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THE TOPIC OF THE HOUR.

IMPROBABLE as we regarded the brief outline we were last week able to publish of the proposals in regard to the future of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, it seems that the details were perfectly correct, and that the Board of Management, having secured sanction to remove the School from Wood Green, principally because they urged the fact of its being on a clayey soil, and surrounded by undesirable neighbours, have selected a spot almost, if not equally as clayey, and quite as likely to become hemmed in by undesirable property during the next ten years as was ever the case with the estate at Wood Green. The new site may possess merits, but it has few, if any, advantages, except in the matter of size, as compared with the existing property at Wood Green, and certainly nothing that will justify the great expenditure of funds the change will entail.

We are told that the matter does not concern us, and that the Board have a perfect right to do as they please. We question this, as if they are the means of bringing discredit on the Boys School they will not personally suffer, but some poor orphans will have to bear the brunt; besides which, they cannot tarnish the name of the Boys Institution without affecting the whole question of Masonic benevolence. A few years hence the Craft may have occasion to regret the "job" that is now being perpetrated at their expense.

We should willingly support any reasonable scheme for the improvement of the future prospects of the Boys School, but there is not one point in the objections urged against the existing School—beyond that of space—that does not find its counterpart on the new site, and that being so we can but again offer a protest against its acquisition. Surely there are more desirable properties in the market than the one selected.

CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Macclesfield, on Wednesday, 30th ult. The inhabitants gave a kindly welcome to the members of the Craft, for in the centre of the town the roadways had been swept and sanded, the buildings gaily decorated for the occasion, and large crowds witnessed the procession of Masons from the Drill Hall, where the meeting was held, to the ancient Parish Church in the Market Place.

Lord Egerton of Tatton Prov. G. Master was unable to attend owing to the effects of his recent accident. In his absence the Brethren were presided over by his Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by the Hon. Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.W.Eng. as acting Deputy Prov.G.M., and a large number of Provincial Officers present and past, while there was a large attendance, all the Lodges of the Province being well represented.

Bro. John Clayton P.P.G.J.W. submitted the report of the Committee of Benevolence. It stated that the funds of the Province were in a healthy condition, and that the fees and dues payable by the Lodges showed an increase over last year. The balance outstanding to the credit of the fund amounted to £182 11s 5d. Grants had been made during the year in six cases, amounting to £40. The Election Committee attended the election of boys and girls in London last October, and again in

April 1896, and in May for aged Freemasons. As directed by the Committee of Benevolence, the Election Committee expended their votes in favour of two girls from the Province, being successful in both cases, with 3,658 and 3,561 votes respectively. At the election in April, although Cheshire had one girl on the list, it was decided not to run the case, but to pay off borrowed votes. In May 1896, at the election of aged Freemasons, the Committee were directed to elect a candidate, which they succeeded in doing with an expenditure of 4,052 votes. For October Cheshire had one boy and one girl on its list, but as the friends of the boy had withdrawn him from this election in favour of the girl, it was hoped the election in her case would be successful. With reference to the paragraph in last year's report as to the joint management of the two local institutions, the Committee thought, judging from the great success of the joint festival at Knutsford, the accomplishment of the scheme must be gratifying to everyone concerned. About £1,200 was realised, which would go to the benefit of the two institutions when the accounts were made up in the proportions which the donors had specified. The interest on the invested capital of the benevolent institute was now sufficient to grant annuities to four women and two men, which would absorb £96. One of the annuitants having died this year, the Committee would be able to add two other annuitants to the four already on the funds. Besides what the local fund was doing for the poor aged people of Cheshire, grants had been made from the funds of the R.M.B.I. of London during the last year to the Province of Cheshire amounting to £165.

Bro. Annett P.P.G.Treasurer read a report of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, which spoke of the great success of the festival at Knutsford in July last, and mentioned that as a result of it, and including £303 balance left over from last year, there was now at the bank on behalf of the various provincial charities £1,244.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master gave expression to his regret, in which he was sure he should be joined by the Brethren present, at the enforced absence of the Provincial Grand Master. That absence was due to the unfortunate carriage accident which happened a short time ago, from the effects of which Lord Egerton was to some extent still suffering. His lordship desired him to express to the Brethren the great disappointment which it was to him to miss the opportunity of meeting them. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Master Sir Horatio Lloyd was glad to be able to congratulate the Brethren on the progress and position of Masonry in Cheshire during the past year. A new Lodge, the Travellers, at Chester, had been added to the roll of the Province, having been duly consecrated a short time ago, and, in addition, His Royal Highness the Grand Master had already granted the petition of the Brethren of New Brighton for a Lodge to be consecrated there. Those Lodges would bring the roll of the Province to the number of 48. The membership of the Lodges still continued steadily to increase. During the last five years the numbers of subscribing members of Lodges had been 1,856, 1,963, 2,141, 2,233, and in the year 1895 had reached 2,275, making an increase of 419 in the five years. Even of more consequence than the figures were the facts, which he had learned from those whose duty it was to investigate these matters, that all the Lodges were really working well, and that the Provincial Grand Officers appointed to examine the minute books of the several Lodges reported that, without exception, they were most satisfactory. There was also, he thought, much ground, from what they had already heard at that meeting, for congratulation. The charity council's report was eminently encouraging with regard to the two Benevolent Institutions. (During the past twelve months £165 had been granted from the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of London.) The festival held this year for the joint benefit of the two had been so successful as to call for their warmest congratulations. Nearly £1,200 was subscribed in connection with that festival, and that would enable the Committee to place two more annuitants on the fund. It was

exceedingly gratifying to notice the manner in which the Brethren generally supported the Festival. Every Lodge in the Province contributed, and the signal success which had attended their efforts would constitute their best reward. They had already heard what had been done and what was proposed to be done by the Election Committee, and he need do no more than commend those Institutions and the charities generally to the continued solicitude and attention of the Brethren of the Province, knowing well that they would take care never to forget that the keystone and the mainspring of their Masonic fraternity was Brotherly Love. One of the principal events of the Masonic year had been the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order for the twenty-first time, and in commemoration of the event, His Royal Highness had been pleased to give rank in the Grand Lodge of England to their acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master and their Provincial Grand Secretary, whom the Brethren of the Province heartily congratulated upon the distinction. In further commemoration, Lord Egerton had been permitted to give Past Provincial Grand rank to five other of their Brethren in the Province. Sir Horatio Lloyd concluded his remarks by proposing the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge has heard with much regret of the accident which has deprived the Lodge of the pleasure of meeting their Provincial Grand Master on the present occasion, and earnestly trusts he may soon be restored to his usual health."

Bro. Thomas Brough, of Macclesfield, was, on the motion of Bro. W. Richmond, seconded by Bro. Walter Brown, unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Auditors having been re-elected, the Deputy Grand Master duly invested the following Provincial Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Colonel Dean	-	-	-	Senior Warden
H. Jackson	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. Robert Edwards	-	-	-	
Chas. A. Bradley	-	-	-	Registrar
Thos. Brough	-	-	-	Treasurer
R. Newhouse	-	-	-	Secretary
Joseph Clark	-	-	-	Assist. Secretary
Thos. Wood	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
Major Randle Ford	-	-	-	
W. Lancaster	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
A. E. Coveney	-	-	-	
Theodore Fennell	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
H. G. Small	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. B. Dutton	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
George Eaton Shaw	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Thos. Wadsworth	-	-	-	
W. F. Robinson	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Joseph Turner	-	-	-	
A. Horton	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. T. Goulding	-	-	-	
Jno. F. Hindle	-	-	-	Organist
John Brine	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Sidney May	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Alfred Huxley	-	-	-	Tyler
George Kershaw	-	-	-	Stewards.
James Mobey	-	-	-	
Edwin Moreton	-	-	-	
Thos. W. Sheldon	-	-	-	
W. Dykes	-	-	-	
Jno. Hawker	-	-	-	

Bros. J. Clayton, F. Stevenson, W. A. Renshaw, James Cookson, and J. Nash were presented to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master on their selection for Past Grand rank, the first four as Wardens, and Bro. Nash as Senior Deacon.

On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by the acting D.P.G.M., it was unanimously resolved to forward to Her Majesty the respectful congratulations of the Provincial Grand Lodge upon Her Majesty having attained the 60th year of her reign. The Brethren afterwards joined heartily in singing the National Anthem.—"Manchester Courier."

WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Province took place in the Parr Hall, Warrington, on Wednesday, 30th ult. There were in attendance about 700 Brethren, representing the whole of the 114 Lodges which are comprised in the large Province. The chair was occupied by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro G.M. Prov.G.M.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby wrote regretting his inability to be present owing to his municipal duties in Liverpool.

A balance-sheet, submitted by Bro. H. Hall Provincial Grand Treasurer, was of a satisfactory character, and showed total receipts of £1,673 13s 7d, including £769 12s 1d from last year, £44 fees of honour, £799 14s 6d fees from Lodges, and £30 0s 6d, collected at the Provincial Grand Lodge at Bootle. The expenses—which included £190 paid in grants by the Charity Committee, £115 to the Benevolent Institutions, and £30 0s 6d to the Bootle Borough Hospital—amounted to £948 6s 7d, leaving a balance in hand of £725 7s.

Brother Goodacre P.G.S., in his annual report, stated that the roll of Lodges had during the year increased by two, and the roll of members by nearly 300, bringing up the number of Lodges to 114, and of members to 7,533. The new Lodges consecrated were the Stanley of Preston, No. 2600, and the Wyreside, Garstang, No. 2605. The Earl of Derby had been installed as first Master of the Stanley of Preston Lodge, a fact which gave assurance of his lordship's continued interest in the Craft, notwithstanding his many duties. During the year the Province had been successful in electing two boys and one girl on the foundation of the London Institutions, and one Brother had been elected an annuitant. In addition, the Province had afforded substantial aid towards the election of a third boy, whose father was a member of the Warrington Lodge. It would be difficult to produce better evidence of the sound and healthy condition of the Lodges generally than to point to the steady support given year by year to the three local charities, which were doing so much to alleviate distress, and add comfort to those in need. The income of the Educational Institution had been £2,176 against £1,850 in the previous year, and it had assisted 206 children at a cost of £1,473. The Hamer Institution had received nearly £80 more than in the previous year; while the claims upon it had been slightly less. The income of the Alpass Institution had been £1,142, against £922 in the previous year; and it had paid in annuities £689, against £520 last year.

The Earl of Lathom heartily congratulated the Province on the way it had kept up its character, and increased its numbers during the year. The roll of Lodges now was an enormous one, but in view of the number of Brethren belonging to them he did not think the Lodges were too numerous. He found that the average number of members for each Lodge was sixty-seven, and there was no other Province in the country that could show a record like that. He thanked them for their support of the Charities, which he was glad to say were flourishing; and, referring to the Prince of Wales's majority as Grand Master of England, said that they gave place to no body of Masons in their congratulations to His Royal Highness.

