. Let it be a limited liability concern this time, and I will take a 10s share fully paid up—there." Needless to say the half-sovereign was gladly accepted on that condition.

The following story I heard as a fact many years ago:

Two old women, walking along Mill Street, Alloa, were attracted by the new building then in course of erection for the National Bank of Scotland. Just at the time some of the workmen were hoisting up a large stone by means of a derrick. When noticing it, one said to her companion:

"Guid save us, Jenny; did ye ever see the like o' that? Masons lifting the building stanes wi' compasses! In my young days they used to be a' carried."

"Ou ay," said Jenny, "but Masons are ay gettin' the langer the lazier."

How amusing would be the evidence of Masons' wives throughout the kingdom re Lady-Masons. Here is an opinion by no means uncommon:

"Women-Masons! what do women want to be Masons for? If husbands spend their time at a Lodge, it is all the more desirable that the wives should stick to the household. As to the benefits of Masonry, somebody ought to benefit from my husband's subscriptions to this, that, and the other connected with it, but I am sure he does not. If both wife and husband carried on the same foolery, we should soon be on the high road to the workhouse." This is an actual expression of opinion. Next week I may decide to give another, not long since addressed to me, and very different,

GENIAL JAMIE,

A MASONIC RELIC.

BRO. A. B. LYMAN, M.D., a resident of Waverley, Md., and member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 136, is the possessor of a curious and interesting Masonic relic. Happening, some years ago, to be in a second-hand dealer's, he noticed in a dark corner of the room an old grandfather's clock having a brass dial, but so obscured with soot and verdigris that little else than the numbers and hands were distinguishable. The dim outlines of a square and compass were, however, barely visible. After a little bargaining on the lines laid down by our Most Worshipful Grand Master King Solomon, "It is nought, it is nought, saith the buyer," the Brother purchased the clock, and had it sent home without further delay. Here, by the judicious use of elbow-grease and Sapolio, the following Masonic characters were brought to light, by the additional aid of black enamel rubbed into the incisions made by the graving tool:—Two columns surmounted by globes celestial and terrestrial, and adorned with lily-work, net-work and pomegranates, between the columns a tessellated pavement, checkered with black and white; compasses placed across a square, and opened to eight-twelfths of a semicircle divided into twelve parts; and distributed over the dial, the sun, moon, and seven stars. The small dial of the second hand consists of a six-pointed blazing star, the points being numbered from ten to sixty inclusive. An inscription indicates that the clock has belonged to Yorktown Lodge, and further enquiry elicits the fact that Yorktown Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of England in 1755, but went out of existence in 1813. The workmanship of the clock denotes that it was made in 1781. Washington, La Fayette, and other distinguished Masons of the American, French, and British armies met in fraternal concord at Yorktown Lodge. It would not be too much of a stretch of imagination to presume beyond all reasonable doubt that they saw this clock and heard it strike, and may have noted the phase of the moon indicated under the blue starry-decked canopy which surmounts the dial. Another clock, exactly like the one here described, but without the Masonic emblems, may be seen in the President's parlour of Outaw Savings Bank. It is also, by a coincidence, the property of a member of Fidelity Lodge.—"Minstrel."

RELIGION IN FREEMASONRY.

FREEMASONRY is a religious institution. Its religious character cannot be well understood and defined, unless we draw a distinction between subjective religion, the religion of the heart; and objective religion, the religion of the mind.

By subjective religion, the religion of the heart, we understand that divine disposition and influence instinctively dwelling in man, the voice of God within, manifested by piety and devotion, by love and reverence, adoration and worship of the Supreme Being, the Father of us all. It is the religion—emotional in character—which changes, purifies and sanctifies the heart. Having its source and origin in God, it is purely divine, and therefore immutable; being common to all men, it binds man to man; it is the religion in which men agree. This is the Religion of Freemasonry.

By objective religion, the religion of the mind, we understand religion objectively treated and scientifically reduced to a system, called theology.

It is the product of the human intellect, and therefore varies and changes in accordance with the condition and standard of the mind. It is the religion of ecclesiastical dogmatism, of the various churches, religious institutions, denominations and creeds, as, for instance, of the Unitarians, Trinitarians, Universalists, Calvinists, Romanists, Jews, Mahometans, &c.

