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OUR "SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL."

ACT II.

OUR very good Brother in the Masonic journalism of this country, whose eccentricities a few months since won for him the title of the Joseph Surface of our little world, has had another and seemingly a very strong attack of virtuous indignation, and devotes a considerable portion of his last issue to a Sheridanian sermon on the backslidings of a "a paper professing to be representative of English Masonic opinion" which has "so far forgotten what is due to Masonry, to journalism, and to itself, as to charge the management of one of our great central Institutions with the perpetration of a 'job'" Then follows an extract from our issue of the 17th ult., so that of course we must recognise ourselves as the erring paper and take the scathing criticisms of our Brother to ourselves, after which we are told "it is almost needless to add that the body against which this alleged charge is laid is, as the context shows, the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

Here, Brother Joseph, we must at once join issue with you; we never said the Board was perpetrating a job, nor did we ever entertain such an idea, but we have no hesitation in expressing our view that the Board is being led astray in this particular work; and although the Craft may never learn the prime mover in what we still regard as an unfortunate investment, we should very much like just a couple of minutes "behind the scenes," to see who is pulling the wire. It is a very different thing to be the perpetrator of a "job" oneself, and to be the victim of one on the part of others, but distinctions such as this are generally overlooked by self appointed moral censors of the Joseph Surface order, although their existence is well known, and is fully considered by calm unbiassed thinkers ere they form their own opinion.

To say we argued that the members of the Board of Management of the Boys School were personally perpetrating a "job" is so utterly absurd as to be undeserving of refutation at our hands, and we can imagine the Brethren on the Board do not thank our contemporary for appointing itself their champion on this occasion, then putting such a construction on our words as it has done, and afterwards giving publicity to its silly ideas. We are known to most of the members of the Board, and feel there is no necessity to further explain ourselves so far as they are concerned; doubtless many of them, viewing last week's effort of our contemporary, are repeating the oft uttered prayer, "preserve us from our friends," and we sincerely sympathise with them. We regard each member of the Board as a straightforward, honest man of the world; but even with such personal reputation they would by no means be the first who, as a collective Board, were led astray, and even made to agree to actions in a corporate capacity they would not dream of individually; they have the confidence of their constituents, and no doubt those who, like ourselves, disagree with their present policy, will bow to the inevitable and join in furthering the future interests of the

Institution in its new home. For ourselves, we should have preferred to let the whole matter rest, because we recognise that opposition to the scheme in its present form is so much waste of energy, but we still entertain the idea that the Craft will not have many years to wait—providing the proposal to remove to Bushey is carried out—ere they have reason to regret the acquisition of this particular site as an improvement on the existing property at Wood Green.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Dunstable, on Thursday, 29th ult., when the Provincial Grand Master Lord Amphill occupied the chair, supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Dr. Prior and other Provincial Officers.

After the reports of the various Lodges in the Province had been submitted and the other business concluded, the Provincial Grand Master appointed his Officers for the ensuing year. There were about sixty Brethren present. A banquet was afterwards held at the Sugar Loaf Hotel.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual Grand Lodge of this Province was held on Tuesday of last week, at the Lansdowne Hall, Stroud, and was attended by representatives of all the Lodges in the Province, nearly 200 Brethren being present, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, who was attended by his Deputy Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith P.G.D.

The meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge is usually held in Whit-week, and it was originally appointed for Whit Tuesday in the present year, but the conditions then prevailing at Gloucester appeared to make a postponement of the assembly expedient, and the fixture was accordingly held over until Autumn. The first business, after the Lodge had been opened in accordance with ancient custom, was the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, on the 5th June 1895.

Bro. Bruton, as Prov. G. Treas., presented his report. It showed a balance for disposal of £74 6s. Its adoption was moved from the chair and carried. The report of the Charity Committee of the Province (presented by Bro. Sumner Secretary) was also satisfactory. Two candidates from Gloucestershire had been elected to the Boys School in October last, and the Province had contributed a total of £1,116 to the Masonic Charities during the year.

A report on a scheme of Operative Masonry was the next subject for consideration. A Committee, consisting of the heads of the Lodges and Chapters of the Province, with the principal Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, and three or four other Brethren, had been appointed at the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge last year, upon the motion of the D.P.G.M., in accordance with a very general feeling that the time had come when the Province, which had of late years confined itself almost exclusively to charitable work, might undertake some work of Operative Masonry, such as had already marked stages in the history of Prov. G. Lodge. The beautiful reredos in the Cathedral, the Lady Chapel at Tewkesbury Abbey, and windows in the Parish Church at Cheltenham, were marks of Masonic liberality in this direction. The Committee was formed to choose and carry out some further work of restoration on behalf of the Province. From the report now presented it appeared that the Committee had met at Gloucester in October last, and having approved the proposal to undertake some special work and indicated the Cathedral as its proper object, had nominated a sub-Committee, consisting of

Bros. Vassar-Smith, the Baron de Ferrieres, R. P. Sumner, J. Bruton, J. B. Winterbotham, W. Ll. Evans, G. Norman, and Sewell, to confer with Bro. Waller, the Cathedral architect, on the subject. The report continued—

The Sub-Committee met on Monday, the 21st October 1895, at the Deanery. V.W. Bro. the Dean met the Sub-Committee, and promised his hearty support and co-operation in the proposed work. He suggested and explained various schemes for the restoration or decoration of some portion of the Cathedral. Nothing, however, so commended itself to the Brethren present as a suggestion for a restoration of the North Walk of the Cloisters, to make it match the work done in the East Walk, by restoring the mullions and tracery of the windows, opening them where they had been bricked up, and glazing them, and restoring the pinnacles to the Lavatory. It was determined, therefore, that Bro. Waller should ascertain the probable cost, and, if possible, do a small portion of the work, and submit the same at a subsequent meeting, that the general effect might be estimated before anything definite was decided on.

The Sub-Committee met again on the 7th February 1896, in the Cloisters. It was then seen that Bro. Waller had been able to do a portion of the work of restoration, and it was at once agreed by all that it was a work worthy to be undertaken by the Freemasons of the Province, from its distinctive character and beautiful effect. V.W. Bro. the Dean also explained that he proposed, in order to make the work as distinctive as possible, to insert a brass plate in the wall, to place on record there that the work was done by the Freemasons of the Province. The total cost of the work was estimated by Bro. Waller at £580, but as Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres subsequently generously undertook to do a portion of the glazing, the expense to be borne by the Province has been reduced to about £520. The Committee think it right to mention that Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres is making an outlay of more than double the amount he originally contemplated.

The recommendation of the sub-Committee was in due course approved by the Committee, a subscription list opened, and the work is now nearly completed. "From its interesting and permanent character it cannot fail to give satisfaction to all Masons who inspect it, and to impress the outside world with the generous activity of the Craft." The subscriptions received from the Lodges up to date amounted to about £420, and included donations of ten guineas each from the Prov.G.Master, his Deputy, the Dean of Gloucester, Bro. S. P. Ryland, and Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, and one of twenty-five guineas from the G. Mark Lodge of the Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.

The reading of the report by Bro. Winterbotham was followed by a paper by Bro. Waller, the Cathedral architect, who gave some interesting particulars relating to the work of restoration undertaken by the Committee. He said the Cloisters were among the most interesting in the Kingdom, and dated from the latter half of the fourteenth century. They were in the perpendicular style of architecture, a style which, it was interesting to note, was adopted earlier in Gloucestershire than in other parts of England. He added that the windows given by the Baron de Ferrieres had been put in and greatly set off the beauty of the Cloisters and the work the Masons had undertaken.

The Prov.G. Master proposed, and Bro. Norman seconded, the adoption of the report, and a vote of forty guineas from the funds of Prov.G. Lodge towards the deficiency remaining. Sir Michael remarked that the work was one which would reflect great credit upon the Province, and that their thanks were due to the Baron de Ferrieres, who, in adding the gift of the Cloister windows, had given another proof of his constant liberality in Masonic work.

The report and vote having been carried, Bro. Bruton was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Window Tyler to Prov.G. Lodge.

Various Charity votes were next passed, a special grant of 10gs. to the Scholarship fund of the Boys School being made, on the motion of the D.Prov.G. Master, seconded by Bro. Martyn, with the cordial approval of the Prov.G.Master, who remarked that the value of such a fund, in assisting promising boys, could not be over estimated.

On the motion of the Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Martyn, the D.Prov. G. Master was nominated for re-election upon the Committee of the School, and a subsequent resolution expressed confidence in the Committee, and gave the approval of the Province to the proposal which it had adopted to move the School from its present site at Wood Green to a greater distance from London, the Prov.G. Master joining in the general consensus of opinion that such removal was desirable.

The only other matter of more than routine interest was introduced by Bro. A. Baker, of Tewkesbury, who asked for the moral support of Prov.G. Lodge to an appeal about to be made to the Lodges throughout the country for help in the restoration of

Tewkesbury Abbey. A resolution to this effect was seconded by Bro. Sir J. E. Dorington, who remarked on the difficulty with which small communities like that at Tewkesbury had to deal in keeping up as Parish Churches what are really national monuments. The Prov.G.M., in accepting the resolution, held out the hope that Prov.G. Lodge might be able to do something further for Tewkesbury, when its present responsibility was discharged.

The roll of the Lodges was then called, and the Prov. Gr. Master next proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge for the ensuing year, as follow :

Bro. J. L. Bretherton 839 2541	-	-	Senior Warden
C. G. Clark 493	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. L. Wilkinson 1067	-	-	Chaplain
J. L. Tickell 82	-	-	Registrar
J. Bruton 839	-	-	Treasurer
Jas. B. Winterbotham 82	-	-	Secretary
G. J. Holloway 702	-	-	Senior Deacon
F. H. Rea 246	-	-	Junior Deacon
Dr. A. J. Campbell 761	-	-	Superintendent of Works
R. Willis 900	-	-	Directors of Ceremonies
F. B. Budgett 1363	-	-	
W. J. Jenkins 493	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. Owner 270	-	-	Standard Bearers
W. J. Jefferies 592	-	-	
L. Hann 82	-	-	Organist
Llewellyn Evans 82	-	-	Assistant Secretary
S. B. Darke 2407	-	-	Pursuivant
J. T. Woollright 702	-	-	Stewards
John Brown 2407	-	-	
James Estop 2407	-	-	
Window	-	-	Tyler.

There were also appointed to past rank, in commemoration of the completion of the 21st year of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Grand Mastership, Bro. Edwin Denning 951, and Bro. G. C. Hewitt 1363, who each received the dignity of P.P.J.G.W.