For the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer there were two candidates, namely Bros. E. R. Latham P.M. Devonshire Lodge, No. 584, and T. Banner Newton P.M. Perseverance Lodge, No. 155. The voting resulted in favour of Bro. T. Banner Newton, who received 224 votes against 201. The following were appointed Auditors:—Bros. H. W. Johnson, J. J. Lambert, J. T. Callow, and H. Nall.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following Officers for the year:

Bros. E. L. Lewis	-	-	-	Senior Warden
R. Layland	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. R. B. Billinge	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. T. H. Leeson (re-appointed)	-	-	-	
George Duxfield	-	-	-	Registrar
H. R. Thornton	-	-	-	Deputy Registrar
William Goodacre (re-appointed)	-	-	-	Secretary
S. Locke	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
J. Browne	-	-	-	
G. Holme jun.	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
A. M. L. Fahert	-	-	-	
T. Blane	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
W. R. Brewster	-	-	-	
S. L. Fraser	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. H. Smith	-	-	-	
E. Rose	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
T. Yarwood	-	-	-	
Henry Isaac	-	-	-	Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
S. J. Henochsberg	-	-	-	
Fred Batty	-	-	-	Sword Bearers
Tom Hunter	-	-	-	
J. Williams	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. F. Willan	-	-	-	
W. Cole	-	-	-	Organist
L. Eccles	-	-	-	
J. Bowers	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
J. Heyes	-	-	-	
Isaac Smith	-	-	-	Pursuivant
M. W. Clayton	-	-	-	
J. Scott	-	-	-	Assist. Pursuivant
A. King	-	-	-	
H. Round	-	-	-	Stewards
Jonathan Parry	-	-	-	
W. H. Ball	-	-	-	Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that, in commemoration of his majority as Grand Master of English Freemasonry His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had sanctioned the conferment of Past Provincial honours upon certain Brethren of distinction in each Province. The following were accordingly invested:—Past Provincial Grand Wardens Sir Geo. Pilkington and A. Franceys; Past Provincial Grand Deacons T. Grime, J. Carter and S. Kershaw; Past Provincial Grand Directors of Ceremonies G. Barker and P. J. Whitehead; Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearers T. Crompton, D. Lloyd, J. J. Boyle and G. Godfrey.

A collection was taken for the benefit of the Warrington Infirmary and Dispensary.—"Liverpool Post."

REPORT OF THE ANTI-MASONIC CONGRESS.

THE serious conclusions of the Anti-Masonic Congress should not be allowed to share the discredit of the unproved allegations on the same subject as to the credibility of which a controversy is at present raging in the press. The Congress, in arriving at its decisions, put aside the controverted writings alike of "Leo Taxil" and of the Abbe Margiotto, while refraining from passing any judgment on the enigmatical and disputed personality of Miss Diana Vaughan. Whether that lady have any real existence, whether she is not one, but two individuals, whether, if there be such a person, her conversion be a reality or a sham, and whether her present occultation be due to concealment as a precaution against assassination, or to her abandonment of a part which she was only playing for a purpose, are mysteries which the general body of the Congress have left to be elucidated by a special committee organised for the purpose. Its work, thus disengaged from the investigation of these burning questions, was based entirely on the books and official acts of the Masonic body itself. The report of the Congress, founded on these authentic documents, of which a small library was provided to assist its deliberations, embodies the conclusions as to the fundamental doctrines of Masonry it has arrived at after their investigation. To the question, "What are the religious doctrines by which Freemasonry has been inspired?" the reply is that they are those of nature-worship, the cult practised in ancient times in the mysteries of the Indians, Persians, Egyptians, Phœnicians, Romans, Greeks, and Druids, while forming in Christian ages the kernel of the creed professed by the Gnostics, Manichæans, Albigenses, Catarini, and kindred sects, as well as of the Templars, Philosophers of Fire, Alchemists, or Rosicrucians, who, in 24th June 1717, founded Freemasonry with its actual symbolism, in order to perpetuate their creed. The principle venerated by them is defined by the English Lodge, the parent of all those since founded, as "The ability of nature, the intelligence of the power that exists in nature, with its various operations." But this creed, developed into various blasphemous and impious dogmas, is not imparted to all the initiated of the sect, and the Congress had also to consider the question whether "the doctrines professed, at least apparently, by Freemasons, have a general connecting link, and if so, what it is." To this query the unanimous reply was that the various beliefs publicly professed by them under different names may be summed up as "Monism" or the "Great All-in-all," of idealistic Pantheism, and of Materialism under the name of Positive Science, or Positivism. The further propositions were formulated that these doctrines, in the universal symbolical language of Freemasons, are called by them ostensible Masonry for the profane, that they have all a closely-connecting link in the identification of the universe with God, that they are all derived from Masonry, the school and seminary of atheism, and that the nexus between them consists in the substitution of the idea of a generating God of the universe, for the Christian idea of God, the Creator of heaven and earth. . . . This substitution is, moreover, declared to be indicated in Masonry, by the application to the Divinity of the name Architect of the Universe, the word "architect" implying the pre-existence, or co-existence of the materials of architecture, and of the forces for its manipulation. The aim of Masonry was next defined as "destruction in the moral, intellectual, and physical order." Its destructive action in the first field consists of the deliberate substitution of evil for good, in the deification of the evil principle, and with it of all the vices, under the name of virtues.

In the intellectual order the destruction of truth is aimed at in the explicit and necessary profession of secrecy and falsehood, with all their attendant forms of deceit and perversion. The same tenet is symbolised in the physical order in the divinisation of death, or universal destruction, by the submission for the Holy Trinity of Christian belief, of the Indian trinity of a generating, destroying, and regenerating god, represented by the Triangle, proclaimed in the principle attributed to the cosmos, that the death of one is the birth of another, and embodied as a factor in human society, in the phrases of "struggle for existence," "perpetual revolution," and "indefinite progress." Although these accusations against Freemasonry as an Anti-Christian organisation are not new, since they have been the topic of Catholic journalism on the Continent of at least a quarter of a century, they have not, since the publication of the Encyclical "Humanum Genus," been promulgated with such authority, and as the result of such serious deliberation. It will, for the future, be impossible for Catholics to seek to minimise the evil tendencies of Freemasonry, or to represent the attacks on it as inspired by baseless imaginings or pious exaggeration. Masonic records themselves have furnished the materials on which the Congress has based its conclusions, and these are in no degree invalidated by any doubts as to the authenticity of other statements

formulated by its accusers. What has been held to be sufficiently proved by an assemblage of grave and learned laymen and ecclesiastics is quite sufficient to condemn Masonry in the eyes of all well-minded people, as an agglomeration of impious and blasphemous rites, inherited from the oldest and most degraded worship of the East. That at least a strong case for further inquiry has been made out, might well be considered as established even by those well-meaning though deluded Freemasons, who, regarding the Brotherhood as a harmless benevolent society, are at once its dupes and its decoys. That Freemasonry is in all foreign countries the most active of the anti-religious forces, and the camp and rallying point of all the others, is a fact so obvious as scarcely to require statement. Whether or not it is inspired in this hostility by the actual practice of demonolatry, in one or other of its forms, is a question which recent French publications have brought to the fore-front of sensational literary discussion. Earlier and more sober revelations on the subject, probably resting on a substratum of truth, have been, perhaps, unduly discredited by the fantastic and legendary accretions with which they have been weighted in the writings published under the pseudonym of "Diana Vaughan." That there is in France a sect devoted to the worship of Lucifer, as the champion of rebellious humanity, is, we believe, a well-attested fact, and the propagation of this diabolical creed has been ascribed by M. Taxil and M. Ricoux to an inner ring of the Masonic body called Palladic Masonry.

We reviewed in these columns last week the work in which Mr. Waite, on behalf of Masonry, traverses and impugns these statements, but without any conclusive refutation of their general drift. He adduces at least no disproof of the facts alleged as to the foundation and organisation of this mystery within mystery, the governor-wheel of the great Masonic machine, whose working would account for much of its modern history. The story told, substantially the same in all versions, is that on the taking of Rome in 1870, Mazzini, in combination with Albert Pike, an American Grand Master, from Charleston, South Carolina, founded a Supreme Masonic Rite called the Order of the Palladium, with a view to the creation of a central governing body through which to obtain control of the Lodges all over the world. With the worship of Lucifer as its creed, and "Baphomet," the idol worshipped in the temple, as its "Palladium," a parody of ecclesiastical organisation was instituted by the installation of Pike as Sovereign Pontiff, and the creation of a Supreme Dogmatic Directory, with its seat at Charleston, as a Masonic College of Cardinals. In addition to the Sovereign Executive Directory, domiciled in Rome, of which Mazzini was the first chief, there is an international Directory of seven members which sits at Berlin, while four Grand Central Directories have their seats in Naples, Calcutta, Washington, and Montevideo. The body is financed by a rate of 1 per cent., levied on the contributions of all Freemasons throughout the world, and minor Palladic Lodges exist in various places. Signor Lemmi was not only Mazzini's successor as political chief, but succeeded by bribery and intrigue in securing his election as Sovereign Pontiff at a conventicle held in Rome in 1893. A schism has, however, recently occurred in the ranks of the sect, on the question whether their divinity should be invoked as Lucifer or Satan, and the Palladists have formed themselves into a separate body with their head-quarters in London, a secret temple in Oxford Street. The existence of some such sect as that here described is not, we believe, open to question, as the doings of some of its votaries have been the subject of legal investigation, and Mr. Waite's volume is directed only to the refutation of its connection with Masonry. The Scotch verdict of "Not proven" is, however, the most favourable that can be registered on his review of the situation, and the benefit of the doubt the utmost grace that can be claimed on behalf of the accused. Meantime the discussion of the subject in journals and periodicals ("The Contemporary Review" for October having been the last to enter the lists with a contribution to it) has given it a degree of publicity that seems to call for investigation on the part of the more respectable Freemasons themselves. On them lies the onus of clearing the society to which they belong of the foulest of charges, and of dissociating themselves from the infamy attaching to them. To let judgment go by default where the accusations made have attained such clamorous notoriety is equivalent to pleading guilty to them before the tribunal of public opinion.—"Tablet."

