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## UNSOUGHT PREFERMENT.

WE are asked to define the position of a Brother elected to the chair of his Lodge contrary to his expressed wish, and as proof that such a contingency is possible are referred to the case of a Scotch Lodge which is petitioning to set aside its last election, alleging that its present Master did not wish to be elected, protested when installed, and is still averse to fulfilling the duties of the chair. Further than this, the petitioners allege that the election was invalid, as it was conducted in the third degree—a combination of strange circumstances seldom met with, we imagine, in connection with the Mastership of a Masonic Lodge, but going far to prove that in Freemasonry, as in the outside world, it is the unexpected that sometimes happens.

Our correspondent remarks that his queries are based on what many will regard as an absurd foundation, but suggests that the discussion of the possibilities associated with such a case may prove a healthy recreation, and is desirable for the reason that it is likely to interest some of those who have a taste for studying what is possible or probable in connection with the everyday work of our Lodges. But apart from all this we may join in the query of our correspondent, and ask—what is the position of a Brother elected to the chair of his Lodge against his inclination? In doing so we fully recognise the possibility of such a contingency.

Referring to the Book of Constitutions we find it set down, in Rule 130, that “every Lodge shall annually . . . . . elect its Master by ballot . . . . . The ballot shall be declared in favour of the member . . . . . who obtains the largest number of the votes of the Brethren present and voting. At the next regular meeting . . . . . if the minutes be confirmed so far, at least, as relates to the election of Master, he shall . . . . . be duly installed in the chair,” all of which seems to imply that it is not optional for a Brother to refuse the position of Master, supposing he has “the greatness thrust upon him;” but surely it was never intended to compel a Brother to act in the position of Worshipful Master against his will, however remote such a possibility may appear at the present moment.

It seems to us the law is quite explicit on the point, and that not only would it be contrary to the regulations of the Craft for a Brother to decline to serve, but it would be illegal for the members of the Lodge to proceed to a second ballot, provided the Brother selected on the first expressed a desire to be excused. The ballot must be declared in favour of the member who obtains the largest number of votes, and once being declared it seems to us there is an end of the matter, if the strict letter of the law is to be adhered to; and to depart from it is only opening the way to trouble, supposing any individual member chose to bring the question forward as a violation of the regulations.

In regard to the Scottish case quoted by our correspondent, it seems the Brother there elected to the chair protested at the time of his installation; and many will argue that if his

protest was really in earnest the matter might have ended there, so far as he was concerned; it appears to us a Brother who really objected to the office of Master would only need to refuse to take the position when he was asked the regular question prior to obligation as Master-elect, and undoubtedly here is the opportunity for declining what most Brethren regard as a great honour, but which some might feel unequal or unwilling to undertake. Let us for a moment pause and consider what confusion such a course would entail in a Lodge—surely the possibility would seem to point to the necessity for some other method of getting over such a difficulty, but as this loophole is provided we may leave the subject here, feeling sure that ample provision has been made for the few who may have preferment thus objectionably thrust upon them.

There is, however, another item in our correspondent's record of the Scotch proceedings which may be touched upon on the present occasion—the petitioners argue that the election referred to was wholly illegal, as it was conducted in the third degree. We are aware that it is customary for elections and similar proceedings to take place in a Lodge to which Entered Apprentices are as eligible as Master Masons, or in other words in a Lodge not opened beyond the first degree, but we cannot find any definite law upon the point, and, provided that no member of a Lodge was precluded from voting in consequence of the Lodge being opened up, there does not appear to be any actual illegality in taking the ballot in the second or third degree. True, custom rules otherwise, but would an unwritten law of this character be sufficient to nullify an election, supposing such was carried through in a Master Mason or Fellow Craft Lodge?

We frequently receive evidence from various parts of the country as to the gradual deterioration of the Royal Arch under the rule of the Grand Chapter of England, caused, for the most part, by the lack of interest displayed by the majority of the members of the Degree. Is Grand Chapter itself following in the same direction? It would almost appear so, or its officials would not send out such a meagre looking summons for one of the Quarterly Convocations of the year as that calling the meeting for Wednesday next. Economy is a virtue, but we cannot believe it is necessary to practice it to the extent it is being done in this particular. The expenditure of two or three shillings extra each quarter on better paper, and an intimation to the printer that suitable commas are to be had at a small cost would make this one of the few official documents issued by Grand Chapter look more presentable. Many a small tradesman would refuse to send out handbills got up so slovenly.