The Brethren subsequently dined together at the Subscription Rooms, Sir Michael Hicks Beach presiding.—"Cheltenham Examiner."

THE OLD STYLE.

THERE is no danger to the institution of Freemasonry, from what some over-sensitive, antiquated, fossilized sticklers for the "ancient forms and ceremonies" call innovations. There are but a few writers who behold the Masonic Fraternity in ruins, and all because modern Anglo-Saxon language is used in place of "ye olde style." They claim that the forms and ceremonies practiced in some of the new states, and old ones, too, as for that, are not what Grand Master Adam, or Moses, or Solomon followed, and are therefore not Masonic in their character, and that these new-fangled "innovations" are so many battering rams, beating against the foundations of the society. Their arguments would lead the uninformed to believe that the institution was built upon sand and could not withstand any attack.

The fact is, the past history of Masonry has proven that the fierce opposition of Papal encyclicals and ecclesiastical anathemas, the bitter attacks of political prejudice and ignorant superstition, have only strengthened the foundation upon which the superstructure has been erected. If the wave of determined political opposition in the early years of this century could not stamp it out of existence, but rather made its principles more deeply seated, then the puerile attacks of the present time afford no cause for alarm, and the elucidation of the sublime lessons taught in the Lodge room, which are styled by some as "innovations," will only make more apparent the true greatness of the institution.

Away with the idea that a huge wall must be built about every Lodge, and those who practice the ceremonies of initiation must slink about like sneak thieves afraid of being overtaken in some nefarious work. Or the other equally objectionable notion that virtue and purity exists alone within the "sacred circle of our particular set." Masonry is elevating in its teachings and purifying in its lessons, and why should not the elevating and purifying influences permeate the whole of society? In this way only will Masonry fulfil its real mission. In this way only will its light become pleasant and beneficial to the world at large. Its secrets will be carefully preserved, and if they were not, then those who reveal them become as outcasts, unworthy of confidence.

The "profane" world, as we call those not initiated, are quick to discover the unfaithful and the traitor, and will as surely ostracise them as the Fraternity itself. So that the great ghost-like bugbears of "innovations," "modern additions," "public installations," and the like, do not in any way menace the stability of usefulness of the institution.—"Dispatch."

The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed on Wednesday, 9th prox., by Bro. James Terry P.G.Sw.B., in the Lewisham Lodge of Instruction, No. 2579, at the Parish Hall, Ladywell.

GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Hall, and in the absence of the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Lathom, and Earl Amherst, the chairs of the three Grand Principals were taken by Companions W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Third Grand Principal; Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph Grand Superintendent of Sussex, and Colonel J. C. Macglashan Grand Superintendent of the West Indies and Central America. The business set out in the agenda we published last week was regularly disposed of, the meeting being little else than a formal confirmation of the different reports.

By Royal Warrant the Queen has been graciously pleased to grant to Bro. Baron de Bush Her Majesty's Royal license and authority to bear and use in this country the hereditary title and dignity of Baron, conferred upon him by His Highness the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and has directed that such license be recorded in the College of Arms.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON Tuesday, 3rd inst., the remains of Bro. Otto Wilhelm Theodor Steffen, of Murray House, Loughton, a much respected resident, and son-in-law of Mr. Jas. Wilks, were interred in Loughton Churchyard. Deceased passed peacefully away, and comparatively free from pain on the 28th ult., after a series of painful and protracted sufferings extending over some eighteen months, and resulting from a rupture of the principal artery in the region of the heart. Every mark of respect was shown by the clergy, choir, tradespeople, and parishoners generally. The burial service was solemnly rendered by the Vicar of St. Mary's, the Rev. W. Allen. The Choral portion of the service was conducted by Messrs. Brand and Riding in a very impressive manner. Deceased was a prominent Mason, Past Master of the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457, and many Brethren were present at the interment; after the coffin was lowered they passed round the grave and each dropped upon it a sprig of acacia. A large number of floral tributes were presented by the following relatives and friends: The widow and family, Mr. H. J. Croft, the staff of the Royal Insurance Office, the Foreign Department of the Royal, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Hambridge, the Bagshaw Lodge, Dr. Dring, Mr. and Mrs. Pagenkopf, Mr. C. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Presley, Mr. Gold, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Muir, Mr. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilks, Mr. Riding, Mr. J. T. Ashby and family, Mr. F. Pink, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moll, Mr. F. Weininger. Amongst those present were Mr. G. B. Brightling and Mr. Houghton, representing the Royal Insurance Company, whom deceased faithfully served for upwards of 30 years; Messrs. Jas. and Samuel Wilks, Oscar Moll, Weininger, Pagenkopf, Forbes, C. Gussen, J. Bloues, F. H. Hayward, Wright, W. Lelebon, J. Macklin jun., S. Salter, Looker, Howe, Fehn, and many others, also the following Members of the Bagshaw, and other Lodges of Freemasons: Past Masters Tanner, Holloway, Nunn, Shadrake, Egan, Thompson, D. Langdon, and W. J. Cuthbert; Bros. C. E. Skinner, C. S. Foster, J. Ambrose, Riding, Brand, Hambridge, Gostling, Taylor, Clinch, and several others. The loss of deceased will be deeply deplored by his devoted wife and family, and those most intimately acquainted with him. Our deceased Brother was also a member of the Epping Lodge, No. 2077, Secretary of the Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction, and in many other ways evinced great interest in the doings of the Craft. We long had the pleasure of numbering him among our subscribers, and add our tribute of regret at his death. Bro. Steffen was fifty-four years of age.

ON Tuesday afternoon the remains of Bro. William Betts Page, aged forty-seven years, whose deeply regretted death took place on Friday, 30th ult., were interred in the Lowestoft Cemetery, in the presence of a number of Brother Freemasons, Oddfellows, and Buffaloes. The deceased was a member of Unity Lodge, No. 71, and there were present:—Bros. S. C. Allerton, F. Kersey, J. Symes, H. Booty, W. H. Hunt, T. Horne and F. W. Richards, as its representatives. The floral tokens on the coffin included a beautiful wreath inscribed, "With the deepest sympathy from the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of Lodge Unity, No. 71, Lowestoft."

AT Baildon, on Saturday afternoon, the remains of Bro. Richard Bell, a well-known and highly respected inhabitant of the village, were interred in the burial ground attached to the Moravian Chapel. There was a very large attendance of the inhabitants, and a number of members of the Baildon Lodge, No. 1545 also followed the remains of their late Brother to the grave. Bro. Bell was seventy-nine years of age, and the oldest Mason in the Baildon Lodge.

FFOREST LODGE.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales Eastern Division was held on Wednesday, 28th ult., at the Public Hall, Treharris, for the purpose of consecrating the Fforest Lodge, No. 2606, and installing Bro. George F. Harris P.P.S.G. Warden P.M. 110, Merthyr, as its first Worshipful Master.

The ceremony was conducted by Lord Llangattock Provincial Grand Master, and the attendance of Provincial Officers and other members of the Craft was large and influential. The proceedings took place in the large room of the hall, which was specially fitted up in view of the numerous company expected to be present. The Lodge hereafter will be located in a room above the Coffee Tavern. Some excellent addresses were delivered by various Officers, the music and dedicatory portions of the services being exceedingly impressive. The Lodge having been constituted, the P.G. Chaplain gave the oration customary to these rare occasions, and proposals for initiation and joining were received.

The Officers of the new Lodge are Bros. G. F. Harris W.M., D. E. Jones acting I.P.M., David Roberts S.W., W. Cuthbert Thomas J.W., J. Ray Treas., M. P. Morris Sec., D. E. Jones S.D., T. Dowdeswell J.D., R. Edwards D.C., A. C. Botterill I.G., John Jones Org., J. Aurelius and Thomas Williams Stewards, J. P. Gibbon Charity Steward.

The consecration banquet was afterwards held at the Navigation Hotel.—"South Wales Daily News."

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

THE Grand Council will assemble at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Tuesday next, 10th inst., at 6 o'clock in the afternoon. By permission of the M.W.G.M., all regularly registered members of the Allied Degrees are invited to be present. The business, beyond that of a routine description, includes the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers.

Before the opening of Grand Council, the Degree of Grand Tiler of King Solomon will be conferred in full on all Members of the Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr, who may forward their names to the Grand Sec. not later than 9th inst. Fee, including certificate, 10s 6d. Candidates must be present at 5.15. A banquet will be provided at the Freemasons' Tavern, at 7 o'clock, at which the Earl of Euston Grand Master has kindly consented to preside. Tickets 21s each.

The South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes, having attained its Centenary—the Warrant of the Lodge being dated 15th October 1796—it is proposed to celebrate the event in a fitting manner. The South Saxon is one of the largest Lodges in the county of Sussex and, according to the "Brighton Observer," there are no less than twenty of its Past Masters now living. An interesting celebration is anticipated.

Among the Brethren seeking admission to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is Bro. A. W. Fenner Past Master of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, one of the founders and Past Master of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, P.Z., &c., who will make his second application at the next election, in May 1897. Bro. Fenner was an active Mason in his day, and won a host of friends, who rallied to his assistance in May last, when 2,456 votes were recorded on his behalf, giving him the fourth place among the unsuccessful. We hope he will be equally fortunate next year, as in that case his election would be assured. His case is well recommended by influential Brethren. Promises of support will be gladly received by Bro. Fenner, whose address is 21 Clinton Road, West Green, N.

At a meeting of representatives of the six Bury Craft Lodges Bro. F. W. Purcell P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. (E.L.), one of the most widely-known Masons of the East Lancashire district, was, on the 29th ult., presented with illuminated addresses from all the Lodges, expressive of their appreciation of his work on behalf of the charitable Institutions of the Order. Brother Purcell was formerly proprietor of the Bury, Rochdale, and Derby Theatres. He has sold the first-named two theatres to the Northern Counties Theatre Syndicate, and he is now engaged in building a large theatre in Stoke Newington, London, which he expects to open next Easter. Mr. Purcell gave the local Lodges of Bury an annual benefit night, by which means about £400 has been raised on behalf of the charities. He was also presented with a Provincial Officer's jewel, and Mrs. Purcell with a tea-urn of exquisite design.—"Leeds Mercury."

MARK MASONRY.

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SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, on the 29th ult., under the presidency of the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G. Chaplain Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by the Officers. Among the Visitors present were Bro. C. F. Matier G.Sec., and Bro. Gerald W. E. Loder, M.P.