The nature of the proceedings at the Anti-Masonic Congress at Trent suggests a contrast between the policy pursued at Catholic assemblages of this kind and that usually adopted at similar Protestant gatherings. As a rule, Protestant speakers largely devote their efforts to reviling Catholics. At Trent, as at other Catholic Congresses, the addresses dealt wholly with principles. Nay, the delegates present at Trent took care to insist

that the charges preferred against Freemasonry should be well within the mark, and hence they decided that an investigation should be made into the questionable tactics of the publicist who writes under the name of Diana Vaughan. Those tactics have for some time past been roundly denounced by our Catholic contemporary, the "Kolnische Volkszeitung," and we have ourselves shown that there was no truth in the sensational accounts of devil-worship at Charleston, published by this author, Bishop Northop, who has lived there for fifty years, assuring one of our correspondents that they were pure absurdities. But the determination of the Trent Congress to suppress exaggeration gives all the greater force to the serious accusations laid by it against the Masonic body.—"Catholic Times."

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The present Pope is a very grand old man, but like other grand old men he does not know when to be still. He has just been abolishing the Church of England by an elaborate judgment showing that its orders are invalid, yet nobody seems one penny the worse. Now he has called a Congress to put down Freemasonry, which is likely also to survive the attack. Priests could hardly prove their own uselessness more fully than by a practical admission that they have nothing more urgent on hand than abusing such a harmless, and indeed beneficent, institution as Freemasonry.—"Topical Times."

CEREMONY AT SOUTHPORT.

BY command of the Prov.G.M. the Earl of Lathom Pro G.M. of England, a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on Tuesday, 6th inst., in the Vestry Hall of Holy Trinity Church, Southport.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened and joined by about a hundred Brethren of Lodges in Southport and district, the procession entered, under a partly-covered gangway, as rain was falling heavily, the new hall of Holy Trinity Schools, which are in course of re-erection after almost total destruction by fire some nine months ago.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Gardner P.P.G.C. presented, in the name of the Day and Sabbath Schools staffs, a silver trowel to the Prov.G.M., who laid the memorial stone, with the accustomed Masonic ceremonies, near the north-east corner of the building, and said he gladly consented to perform that ceremony, knowing, as he did, that the Brethren occupied a good position in Southport, and that any work fostered by them was sure to prosper. He expressed thanks for the trowel, and hoped the Schools would be a great success, and that the debt would soon be removed. In a short statement, as vicar of the parish, Bro. the Rev. C. S. Hope said that within a few weeks of the fire £1,500 was subscribed, but a debt of £1,200 would probably remain when the building, in the great improvement of which they all rejoiced, was re-opened.

The service having been concluded, the procession was reformed and Provincial Grand Lodge duly closed.—"Liverpool Mercury."

Bro. John Charles Carpenter was duly installed as W.M. of the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, at Poplar, on Thursday. A report of the proceedings and of the subsequent banquet will appear in our next issue.

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In consequence of the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury the meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent, which was to have been held yesterday (Friday), at Canterbury, for the purpose of installing Viscount Dungarvan as Provincial ruler of the Mark Degree, has been postponed until the 2nd of next month, when, as originally arranged, the Earl of Euston will officiate.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON the 6th inst., at his residence, in Marlborough Street, Gainsborough, died Bro. John Moxon, in his 74th year. The deceased was one of the oldest tradesmen in Gainsborough, says the "Nottingham Guardian," and had been a member of the Masonic fraternity for nearly fifty years, having held the highest attainable offices in the Province in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry. He was well known throughout the county at Masonic gatherings, and was universally esteemed as a Brother. He had been suffering from ill-health for many years, causing his retirement from business, and he died from an internal complaint.

FREEMASONRY IN ITALY.

Its True Aims and Objects.

THE many calamities that have befallen the Church in Italy, in our days, are to be attributed solely to the influence and domination of the Masonic Sect. Freemasonry is the sole cause of all the heavy sea of trouble and anxiety through which the Barque of Peter has had to plough its way for many, weary years in this once faithful, Catholic country. To all students of the sad history of the conflict that has been raging with such fierceness between Church and State in Italy for such a length of time, the hand of Freemasonry will be visibly seen as the moving-power and the perpetrator of this regrettable strife. Freemasonry holds high revel in Italy. It permeates all classes of society. In the humble home of the artisan, as well as in the gilded chambers of the rich, you will find the Masonic diploma decorating the walls. It has taken root as strongly in the small towns as in the small centres of population. It would seem as if a heat-wave from the mouth of hell has travelled over this land, so richly blessed by an Omnipotent hand in its saints and sanctuaries, and has seared and dried up in the hearts of its people everything that was verdant, noble, and Catholic. The masterhand of Leo XIII. grasped the situation when, in his Divinely-inspired Encyclical against the sect, he points to it at the most powerful and most insidious enemy with which the Church has had to do battle during her long existence. It would appear as if it were reserved for our century to witness the final effort of the powers of darkness to overthrow the indestructible spouse of Christ, the Catholic Church. Here, in Italy, you will plainly see, if you have eyes to see and ears to hear, the extent of the moral wreck wrought by an organisation earnestly intent on the downfall and humiliation of God's Church upon earth. It is truly surprising the rapid strides it has made in adding to its numbers and in gaining for the moment the realisation of its hellish ideals. But when we reflect that the devil and his followers have immense power placed in their hands by the permission of Almighty God, to tempt mankind to evil, we are not alarmed at the havoc Freemasonry has caused, and is still causing, amongst the people of this Italian Land. Weak-kneed Catholics have gone over to its standard in large numbers. The utterly depraved have found a refuge in the inner circles of the Craft. Its very secrecy has an attraction for many who love to deal in mysticism. Thanks, however, to the revelations made by Margiotta, Leo Taxil, Miss Diana Vaughan, and others who have renounced the devil and all the works and pomps of the Masonic body, we are no longer in the dark as to its ultimate aims and objects. It has long been looked upon, especially in English-speaking countries, as a sort of high class benefit or mutual help society, and forbidden to Catholics solely because of the secrecy in which it hides itself from the eyes of the outside world. It is far from being a mere harmless organisation, having for its objects the mutual improvement and social advancement of its members, as many Catholics would still fondly believe. Confiding thoroughly in the truth of the revelations and exposures made solemnly by recent converts from the Masonic body, whose testimony no sane man can doubt, I shall tell my readers in this short paper what is the true aim and objects, the *raison d'être*, of Freemasonry, and I shall point out a few of the means adopted to attain their diabolical designs. I shall, also, offer a few facts for consideration to those who still hold that there is not the slightest link of connection between English and Continental Freemasonry.

The principal aim of Masonry is to destroy the Kingdom of God upon earth, and to substitute for it the reign of their deity, Lucifer. In the accomplishment of this hellish proposal lies the true and primary scope of the Masonic sect. It is the first commandment of their hell-born decalogue, the foundation stone of the Masonic edifice. All their endeavours are directed to reach this chief goal of their Satantic ambition. It is not difficult to bring home to the members of the Craft the truth of this serious indictment I have brought against the followers of the "Grand Orient." The man who is the high priest, the very mouth-piece of this abominable Sect, ought to know something about the "Articles of Faith" of the body over which he presides. When he speaks *ex-Cathedra* his pronouncements must be taken seriously as reflecting the convictions and sentiments of his fellow-Masons. Arrayed in his Pontifical robes, he made this solemn profession of his Masonic faith before the assembled Brethren soon after his election to the highest post of honour in the sect, that of the Grand Orient. "I have," he says, "two deep hatreds in my heart; the hatred of God and the hatred of France." He, a renegade Catholic, who renounced his faith and became a Jew for the sake of his bread and butter, might well say he hated, with an infernal hatred, the God he betrayed after the fashion of his prototype, Judas. France he could ill afford to love, for he could not forget the miserable months that he spent in a French prison, branded as a common thief. In the very house of a friend in Marseilles he stole the purse of his benefactor. It is to the first part of this solemn protestation we must direct our attention. In all his conferences to his Brethren he emphasises the fact that to be a good Mason one must swear eternal enmity to the God of the Christians, and must adopt every means to destroy His Omnipotent power on earth. In subsequent discourses from his Pontifical throne, he outlines the programme to be followed to satiate this hatred of Almighty God. Knowing that the Vicar of Christ, His representative on earth, is the Pope of Rome, he directs his well-charged batteries against the walls of the Vatican. "You must," he says, "sweep the Papacy and clericalism off the face of the earth." The Papal power must be crushed, and the dominion and rule of the priesthood must be trodden under foot if we are to see

realised our highest ideal, the triumph of Satan. Vilify, malign, calumniate these works of God, so that the people may gradually come to despise them, and help us to annihilate them. Down with the Religious Orders of men and women. Scatter them to the winds, and root them out from this fair land of Italy. Religious education must be substituted by secular and irreligious teaching. Civil marriage alone must be recognised by the State, and divorce made easy, so that the sanctity of the marriage tie may be destroyed. Here are sweeping reforms introduced by Signor Lemmi, the "Grand Orient," to accomplish the great design of the Craft, the destruction of God's Kingdom upon earth, and the eradicating from the hearts of the people of the love of God and His holy institutions. Such is the platform on which Freemasonry has taken its stand. And who does not see that it is a most effectual one for the carrying out of their "Ultima Thule," their hellish plot to set up the Kingdom of Antichrist on this earth? Remember it was Lemmi himself that drew up this plan of campaign for the approval of his followers. At Milan, and elsewhere, he promulgated this diabolical declaration of war against the Most High. Every proposition was received with acclamation by the assembled Brothers. They subscribed to them freely and willingly, and received them as the fundamental principles of the Masonic body. Margiotta, in his work, proves, conclusively, that Lemmi's programme of destruction was received with open arms by every Masonic Lodge throughout the world, without one single voice being raised against it.

Leaving aside the many documentary proofs brought forward by ex-Masonic writers to establish the truth of the charges I have brought against Freemasonry, do not facts that have come, and are daily coming under our eyes, justify us in asserting that Freemasonry is nothing more or less than an organised body of men, and women also, sworn to establish the Kingdom of Satan on the ruins of that of Christ? The taking of Rome was planned and carried out by Freemasonry. It is a matter of current history that the whole movement against the Papacy was hatched in the Masonic Lodges, and was carried to success by the hands of members of the Sect. The very general who commanded the troops that battered down the walls of Rome in 1870 was a Freemason, holding the thirty-third degree. He was promoted, over the heads of his fellow-Officers, to a generalship, so that he might lead his band of marauders to Rome. As soon as the Eternal City fell into the hands of the Masonic conspirators they seized the most important Government positions. They turned the House of Parliament into a Masonic Lodge, and from Montecitorio they hurled forth their edicts of confiscation and destruction against the religious bodies and charitable institutions. The professorial chairs in the Universities were given to good and tried Masons, well-learned in the articles of the Masonic creed. We may well imagine the nature of the teaching imparted by these gentlemen to their students. To corrupt and pollute the infantile mind they selected masters and mistresses of the real "true blue" type to administer, in copious drafts, the poisoned beverage of secular education to the children of Italy in their schools. The images of God and His saints were torn down from the school walls and replaced by cheap daubs of Victor Emmanuel, of unholy memory, and his Masonic satellites. In the name of liberty free licence was granted to all to indulge their vilest passions, and lead lives in keeping with the basest instincts of our poor, fallen nature. Italy was transformed in a short time from a grand Catholic nation into a living hell. This regrettable transition, this desertion of the "Standard of Christ for the flesh-pots of Egypt," are certainly to be numbered among the partial triumphs of the Kingdom of Satan, accomplished by his followers, the Freemasons. Read the works of Margiotta, Miss Diana Vaughan, Leo Taxil and others, and if, after careful perusal of them, you are not convinced of the diabolical task that Freemasonry has set itself to complete, by every means, however base, within its grasp, I fear for the soundness of your reasoning capacity.—"Irish Catholic."