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A Committee of Officers was appointed by the Hugh Owen Lodge, No. 2593, on the 11th ult., for the purpose of forming a Lodge of Instruction, and we now have the pleasure of announcing that the first meeting of this new Masonic school was arranged to be held at the Restaurant Frascati, 30 Oxford Street, W., yesterday (Friday) at 8 o'clock, when the Bye-Laws were to be submitted for approval, and a Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary appointed. We hope to have the opportunity of recording the doings of this Lodge of Instruction on many future occasions.

### MASONIC UNITY IN INDIA.

ON Tuesday evening, the 15th ult., Lord Sandhurst Pro District Grand Master of Bombay under the English Constitution attended a meeting of Lodge St. George, where a degree was conferred on Captain Walton, the acting Military Secretary to his Excellency. Lord Sandhurst, at a later hour paid a casual visit to Lodge Rising Star of Western India, where the ceremony of installing a new Master was being performed.

The new Master thanked his Excellency for his presence, remarking that he felt particularly proud that, on his installation, the Lodge had had, for the first time during its existence of more than half a century, the honour of a visit from such a distinguished Freemason as the Governor of the Presidency. His Excellency was soon to be installed as Grand Master of "All Scottish Freemasonry in India," an office at present held by Bro. J. W. Smith, who desired that, in the interest of the Craft, it was both prudent and advisable that the high and distinguished Mason who held the hiram of the English Constitution, should also be Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution. The installation is to take place at an early date, when his Excellency will occupy a truly unique position as the head of the Craft under both Constitutions.

Lord Sandhurst in the first place thanked the members of the Lodge for according him such a hearty welcome, and regretted that he could not stay with them at the banquet (which he would do the next time he visited the Lodge), on account of a prior engagement. The new Worshipful Master had referred in his speech to his presiding at no distant date over the Scottish Freemasonry in India, extending over such a wide area, but he might state and acknowledge that in succeeding Bro. Smith in that position he would be at a very great disadvantage, because they all knew full well what ability and zeal he had brought to bear on the duties of the high office entrusted to him. He would like to add that he did not think that it would depend upon the name and title of the individual who might for the time being be at the head of Scottish Freemasonry in India, which had now taken a deep root and was firmly planted, to ensure its success, but he hoped, when the time came, to do his best to preserve the dignity of the office and to work zealously in the cause of Freemasonry. As remarked by the Worshipful Master there was no competition between English and Scotch Freemasonry, both of them having the same end in view, namely, to do their best for the Craft. It would be a matter of great pride to him on the 21st of January next to be surrounded by Freemasons, he hoped, of both the Constitutions, when he went to lay the foundation stone of the new Masonic Temple. The Worshipful Master had been good enough to say that it was owing to his (the speaker's) endeavours and to the personal interest he took in the matter that the scheme was brought within a measurable distance of accomplishment, but he did not claim that credit to himself because he had been more than ably seconded in his small endeavours by Bro. G. O. Dunn, one of the prominent members of the Hall Committee. He would be proud to be surrounded on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone by all the Freemasons in Bombay, but he looked forward with greater pride and satisfaction to the fact that at no distant date they would all meet together in the Temple, the construction of which it was hoped the committee would not leave a stone unturned to finish as soon as practicable. He had listened with great pleasure to the allusion the Worshipful Master had made in regard to the generous donations made by the Lodge, and hoped that such donations would be augmented. In conclusion he wished the Lodge every success.

Bro. Fazulbhoy Visram then proposed that Lord Sandhurst be elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge. The proposal was received with great applause. Lord Sandhurst thanked the Lodge for the honour sought to be done to him, and then left.—"Bombay Gazette."