The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective Office:

Bro. F. W. Hotham	-	-	-	Senior Warden
P. Wood	-	-	-	Junior Warden
E. Mitchell	-	-	-	Master Overseer
C. R. Foster	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
J. A. Skinner	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. W. Wakeford	-	-	-	Chaplain
Jos. Farncombe (re-elected)	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. Tickle	-	-	-	Registrar of Marks
W. Wright	-	-	-	Secretary
J. H. Ewart	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Col. G. W. Willock	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Martin	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
A. Lloyd	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
A. H. Tester	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
C. Fox Goode	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. Potter	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
F. W. Guy	-	-	-	Organist
G. Fowler	-	-	-	Inner Guard
J. R. Thornton	-	-	-	} Stewards
W. Hughes	-	-	-	
F. B. Sutton	-	-	-	
W. Gates	-	-	-	
H. H. Hughes	-	-	-	
				Tyler.

On the closing of the Lodge the Brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the customary Mark toasts were honoured. A pleasing programme of music was sustained by Miss Verrall and Mr. Argyle Galloway (vocalists) and Mr. Stanley Crook (violin), the duties of accompanist being in the able hands of Bro. W. N. Roe P.P.G.O.—“Sussex Daily News.”

STAR LODGE.

THIS new Mark Lodge, for which the Most Worshipful Grand Master recently granted a Warrant, was consecrated on the 30th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern. The Lodge is numbered 499 on the roll of Grand Lodge.

The Consecrating Officer was the Grand Secretary Brother Charles Fitzgerald Matier Past Grand Warden, while Bro. Major Gordon Miller Past Grand Treasurer acted as Senior Warden, Major Walter E. Williams Grand Senior Deacon as Junior Warden, Rev. V. P. Wyatt G. Chaplain as Chaplain, Major C. W. Carrell G.D.C. as Director of Ceremonies, and Dr. A. Stewart Brown P.G.D. as Inner Guard.

After the usual formalities the Rev. V. P. Wyatt delivered the oration, and at the conclusion of the consecration ceremony Major Woolmer Williams was installed as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and Bro. Wishart Past Provincial Deputy Grand Master Malta was appointed to act as Immediate Past Master; Bro. George S. Elliott, L.C.C., was invested as Senior Warden, and N. Churcher as Junior Warden. The other Officers were:—Bros. Wade Sec., Fox Master Overseer, Briggs Senior Overseer, T. Grummant Junior Overseer, Chas. Meierhoff Senior Deacon, Reid Junior Deacon, Cowley Registrar of Marks, Harris Inner Guard, H. F. Williams Director of Ceremonies, Tucker Steward, and Patrick Tyler.

Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the Consecrating Officers, who were also elected honorary members of the Lodge, and several names of intending candidates for advancement to the Mark degree were given in, says the “City Press.”

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. Kipps P.M. Past Provincial Grand Organist Kent. In the course of the evening the following Craft Brethren were advanced as Mark Master Masons:—C. H. Wade, Fox, Biggs, Grummant, C. Meierhoff, Reid, Harris, H. F. Williams, T. Tucker and James Marcham.

The Brethren, when the ceremonies of the evening were concluded, closed the Lodge, and adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed.

SNOWDONIA LODGE.

THE Snowdonia Lodge of Mark Masters, which has been transferred from Portmadoc to Menai Bridge, entered, on Wednesday, 14th ult., upon its new career under most favourable

circumstances, a large number of Brethren being already enrolled, the occasion being made the holding of a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, Bro. Colonel Charles Hunter Prov. G.M.M. of N. Wales, and Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Gordon Deputy being present, with Bro. Henderson, of Llandudno, Prov. G.Sec. and others.

At the opening ceremony Bro. the Rev. T. Edwards Grand Chaplain England P.P.G.Chap. N. Wales P.M. acted as W.M., and the following Brethren were advanced:—Bros. R. G. Thomas, W. A. Foster, Dr. Grey Edwards, Rev. J. Fairchild, J. A. Rodway, Ainger Williams, and R. Baxter, the advancements being made by Bro. Edwards in a most impressive manner.

Bro. Lloyd Griffith (Holyhead) was installed W.M. in succession to Bro. A. M. Dunlop (Festiniog), and appointed his Officers for the ensuing year.

The banquet was served at the Victoria Hotel, under the excellent catering of Bro. R. G. Thomas. The usual Mark toasts were given, and the musical programme was furnished by Bros. Caradoc Rowlands P.P.G.S.O., and J. A. Rodway J.D.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 35.

AT the regular meeting at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, Bro. G. H. Clarke W.M. presided. Congratulations were offered the Lodge on the recent attainment of three of its members in Provincial Grand Lodge. Immediately followed the annual election meeting of R.A.M. Lodge, which is attached to Sincerity Mark, Bro. J. Parker W.C.N. in the chair. Bro. H. W. Mayne was unanimously elected W.C.N., C. F. Dunsterville was re-elected Treasurer, and James Gidley re-elected Warden for the ensuing year.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 50.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 26th ult., when Bro. Major James Rendle was installed W.M. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Bro. J. Kinton Bond P.P.G.J.W. After business the members and visitors adjourned to the dining hall, where the annual supper was admirably served by Bro. Batchelor, Steward of the Club.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE election meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hayle, when Bro. Percy T. Chirgwin S.W. was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. G. Osborn P.M. was re-elected Treasurer.

UNANIMITY, FRIENDSHIP AND PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 191.

AT the quarterly meeting, held at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, Bro. F. W. Bishop, of Bridgwater, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. Hitchings Davies, of Somerton. Bro. J. Burnett P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Webber Tyler.

CHELMER LODGE, No. 342.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting at Chelmsford, on Tuesday, 13th ult., when Bro. F. J. Snell, of Dunmow, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. P. Lewin P.M. P.G.Std.B.Eng. P.P.G.Treas.

The Brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, under the genial presidency of the W.M., a sumptuous repast being excellently served by Bro. Hugh Ashworth.

The Masonic Hall in course of erection at Amlwch, from the designs of Bro. R. G. Thomas (Menai Bridge), will be consecrated next month by Lord Harlech Provincial Grand Master of North Wales.

While it is but right and just to reject and denounce false and ridiculous charges against Freemasonry, it is equally important to recognise the evils of which it is the cause. We are at present publishing a series of articles by a writer who has made its history and its action a particular study, and those who read these contributions cannot fail to perceive its real character. The instructive article on the same topic which Mr. Kegan Paul has contributed to “Cornhill” will also be read with keen interest. Mr. Kegan Paul, who was at one time a Freemason himself, writes with great moderation. His words unmistakably bear the stamp of truth. His view of the Craft is that whilst in England it is comparatively harmless, it had been associated on the Continent with all that is subversive of religion and order, and that the constant influx into the English-speaking countries of Jews and Continental Freemasons must necessarily bring into England much of the poison of the Continental sect. Moreover, as a faithful Catholic, he is convinced that the Papal opposition to Freemasonry is well grounded. It has been condemned in special Bulls by Clement XII., Benedict XIV., Pius VII., Leo XII., and Pius IX., and Leo XIII. has directed an Encyclical against the society.—“Catholic Times.”

NECESSITY OF LIBRARIES.

MASONRY has ever been a patron of knowledge, and has deemed it not only a duty, but a privilege, to foster the liberal arts and sciences; and, as the handmaid of the Divine Teacher, has ever taught men to believe in the immortal doctrine of the "fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man." We claim that our order is "ancient and honourable"; and if we are proud of its past history, it certainly behoves its votaries to make use of all honourable means attainable to make sure that our society, which has stood the test of time, shall move forward in the future in all things which tend to the improvement and advancement of our brotherhood. The history of Masonry proves that its votaries have ever been the promoters of progress and improvement, and that the human race has received and derived great benefit from the existence of our order. No organisation which history records can lay claim to preserve the rights of the individual as does our institution. As the roots of a thrifty tree stretch out into the earth as widely as do its branches into the air, and so come into relation with their surroundings, so does Masonry interlace with and take its form and pressure, its growth and bent, from contemporaneous matters. The need of Masonic books, to obtain a comprehensive knowledge of the origin and progress pertaining to our institution, and to learn of its growth and development, make apparent the necessity for the collection of Grand Lodge libraries, that members of our order can look into the medium of the printed page, which the authors and writers of the past and present, making history, leave to the fraternity for each generation.

That place that does

Contain my books the best companion is,

To me a glorious court, where hourly I

Converse with the old sages and philosophers.

Although our ritual has been transmitted orally through many centuries yet, to the student, Masonry, as a science, and its early history can only be imparted and transmitted through the books of our libraries. Unless it be the State or National libraries, which are supported by liberal appropriations, the students of specialties and reference look to the valuable libraries of institutions specially devoted to the consideration of subjects in which they are in quest of information and directly interested. To the enlightened Mason knowledge is of the first importance. A library, such as this Grand Lodge possesses, embodying the highest theoretical and practical principles of our order, which can be said to constitute the existence of Masonic literature and its science, should be preserved and fostered for all time, and made a source of value to the fraternity.—Herman G. Carter, Grand Lodge Librarian, New York, in "Voice of Masonry."

The section of the Congress presided over by Canon Didiot, after hearing addresses by Père Regnanet (of the Society of Jesus) and Père Edmond (of the Assumption), adopted the following resolutions on the proposal of Père Durand: "The National Congress of Rhiems, considering with the Anti-Masonic Congress at Trent that Freemasonry is the great enemy of the Church and of all Catholic works, considering also that the Eucharistic devotions are of all the most essentially and most radically Anti-Masonic, holds (1) That all Catholics should encourage to the utmost of their power the movement of souls toward the Eucharist, and should strive to multiply more and more demonstrations of faith, love, and reparation in respect of this Sacrament, the chief object of the terror and hatred of Freemasons, but the supreme honour and joy of the children of God and the assured pledge of their victory over all their enemies, visible and invisible; (2) That among works of reparation they should set their hearts especially on sustaining that whose object is to have Masses daily said in atonement of the profanation of this sect."—"Catholic Times."

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After the usual monthly meeting of the Lodge of Repose, at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 15th ult., a conversazione was held in the supper room, and was largely attended by Brethren and visitors, including a number of ladies. Dr. F. S. Rowan the Worshipful Master was present, and a capital musical programme was gone through, the pianists being Bros. Dodd and Thompson. Refreshments were supplied during the evening, and the gathering was so successful that no doubt the innovation will be tried again in the near future. It is the first time, the "Derby Express" believes, in the Province of Derbyshire, that a conversazione of this kind has taken the place of the dinner which usually follows the meeting of Lodge.