(To be continued.)

PRESENTATION AT PLYMOUTH.

THE members of the Freemasons' Club, Princess Square, Plymouth, held their first smoking concert for the season on Friday, 9th inst., and utilised the occasion for making a presentation to Bro. Samuel Harvey, who for nearly eight years discharged the duties of Steward of the Club to the great satisfaction of all the members. Bro. Harvey was recently compelled to resign his position on account of the state of his health, and it was at once resolved to open a subscription with a view to presenting him with a testimonial in recognition of his valued services. The movement, initiated by the Brethren of Lodge Prudence, No. 1550, was warmly taken up, and a large sum of money was speedily subscribed.

At the smoking concert last week Bro. J. R. Lord presided, and explained that the testimonial had taken the form of a handsomely framed illuminated address to Bro. Harvey, a Life-Governorship in the Devon Masonic Educational Fund for Mrs. Harvey (this being done at the especial request of Bro. Harvey), and a purse of gold representing the balance of subscriptions. He added that Bro. Harvey's uniform courtesy, his strict integrity, his kindness of heart, and his successful management of the Club, had endeared him to all the members, and there was not one amongst them who did not deeply regret that the Club had been deprived of his services.

Bro. Harvey, in acknowledging the gifts, said when he looked at the handsome illuminated address, couched in such eulogistic language, that they had just presented to him, it reminded him of a similar presentation they made to his wife a year or two since, and both Mrs. Harvey and himself would ever gratefully remember the uniform kindness they had received during their connection with the Club. It was only considerations of health which compelled him to give up a position that had always been to him a source of pleasure and satisfaction.

During the evening songs were sung and recitations given by several of the Brethren.—"Western Morning News."

NEW GRAND MASTER FOR SCOTLAND.

ON Tuesday, 29th ult., a special meeting of the Executive and Office-bearers of Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, for the nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., presided, and there were also present Provincial Grand Masters of Glasgow, Fife, Stirling, and Forfarshire, as well as Lord Saltoun, from Aberdeen.

Sir Charles addressed the meeting, and returned his cordial thanks for the many acts of kindness that he had received from the Craft generally in Scotland. He had now been three years Grand Master, and it would be unfair, however kindly the Grand Lodge officials meant, for him again to accept nomination.

The officials generally expressed great regret at the decision of Sir Charles, but considering the great services he had rendered, thought it would be unfair, and especially after his determination, to press him further. Accordingly, the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun was nominated and unanimously elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland to succeed Sir Charles.

Lord Saltoun cordially thanked the executive for the honour they had conferred upon him, and hoped he would worthily follow in the footsteps of his predecessors.

The G. Secretary was directed to arrange for a deputation from Grand Lodge to support the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow city in laying the foundation-stone of the new Glasgow Bridge, with Masonic honours, on Thursday, 8th inst. It was understood that, by arrangement with the Provincial Grand Master, the Lord Provost of Glasgow would preside at the laying of the foundation-stone.—"Arbroath Herald."

Plans have been prepared for the erection of a Masonic Hall and Gentlemen's Club, in Rutland Street, Filey. It is proposed to have on the ground floor two shops, a smoking room, and Steward's living room, and on the first floor Lodge room, ante room, and refectory. The total cost is estimated at £2,500, and it is proposed to issue £1 shares to the number of 800. There is only one Masonic Lodge in Filey, the Royal, No. 643, says the "Yorkshire Herald."

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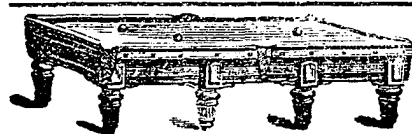
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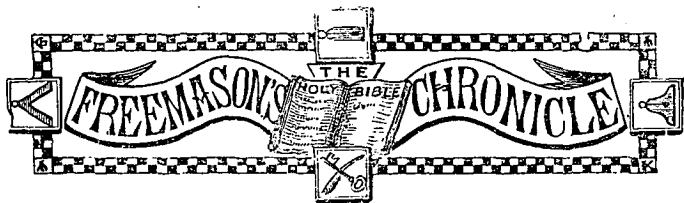
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THE BOYS SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of this Institution was held on Friday of last week, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G.Treas. Chairman of the Board of Management laid before the meeting a decision come to by the Board for purchasing some sixty-eight acres at Bushey, Herts, for £13,000, on which to build a larger and more commodious school than the existing establishment at Wood Green, and stated that £650 had been paid by way of deposit. The Board, however, had arranged that if the purchase should not be completed £450 was to be returned. A long and animated discussion ensued, some Brethren complaining that the Subscribers had not been taken into the confidence of the Board. Ultimately, however, a resolution was carried approving of the action the Board had taken for the removal of the School, only nine hands being held up against it.

The Brethren then proceeded to the half yearly election. There were vacancies for fourteen boys, but in view of the fact that two of the candidates tied for the final place, with 3,282 votes each, the Quarterly Court recommended the Board of Management to admit both boys at the earliest opportunity, and as a consequence, fifteen were declared elected. We regret the criticism we have lately felt ourselves compelled to offer, in regard to the new site of the Institution, has, apparently, so far affected the officials that they have thought it desirable to "boycott" us by withholding the usual advertisement of the result, implying, we imagine, that we are to be bought for the few shillings the Institution has hitherto spent in this direction. We hope the saving will do the Institution much good, but it will require thousands of such "economies" to make up for the vast sum to be wasted under the new scheme.

The successful candidates and particulars of the voting were as follow, the information being given in this column as our readers may be interested in the result, and should not suffer from our expressions of opinion:

No. on List.	Name.	Votes : Forward.	Polled.	Total.
30	Mostyn, Noel Arthur Barré ...	—	4920	4920
13	Wilton, John Hastings D'Aquilar	736	4127	4863
40	Sewart, Allan Jackson ...	—	4789	4789
22	Bradford, Percival George ...	—	4691	4691
31	Buchan, Vernon John ...	—	4583	4583
6	Sutton, Arthur Henry ...	1426	3140	4566
2	Pallot, Charles Frederick ...	1469	3032	4501
33	Richmond, Henry Rowland ...	—	4432	4432
14	Cramphorne, Harold Joseph	811	3599	4410
36	Pexton, Charles Victor ...	—	4323	4323
26	Matthews, Cecil Chatterton	—	4158	4158
43	Storer, Guy ...	—	4056	4056
9	Laing, James Forbes ...	1206	2784	3990
8	Nichols, Walter Gordon ...	1850	1432	3282
11	Smith, Llewellyn Philip Casson	2212	1070	3282

The following candidates were unsuccessful, and the votes polled on their behalf will be carried forward to the next election, if they are then eligible:

20	Miners, Arnold Beverly ...	1352	1679	3031
1	Baker, Arthur ...	2046	839	2885
27	Griffiths, Kinloch ...	—	2480	2480
4	Linnett, Benjamin Wellesley	1118	1080	2198
38	Armstrong, Thomas Bennett	—	1955	1955
10	Vonables, George Vernon ...	750	1186	1936
12	Dover, Arthur Edward ...	555	1252	1807
18	Manley, Leonard Oliver ...	529	681	1210
28	Mansell, Colston Thomas ...	—	1124	1124
34	Stephenson, Herbert Wilfred	—	1116	1116
19	Eales, Arthur Douglas ...	145	887	1032
8	Oldham, George Harold ...	362	648	1010
42	Bowman, Harrison ...	—	1006	1006
17	Morris, Alfred Daniel ...	235	751	986
24	Illingworth, Edison ...	—	944	944
35	Thompson, Thomas James ...	—	706	706
32	Peel, Gilbert William ...	—	446	446
16	Brinjes, Frederick Edgar ...	45	299	344
29	Moulton, Ronald Verlow ...	—	267	267
15	Wright, Charles Philip ...	115	139	254
37	Booth, John Robinson ...	—	232	232
25	Sanderson, Alfred ...	—	231	231
41	Burnett, James Murdoch ...	—	213	213
5	Smith, Sydney George ...	35	148	183
39	Lyle, Arthur James ...	—	170	170
7	Johnstone, Walter Latimer ...	47	6	53
23	Travis, Thomas Goodier ...	—	25	25
21	Hatchwell, Leonard Douglas	—	7	7
44	Hands, Douglas Macey ...	Withdrawn		

MASONRY AT MONTREAL.

THE following letter appeared in a recent issue of the "Tablet":

SIR,—We read in the "Freemason," 15th August 1896: "We heard of cases in which a defendant, who knew the presiding judge or magistrate was a Mason, made it known to the latter, that he, too, was a member of the Brotherhood, with the result that he received a double dose of punishment, the judge considering that the fact of the defendant being a Mason was an aggravation of the offence with which he was charged." Now, if the "Freemason" had said "The defendant received a second dose for the contempt of Court implied in his Masonic confession," we might let it pass, but is it consonant with justice and English jurisprudence, if a Catholic, a Methodist, a Presbyterian, an Anglican, or a Masonic judge, inflicts a double punishment on one of his co-religionists or Brothers? Is there no danger that the English Courts of Justice may be changed into pulpits, from which some magistrates or judges may preach the superiority of their own Church or Brotherhood, a superiority implied in the double dose of punishment aforesaid.

Yours,

L. FOUQUET, O.M.I.

The installation meeting of the Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528 was held on Wednesday, at the Frascati, when Bro. J. J. Marsh was re-installed as Worshipful Master. We shall give a report of the proceedings next week.