### MASONIC TITLES.

IT seems to the writer, resultant from a somewhat extended observation, that the common and indiscriminate use of so-called Masonic titles has reached a point where it might be discontinued to the advantage of all Masonic Societies. With the diffusion of knowledge respecting the various branches of the Masonic fraternity which prevails to a much greater extent among those not of their membership than was formerly the case, these alphabetical prefixes to the names of men seem out of date. Inside the bodies the use of such titles may be excusable, but only in a traditional sense, for even there they are of no force or significance. The printed transactions and laws of these societies are within the reach of every one who wishes information concerning their business and legislation, their

places of meeting and their membership, and in no strict sense are they secret societies except in respect to their ceremonies and the particular signs and phraseology attached thereto. When all these things were considered as proper to be known only to the initiated, *i.e.*, before the day of publishing the transactions, it was a different matter. The title bestowed upon the Master of a Lodge is expressive, dignified and simple; yet he would hardly care to be addressed by it in everyday life, but to be addressed at, or reported as having been present upon some social occasion, as a most potent, or thrice illustrious, or extremely valiant and powerful prince, &c., is imposing upon him a burden which he ought not to be called upon to bear simply because his associates have seen fit to choose him to be the presiding officer of a club, whether Masonic or otherwise. To see a newspaper account of a social or fraternal gathering, with the name of each participant attached to a large percentage of the alphabet, is to many thinking people arrant nonsense, and tends to belittle the Masonic societies and make them and their members ridiculous in the eyes of such. The use of these bombastic titles ought no longer to be tolerated, especially out of doors, and while there may be no impropriety in furnishing information for publication concerning social gatherings of Masons when the same is sought, it would appear in much better form if no official designations to all were to be given, or if they were, to confine them closely at those which most briefly describe the functions of the Officer mentioned, such as Master, Commander, &c., avoiding all superfluities in that line. Those high sounding titles, whether abbreviated or not, confer no dignity upon the Brother who bears them, or the society which bestows them, and, excepting the one or two above mentioned, mean simply the presiding Officer and his associates; so that while a Brother who has gracefully responded to a sentiment or made a pleasing address at a banquet (which is usually a commonplace collation, and a banquet by courtesy only) may be referred to in the newspaper of next morning as a Valiant and V.M.G. and T.I.G.P., &c., will likely enough be the party who opens the door to admit the members when the Body is in session.

Such extravagance in the use of language if ever of any use or sense (which is a matter of doubt) can be of none at the present time. These titles, the use whereof is deprecated, were invented for the purpose of impressing upon the mind of the uninformed Brother the idea that he who bore such a title was of a superior body, or "High Mason," with greater powers and privileges than a Lodge could bestow; but, thanks to the diffusion of Masonic knowledge and the enlightened legislation of Grand Lodges, every one now knows that such is not the case, and the absurd claims of superior rights or powers by virtue of holding such titles, with the right to confer them on others, which were formerly held, are no longer considered; and since those degrees have been placed under a permanent government the opportunities for the Masonic quack have become materially abridged.

Ancient Freemasonry, pure and simple, consists of the three symbolic degrees, no more, no less; and there are none higher, only more of them. The official designations of these symbolic degrees, and of the Officers who administer the affairs appurtenant to them, are as expressive as they are simple and dignified, and the farther we get away from them in the direction of exalted Masonry the more pompous and unmeaning become the official titles. These societies are pleasant and social in their nature, their ceremonies are interesting, their lessons are wholesome and beautifully illustrated, their membership is composed of gentlemen with whom it is a pleasure to be associated, their influence is thoroughly good, and they deservedly have a large place in the estimation of our most intelligent Craftsmen; but the dread of being called upon as an illustrious prince of something or other, in addition to that of being called upon to speak at all, embarrasses one and renders it difficult to live up to one's title. And then, too, there are societies and "rites" constantly being "discovered" and promoted as a part of Masonry, and each succeeding one of these outdoes its predecessor in extravagant nomenclature, and such are not easily distinguished from the established organisations by those not of their membership. This is greatly to the disadvantage of the established Masonic societies, for the reason that the increasing use of these high-sounding titles creates in many minds an impression that they are Masonic and are used in a mock-heroic sense, and that therefore they are a burlesque or travesty and the ceremonies a huge practical joke. There is no doubt whatever of the fact that many men who would like to become members of the Fraternity, and who would be desirable members thereof, are deterred from seeking admission by reason of such impressions. Is it not then in the interest of the various branches of the Fraternity that the use of these lengthy designations be discontinued, and can we not in the name of simplicity adopt the common forms of speech in connection with these pleasant and desirable associations, and thereby render them less liable to be thought frivolous, leaving

to the mushroom organisations, which are every day springing up, the sole use of lofty and meaningless official designations?—Geo. H. Burnham, in "Freemasons Repository."