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The Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire honoured the Ancholme Lodge, No. 1282, Brigg, with his presence on Tuesday, 20th ult., and congratulated the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of the Lodge on the admirable manner in which they discharged their various duties. A banquet was afterwards held at the Angel Hotel, at which the Earl was present, and the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A deputation from the Thomas Valentine Lodge, No. 21 (I.C.), under the leadership of Bro. J. M'Alpine W.M., left Belfast a few days back for Ayr, where, according to arrangements previously made, the deputation intended visiting Newton-on-Ayr St. James Lodge, No. 125 (S.C.), with which they were connected through the honorary membership of Bros. Sterling P.M. and R. B. Andrews P.M. It may be mentioned that just two years ago this Scotch Lodge visited Lodge No. 21, and ever since close fraternal friendship has existed. The party arrived in good time in Ayr, where they were met by the reception Committee, and accorded a hearty and enthusiastic welcome to the "auld toon o' Burns," and, having been seated in well-appointed brakes, were conducted to a commodious hotel, where ample provision had been made for refreshing the inner man. The remainder of the visit was spent in various forms of enjoyment and entertainment.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET AT LIVERPOOL.

A NUMEROUS and thoroughly representative assembly of the leaders of the Order took place on Thursday evening, 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, when Bro. E. R. Latham Past Master of the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, was entertained at a banquet, the compliment being extended to him in recognition of his personal worth and his valuable services in connection with the Order.

Between seventy and eighty Brethren of varied ranks sat down to dinner, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. G. Johnson P.M. 1182 (Chairman of the Committee of arrangements), with whom were associated Bros. C. Fothergill P.P.G.D. and F. Wilkinson P.M. 594 (Vice-Chairmen), Bro. R. G. Bradley P.P.D.G.D.C. (Treasurer and D.C.), Bro. S. L. Fraser P.G.S. of W. (Secretary), assisted by a strong staff of Stewards.

The Chairman proposed in appropriate terms the toast, Our Guest Bro. E. R. Latham P.M. 594, and Bro. Latham, in reply, said he would continue to endeavour to merit their friendship and respect.—"Liverpool Mercury."

EXMOUTH MASONIC CLUB.

THE third annual meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held at the Club on Wednesday, 28th ult., at which there was a fair number of directors and shareholders present, under the presidency of Bro. J. T. Foster, who, in congratulating the shareholders on the continued success of their undertaking, announced a balance in hand of £70 4s 11d, as against £40 16s 10d last year. The sum of £24 10s was required to meet dividends due on preference shares, and the directors again recommended a dividend of 5 per cent on the ordinary shares held by the Sun Lodge, the balance to be carried forward. The results were considered highly satisfactory.

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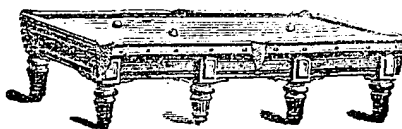
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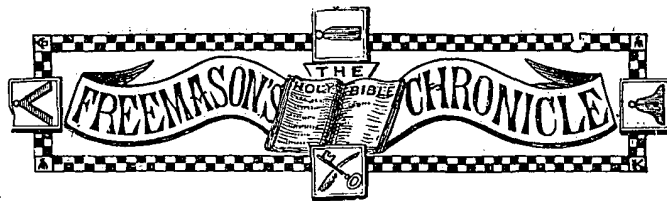
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SATURDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 1896.

R.M.I. BOYS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

A GENERAL Meeting of the Subscribers to this Fund was held on Friday, 30th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. George Everett P.G.Treas. and Vice-Patron of Institution in the chair. There were present Bros. Sir John Monckton, G. E. Fairchild, W. A. Scurrah, Dr. Mickley, Dr. W. H. Kempster, J. F. Haden, W. Russell, Dick E. Radclyffe, Thomson Lyon, J. G. Milbourn, Rev. H. A. Hebb, H. A. Tobias, J. W. Burgess, E. Margrett, J. W. Gieve, P. Ravenscroft, S. Cochrane, J. H. Whadcoat, C. Pulman, P. O'Doherty (Old Masonian), John Strachan, and J. M. McLeod.

Bro. Ravenscroft submitted his report on the Audit, from which it appeared the total amount promised to date was £1,626 12s, of which £95 12s was unpaid, but in course of collection, and that the expenditure, for printing and stationery, advertisements, postages, and clerical assistance, had amounted to £57 8s 2d.

The report was unanimously adopted, and Bro. John Strachan, for the Executive Committee, submitted and explained the regulations which had been formulated after much care and thought on the part of those constituting the Committee.

The regulations were severally put to the meeting, and carried with a few minor alterations.

It was unanimously resolved to invite Earl Amherst Dep. G.M., Sir John Monckton P.G.W., and Chas. E. Keyser Esq. P.G.D., to become Trustees of the Fund.

Bros. J. M. McLeod and John Strachan were appointed the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer respectively.

Bros. Eve, Everett, F. Richardson, G. E. Fairchild, John Glass, W. Russell, D. E. Radclyffe, J. H. Whadcoat, and Walter Martin, with Mr. R. S. Chandler (Old Masonian) were elected as the Board of Governors of the Fund, and power was given to them to decide upon what securities the Fund should be invested in.

Bro. Percy Ravenscroft, A.C.A., was appointed Honorary Auditor.

Votes of thanks to the Officers who had worked up the Fund and to the Chairman of the meeting closed the proceedings.

ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

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

SIR,—I quite agree with your correspondent "Mr. Norbert Jones, C.R.L., of Sidmouth." His view as a Catholic, without, as I presume, any practical experience of English Freemasonry, is exactly what mine would be, had I never been an English Freemason. But mine is modified by practical experience. As I have already mentioned, while still a Protestant, I became a Freemason before I was twenty-one, by "dispensation," at Cambridge. Our Master, the Rev. Mr. Ward, of St. John's, kind, most amiable, genial, an excellent musician ("and of such is the kingdom of heaven," to quote the well-known epitaph), instructed me and others in Masonry before we joined the Lodge. He was a High Churchman, as High Churchmanship was understood in those days, and as such I am quite convinced he would never have encouraged us youngsters to become Masons had he personally seen the slightest harm in it.

Subsequently, years after, he ceased from active participation in Masonry, and I rather fancy, though I do not pretend to know, he did so from purely religious motives. I infer that in the latter portion of his life he would not have recommended any one to become a Mason.

The work from which Mr. Jones quotes may be regarded as giving a correct account of all grades in Masonry up to and inclusive of the Master's Degree. Beyond this I cannot speak from personal experience. I remember how carefully our Master, Ward, impressed on us that "nothing would be required of us incompatible with our civil, moral, or religious duties." Therefore, decidedly unpleasant as sounds the penal portion of the Masonic Obligation, correctly quoted by Mr. Jones, we were able to take the oath, feeling sure on the authority of our friend, the Master of the Lodge, a High Church clergyman of the University, that Masonry, according to the instruction given to the candidate "is founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue." . . . "Vows of fidelity are required; but let me assure you that in these vows there is nothing incompatible with your civil, moral, or religious duties."

I feel certain that the majority of English Masons read their oath in the light of this safeguard. To many excellent English Masons Freemasonry is a genial form of religion: to some it is socially and politically useful. It is patronised by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and that is, to not a few, a great attraction and a strong recommendation. Catholics, of course, can but hold one opinion as to Deistic Secret Societies, or indeed as to any Secret Societies altogether condemned by the Church. I am now speaking of myself when a Protestant, among Protestants, just on forty years ago.

F. C. B.

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

5 S. Geo. & C'ner Stone, F.M.H.
 58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
 59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall
 193 Confidence, Anderton's
 1366 Highgate, Midland Grand H't'l.
 1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall
 1789 Ubique, Criterion
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell
 2243 Argonauts, Putney
 2394 Galen, Freemasons'-hall
 2426 Wood Green, Wood Green
 2454 Guildhall School Music, Holb'n.
 2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road
 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
 40 Derwent, Hastings
 68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
 75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
 88 Scientific, Cambridge
 104 St. John, Stockport
 105 Fortitude, Plymouth
 106 Sun, Exmouth
 133 Harmony, Faversham
 151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight
 189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
 237 Indefatigable, Swansea
 240 St. Hilda, South Shields
 262 Salopian, Shrewsbury
 292 Sincerity, Liverpool
 296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
 297 Whitham, Lincoln
 303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
 313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
 314 Peace and Unity, Preston
 330 One and All, Bodmin
 339 Unanimity, Penrith
 379 Honour, Bath
 411 Commercial, Nottingham
 481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 587 Howe, Birmingham
 589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth
 632 Concord, Trowbridge
 643 Royal, Filey
 665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
 671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly
 721 Independence, Chester
 797 Hauley, Dartmouth
 884 Derwent, Wirksworth
 893 Meridan, Millbrook
 941 De Tabley, Knutsford
 1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
 1174 Pentangle, Chatham
 1221 Defence, Leeds
 1237 Enfield, Enfield
 1253 Travellers, Manchester
 1302 De Warren, Halifax
 1350 Fermor Hesketh, Bootle
 1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
 1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'y'b'ge
 1436 Castle, Sandgate
 1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
 1474 Israel, Birmingham
 1496 Trafford, Moss Side
 1564 St. John, Woking
 1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611 Eboracum, York
 1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1730 Urmston, Urmston
 1792 Tudor, Harborne
 1802 Vernon, Retford
 1852 Forest, Mansfield
 1885 Torridge, Great Torrington
 1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
 1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
 1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
 1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
 2034 Masefield, Moseley
 2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
 2185 Ardwick, Manchester
 2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
 2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
 2376 Carnarvon, Leyland
 2422 Ebbisham, Epsom
 2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
 2487 St. Michael, Stone
 2505 County Palatine, Birkdale
 2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Tuesday.