Although having a common basis in subjective religion, being the work of the human mind, it is truth mixed with error—for man errs as long as he lives, his infallibility the Pope notwithstanding—it is the religion of creeds, in which men disagree, which estranges man from man, productive of intolerance, hatred and persecution, of bigotry, hypocrisy and fanaticism. In this religion Freemasonry has no part.

The aim and object of Freemasonry is not to make the Christian more Christian, the Jew more Jewish, and the Mahometan more Mahometan, but to make the Christian a better Christian, the Jew a better Jew, and the Mahometan a better Mahometan.—"New York Tribune."

DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL MASTERS.

WE were "heckled" the other day about the distinction between a District and a Provincial Grand Master. Our first reply was that the former represented the Most Worshipful Grand Master abroad, the latter at home. This did not satisfy our querist. He said he knew all that, but which ranked higher? Then we suggested that in the improbable event of a District and a Provincial Grand Master hustling each other in the endeavour to obtain precedence in order of entry into Grand Lodge, it would be well that one, if not both of them, should retire, and amicably settle their differences, which, happily adjusted, they might reclothe themselves—"Yes, yes," said our querist, "that's all right, but how would they settle their differences?"

Then we suggested the date of the patent of appointment might serve to determine superiority.

But then the possibility of the patents being of equal date was

suggested, and we began to feel harassed, conscious likewise of having only skirted round the question up to this point. What is the actual difference? There is one, and it lies in the powers with which each is entrusted. A District Grand Lodge can expel a Brother or erase a Lodge. The D.G.M. can suspend a Lodge during pleasure. A Provincial Grand Master can only suspend it till the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. A District Grand Master can also issue certificates and provisional Warrants.

These are the more important differences, but there are a number of minor ones to be found in Articles 106-115. Among them is the power to grant dispensations of a nature which in England are restricted to the M.W.G.M. In fact, Article No. 106 distinctly says that the powers of a D.G.M. are required to be more extensive than those of a P.G.M. Other things being equal, therefore, we award the *pas* to the D.G.M.—"Indian Masonic Review."

On Wednesday, 10th inst., a party of Bedford Brethren made a pleasant river journey to Huntingdon, by the steamer "Lodore," returning by train to Sandy, and driving from thence in the evening to Bedford.

The Theatres, &c.

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Covent Garden.—Royal Italian Opera. This evening, Lucia di Lammermoor. Monday, Lohengrin. Tuesday, Rigoletto. Wednesday, Tannhauser.

Lyceum.—8, The School for Scandal.

Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinée, Saturday, 3. Prince of Wales's.—7:45, A Woman's Caprice. 8:15, John Jenkins at Biarritz. Matinée, 2:30. (Last day). On Monday, On the March.

Gaiety.—8, Carmen. (Last day).

Haymarket.—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:30, Trilby. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:30, Henry IV. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30; Saturday, 2:15.

Duke of York's.—8, The Gay Parisienne. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30.

Lyric.—8:15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.

Savoy.—7:40, After All. 8:20, The Grand Duke, or the Statutory Duel. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30. Wednesday, Matinée of The Mikado.

Comedy.—8:15, French Plays. (Last day).

St. James's.—8:30, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.

Princess's.—8, The Span of Life.

Daly's.—8:15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Garrick.—8:30, The greatest of these ——. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30.

Vaudeville.—8:15, Papa's wife. 9, A night out. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

Criterion.—8:30, Rosemary. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Court.—8:15, Uncle Thatcher. 9, Mam'zelle Nitouche.

Royalty.—8:15, Dearest Mama. 9, The Queen's Proctor. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Avenue.—On Thursday, 8:30, The Little Genius.

Opera Comique.—8:30, Second Edition of The New Barmaid.

Alhambra.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. 9, Irish Ballet Divertissement. 10, The Animatographe. 10:35, Blue Beard.

Empire.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Divertissement, La Danse. Cinematographe. Second edition of Ballet Faust.

Palace.—7:45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c. Matinée, to-day, 2:15.

Royal.—7:30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2:30.

Oxford.—7:30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

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Tivoli.—7:30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2:30 also.

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Mohawk Minstrels.—(Agricultural Hall.)—Daily.

Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. Maskelyne's Magical Entertainment.

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