### MASONRY'S GENIUS AND EFFECTS.

MASONRY has not its limits in any particular country, but flourishes wherever freedom unfurls her banner, and the ensigns of liberty unfold the genius of the arts and sciences. It has enjoyed the approbation of the wise and virtuous of the human race, and has withstood the ravages of time's unsparing hand, triumphing over the maddening rage of infuriated bigots, and the persecuting zeal of proud and haughty tyrants. It has outlived the billowy flood of ancient days, witnessed the downfall of unstable kingdoms, and chanted the requiem of dissolving empires. In every age of the world, and in every country, its principles have been the same, and in the effects which its moral influence has produced upon mankind there has always existed a striking similarity.

Had Masonry been a system of monopolising influence, calculated to rivet the chains of poverty, ignorance, and slavery, upon a portion of our race; had its genius been such as to abridge the rational enjoyments of any part of the community, or corrupt the morals of society, it would long since have been abandoned as an innovation upon the rights and happiness of mankind, and left destitute of any supporters who are worthy of having their names enrolled in the archives of fame. The virtuous harbinger of Immanuel, and the beloved disciple of the immaculate Saviour, would have frowned indignantly upon it had they have found, beneath the cloak of fair pretence, either wickedness or mere frivolity. From its remote antiquity and the incalculable number of philanthropic men who have patronised and encouraged the Institution, and even suffered torture and death in its defence, we may assert without ostentation that Masonry had its origin in virtue, and, for its object, the improvement, interest and welfare of mankind.

The peaceful genius of Freemasonry is a strong evidence of the purity of the Institution.

In the dark ages of the world, when the means of knowledge which we so amply share were beyond the reach of the multitude, Masonry diffused its influence to perpetuate friendship, to neutralise the poison of envy, and to soften the virulence of vindictive passion. Never did it raise the unhallowed standard of persecution, or grasp the reins of civil Government in any nation, or attempt to dictate a religious creed to man. Never has it opposed itself to the legal authorities of any country; but in all kingdoms, and under all governments, its submission, docility and peaceful character have been marked with astonishment. While nations have been struggling for liberty, and tyrants, to ascend the thrones of state, have waded through seas of blood, Masonry has stood firm upon its ancient and imperishable foundations, and bade defiance to the wild commotion of falling kingdoms and crumbling empires.

While a part of the nominal Christian world has been stained with the blood of unhappy victims of its persecuting rage Masonry has stretched forth the hand of charity for the relief of the suffering and the oppressed, and applied the balsam of healing to the wounds of bleeding humanity. But Masonry, which has ever proved the faithful friend of the unfortunate, and the kind angel of condolence, has not escaped the iron rod of religious intolerance. In Spain it has long groaned beneath the disgraceful burden of despotic arrogance, and in different kingdoms it has alternately been the subject of jealousy and oppression. Such persecution and oppression would be less intolerable were it administered by the hand of the idle and openly profane; but when men professedly engaged in promoting the benevolent religion of Jesus Christ resort to the bloody engines of persecution, reason stands aghast, religion drops the tear of regret, and philanthropy discovers in the semblance of Christianity the rugged features of the apocalyptic beast!

We have seen the rise and progress of Masonry, and we have beheld, in times of peril and danger as well as in prosperity and security, the peaceful paths which its votaries have pursued. We now turn to consider the benefits derived from a strict adherence to the principles of the Institution.

(To be continued.)