The "Inaugural" supper arranged by the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, to take place at the Duval Restaurant (late Salutation Tavern), Newgate Street, is fixed for Tuesday next, 20th inst., to commence at 8 p.m., under the presidency of Bro. H. J. Macfarlane Secretary, with Bro. H. Hill Preceptor as Vice-President. We hope there will be a large attendance, and predict an enjoyable evening for those who are present.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool (the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, G.C.B., P.G.W. Eng. P.D.P.G.M.) took the chair on the 6th, as President for the year at the annual festival of the West Lancashire Alpass Masonic Benevolent Institution, held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport. Subscriptions amounting to close upon £1,300 were announced. We shall give fuller particulars next week.

A NEW candidate for public favour, in the form of the "Magnet Magazine," makes its first appearance this week from the establishment of Mr. James Henderson, Red Lion House, Fleet Street. It is to be published weekly, at one penny, and promises to give an amount of interesting matter.

An interesting souvenir of the Queen's long reign was published a few days back, under the title of "The Gentlewoman's record of the Queen's most glorious reign," with it being issued a portrait of Her Majesty, printed in colours on satin. The "Record" includes a literary sketch of Her Majesty's reign, embellished with sixty illustrations, showing the most important event in each of the sixty years, a picture of the room in Kensington Palace where the Queen was born (by permission of Her Majesty), portraits of the Queens of England, and a special portrait of Queen Victoria, drawn by H.R.H. the Princess Louise.

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.

21 Emulation, Albion
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern
862 Whittington, Freemasons'-hall
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons'-hall
1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtrn.
1657 Aldersgate, Albion
1694 Imperial, Westminster
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's
2265 Barnato, Piccadilly
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.

61 Probity, Halifax
77 Freedom, Gravesend
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
102 Unanimity, North Walsham
148 Lights, Warrington
236 York, York
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
312 Lion, Whitby
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
388 Prudence, Halesworth
408 Three Graces, Haworth
424 Borough, Gateshead
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
455 Perseverance, Kettering
466 Merit, Stamford Baron
467 Tudor, Oldham
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
607 Clitcheley, Thrapston
613 Unity, Southport
699 Roscaewa, Chacewater
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
900 St. George, Tewkesbury
925 Bedford, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge
986 Hesketh, Croston
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
1170 St. George, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Yatton
1208 Corinthian, Dover
1238 Gooch, Twickenham
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1443 Salem, Dawlish
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1502 Israel, Liverpool
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1575 Clive, Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
1674 Caradoc, Rhyl
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.
1814 Worsley, Worsley
1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
1895 Thames, Henley
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2074 St. Clare, Landport
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
2086 Daqre, Stevenage
2114 Prudence, Liverpool
2187 Adur, Henfield
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2432 Duchess of York, Manchester
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, 5

95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle

30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.
194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
255 Harmony, Richmond
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
1539 Stockwell, Camberwell
1695 New Finsbury Park, Via. H'tl.
2021 Queen Westm'ster, Holb'n R'st.
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
2233 Old Westminster, Café Royal
2500 Old Boys', Criterion

126 Silent Temple, Burnley
160 True Friendship, Rochford
213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
366 St. David, Milford
373 Socrates, Huntingdon
384 St. David, Bangor
402 Royal Sussex, Nottingham
414 Union, Reading
418 Menturia, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
468 Light, Birmingham
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
551 Yarborough, Ventnor
560 Vernon, Stourport
593 Sherwell, Banbury
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
667 Alliance, Liverpool
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby Z'ch
789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
960 Bute, Cardiff
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1006 Tregulow, St. Day
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'm.
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1276 Warren, Seacombe
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1410 St. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
1893 Lunley, Skegness
1894 Hershel, Slough
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
2155 Makersfield, Newton-le-Willows
2316 Princes, Liverpool
2339 Mistley, Manningtree
2360 Victoria, Southport
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
2536 Staines, Staines
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, 4
Board of Benevolence at 5.

7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1150 Buck'gham & Chandos, F.M.H.
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll
1571 Leopold, Southwark
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1677 Crusaders, Highbury
2266 Cator, Beckenham
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
2361 Cricklewood, Frascati

2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel
20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
86 Loyalty, Prescot
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
301 Apollo, Alcester
311 South Saxon, Lewes
320 Loyalty, Mottram
325 St. John, Salford
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
451 Sutherland, Burslem
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
533 Eaton, Congleton
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
606 Segontium, Caernarvon
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
697 United, Colchester
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
795 St. John, Maidenhead
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
823 Everton, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1040 Sykes, Driffeld
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
1544 Mount Edgcombe, Camborne
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2355 Chantry, Dore
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne

2475 Border, Blackwater
2514 City, Liverpool
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf
2587 Rudnor, Folkestone

Thursday.

House Committee, Girls School, 4.30
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons'-hall
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall
507 United Pilgrims, Southwark
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
871 Royal Oak, Deptford
1601 Ravensbourne, Lewisham
1608 Kilburn, Regent Street
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
2012 Chiswick, Criterion
2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet Street
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of C't Ho

51 Angel, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Middleton
132 Unity, Ringwood
202 Friendship, Devonport
214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood
215 Commerce, Haslingden
324 Moira, Stalybridge
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
361 Industry, Hyde
410 Grove, Ewell
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
594 Downshire, Liverpool
625 Devonshire, Glossop
761 St. John, Dursley
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
935 Harmony, Salford
971 Trafalgar, Batley
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1392 Egerton, Bury
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons' Hall, 4
60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café R'y'l.

355 R'l. S'x. Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Watford
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2380 Beneventa, Daventry

Saturday.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace
1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Frascati
149 Peace, Meltham
370 St. George, Chertsey
444 Union, Starcross
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court
1777 Royal Hanover, Twickenham

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

THIS old and popular Lodge resumed its duties after the summer recess on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., when the Brethren gathered together for the further dispatch of Masonic business. The Worshipful Master Bro. A. B. Spawforth presided, and was supported by Bro. George Cockrell I.P.M., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, William Radcliffe P.M. Secretary (looking quite young and smart with his new adornment), Cecil Mount S.W., Albert H. Collings J.W., E. C. Collings S.D., W. W. Colley J.D., Orilton Cooper P.M. D.C., Fred W. Berry I.G., Edward Austin P.M. 1791, F. J. Burton W.M. 1672, also Bros. Howard E. Mullins, Albert Usher, G. C. Brightling, Philip J. King.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bros. Harry Cross, W. M. Sutton, and C. J. Pinnell, candidates for the third degree, proved their proficiency, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the same Brethren were raised by the W.M., and took their seats in the Lodge as Master Masons. There should have been an initiate, but he was unfortunately not able to attend.

The new bye-laws as approved by Grand Lodge were read over by the Secretary, and adopted by the Brethren. Bro. Radcliffe reported various matters of interest that had occurred since the last meeting, and there being no other business the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to supper.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. W. Morton Roberts W.M., who was supported by Bros. Charles Brown S.W., F. Wortham J.W., J. Welford P.M. Treas., S. R. Walker P.M. Sec., George Weaver S.D., J. W. Curtis P.M. acting J.D., W. Busby acting I.G., George Walker Steward, Samuel Ellis P.M. Tyler; Past Masters C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., R. J. Rogers, A. Arrowsmith, J. W. Curtis, T. W. Allen, Lewis Ascott; Bros. C. Halston, Masterson, H. Bagnall, T. Stroud, N. Rolles, T. Goulding, S. Manne, E. Stevens, John Shapcott, T. White, T. Thompson, F. Hennig, G. Butcher, John Smith, T. Ison, Diamond, E. Thomas, and several others.

Amongst the visitors were Geo. Reynolds 871, Edward Potter 1668, M. Shelton 753, John R. Davis 1201, G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362, W. Leaman 1741, Rowbottom 753, George A. Boughton 1602, &c.

The W.M. opened the Lodge in ancient form, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, he advanced the Lodge and proceeded to pass Bro. Taylor as a Fellow Craft, and to raise Bros. C. Halston, Goulding, and Hennig to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The working of the two ceremonies afforded evidence of the ability of the Master and his assistant Officers, and reflected great credit upon them.

Other items of business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren proceeded to the banquet room, where was provided one of those excellent dinners that have gained for the Holborn Restaurant its world-wide reputation. Bro. Hamp personally supervised the service, and his usual geniality was manifested, to the advantage and comfort of the company.

At the conclusion of the repast the customary Loyal toasts were submitted by the W.M. and heartily received.

The toast of the Worshipful Master met a warm reception, and Bro. Roberts, in the course of his reply, thanked the Brethren for their continued manifestations of approval, and promised to do all in his power to further the interests of the Lodge and its members.

Other toasts were honoured and responded to, that of the Visitors being acknowledged by Bros. G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362, Potter, Shelton, Davis, and others. The harmony of the meeting was sustained by Bros. Mogford, G. Goddard, Shelton, &c., and the Tyler's toast concluded a very successful gathering.

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ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

IT has afforded us considerable pleasure on many occasions in the past to have the opportunity of recording the special endeavours made by the members of this Lodge to act up to their principles as Masons, and now, on the occasion of our reporting the proceedings of the annual installation meeting of the Lodge, this pleasure is repeated, as we are able to bear witness to continued and even increased efforts on the part of the members in the good cause. Early in the current year we were enabled to announce that the Lodge had, during the season, voted fifty guineas of its funds for the benefit of the three Institutions, the contribution which completed that sum being a grant of twenty guineas on New Year's day to the Boys School Scholarship Fund, and it was thought that with this display of liberality even the energetic Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Valeriani, would be content; but that was months ago, and, knowing Bro. Valeriani as we do, we are not surprised to find that he and his friends have not been inactive in the interim, or that they do not intend to merely rest on their laurels for the future.

In the first place the Lodge has taken the very unusual, but much to be commended course, of promising a Charity Jewel to such of its Masters as qualify themselves for it by serving two Stewardships on behalf of the Institutions during their year of office; and, in the second, they have started their new year by making grants to the Charities in excess of what they voted at the corresponding period last year, and this notwithstanding the fact that the out-going Master, having taken the Brethren at their word, had entitled himself to the Charity Jewel, as well as the Past Master's reward, and both of which were duly voted him and presented on his retirement from the chair; all of which affords good reason for our tendering hearty congratulations to the members, with the hope that they may live for many years to continue their Lodge on the same principles as at present make it famous.