96 Burlington, Albion
 180 St. James Union, F.M.H.
 198 Percy, Ship and Turtle
 211 St. Michael, Albion
 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
 235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross
 781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
 917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho.
 933 Doric, Anderton's
 1196 Urban, Freemasons'-hall
 1269 Stanhope, Camberwell
 1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich
 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion

1635 Canterbury, 33, Golden Square
 1668 Samson, Café Royal
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern
 1969 Waldeck, Freemasons'-hall
 2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane
 2400 Brentford, Brentford
 2427 Hampden, St. Pancras
 80 St. John, Sunderland
 93 Social, Norwich
 131 Fortitude, Truro
 184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton
 241 Merchant, Liverpool
 272 Harmony, Boston
 284 Shakespeare, Warwick
 319 New Forest, Lymington
 371 Perseverance, Maryport
 473 Faithful, Birmingham
 494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
 495 Wakefield, Wakefield
 496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
 502 Rectitude, Rugby
 503 Belvedere, Maidstone
 567 Unity, Warwick
 573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen
 593 St. Ann, Alderney
 603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
 626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham
 650 Star in the East, Harwich
 686 Jerusalem, Bristol
 696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
 723 Panmure, Aldershot
 764 H'rbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.
 771 Windsor Castle, Windsor
 877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
 892 Royal Edward, Leominster
 897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's
 903 Gosport, Gosport
 967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
 1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
 1073 Greta, Keswick
 1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
 1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
 1220 Solway, Aspatria
 1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
 1267 Kenlis, Egremont
 1314 Acacia, Bromley
 1373 St. Hubert, Andover
 1402 Jordan, Torquay
 1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
 1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
 1528 Fort, Newquay
 1545 Baildon, Baildon
 1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
 1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
 1782 Machen, Coleshill
 1837 Lullingstone, Willmington
 1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
 1883 William of Wykeham, W'nc'h'ter
 2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
 2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
 2134 Wilberforce, Hull
 2164 St. Germans, Peel, Isle of Man
 2324 Horwich, Horwich
 2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe
 2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevo-
 lent Institution, F.M.H., at 4
 3 Fidelity, Freemasons'-hall
 11 Enoch, Freemasons'-hall
 13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
 15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall
 87 Vitruvian, Southwark
 136 Good Report, Albion
 147 Justice, Deptford
 548 Wellington, Cannon Street Ho.
 749 Belgrave, Anderton's
 1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern
 1766 St. Leonard, Gt. Eastern Hotel
 1815 Penge, Anerley
 1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern
 1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Via. H't'l.
 1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood
 2272 Rye, Peckham
 2347 Grafton, Regent Street
 2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St.
 2470 Telegraph Cable, Ship & Turtle
 2528 Lancastrian, Frascati
 54 Hope, Rochdale
 84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey
 125 Prince Edwin, Hythe
 146 Antiquity, Bolton
 187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
 204 Caledonian, Manchester
 225 St. Luke, Ipswich
 244 Yarrowburgh, Jersey
 274 Tranquility, Newchurch
 277 Friendship, Oldham
 281 Fortitude, Lancaster
 288 Harmony, Todmorden
 323 Concord, Stockport
 463 East Surrey Concord, Croydon
 483 Sympathy, Gravesend
 498 Royal Standard, Dudley
 654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills

661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
 666 Benevolence, Dartmoor
 679 St. David, Aberdare
 730 Ellesmere, Chorley
 731 Arboretum, Derby
 755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
 851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing
 852 Zetland, Salford
 854 Albert, Shaw
 1005 Zetland, Gloucester
 1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
 1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
 1060 Marnion, Tamworth
 1064 Borough, Burnley
 1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
 1091 Erme, Ivybridge
 1094 Temple, Liverpool
 1101 Grey Friars, Reading
 1112 Shirley, Southampton
 1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
 1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
 1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
 1181 De la Pole, Seaton
 1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
 1242 Tynewold, Douglas, Isle of Man
 1248 Denison, Scarborough
 1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
 1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
 1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
 1400 Curwen, Workington
 1465 Ockenden, Cuckfield
 1503 Sir Francis Burdett, Tw'k'uh'm
 1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
 1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes
 1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
 1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
 1692 Hervey, Bromley
 1703 Windrush, Witney
 1715 A. J. Brogren, Grange-o'-Sands
 1798 Zion, Manchester
 1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
 1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
 1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
 1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
 1947 Stanford, Hove
 1958 St. George, Portsea
 2046 Robinson, Maidstone
 2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
 2183 Royal Hampton Ct., Hamptn Ct
 2284 Smyth, Grimsby
 2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
 2389 Avondale, Middlewich
 2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay
 2483 Hadrian, Westham
 2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckh'rst Hill
 2540 Ember, East Molesey

Thursday.

19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho.
 91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall
 181 Universal, Albion
 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall
 263 Bank of England, Albion
 534 Polish National, F.M.H.
 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
 879 Southwark, Southwark
 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
 1471 Islington, Highbury
 1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-h.
 1708 Plucknet, North Finchley
 1791 Creaton, Freemasons'-hall
 1820 Sir Thomas White, Café Royal
 1987 Strand, Piccadilly
 2033 University of London, F.M.H.
 2047 Beckenham, Beckenham
 2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith
 2168 Derby Allcroft, St. Pancras
 2417 Bolingbroke, Lavender Hill
 2509 Barnet, New Barnet
 35 Medina, Cowes
 50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
 97 Palatine, Sunderland
 112 St. George, Exeter
 130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
 191 St. John, Bury
 216 Harmonic, Liverpool
 333 Royal Preston, Preston
 344 Faith, Radcliffe
 369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
 381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
 437 Science, Wincanton
 442 St. Peter, Peterboro'
 477 Mersey, Birkenhead
 487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
 546 Etruscan, Longton
 561 Zetland, Gnisborough
 585 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
 588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
 725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
 732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
 739 Temperance, Birmingham
 784 Wellington, Deal

816 Royd, Littleboro'
 945 Abbey, Abingdon
 973 Royal Somerset, Frome
 991 Tyne, Wallsend
 1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
 1055 Derby, Manchester
 1061 Triumph, Lancaster
 1098 St. George, Tredegar
 1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport
 1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
 1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145 Equality, Accrington
 1147 St. David, Manchester
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
 1204 Royd, Malvern
 1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
 1247 St. John, Plymouth
 1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
 1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1416 Falcon, Thirsk
 1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.
 1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
 1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
 1515 Bertie, Oxford
 1583 Corbet, Towyn
 1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
 1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
 1863 Priory, Tynemouth
 1911 De la Pré, Northampton
 1915 Graystone, Whitstable
 1992 Tennant, Cardiff
 2016 Shaldon, Alton
 2038 Portcullis, Langport
 2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
 2132 Egerton, Seacombe
 2217 Windermere, Windermere
 2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'rth
 2227 White Horse, Westbury
 2234 Onslow, Guildford
 2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge
 2285 Eden, Workington
 2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitechurch
 2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
 2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
 2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
 2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
 2449 Duke of York, Manchester
 2468 St. John, Douglas, Isle of Man
 2529 Abbey, Whalley
 2568 Deval, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Friday.

33 Britannic, Freemasons'-hall
 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle
 157 Bedford, Freemasons'-hall
 177 Domatic, Anderton's
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington
 1603 Anchor, Café Royal
 2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
 2552 Stoke Newington, Stoke N'gton
 36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
 81 Doric, Woodbridge
 170 All Souls, Weymouth
 426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
 458 Aire and Calder, Goole
 526 Honour, Wolverhampton
 680 Sefton, Liverpool
 712 Lindsey, Louth
 786 Croxeth United Service, L'pool
 815 Blair, Manchester
 916 Hartington, Eastbourne
 1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
 1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
 1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
 1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
 1289 Rock, Birkenhead
 1428 United Service, Landport
 1605 De la Pole, Hull
 1661 Newton, Newark-on-Trent
 1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1849 Royal Leek, Bangor
 1983 Martyn, Southwold
 2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney
 2554 Manchester, Manchester
 2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

108 London, Ship and Turtle
 173 Phoenix, Freemasons'-hall
 1328 Granite, Holborn Restaurant
 1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel
 1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Southwark
 1607 Loyalty, London Tavern
 1686 Paxton, Camberwell
 1743 Perseverance, Anderton's
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, F'masons'-h.
 2029 King Solomon, Markmasons'-h.
 2579 Lewisham, Lewisham
 308 Prince George, Eastwood
 336 Benevolence, Marple
 1755 Eldon, Portishead
 1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't.
 2095 Caterham, Caterham
 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray
 2359 Doric, Didsbury

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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BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651.

ON Tuesday of last week the members held a meeting at the Town Hall, Brecon, for the installation of the new Worshipful Master Bro. T. A. R. Littledale, and for the reception of Lord Llangattock Prov. Grand Master. The large assembly room had been tastefully arranged for the occasion, and there was a large gathering of Masons from Brecon and from adjoining Lodges. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant Deputy Provincial Grand Master performed the installation ceremony, and in the evening a banquet was held at the Castle Hotel.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, 19th ult., Bro. Geo. Ben Goodfellow W.M. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, to witness what ultimately proved to be a very excellent function, that of installing Bro. James W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. into the chair of K.S.

Bro. Abbott having been regularly presented, answered the constitutional questions, and was for the second time in his Masonic experience placed in that position which entitles him to rule and govern the Lodge for a period of twelve months.

Bro. Goodfellow was the Installing Master, he being assisted by other Past Masters, notably Bros. Abm. Pemberton P.P.G.D.C., who presented and explained the Working Tools of the three degrees, and also delivered the address to the W.M.; W. A. Vaughan, who rendered the address to the Wardens; George Lingard Vaughan P.D.G.Reg., who addressed the Brethren generally, and Dr. Henry Wilson, who invested and addressed the following Officers: Bros. A. E. Broome S.W., Geo. E. Wright J.W., Abm. Pemberton P.M., &c., Treas., Thos. Knott P.M. Secretary, T. B. Brooks S.D., Chas. Porter J.D., Dr. Wilson P.M. D.C., W. A. Bacon I.G. Bro. Abbott was re-appointed Charity Representative.

Following closely upon the ceremony of installation was a recherché banquet, provided by Mr. T. S. Weekes, proprietor of the hotel, to which all the Brethren sat down.

The loyal toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Abbott W.M. proposed the health of the Prov. Grand Master Col. Starkie, and subsequently that of the Deputy Prov. G.M. Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds.

The latter, in replying, apologised for having to leave at an early hour, adding that trains and appointments would wait for no one. Before closing his interesting remarks, he gave a slight forecast of one or two matters which are likely to occupy the attention of the next Provincial meeting, and which for obvious reasons we do not repeat here.

Bro. Capt. E. G. Lingard P.M. P.P.J.G.W. proposed the health of the W.M. He said it was a most gratifying thing for a man to be able to look back upon the fact that he was in the position of having been a member of his Lodge for a period of twenty-five consecutive years, without having missed a single regular meeting. He also reverted to a letter which had been addressed to a contemporary, asking for information as to any parallel case, and as no reply had been vouchsafed, he concluded that in this respect Bro. Abbott stood without a rival. A communication had been received from Bro. G. Wm. Speth, Bromley, Kent, to the same effect. Bro. Speth adduced two instances which we think may prove interesting to our readers. He says:—"I was initiated in the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, in January 1872, went into office in November 1873, into the chair in March 1876, and from 1880 have been Organist and Secretary to date. It is close on twenty-five years ago now, and I have only missed, I think, four meetings, regular and emergencies included, and in each case I was either abroad, or in bed, once under the surgeon's hands. Besides the minor offices up to the chair, I have, you will see, nearly seventeen years of continuous office to my credit, most of the time Secretary. In the Quatuor Coronati I was appointed Secretary at the first meeting, in January 1886, and have attended every regular meeting, emergency, Committee and excursion from then to date."