### WHEN YOU TRAVEL ABROAD.

WE are so often asked the question as to the requirements for American Masons travelling abroad, that the writer gives his experience in various countries. In England and the British possessions generally there are to be found three different

grand bodies: The United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Canada and some other provinces have Provincial Grand Lodges, but they all sprang from these mother grand bodies. The fact is that a great deal of trouble is experienced by travelling Masons from the fact that there is no Grand Lodge of the United States, and no uniformity of diplomas. But you must have a diploma of some kind, and of course with the Lodge seal; then be sure and have the same certified to by the Grand Secretary of your Grand Lodge, whose gold seal goes a great way. The title "Grand" abroad covers a multitude of red tape. A recent letter received by the writer from the Grand Secretary of England states that the diploma is indispensable, as we knew, but in addition they also require now personal identification of the holder. On the continent there are a number of grand bodies, especially in Germany. They are all, however, legitimate, and the various Lodges can be visited on your diploma, and usually there are always present somebody who speaks English to examine it. In Norway, Sweden and Denmark the Brethren are very hospitable, and require only the main signs of recognition. They are out of the way of much imposition and credit you in full faith. In Russia it is best not to seek a Lodge. A Masonic charm or pin will bring some one to see you and greet you outside of police espionage, which is very rigid. In Austria Masonry is forbidden, but Lodges exist there cautiously guarded. In Italy you will find very pleasant friends and many courtesies. In Constantinople, once known, you are the care of the Craft, which flourishes there in luxurious ease, and through them you will be able to visit places closed to the ordinary traveller. In Egypt a Mason is never lost sight of; your rooms are kept fragrant with flowers; you are the guest of those hospitable Brethren; excursions are planned, entertainments of all kinds are gotten up, a visit to the Pasha is arranged, and even a peep into the harem is permitted. On the Nile they keep you company, lunch you amid the ruins of Luxor, and help you climb the Great Pyramid.—"American Tyler."

### FIRE AT A MASONIC HALL.

A DESTRUCTIVE fire occurred at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, in the early hours of the 19th. On the previous evening Bro. E. Bennett, Chief Constable of Kidderminster, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Hope and Charity Lodge, and there was a large assembly at the ceremony and at the banquet which followed. Some hours after the gathering had broken up, Sergeant Mason, who was in the Bull Ring, perceived a smell of burning, and after some difficulty discovered that the fire was in an ante-room at the Masonic Hall. He quickly summoned the fire brigade, and the fire was soon got under, but not till considerable damage had been done to the building, and a large quantity of valuable regalia had been destroyed, including a set belonging to the Mayor (Colonel Talbot). The extent of the damage is at present unknown, as it has not been ascertained how many of the Brethren and Visitors took away their regalia from the hall. The cause of the fire is believed to have been the heating apparatus.—"Birmingham Gazette."

### PEPPING FOREST MUSICAL SOCIETY.

THIS society, of which the Provincial Grand Masters of Sussex and Essex are Presidents, and to which several well-known Brethren belong, gave a "Bohemian" Concert at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, last Saturday. In spite of the wintry weather the arrangements made by the Committee were excellent, and a large number of people were able to be present. Bro. William Shurmur P.P.G.T. presided, and among the more prominent Freemasons who attended were Bros. Nathaniel Fortescue, J. H. Wildash, J. R. Roberts, S. Fortescue, &c. The concert was of high order, and the artistes included such well-known names as Madame Belle Cole, Miss Jessie Hotine, Bro. Harrison Brockbank, Mr. Herbert Emlyn and Mr. Gurney Russell. During the evening a silver tea service and kettle, subscribed for by members of the Society, were presented to Mrs. Alexander Gordon, the amiable and obliging hostess, in recognition of her assistance for some time past.

### THE JERSEY LODGE, No. 2163.

BRO. A. L. BUTTERS W.M.

### THE SIXTH ANNUAL MASONIC BALL

Will be held on Tuesday, 16th February 1897, at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, in aid of the Masonic Charities. Dancing from 8.30 p.m. to 2.0 a.m.

The band will be supplied by Bro. H. R. Lancaster, and the Refreshments by Bro. E. Stephens.

Tickets, which will include refreshments, to admit Lady or Gentleman, 7s 6d.

Application for Tickets should be made to Bro. W. Freemantle, Railway Hotel, Southall; to any of the Stewards; or to the Secretary, on or before Tuesday, 9th February 1897, after which date the price of Tickets will be raised to 10s 6d. Brethren are requested to appear in full Masonic Clothing.