The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 7th inst., at the Frascati, Oxford Street, under the presidency of Bro. A. E. Clements W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. J. Bolton (W.M.-elect) S.W., M. J. Wartman J.W., W. Adams P.M. Treas., E. Valeriani P.M. Sec., Past Masters R. Shaw, W. A. Shaw, W. C. Parsons, F. Gallizia, Henri Gros; J. H. Catten S.D., W. H. Burns J.D., Jas. Pearce I.G., L. Verdier D.C., Tito Mattei Org., A. E. Albert Steward, Robt. Potter P.M. Tyler, several other members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—James Terry P.G.S.W.B., Geo. Mickley, M.D., P.G.A.D.C., Goddard Clarke, J.P., 1622, E. B. Lane, Mus. B., P.M. 1765, Geo. Duck P.M. 1475, A. H. Marks W.M. 1563, C. Burningham 2202, S. Goodchild P.M. 1984 P.G.P., J. Lusty 1259, G. Eade 1677, W. W. Lee Prov.G.D. Middx., Matthew H. Hale P.M. and Sec. 27, C. W. Cole 2105, J. B. Green W.M. 180, H. H. Wills 1671, W. W. Morgan 177, D. Clarkson 2127, H. Monson P.M. 2353, J. J. Debley P.M. 180, W. Abrahams 1177, S. Fonseca 1563, R. L. Warner 1987, G. A. Payne P.M. 933.

The Lodge having been regularly opened and the minutes confirmed, the Master proceeded to instal Bro. T. J. Bolton as his successor in the chair of the Lodge, and the Officers for the year were invested, the ceremony being completed with the customary addresses.

Messrs. A. J. Tremmer, Alfred Herbert Burns, Oscar Hermann List, Walter Maskell, and William Chatterton were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and Bro. A. Godel elected as a joining member.

The W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a Charity jewel, at the expense of the Lodge, saying it was the first presented under the bye-law recently passed, and hoping it would be an incentive to younger members of the Lodge to serve Stewardships for the Institutions and so qualify for a like distinction.

The I.P.M. acknowledged the gift, and said that as he had the Charities at heart he was glad to be the first recipient of this new honour in the Rothesay Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then announced that he would act as Steward for the Boys School; Bro. Ballinger, the new Senior Warden, offered to do a like service for the Benevolent; while the I.P.M. completed the trio by taking up the cause of the Girls, and in each case the Lodge voted sums of money to head the lists, the Educational Funds getting ten guineas each, and the Benevolent twenty—ten for each of its Funds.

Bro. James Terry, as Secretary of the Benevolent, thanked the members on behalf of the Institutions, and expressed the hope that the different lists would each mount up to three figure totals.

A resolution was passed expressing confidence in the Boys School Board of Management, after which the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren repaired to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was served.

At the conclusion of the dinner the usual Loyal toasts were honoured, the name of Bro. Dr. Mickley being associated with the health of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Mickley said the Grand Officers were ever ready to do whatever might be required of them in Freemasonry. Personally he felt it a very great honour indeed to be appointed to the rank he now occupied, his pleasure being enhanced when he got among his old friends and was as heartily congratulated as he had been that night.

The I.P.M. then assumed the gavel and submitted the next toast—that of the Worshipful Master. He was sure this toast would be received with acclamation, as Bro. Bolton had endeared himself to them all to such an extent that the members looked forward with pleasure to the year when the Lodge would be under his direction.

The Worshipful Master replied. He said there were moments in a man's life when his tongue absolutely refused to utter the words that were nearest and dearest to his heart. Such was his position that night, when he could not find words to express his thanks to them for their hearty reception. Five years ago he had entered the Rothesay Lodge poor and penniless, as had the five newly admitted members that night, but he left the Lodge, as no doubt they would do, considerably enriched and mystified at the beautiful ceremonies and other matters he had taken part in. To-day he was gratified at the confidence the members had reposed in him, and he assured them all he should endeavour to deserve it, as his heart and soul were really in Freemasonry. He saw around him many old friends—faces he knew both within and outside the Lodge, and he thought they would all agree that anything he put his hand to was not likely to be neglected. He was certain he would never do anything to tarnish the reputation of the Rothesay, which he hoped to see become a Lodge second to none in the country.

The W.M. next gave what he termed the toast of the evening—the Initiates. Like the human frame Lodges could not go on without they made new blood. That evening the Rothesay Lodge had made new blood that he was sure would prove of advantage to it. One of the Initiates had been obliged to leave, but of the remainder, two were personally known to him, while the other two were equally well vouched for. Bros. Chatterton, Past Master Adams and their Junior Deacon each commenced their career in a body to which all owed a great debt of gratitude—the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. They met in their Lodge that night for the first time as Masons, and he trusted they might long enjoy the confidence of the country in the different stations they now occupied. He hoped they and their fellow initiates would strive during the next five years to win the position he then occupied as Master of his Lodge.

Bro. Tremmer was the first to reply. He had been deeply impressed with the service he had gone through that night. Prior to his admission into Freemasonry he had no idea he had so much to learn as had been taught him that day. Speaking for his fellow initiates as well as for himself he might say no doubt all were deeply impressed at the reception accorded them. The Worshipful Master had told them that five years ago he stood in the same position as they had recently done; he could but hope they might rise to equal honours with him. He was gratified at having joined the Rothesay Lodge and the grand Order of Freemasonry, and hoped he might never do anything to bring discredit upon those who had admitted him, but rather do something to bring credit upon the Lodge.

Bro. Burns added his thanks. He had passed through what he considered a glorious ceremony, and if he could only live up to the standard the Master had held up to them he should feel that he had been of some service in the world. Bros. List and Chatterton also responded.

The Master next proposed what he said was a very important toast, for with them, members of the Rothesay Lodge, whatever they might think of themselves they did not forget the Masonic Institutions. He had hoped to meet there that night two Grand Officers representatives of the great Institutions, but he had had a letter from their dear old friend Bro. McLeod, saying he was too unwell to attend. Bro. Terry, however, was with them, and he would be able to make a hearty appeal in response to the toast, on behalf of the Old People under his care. The Worshipful Master said he was about to act as Steward on behalf of the Boys, having represented the Old People on the last occasion, and he hoped he should be as well supported for the Boys as he was then.

Bro. Terry was in excellent form and made one of the most forcible speeches it has been our fortune to listen to on behalf of the cause he has so deeply at heart. The toast, he said, was a most comprehensive one, and was known and heartily responded to throughout the world wherever the Craft was known. He then briefly reviewed the work being carried on by the two older Charity Funds of England—the Girls School and the Boys School—and then, as senior Secretary of the three, he came to his own Institution, the youngest of the trio. He was somewhat in a difficulty, for he had no examination results to point to as was the case with his colleagues—he could not say how many of the annuitants of the Benevolent Institution could pass the examination of the College of Preceptors, nor even estimate how many of them might win prizes in an athletic contest, but he could refer to them as men who, like themselves, had sat round the festive board as they did, and had in their time supported the Boys and Girls Institutions. For old and infirm Freemasons there was nothing—other than the Workhouse—to look to but the Benevolent Institution. The State was trying to solve the problem of old age pensions, but the Masons had already solved it so far as they were concerned, as was evidenced by the work now being carried on by their Benevolent Institution. But it was not only as a solace in old age that the Benevolent Institution was to be considered, it was a distinct incentive to longevity. He might mention a case: an aged Brother came to them from Richmond, in Yorkshire, at the age of 82, he contested two elections unsuccessfully and then, as there is a law of the Institution that any Brother over 80, who has been unsuccessful at the poll, may be admitted forthwith, the Marquis of Ripon and others interested themselves in the case, and the old man was awarded an annuity, at the age of 84, to soothe his closing days—but these did not come, as might have been expected, a few months afterwards, for he drew his pension for eighteen years, dying within six weeks of 102 years of age. He took £720 from the Benevolent Institution, and what, it might be asked, a great advantage the Fund proved to him? At his death his widow followed on for another six years, and just before her death wrote regretting her approaching end, because other "dear boy," who, on his mother's death at once came on the Fund—at the age of 72—and his widow was still drawing an annuity from the Institution year by year. Altogether this family had drawn £1,500 from the Institution, and they seemed to like it so much that they did not care to sever all association with it, and after all, the ability to give money away in such a manner was something for the Craft to be proud of. He hoped the Rothesay Lodge would always bear the Aged Fund in mind, and while they might give as much as they liked to the Boys and the Girls that they would never forget the fathers and mothers of the Craft. Bro. Terry referred to the different Stewardships promised by members of the Lodge, and said there was ample time to do justice to all the Institutions. The Brethren should select the one they thought the most suitable, if they did not see their way to help all three. He then spoke of what the Rothesay Lodge had done in this direction since Bro. Valeriani had been its Secretary, hoped the Lodge would continue its prosperous career, and that it would be at all times a source of gratification to its members to know that the Lodge was ever ready to respond to any call made upon it.

The W.M. next submitted the toast of the Visitors, to whom he accorded a hearty welcome. He was pleased to see a much larger number of guests than was often the case, as it afforded evidence that the Lodge and its work were appreciated, else visitors would not come among them. He felt sure a hearty welcome would be accorded the guests on this occasion, and hoped those who were then present would make a point of coming to the Lodge again.

Bro. Marks W.M. 1563 was the first to respond. The example he had had set him in the Rothesay Lodge that evening he, a young Mason though Master of his Lodge, would never forget. The way in which the Charities had been supported there that evening had made what he hoped would be a lasting impression on his mind, and he had made a promise to endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the Past Masters and Wardens of the Rothesay Lodge on behalf of the Old People's Institution and the Charities generally.

Bro. Lane P.M. 1767 followed, paying a compliment to the I.P.M. who, he said, was a thoroughly good man. The Rothesay Lodge was certainly an honour to the Craft, and all must be proud to be associated with a Fraternity that numbered among it such a body of Brethren. Bros. Hale and Eade also replied.

The W.M. now had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Installing Master. They had seen the manner in which their good Brother Clements had performed his duties in the Lodge that day, and had witnessed the perfect way in which he had carried out the work of his high office during his year in the chair. He had very much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Clements, in the name of the members of the Lodge, a second memento that evening, in the form of a Past Master's jewel. What they had been able to present to him that day was something more than usually fell to the lot of even an Immediate Past Master, and he could but hope that when Bro. Clements looked upon either of the jewels he would remember the good work he had done in the Rothesay Lodge.

Bro. Clements returned his thanks. Whenever he decided to take up anything he always endeavoured to do his best, and such had been his course of action in connection with the Mastership of the Rothesay Lodge. If at any time in the future he could be of service to the Lodge he should be delighted. He thanked them most heartily for the two jewels presented him, and was pleased indeed to be the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge who had won the charity distinction; while at the same time he hoped he had raised an incentive in the hearts of many others to do as he had done and earn a similar reward.

The Master said he had now to propose the toast of the backbone of the Rothesay Lodge—its Past Masters, including the Treasurer and Secretary. He had been honoured with the presence of a large number of Past Masters that night, many of whom he regretted, however, had been obliged to leave.

Bro. Valeriani replied, thanking the members most sincerely for their hearty response to the toast. He spoke of what the Lodge had done on behalf of the Charities, and said that when a Lodge such as theirs could do so much then Lodges that thought themselves very much better could also do it if they chose.