"The other case is Bro. S. Richardson, who was initiated in Unity, No. 183, in October 1877, became I.G. in March 1881, followed up and went through the chair two years running, appointed D.C. on his leaving it to date, and has attended every meeting of the Lodge from his initiation, being a space of nineteen years, with continuous office for fifteen. And he was nearly fifty years old when he was initiated."

In conclusion, Bro. Lingard asked the Brethren to show heartily how they appreciated Bro. Abbott's great services, his assiduity and attention in connection with the Egerton Lodge, the Ashbury Lodge, and the Lodge of Instruction, in the latter of which he was now Preceptor.

Bro. Abbott responded, saying that he had had very short notice in which to put his remarks together by way of answer to the toast so nicely proposed by Bro. Lingard, and so graciously received by the Brethren. He preferred (and the task to him would be considerably lighter of accomplishment) to perform a ceremony in the Lodge, than to respond to a toast, especially when it related to one's self. When a man joined a Lodge at the age of thirty, and attended its meetings without intermission for twenty-five years it took a large slice out of his life-time. Bro. Abbott then entered into a history of his initiation, which, he said, took place as far back as October 1871. Many of the Brethren who were present on that occasion, and whose names he mentioned, had gone over to the great majority, some of them having left excellent records behind them. Personally he had occupied nearly the whole of the offices which led up to the principal chair, and he must thank his Brethren for the truly Masonic consideration which they had ever shown towards him, and which had been accentuated that day by placing him for a second time in a position to preside over the Lodge. He would try to do his duty in every way with unflinching effort, and if his temperament was at times somewhat brusque, it might only be for their ultimate good. During the last year or two they had not registered a very successful time in the Lodge, but he confidently looked forward to a period of prosperity, and expected that the new Officers appointed would be able to make a good show

whenever they were called upon. He felt that they had paid him a very graceful compliment that day, and though he might not be able to fully express his gratitude in words, yet he would so try to conduct himself as not to give them cause for regret in having placed him for the second time in the chair of K.S.

The toast of the I.P.M. was proposed by Bro. Walter Vaughan P.M. P.P.G.Reg. who concluded his speech by requesting the W.M. to pin upon the breast of Bro. Goodfellow a Past Master's jewel presented to him twelve months ago, but which upon his completion of a second period of Mastership, had been amended to meet the circumstances. The jewel contained the following legend:

Presented to

BRO. GEO. B. GOODFELLOW,

by the Brethren of the Egerton Lodge, No. 1030,

for valuable services as W.M.

1894-5.

The emendation was as follows:

W.M.

1894-5

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Bro. Goodfellow replied in a very neat and apropos speech.

Many other toasts were proposed and duly responded to, the proceedings being enlivened by the musical and recitative efforts of Bros. Fred Hilton P.M. 1458 P.P.G.D.C., Robert Dottie P.M. 1161, Sam Luke J.D. 2363, W. A. Bacon, and others.

Besides those already mentioned, there were present Bros. Chas. S. Lowe P.M. 764 P.P.S.G.W., G. R. Brady P.M. 322 P.P.G.D. (Cheshire), Henry Lomas P.M. 323 P.P.S. of W., Col. S. W. Wilkinson P.M. P.P.G.S.W. (Cheshire), Jas. E. Smith P.M. 210, Sam Bamford P.M. 1011, G. T. Lenard P.M. 1077, F. S. Bellhouse W.M. 322, W. Wood W.M. 323, John Orme W.M. 1459, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, Arthur C. K. Smith Treas. 2554, and Henry Wood 2464.

Bro. James W. Abbott P.M. Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, whose portrait we reproduce in this issue, is a well-known Manchester personality, not only Masonically speaking, but in commercial circles also. For many years past we have seen his posters placed side by side with other mural literature—true and undisputed signs of a desire to make headway in the struggle which business of the present day inexorably compels. To North of England readers of this notice it will scarcely be necessary to say that he is a printer, and that his premises are situate in Fennel Street, Manchester, where he has been located for a period of 33 years. How he has managed to devote so much time to Freemasonry and yet keep pace with the requirements of his numerous customers, will be best answered by the fact that he is not governed by impulse; he possesses every qualification of inherent strength which can formulate, devise, and supervise, and, untinged by any traditional formalism, he can be firm without ostentation, and rigidly exact without being misunderstood or decried. Both in Freemasonry and in business he seems to be governed by rules and regulations almost as stringent and obligatory as one of those vermilion edicts of a Chinese emperor, which binds to strict and uncompromising duty. No wonder then that he has been successful where other men would have failed, and as an instance of this we may cite that in the year 1884 the Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire Col. Starkie appointed him as Prov. Gr. Asst. Dir. of Cers., while in 1885 he sent him another step higher, to that of Prov. Gr. Dep. Dir. of Cers., and in the following year (1886) still further advanced him to the position of Prov. Gr. Dir. of Cers.

He is a Life Governor of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and for several years has been a member of the relief and education boards in connection therewith. He is a Mark Mason, having been advanced in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 34, where, however, he did not take any office. In 1872 he joined the Lodge of Instruction, No. 581, and was in office for 14 years, either as Treasurer or Secretary. At the present moment he holds the high position of Preceptor to this Lodge, having nearly completed his third year of office. During this latter period the number of members has considerably increased, and it is due, without doubt, to Bro. Abbott's popularity as principal Officer.

He was one of the Founders of the Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459, consecrated over 20 years ago, and was its first Junior Warden, as also its second Senior Warden, he having been invested and placed in the chair on each occasion by the late Bro. Romaine Callender, M.P., Deputy Prov. Gr. Master of East Lancashire. In connection with this Lodge he was Treasurer for seven years, at the expiration of which time the members presented him with a handsome Past Treasurer's jewel of special design. He was also urgently solicited on more than one occasion to accept the principal chair, but declined for the reason that the high and exalted position of Master was due in his mother Lodge, the Egerton, No. 1030, and he was not desirous of holding such office in duality. He is still a subscribing member to the Ashbury Lodge.

Bro. Abbott's connection with the Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, which now numbers about forty members, is only of two years duration, but this institution, of which he was founder, has made its mark throughout Manchester, and will stand as a memento of his unswerving devotion to the cause of Freemasonry.

To give another instance of his indefatigability, he has paid upwards of ninety visits to Lodges in his own Province, and is well known as a sound, faithful, and correct worker of all the ceremonies of Craft Masonry, being frequently called upon to take that of installation in various parts of the Province, as reported in this journal.

In conclusion, although Bro. Abbott may not assume the gentle, deferent air which is often attractive in a man, yet his punctilious conscientiousness has gained for him a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and if he is content to accept without cavil this our eulogy of him, which, after all, is only a deceduous laurel, we portend that the time must come when his work will undoubtedly claim for him an honoured place in the hagiology of East Lancashire Freemasonry.

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BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 1168.

THE installation of Bro. W. B. Wildman as Master took place in the new Lodge Room, at Sherborne, on Tuesday, 27th ult., when amongst the Brethren present were the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Colonel Brymer, M.P. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. A. J. Drews P.M. A banquet was afterwards held at the Digby Hotel.

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ST. ELETH LODGE, No. 1488.

THE annual installation took place on Tuesday, 3rd inst., at Amlwch, Bro. John Hughes (Frondeg) being installed into the chair by Bro. Gunn I.P.M., and Bro. J. Williams P.M. There was a large attendance of visiting Brethren, the W.M. being very popular in the district.

WYCOMBE LODGE, No. 1501.

THE installation meeting was held in the Lodge Room, Amersham Hill, High Wycombe, on Thursday, 22nd ult., there being a very large and influential gathering of Masons from all parts of Bucks and the adjoining counties, including the Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire Lord Addington.

After the usual formal business had been transacted, Bro. J. J. Simcox W.M.-elect was installed by Bro. H. Hambling W.M.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hambling for his services during the past year.

Lodge being closed the Brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a sumptuous banquet was put upon the tables by Bro. J. Bowden, of the White Hart Hotel.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

The Provincial Grand Master, in responding to his health, which was proposed with that of the other Provincial Officers, by Bro. P.M. Rutland, made an eloquent speech, in the course of which his lordship expressed his pleasure at being present. Masonry, he said, was older than monarchs or democracy. It was as old as the Bible, and had cemented high and low, rich and poor, in one almighty brotherhood. He urged that charity was the beginning and end of Freemasonry, and in carrying out its principles they were doing the work of their Maker. There was no problem more difficult than the dealing with the vagrant poor and the aged and distressed, and if a man was capable of being a master of a workhouse, as was their W.M. that evening, he was capable of being the master of a Lodge whose first principle should be the relief of distressed Brethren in every sphere of life. Other toasts followed.

LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1760.

THE annual installation meeting was held at Scarborough, on Wednesday, 28th ult., when Bro. A. J. Lowe was inducted into the chair as ruler for the year. The usual banquet followed, at the Royal Hotel.

HADRIAN LODGE, No. 1970.

ON Tuesday, 3rd inst., the annual meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Ingham Street, South Shields.

Bro. L. M. Snowdon W.M. presided, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The W.M.-elect Bro. J. J. Runcieman was presented for installation by Bro. G. Harland P.M. P.P.J.G.D., and the ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., who was afterwards presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge, and as a mark of esteem from the Brethren.

Bro. Runcieman having received the congratulations of the visiting Brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Subsequently the annual banquet was held, an excellent dinner being served by Bro. W. H. Curry. Bro. Runcieman W.M. presided, supported by Bro. R. Hudson Provincial Grand Secretary Durham, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the members of the Masonic choir and other Brethren rendering various glees and songs.

ARMY AND NAVY LODGE, No. 1971.

BY permission of the committee of the Officers' Club, this Lodge will in future meet at the Club House. It is believed that the new arrangement will be advantageous in several ways, says the "Aldershot News," especially as it will afford greater convenience to Officers attending the Lodge.

The first assembly at the Club House was on the evening of the 22nd ult., on the occasion of the installation of the Worshipful Master for the year. It was at the unanimous wish of the Lodge that Bro. Colonel John Davis, A.D.C., had consented to accept a second year of office, and he was duly installed by Bro. Surgeon-Major Grier. The Worshipful Master was also the recipient of a handsome Past Master's jewel, presented to him in acknowledgment of his services in the chair during the past year.