The Green, Southall.

G. HARPER P.M. Secretary.

MASTER Mason, age 24, desirous of going abroad, is open to accept any situation, highest references.—I. c/o Editor, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE,

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

**A** QUARTERLY CONVOCATION of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday next, 3rd February, at six o'clock in the evening.

## BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

## THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th October 1896, to the 19th January 1897, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	-	£1,102	3	11	
" " Unappropriated Account	-	217	19	8	
" Subsequent Receipts	-	531	17	7	
					£1,852 1 2
By Disbursements during the Quarter		£351	10	9	
" Balance	-	1,304	7	3	
" " Unappropriated Account	-	196	3	2	
					£1,852 1 2

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions William Shurmur as Z., John H. Wildash as H., William Harris as J., and twenty-three others for a Chapter to be attached to the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, to be called the "Philbrick Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Walthamstow, Essex.

2nd. From Companions Richard Newhouse as Z., William Fearnside Robinson as H., Andrew Henry Baird as J., and twenty-two others for a Chapter to be attached to the Minerva Lodge, No. 2433, Birkenhead.

3rd. From Companions James Hill as Z., Sydney F. Macway as H., Henry Baldy Buckeridge as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, London.

4th. From Companions James Spiller as Z., Walter Edward Sutton as H., Reuben Loomes as J., and fourteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, London.

The foregoing Petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that, subject to an alteration of the designation of the first named Chapter, it being borne by a neighbouring Lodge which contemplates having a Chapter attached to it, the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received Memorials with extracts of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

"The Harmony Chapter, No. 309, from the Red Lion Hotel, to 31 West Street, Fareham.

"The Fermor Hesketh Chapter," No. 1350, from the County Hall, to the Masonic Hall, Merton Road, Bootle.

"The Montefiore Chapter," No. 1017, from the Café Royal, Regent Street, to the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, London.

"The Frederick Chapter of Unity," No. 452, from the Masonic Hall, to the Public Hall, Croydon.

The Committee having satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee recommend that inasmuch as the Albion Chapter, No. 2020, Woodstock, South Africa, has never been consecrated, and has failed to reply to the summons sent to it by order of Grand Chapter, it be erased.

The Committee recommend that the Philanthropic Chapter, No. 405, Port of Spain, Trinidad, which has made no return of work since 1875, be summoned to show cause why it should not be erased from the Roll of Chapters.

The Committee recommend that the Orion-in-the-West Chapter, No. 405, Poona, Bombay, which has made no return of work since 1878, be summoned to show cause why it should not be erased from the Roll of Chapters.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

20th January 1897.

## ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

**A** MEETING was held on the 27th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, York, when there was a good attendance, Comp. C. M. Forbes M.E.Z. presiding. Two new members were exalted. The installation of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year then took place as follows:—Comp. Rev. C. E. L. Wright Z., H. L. Swift H., and C. Tweedy J.

In the course of other business the M.E.Z. proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Comp. J. Todd, late Treasurer, and expressed the great loss the Chapter had sustained in his death. Comps. G. Kirby, Rev. C. E. Wright, and A. Buckle P.Z. suitably endorsed the remarks of the speaker. The vote was received with becoming silence. Some routine business having been transacted, the Chapter was closed in due form.

## KING EDWIN CHAPTER, No. 660.

**T**HE annual installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Malton, on Tuesday, 12th inst., when Comp. W. H. Rose P.P.G.H. P.Z. was duly installed as Z., John Hudson P.P.G.H. P.Z. as H., and J. W. Marshall P.P.G.O. P.Z. as J.

## SHURMUR CHAPTER, No. 2374.

**A** CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, Essex, on Thursday, 28th inst. Comp. John Byford Z. presided, assisted by Comp. G. Graveley P.Z. A.G.D.O. as H., and Comp. William Gower J. There were also present Comps. William Shurmur P.Z., James Speller P.Z., D. H. McGowan P.Z., S. C. Kaufman P.Z. S.E., C. H. Bestow S.N., Percy Trickett P.S., J. R. Carter A.S., Archdeacon Archibald Dunbar, J. J. Lowman, A. C. Lowry, H. Osborne, Thomas William, Amos Oakden, John Hamilton, A. D. Aves, and John Ives Janitor.