Bro. Shaw followed, speaking of his enthusiasm for the Lodge, which stimulated him to attend as often as possible.

In proposing the health of the Officers the W.M. said a captain directing his men without a good crew and good officers would be of no use, and so it was with the Master of a Lodge. There was not a single Officer in their Lodge that night but had accepted his office in rotation, and fully deserved it.

The two Wardens having replied, the Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings thus brought to a conclusion. The list of the Worshipful Master—as Steward for the Boys—was well supported during the evening, the total promised being close on £50, with every prospect of satisfactory increases before the time for closing it arrives.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE, No. 1891.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the well known old established Restaurant, the St. James's, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. R. W. Jones W.M., who was supported by the following: W. Hoggins I.P.M., W. Ham S.W., G. B. Spicer J.W., P. P. Terry P.M. Treas., W. T. Bates P.M. Sec., Dr. Ivor Davis S.D., G. May J.D., D. J. Norrington I.G., F. Percy Burton Org., F. W. Burton P.M. and A. E. Gadd Stewards, H. Evenden P.M. Tyler; G. C. E. Gelardi, Stanley Leng, W. McCutcheon, A. Phelps, Fred. W. Leeks, H. J. Thwaites, J. C. Conroy P.M. P.Z., L. Lichtwitz P.M., J. W. Brown, Ernest J. Rix, A. Struth, J. W. Morley P.M., E. Willcox, and others; while among the visitors were Bros. F. W. Buxton P.M. 1891 2460, T. B. Tipton J.D. 2550, William Knight 276 (S.C.), A. Robinson 198, A. Meeler 1366, and Scott Roberts.

The Lodge having been regularly opened and the minutes and other preliminaries having been disposed of, Bro. G. C. E. Gelardi was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Mr. Arthur Lee and Mr. Henry William Roach were regularly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the work in an excellent manner, while his Officers rendered efficient assistance in their several posts.

On the ballot being taken for the election of the Officers for the ensuing year Bro. William Ham S.W. was unanimously chosen to fill the chair, and he will be installed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, fixed for Monday, 7th December. Bro. P. P. Terry P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Evenden P.M. Tyler.

Two new members were proposed, with a prospect of two others coming forward at an early date.

Other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where one of those excellent repasts for which the St. James's Restaurant is so highly renowned was awaiting them.

At the conclusion of the dinner the usual Loyal toasts were given from the chair. In due course the I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master, which was most heartily received.

Replying, the W.M. thanked the proposer for his generous words, and the Brethren for receiving the toast in such a very enthusiastic manner. This was followed by the toast of the initiates, to which response was made in suitable terms.

Afterwards the visitors were welcomed from the chair, and received with a hearty toast, each acknowledging the compliment. The toasts of the I.P.M. and of the W.M.-elect were not forgotten, but were most heartily received and responded to.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly increased by the vocal efforts of several of the Brethren, amongst others by Brother Alfonso Meo, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and pleasant meeting.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

THE annual festival of this popular Lodge, which now numbers nearly one hundred members, was held at the Masonic Temple, at the Criterion, Regent Circus, W., on the 8th inst., with remarkable success. Bro. Walter Merrett W.M. presided, being assisted by his Officers, and the following Brethren: W. A. Scurrah P.G.S.Br., Will E. Chapman A.G.D.C., W. Mason Stiles P.G.Treasurer, J. W. Gieve P.G.T. Hants and Isle of Wight, C. F. Browne P.M. 81 P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk, F. Dangerfield P.M. 1260, Walter Clifford I.P.M. 2488, J. H. Wildash P.M. 1662, H. J. Clipperton P.M. 508, J. A. Harrison W.M. 2488, Walter J. W. Beard P.M. and Treasurer 2488, B. Kauffmann P.M. 1732, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 2488, James C. Frengley P.M. 245, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, John Foss J.W. 2488, A. T. White 1670, G. A. Fischer 1227, Tom Fraser 2488, H. Wharton Wells 206, J. B. Hosker 2528, L. W. Harris S.D. 2488, G. A. Lansdowne 1328, C. March Denison 778, Herbert Beadman 1228, F. Williamson 1910, Alfred Hills 2363, B. A. Groves 172, C. A. C. Hill 503, C. C. Good 30, W. J. Holmes J.W. 198, T. Jefferies 1744, C. W. West, Arthur H. Dabbs, J. Willing P.M., J. N. Hare, E. N. Dale P.M., F. Jackson P.M., C. J. Taylor P.M., E. Evans I.P.M., W. D. Nott, R. L. Warner, W. G. W. Challice, F. Burman, J. Williams, A. L. Gieve, A. Sparkes, H. A. Campbell, A. H. Westcott, L. E. Thurlow, W. E. Houghton, A. A. Wilson, J. T. Smith, W. J. Welch, R. C. Lees, F. H. Bowater, and many others.

After the Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the first business was the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. William Singleton Hooper S.W., having been elected to that high office, was presented by Bro. William Mason Stiles, and took the customary obligation. The Brethren having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Hooper was duly installed into the chair according to ancient custom. His first official act was to invest Bro. Merrett as the I.P.M., after which he was regularly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. Bro. Merrett conducted the ceremony and delivered the beautiful addresses in a manner that evoked the commendation of the Brethren.

Bro. Hooper appointed the following Officers, and gave the usual charges to each when they were invested: Bros. W. Harbert S.W., W. Rapley J.W., James Willing P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), W. M. Stiles P.M. Secretary, G. P. Channing S.D., J. E. Thomas J.D., J. R. W. Soper I.G., E. Lane Campbell D.C. and Assistant Secretary, J. N. Hare, J. T. Buxton, T. Welhans, and J. T. Smith Stewards, and R. Whiting Tyler (re-elected).

The new Master quickly proved his proficiency in his position, by initiating five gentlemen into the privileges of the Order. There were eight candidates approved, but only Messrs. Joseph Weiner, Otto Luer, Charles Walter Snell, Charles Edward Bates Kibblewhite, and T. V. Bowater were in attendance. The ceremony was ably and most impressively rendered, and it was quite evident that the Lodge will lose nothing of its prestige while under Bro. Hooper's direction.

A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Merrett, in the name of the Brethren, by the W.M., who said that no Master had ever deserved it more. He hoped that the Lodge would long have the benefit of Bro. Merrett's experience and assistance.

The recipient briefly expressed his thanks, and said the Brethren might always command his services whenever occasion required.

The Auditor's Report was received and adopted. Three members tendered their resignation on account of being unable to attend to the duties of the Lodge, and the same number of candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The new Master then received the hearty good wishes of the Visiting Brethren, and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the company adjourned to the banquet room, where a recherché repast was served.

The menu was of exquisite design and workmanship, and was adorned with the portraits of the Master and the two Wardens, and will doubtless be treasured as an interesting souvenir of the occasion.

The toast of the Queen was received with great enthusiasm, the National Anthem being sung by the Queen's Glee Singers. Equal appreciation greeted that of the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, for whom Bros. W. E. Chapman and W. A. Scurrah responded.

Bro. Merrett then sounded the gavel, and said it was his proud privilege to propose the health of their new Master. He was sure the Brethren had hit upon the right man for the place, and his work in the Lodge that evening had conclusively proved that he would carry out his duties to their entire satisfaction. He had been initiated in the Lodge, and had filled the usual offices. He therefore trusted that he would be blessed with health and strength to fulfil his duties, which they all knew he had the ability and willingness to perform.

Brother Hooper, who was received with hearty applause, thanked the Brethren for their kind reception. He was quite aware that in taking the office of Master he had assumed a great responsibility, but with their assistance he would do his best to maintain the high character and reputation of the Lodge. He took the greatest interest in it, being his Mother Lodge, and some of the happiest days of his life had been spent in it. He hoped so to perform his duties that, at the termination of his year of office, he would still retain their regard and esteem.

In well-chosen words Bro. Hooper proposed the Initiates, and urged them to regard Freemasonry in its true light, so that if they acted up to its precepts they would become better men. Each of those Brethren responded, and expressed their thanks upon being admitted members of the Lodge.

The W.M. then submitted the toast of the Past Masters, who were all good men and true. Their successive efforts had brought the Lodge to its present proud position. All those Officers, most of whom had been initiated in the Lodge, acknowledged the compliment.

Bros. Jefferies, Harrison, and Wildash responded for the Visitors, expressing their approbation of the excellent work in the Lodge, and the lavish hospitality at the festive board.

Bro. W. M. Stiles replying, for himself and the Treasurer, who was absent, said he had been associated with the Lodge since its commencement, and had found a great amount of friendship among the Brethren. They had no schisms or quarrels within their walls, but had the hearty satisfaction of knowing that all were happy. He was proud to be the Secretary of so popular a Lodge, and to know that he possessed the esteem of its hundred members.

Bro. Hooper referred in terms of Brotherly affection to his Officers, whom he designated as worthy Masons and excellent workmen in the Craft. He was extremely fortunate in having such a good set of fellows to assist him, and prognosticated a happy year of office for them all. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination.

During the evening a capital entertainment was given under the direction of Bro. Richard Warner, assisted by the following artistes, Miss Ruth Davenport, Miss Lily Warren, Miss Rose Verdi, and Messrs. Alfred A. Huxley, Frank Lynne, and Professor Harcourt, a remarkably clever performer of legerdemain.

Bro. William Singleton Hooper, the new W.M. of the Lodge, was born 4th January 1863, at Edinburgh. He entered early into Freemasonry, having been initiated in the Strand Lodge in March 1886, and has ever evinced a keen interest in matters relating to the Craft. He was one of the Founders and first S.W. of the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, and is a Companion of the Chapter attached to that Lodge. He is also a member of the Savage Club Lodge of Mark Masons, and his interest in the Masonic Charities is proved by the fact that he is a Life Governor of the Boys School.

HOLLOWAY LODGE, No. 2601.

A MEETING was held at Beale's Masonic Hall, Holloway Road, on the 16th ult., Bro. James Terry P.G.S.W.B. W.M.

Bro. W. P. King was raised to the third degree, and Bro. A. C. Brett was passed to the second. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. John Edward Clarke, Willy Joseph Pullen, and William Alfred Burgess, as candidates, they were initiated, and Bro. Dr. Arthur Hope Reinhardt, M.R.C.S., of No. 1612 was unanimously elected a joining member. The ceremonies were rendered in a masterly and impressive manner by the Worshipful Master, says the "Hornsey Journal."

The Lodge being closed the Brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual toasts were proposed.