A banquet, served by Mr. Peters, the Club Steward, followed the installation. The W.M. presided, and was well supported, there being a good assemblage of members and visitors, among the latter Bro. Richard Eve P.G.Treas.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 2042.

FOR the first time in the history of this Lodge, the wives, sisters, and other lady relatives and friends were entertained to dinner at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Friday evening, 30th ult., by the members of the Lodge, and so much interest was taken in the gathering that 115 sat down to a substantial banquet, including all the delicacies of the season, served by Bro. Casey in his best style.

The Worshipful Master Bro. Harry Round Prov.G.Std. occupied the chair, and was supported by the Past Masters of the Lodge and others.

The usual loyal toasts having been enthusiastically given and received, the musical Brethren, of whom there are a vast number in the Apollo, gave those present a choice programme of the very best selections, they providing their own orchestra, led by Bro. E. Clayton.

It need hardly be said that the whole proceedings were marked by a degree of enthusiasm and good fellowship seldom witnessed outside the Masonic fraternity, remarks the "Liverpool Post," and much of the success was due to Bros. Round, Nicholls, Lane, Kirby, Dunn and Howell, who had the arrangements in hand.

ANDERIDA LODGE, No. 2434.

ON Wednesday, 21st ult., the annual meeting took place at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, when Bro. W. F. Trydell was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

SHIRLEY WOOLMER LODGE, No. 2530.

THERE was much interest manifested on Tuesday, 20th inst., in the meeting of this Lodge, owing to the installation of Bro. Edward Layton, of Sidcup House, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Layton is well-known in the district, taking part as he does in all social movements, and being ever ready and willing to place his dramatic abilities at the service of the neighbourhood for the assistance of the funds of its various deserving Institutions. By the unanimous vote of the Brethren of the Lodge he was elected their Worshipful Master, in succession to the popular and indefatigable Bro. Edward Blanks. There was a large gathering of Brethren.

One of the first and most pleasing duties of the W.M. was the presentation to Bro. E. Blanks of a handsome Past Master's jewel, he accompanying the same with some appropriate remarks, eulogistic of the able and energetic services rendered by the W.M. during his year of office.

Bro. E. Blanks having expressed his thanks and appreciation of the kindness of the Brethren, the Lodge was closed, after settling several business matters.

At six o'clock the Brethren adjourned to the Charing Cross Hotel, London, where the banquet was held. By the kindness of Bro. C. Sheath two special saloon carriages were provided by the South Eastern Railway Company, at Sidcup station, and the Brethren were able to reach the hotel about seven o'clock in comfort. About fifty guests sat down to dinner, which was provided in the grand dining saloon, and was all that could be wished, the menu being of a recherché character.

METROPOLITAN.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

THIS well known Lodge met at their regular home, the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. T. B. Fullwood W.M., who was supported by Bros. F. J. Denton S.W., Henry Davis J.W., John Elliott P.M. Treasurer acting Sec., W. Baddeley S.D., J. Jacobs J.D., Victor Romilly I.G., James Harding P.M. Tyler, also J. Harris, C. Lee, A. E. Webster, Maurice Woolf, A. Pennington, Louis Eisler, H. Simon, Robert Eddie, W. Hawkins P.M., and several others.

Visitor: Bro. G. S. Collins 2192.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. had the pleasure of initiating Mr. Louis Eisler, who was duly admitted to a participation in the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Other Brethren who were candidates to be raised and passed were unavoidably prevented from attending. The Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was awaiting them, the customary toasts being subsequently given.

STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE regular monthly meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., on Thursday, under the presidency of Bro. Will. George Mills W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Guer S.W., T. Taylor J.W., George G. Symons P.M. Treas., J. C. Burgess Sec., F. Ockelford S.D., Edwd. J. Stafford J.D., J. L. Dennett Org., John Jenkinson I.G., Leonard S. Fountaine P.M., W. R. S. Emerson and C. J. C. Jones Stewards, G. Mallett P.M. Tyler, G. H. Dove P.M., D. A. Langdon P.M., A. Marnock Whitby P.M., P. E. Hunt P.M., J. G. Cobb P.M. P.P.G. S.B. Herts, W. L. Bassett, J. H. Luchbold, E. M. Hall, A. Davis, Charles J. Brown, J. J. Berry, S. Armfield, A. Smith, E. Thornicroft, J. Briggs, A. Preager, M. Ashford, W. Sammes, C. Yates, T. L. Dennett, H. Reed, Arthur Leonard Simmons, F. Gebringer, E. J. Vidler, and many others.

Among the Visitors were Bros. Hubert Ballard 907, William Kietmess P.M. 176, Phillips Sharpe P.M. 869, E. Martin Southwell P.M. 1429, N. C. Greeve J.W. 2096, George Page jun. 186, N. Jepson P.M. 1076, A. Stokes W.M. 1803, Hollinghurst 1524, and several others.

The Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, the minutes were read and confirmed, and in due course the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. William L. Bassett was raised as a Fellow Craft.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Mr. Arthur Leonard Simmons was regularly admitted to a participation in the mysteries of the Order, the working of the presiding Officer in this, as in the second degree, being highly appreciated.

Bro. John Briggs was elected as a Joining Member, regrets at absence were recorded from several Brethren, and other business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed in due form, after which the Brethren repaired to the banquet room, where an excellent repast awaited them, the reputation of the Guildhall Tavern being well sustained on this occasion. The service was under the personal supervision of Bro. James Marcham, who evinced every desire to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of the company.

At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toast list was gone through, the candidate thanking the Master and Brethren for his initiation, and suitably acknowledging the reception accorded him.

PRUDENT BRETHREN LODGE, No. 145.

A SUCCESSFUL and highly interesting meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday of last week, Brother J. E. Gerlach W.M.

The Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and other preliminary business transacted. Messrs. Edward H. Whiston, William Bartlett, William Offord, and Ernest G. Watkins, having received Masonic introduction and report, were admitted to the Order. The Master opened the Lodge in the second degree, Bro. Bullock entered through. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bros. Burg and Craggs received the benefits of this.

Bros. Alfred Barrell, Camden Lodge, No. 704 and Francis T. Lyle, Peace and Concord Lodge, No. 445, were received as joining members.

The Master resumed the Lodge in the first degree, when some interesting business was transacted. Among communications came announcement of the death of Bro. Henry Dowding, and a message of sympathy from the Lodge was arranged to be sent to P.M. Bro. Harry Dowding. A letter of hope for speedy and full recovery was also arranged to be forwarded by Bro. Secretary to Bro. Bull Treasurer. The Masonic business being concluded the Lodge was closed.

After the banquet, which was well served in the Glee Room, the Master proposed the primal toasts, each of which had full recognition.

The I.P.M., in proposing continued health and happiness to the W.M., said that the Master had set the lead of brevity upon all speakers, and how-

ever tempting the opportunity might be, the Master's law must be obeyed. The proposition was, though, one that would be so popular that it did not require any speech to obtain a hearty recognition.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the company for the cordial way the proposition had been received, and assured them that the Prudent Brethren Lodge always had his care. He trusted that his full endeavours to carry out the duties of the Lodge in the way that a Master should, would always meet with their satisfaction. In appreciative terms he gave the toast of the I.P.M.

The I.P.M. having briefly returned thanks, the Master submitted the proposition of the Initiates, assuring them not only of a welcome, but that the higher offices of Freemasonry were open to all who devoted attention and study to the science.

Bros. Bartlett, Whiston, Offord and Watkins having briefly replied, the Master gave the toast of the Visitors, to whom he expressed thanks for their company, which was highly appreciated always by the Brethren of the Lodge.

Replies were given by Bros. Wilson, Mackintosh and Watkins.

In proposing the Treasurer and Secretary the Master read a letter from Bro. Treasurer giving fraternal good wishes to the Lodge, and the hope that his health would soon permit him to rejoin their assemblies. After a humorous reply from Bro. Haswell Secretary, the Master proposed the Past Masters, to whom he extended thanks for their continued interest.

Bro. Coleman, on behalf of his colleagues and himself, expressed obligations for the courteous language and reception of the proposition.

To the toast of the Officers, Bro. Veare J.W. gave assurance of devotion to the Lodge and loyalty to the Master.

Bro. P.M. Murray, in an interesting speech of some detail, alluded to the importance of the three Institutions, and advanced a hope that the Prudent Brethren Lodge would be found enrolled among the good supporters of them.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which were business-like and cordial throughout.

Full credit is due to W.M. Bro. Gerlach, says the "Holborn Guardian," for his excellent working in all the ceremonies, and for his complete readiness in all of them, a tribute which will be the more easily appreciated beyond the Lodge, as it was within the Lodge, when it is remembered that there were all of the three ceremonies to work, and that the whole, including routine and other business, was accomplished in two and-a-half hours.

There was an excellent musical programme, accompanied by Bro. A. Wilson, the accomplished vocalist and Organist of the Lodge, and in which Bros. Hampton, Gabe, Taylor, Barrell and Kinnard took part.

ASAPH LODGE, No. 1319.

THE twenty-seventh installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, 2nd inst.

The Lodge was established in 1870 for the convenience of members of the musical and dramatic professions. Originating with the musical profession, the Lodge was named after Asaph, "the sweet singer of Israel," but music and the drama being so closely connected, the Lodge membership is pretty equally distributed between the two professional branches, and the Masters and other Officers of the Lodge have also been similarly chosen.

Bro. C. C. Cruikshanks was the Master for 1895-96, and he presided on Monday at the opening business of the Lodge; but as Bro. F. H. Macklin, the Master for 1894-95, was in America last November with Bro. Henry Irving's company, and consequently was not able to instal Bro. Cruikshanks, the latter Brother ceded to him the installation of Bro. George Johnson, an old and well-known member of the Lyceum company, as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months.

Bro. Cruikshanks was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel. The Brethren, after the appointment of the new Officers, dined at Freemasons' Tavern, says the "Daily Chronicle," and enjoyed a splendid selection of music between the speeches.

CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

A WELL-attended and successful meeting was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, 21st ult., Bro. James Speller P.M. P.P.G.D. Essex acting W.M.

The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Allan F. Caudwell and J. E. V. Oldham were passed. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and for this Mr. John Ward and Mr. William H. Hunt, having received proposal and report, were admitted. The next business before the Lodge was the choice by the Brethren of the Worshipful Master, the call coming to Bro. John Mansell S.W., and this being duly acknowledged, Bro. James J. Stockall P.M. was re-chosen as Treasurer. Other interestingly important matters were brought before the Master, and with the disposal of some of them and the adjournment of others, the Lodge was closed, says the "Holborn Guardian."

At the banquet, the Master Bro. Dr. W. J. Hunter P.M. presided, and afterwards briefly proposed the toasts which always have precedence of the Masonic list, and these having been fully honoured, the I.P.M., in felicitous and hopeful terms, that will be well understood, proposed the Lodge's wish for "Good health to the W.M." who, for reasons that will also be well understood, very briefly replied.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. Rose P.M. in a happy speech proposed the Initiates, to which both responded.

Bro. the Hon. Massey-Mainwaring, M.P., in a speech of welcome proposed the Visitors, to which replies were given, among others, by Bros. T. J. Bolton W.M. Rothesay Lodge, John Tovell P.M., Edward Dimes I.G. Kingsland Lodge, and the other visitors.

Bro. James Speller P.M. proposed the Lodge Officers, to which Bro. J. J. Stockall Treas. responded, and other proposals having been honoured, Bro. Thomas gave the Tyler's toast, which closed the business-like and very happy proceedings.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

ON the 2nd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., Bros. Eidmans W.M., Winny S.W., Fitch J.W., Westley Preceptor, Andrews Sec., Trotter S.D., McLewin J.D., Trotter I.G., E. L. Cheese, Sparke, and Spratt.

Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Trotter and Brethren worked the first and second sections of the lecture.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Sparke acting as candidate. Bro. Winny was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

AT the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., on Tuesday, Bro. T. Fullwood W.M. 25 W.M., E. C. Mulvey P.M. Preceptor, W. R. Davis S.W., H. Raphael J.W., J. Blundell P.M. Treas., T. Casely P.M. Sec., Eardley S.D., J. Maurice J.D., W. M. Taylor W.M.-elect 1563 I.G., J. Mason, C. Bonham P.M., A. Pettit, J. W. Williams, J. Thom P.M., Genese, W. Truman, H. Cross, H. Phillips, W. A. Shaw, F. Pollitzer, A. Cogliati, J. Marcus, H. Mullins, H. Kobelt, J. Austin, J. Wynman, W. J. Styles, H. Roberts, B. Dukes, J. Silletoe, and several others.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bro. Genese was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the same Brother acting as candidate.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. Dukes having answered the questions leading from the first to the second, was examined, entrusted, and subsequently passed as a Fellow Craft.

Great credit is due to the W.M. for his most perfect working; praise is also due to the Officers and the Preceptor for their most excellent assistance. Bro. Shaw and Bro. Pollitzer were elected members. Bro. W. R. Davis will preside at the next meeting.

PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

A MOST successful meeting was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., on Saturday, 31st ult., when the fifteen sections were worked by the Brethren of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction.

The meeting was held under the presidency of Bro. H. G. Gush P.M. 1541, with Bros. J. A. Powell 186 S.W., J. H. Gaskin P.M. 1897 J.W., I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 Preceptor, F. Stallard P.M. 1603 Sec., A. W. Fenner P.M. 1693 Assist. Secretary, J. H. Wood P.M. 145 S.D., Park J.D., W. T. Oakley I.G., other members, and visitors:—Bro. G. A. Peters, E. Hill, W. Fitch, R. Heslop, L. Cohen, H. Hill P.M., J. W. Gaskin, J. Carter, S. Carlton, H. J. Cally, John Powell, Payne, E. Glass, Joseph Jacobs, Bishop, R. Heslop, J. R. Jones, H. E. Williams, J. Mole, J. W. Alderman, John Coulthard, H. Dean, Robinson, A. Watkins, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and several others.

The sections were worked in accordance with the programme given in our issue of the 24th ult., except that Bro. Cohen took the second section of the first lecture, in place of Bro. R. P. Walkden, who was unavoidably absent at the start; Bro. T. Cull P.M. 1446 Preceptor of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction took the sixth section, in place of Bro. Hodges; Bro. J. A. Powell acting S.W. the ninth, in place of Bro. Witte; Bro. H. Hill P.M. 1305 the tenth, in place of Bro. Snelling; and Bro. R. P. Walkden P.M. 1366 the fifteenth, thus changing places with Bro. I. P. Cohen.

After the working it was proposed by Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. Preceptor, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the most perfect and able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair; the W.M. having been already elected an Hon. Member he could but wish they could confer some further honour upon him. He again thanked him most sincerely. The proposal was seconded by Bro. H. Hill P.M., and unanimously supported by the members and visitors alike.

The W.M., in acknowledgment, said he most sincerely thanked them for the vote of thanks, but he had specially to thank Bro. Cohen for his kind assistance, as it was nearly eight years since he has worked the fifteen sections; whenever they might require his services they only had to make a call upon him, and he would willingly do all that lay in his power.

The W.M. proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Brethren who had worked the different sections, also to Bro. Powell S.W., for his able assistance, to which vote the S.W. made suitable response.

The following Brethren were elected members:—Jos. Jacobs, J. Robinson, A. Watkins, E. Williams, R. P. Walkden P.M., while Honorary Membership was conferred on Bro. J. Wynman, our representative, which latter compliment we fully appreciate, as evidence of a desire to recognise the assistance we continually strive to give to different Instruction Lodges in our midst. The Instruction Lodge is held every Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

ON Wednesday, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., Bro. J. Goldstein W.M., A. Zapperfeld S.W., G. Hill P.M. J.W., J. Paul P.M. Preceptor, J. Thom P.M. Asst. Preceptor, W. E. Millby P.M. Sec., T. W. Snale P.M. Asst. Sec., J. Leather S.D., H. Parker J.D., E. Bissell I.G., W. Proctor Tyler, T. A. Tidy, J. Mason, J. Wynman, and several others.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the first and second sections were worked by the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beedle candidate, after which the W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Leather, when Bro. Mason was entrusted and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Goldstein for his faultless working on this, the first occasion of his presidency in this Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Zapperfeld will preside at next meeting.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

ON Wednesday, 4th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., Bros. Taylor W.M., Ashplant S.W., Steward J.W., H. Marks W.M. 1563 acting Preceptor, Swift Sec., Watts S.D., Feldman J.D., Homer I.G., Long Tyler, Nielson, S. Marks, J. Wynman, J. Townsend, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Marks candidate. Bro. Nielson answered the questions leading to the second degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed, he representing the candidate. Lodge being resumed to the first degree the Master invested the Officers. Bro. Ashplant was elected to preside on Wednesday next.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

AT the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Thursday, Bro. W. Humphrey W.M., O. Lemaire S.W., H. G. Walker J.W., H. G. Foam P.M.

Preceptor, E. L. Berry W.M. 2473 acting Secretary, E. Parsons S.D., J. Wise J.D., H. A. Kynsey I.G., Lewis, A. Cogliati, McArthur, W. Parsons, W. Dennis, C. Groves, P. Leach, J. Wynman, Lewis, and several others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. McArthur acting as candidate, and the ceremony of passing, with Bro. W. Parsons as candidate. Afterwards the W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. L. Berry W.M. 2473, when Bro. Parsons answered the questions leading to the third degree, which ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. Dennis as candidate.

The W.M. resuming his chair and the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. Past Master C. Groves was elected a member, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for having occupied the chair for the first time in such an able manner, to which compliment the W.M. suitably responded. Bro. O. Lemaire was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE, No. 1623.

ON Wednesday, at Bro. Charles Fink's, City Scotch Stores, Knighttrider Street, E.C., Bro. C. Fink W.M., J. Weinell P.M. S.W., Jos. Hoffmann J.W., J. F. Rumball P.M. Sec., J. J. Howes P.M. Treas., J. Wynman S.D., H. J. Lardner P.M. Preceptor acting J.D., E. Hipwell I.G., and others.

Bro. Lardner, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first, second and third sections of the first lecture. The W.M. continued with the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wynman as candidate. The working of the W.M. and the Preceptor gave satisfaction to all present.

It was proposed by Bro. Lardner, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the most perfect working of the W.M., who had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. The S.W. Bro. Weinell P.M. will be in the chair next Wednesday, at 7.30, and we hope he will have a good attendance, as his ability as a worker is well known.

CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

AT the Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, on Friday, 30th ult., Bros. E. Henry W.M., G. H. Lutchford S.W., J. Le Beau J.W., J. W. Doubtfire S.D., N. B. Ladler J.D., S. C. Smith I.G., C. Weeden Preceptor, E. Dimes Secretary.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hunt acting as candidate. Bros. Hunt and Ward answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Palmer as candidate. Bro. Hunt, of the Mother Lodge, was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Lutchford chosen as W.M. for next meeting.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON Friday, 30th ult., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Bro. Gordon Lerner W.M., Jeanes S.W., Jones J.W., Dunstan P.M. Preceptor, Bird P.M. Treasurer, G. Clark P.M., I. P. Cohen P.M., C. J. Davison P.M., Harry Willsmer Secretary, Walter Clark, Jackson, Witte, Platt, Bishop Organist, Ginder, Friedlander, Jackson, Jno. Howard, &c.

The first and second ceremonies were rehearsed, then the first section worked, and the charge in the first degree given by the W.M.

A meeting of the Masonic Charities Association was held, Bro. Dunstan President in the chair, supported by the Treasurer, Secretary, Committee, and several members. Five ballots were taken for Life Subscriberships, Bros. Bird, Taylor, T. H. Clark, Barnes and James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I. being the successful members.

REGENT'S PARK LODGE, No. 2202.

THIS Lodge, which is so well known for excellent working, under the Preceptorship of Bro. G. Wood P.M., held its usual meeting at the Frascati, Oxford Street, on Monday, Bro. A. Carlsh W.M., W. E. Lane S.W., J. Wilkins J.W., G. Wood P.M. Preceptor, G. Lane P.M. Sec., W. J. Reynold Asst. Sec., A. W. Sims S.D., J. C. R. Strong J.D., A. Pettit I.G., J. Scarlett, J. W. Williams, Goldstein, J. Osborne, A. J. Ward, J. S. Bowles, Andrews, J. Passingham, J. Moir, A. R. Brown, J. B. Pinchbeck, A. J. Ward, T. Ward, J. Wynman, F. H. Vant, H. R. Eungblut, G. Clappitt.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the first section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. W. Williams, and the second by Bro. G. Wood P.M. Preceptor. The W.M. continued with the rehearsing of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. J. Ward acting as candidate.

Bro. W. E. Lane was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. Ballots for the Benevolent Fund were taken, and resulted in favour of Bros. T. Bowles, J. B. Pinchbeck, and G. Clappitt.

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