The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. Hughes P.M., said he would never forget the honour that had been conferred upon him by being chosen the first W.M. of this important Lodge, which had proved to be a complete success, although only consecrated in March last.

INSTRUCTION.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

ON Wednesday, at the Frascati, Oxford Street, W., Bro. G. Hill P.M. W.M., M. Beedle S.W., W. Cumberland J.W., J. Paul P.M. Preceptor, W. E. Willby P.M. Sec., T. W. Smale P.M. Assistant Sec., J. L. Bowden S.D., J. Pringle J.D., A. Terry I.G., W. Proctor P.M. Tyler, E. Kraus P.M., T. Thom P.M., F. Jackson P.M., G. E. Sturgess, Parker, Genese, Butcher, G. Johnstone, Goldstein, Davis, Wynman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Goldstein as candidate, and he was subsequently examined, entrusted and passed as a Fellow Craft.

The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed to the second. The W.M. proposing to rehearse the third ceremony Bro. Butcher offered as candidate, was entrusted, and raised.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Bro. W. F. Morley was elected a member. Bro. Beedle was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

AT Bro. Thomas H. Jones's, the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, on Tuesday, Bro. W. M. Roberts W.M. 733 W.M., W. R. Plaford P.M. S.W., F. Wortham J.W., G. Weaver S.D., T. Mogford J.D., F. Beesley I.G., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer and acting Sec., Major Reed, George Butcher, Thomas H. Jones, C. Halston, Wynman, Miller, G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362, and several others.

Bro. Miller having answered the usual questions was passed as a Fellow Craft. Bro. Halston afterwards answered the questions leading to the third degree and retired. Bro. G. D. Mogford was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Great credit is due to the W.M. for his most perfect working, while a word of praise must be recorded for the able assistance of the Officers. Bro. Major Reed will occupy the chair at the next meeting.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

ON the 13th inst., at the Lord Truro, Dalston Lane, Bro. A. Russell W.M. F. W. Bishop S.W., H. T. Colton J.W., F. Dunstan Preceptor, W. S. Harvey Sec., Alderman, S. G. Kaufman, Walter Clark, Cunningham and others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. McLochlan as candidate, after which the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. G. H. Clark was raised. Bro. Bishop was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting.

LANGTON LODGE, No. 1673.

THIS popular Lodge of Instruction met at Bro. George Anderson's, the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., on Thursday. Bro. R. E. H. Fisher acted as W.M., and he was most ably assisted by R. Greed P.G.S. S.W., R. C. Franks J.W., G. F. Marshall P.M. Preceptor, C. W. Mapleton P.M. Treas., A. Fisher Sec., A. Y. Hyland S.D., A. F. Thomson J.D., Norman McGregor I.G., H. M. Hobbs and C. J. Marrian Members of Comm., G. Black, H. Blackburn, H. Few, S. Sargent, Alf. Priscy Keith, S. W. Hunt, and several others.

Visitors: R. Grumley, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being opened and preliminaries observed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. George Black acting as candidate, and on his return the W.M. gave the Charge of the degree.

The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. R. Greed P.G.S. was unanimously chosen as Master for the next meeting, and Bros. Richard Grundy, John Newham, Peter Ramson, T. Strong, and John Stocker were elected members.

CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

AT the Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, on Friday, 9th inst., Bro. R. Stebbings P.M. W.M., J. W. Doubtfire S.W., E. Henry J.W., J. Robinson S.D., Deacon J.D., Butler I.G., C. Weeden Preceptor, E. Dimes Secretary.

Bros. Atkinson and Willets answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Burns acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. J. Blake. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Willets as candidate.

Bro. Atkinson, of St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, was elected a member, and Bro. Doubtfire W.M. for the ensuing week.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

ON the 14th inst., at the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E., Bro. G. Fennell W.M., Thornton S.W., R. Alabaster J.W., F. Thornton Sec., Absalom S.D., E. Silk I.G., Marchant Organist, A. Silk.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. A. Silk answered the questions leading to the third, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, he acting as candidate. Bro. Thornton was elected to the chair for Wednesday next.

PROVINCIAL.

LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

THE yearly installation festival of this Lodge, one of the most prosperous in the Province of Kent, took place on Wednesday, at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, with remarkable success. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Forss, at the early hour of three o'clock, when there was a large attendance of the Brethren from the adjacent Lodges, while several others came later on. Among those who attended were: Bros. Chas. Westwood Prov.G.D.C. Essex, Jonas Hills P.Prov.G.S.B., Rev. Augustus Jackson Prov.G.Chaplain, G. W. King P.P.G.D.C. Essex, J. G. Wingrove Prov.G.Org. Essex, R. J. Beamish P.P.D.C., A. Ronaldson P.P.A.S., Frank Hitchens P.G.Steward, J. C. Biggs P.P.D.C., G. T. King P.P.G.P., Thomas Deane P.M., Chas. Hind I.P.M. 1837, R. C. Fowle W.M. 77, G. H. Cole I.P.M. 1089, G. Martin W.M. 829, G. S. Spicer P.M. 87, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, George Williams 1536, A. Wallis 135, J. Hirst P.M., Walter Hayward P.M., Henry Doughty P.M., W. H. Loft 77, E. B. Wilks 77, A. J. Baldock 1343, Hy. Arthur 503, C. P. Bowen, W. H. Upton, A. T. Lockhart, H. Drake, J. A. Axccl, C. G. Rayfield, O. T. Lavis, H. Mummery, H. White, H. Toms, Thos. Smith, R. W. Edwards, J. Mason.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the Treasurer presented his report, which showed the funds of the Lodge were in a satisfactory condition. The only other business before the Lodge was the Installation, Bro. William Hawker, who was elected W.M. at the previous meeting, being presented by Bro. Beamish, and signifying his assent and obedience to the ancient charges and regulations.

The Brethren having retired a Board of Installed Masters was constituted when Bro. Hawker was regularly installed as Master of the Lodge according to the old traditions. The ceremony was rendered by Bro. Forss in a perfect manner, assisted by Bros. Westwood as S.W., Jonas Hill as J.W., and R. J. Beamish as D.C.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren they duly saluted the new Master, who proceeded to appoint and invest the following Officers:—Charles Matthews S.W., J. N. Willis J.W., Thomas T. Hogg P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), Arthur Ronaldson P.M. Secretary, A. J. Waiklin S.D., W. Spencer Bowen J.D., T. W. Galler I.G., Ernest Ingman D.C., J. A. Gillett A.D.C., J. C. Ayles Organist, C. F. Lavis and T. Smith Stewards, and George Martin, for the fifty-first year, Tyler.

The addresses to the Master, Officers, and the Brethren generally, were delivered with admirable effect by Bro. Forss, who received the hearty

applause of the assemblage, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him by the Lodge.

Bro. Arthur Ronaldson was re-appointed Charity Representative of the Lodge. After discussion, the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds towards the fund for the restoration of the Chapter House at Canterbury Cathedral, which is being raised by the Provincial Grand Master Earl Amherst, who has contributed £100.

Bro. Hawker, in feeling terms, presented a handsome Past Master's jewel and collar to the I.P.M., in the name of the Lodge. Bro. Forss suitably returned thanks, and said that if he had given satisfaction to the Brethren he was more than repaid.

Three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Secretary read various letters of apology for absence, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a choice repast was served by Bro. A. J. Baldock. The beautiful floral decorations were sent by Bro. C. Matthews the S.W.

At the termination of the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly drunk by those present, Bros. Augustus Jackson, Frank Hitchens, and H. Doughty responding for the Prov. Grand Officers.

In cordial and well-chosen words the I.P.M. Bro. Forss proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who, he said, would be certain to be punctual in his attendance, and as he was well acquainted with the ritual they might be sure they would have a thoroughly good Master. He had an efficient set of Officers, so ought to have a successful year of office.

Bro. Hawker, who was received with acclamation, acknowledged the compliment. He said he was very proud of the position to which the Brethren had elected him, and he would do his best to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, so that the Lodge would maintain its foremost rank in the Province.

An extraordinary interest attached to the W.M.'s toast of the Installing Master, in consequence of an unexpected denouement. Bro. Hawker said that all present knew his admirable working of the ritual, and his zeal in everything he undertook. As Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction they were deeply indebted to him, and it was now his pleasing duty to ask his acceptance of a trifling mark of their esteem and regard. The trifling mark was a massive 18 carat gold watch chain, with a Past Master's jewel in miniature attached. The toast was received with great enthusiasm and musical honours.

Bro. Forss, who spoke with considerable emotion, briefly returned thanks. He said as a rule it took many years to work up to W.M., but he had joined at a critical time in the history of the Lodge, and had striven hard to promote its interests. He certainly never dreamed that he should be the recipient of such valuable gifts; they would act as an incentive to redouble his energies for the benefit of the Lodge, which was rapidly taking its place among the first in the Province, and had made such progress that other Lodges would try to emulate it. He heartily thanked them for their kindness, and hoped he might long be spared to be among them.

Bros. Doughty, father of the Lodge, Haywood, Beamish, and Hogg replied for the Past Masters.

Several other toasts followed, in which nearly everybody's health was proposed and drank, but we can only say generally that hearty good fellowship prevailed and all agreed that they spent a most enjoyable evening.

During the evening an agreeable programme was given under the direction of Bro. J. C. Ayles, in which Miss F. Lovell, Miss Bessie Forss, Bros. J. Black, H. Drake, E. Ingman, Mr. Wild, Mr. Blackmore, and Mr. Austin Forss took part.

Bro. William Hawker, the new Master, was born at Kingsland, London, on 27th July 1850, and was initiated into Freemasonry in the Sympathy Lodge, in March 1891, so his rise in the Craft has been rapid. He has served nearly all the offices in the Lodge, with considerable ability, being an assiduous attendant at the Lodge of Instruction. He was one of the Founders of the Sympathy Chapter, in which he is Assist.S., and is also a Companion of the High Cross Chapter, at Dartford. Bro. Hawker has proved his practical sympathy with Freemasonry by making himself a Life Governor of each of the three Masonic Charities.

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 637.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, 1st inst., at the Lodge room, Town Hall, Stoke, when Bro. Edward Harding was installed as W.M., in the presence of upwards of ninety Brethren. The ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Alsop the retiring W.M.

After the business of the Lodge was concluded the Brethren adjourned to the Copeland Arms, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mrs. Raynes.

The usual toasts were given and some very good music supplied by the Brethren.

DERWENT LODGE, No. 884.

THE installation of W.M. took place on Monday, 12th inst., in the Town Hall, Warksworth, the W.M.-elect being Bro. Rev. S. Curling Hayward and the Installing Master Brother J. M. McLeod P.M. 884 P.P.S.G.W. P.G.S.B., &c.

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