Visitors:—E. Elton Hawkins, of the Metropolitan Chapter; and Orlton Cooper P.S. of the Gallery Chapter.

After the Chapter had been opened by the Principals the Companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken and proved unanimous in favour of Bros. the Rev. William Henry Langhorne, vicar of Walthamstow, of the Shurmur Lodge, and William Greeves, of the Temperance in the East Lodge. The former gentleman being present, he was admitted and regularly exalted as a Companion of the Supreme Degree. The ceremony was beautifully rendered by Comp. William Shurmur, by special request, and he also gave the Mystical Lecture in a very clear and perfect manner. Comp. Gower delivered the Historical Lecture, and Comp. Graveley that relating to the Symbolical. Both the latter were admirably rendered, and elicited the hearty approval of the Companions. Another member of the Shurmur Lodge, Bro. Payne, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation at the next convocation. Scribe E. read several letters of apology from various members, and there being no further business the Chapter was duly closed and the Companions adjourned to supper.

## THE GRAND MASTER IN STAFFORDSHIRE.

**R**EPLYING to a correspondent, the Editor of "To-day" makes the following remarks in connection with the recent visit of the Grand Master to Longton:

Royal visits do not always prove blessings to municipalities. They sometimes cause confusion when they take place, and leave behind them little local jealousies. What you say in your letter proves that Longton has found this out in connection with the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales. You have described things so neatly that I have decided to quote what you say: "The day was wet; people paid guineas for shop windows, and had a good view of a closed carriage. Stands were erected on a road where the procession did not pass, and so forth. The Town Councillors had new gowns for the occasion, and this accounts for the anger they displayed when the procession started too soon, presumably before they could discover whether the fit was perfection. After some angry questioning, it was discovered that a Corporation official gave the order to start, having regard to the fact that the Earl of Dartmouth and the Freemasons were waiting outside in the rain. The Council turned to rend the official, but, luckily, he was absent, a stream of water having fallen upon him through the covering of the marquee where the royal stone-laying took place. By some misunderstanding, the band did not come in time to head the civic procession, which, in the opinion of one Councillor, would have been a 'scrubby' lot without the Freemasons. This unparliamentary expression was withdrawn, and 'a disgrace to the town' substituted. The crowning point of this amusing Council meeting was reached when inquiries were made as to why the procession deviated from the authorised route on its return. A Councillor rose to explain. Some one hundred and twenty to one hundred and thirty Masons, said he, got in front of the band, and led the way out of the marquee. He followed them some distance, and then told them they were going the wrong way. They politely rejoined by telling him to go to a place not nameable in polite society. The shocked gentleman fled, and let the misguided Masons go their own way. It is not recorded that the Masons mentioned their own destination." When Royalty and rain visit a town together, there is no telling what will happen. Longton seems to have done just as badly as it was possible for it to do. If Royalty honours it with another visit, it must adopt the French fashion of rehearsing for the great event.

## MASONIC GLEAMINGS.

Allegory seen in Capitular work, by Companion R. A. Jones Knight Commander, 32°, Seattle, Washington, and pictured for Seattle Chapter.

**A** GREAT deal of labour has been expended upon the study of Masonic history, and as a result of the efforts of learned scholars in the art, we have at this day as complete a record of the origin of the various Masonic degrees as of any other series of events, which must, of necessity, be traced back through the same number of centuries.

All readers of Masonic literature are more or less conversant with those facts by which we trace our mysteries back to the building of Solomon's temple. All members of the chivalric order, who have studied even that part of the history of Templarism found in the ritual itself, well know the general history of that Order.

The Scottish Rite bodies have, perhaps, the most complete history of their rite which can be obtained; more full in particulars than the history of any of the other bodies.

But it is not in history alone, nor in the traditions which necessarily surround all subjects not within the memory of present generations, that all of the truths relating to the origin of Masonry and the intentions of its founders are to be discovered. Every devotee at the altars of our Order is constantly discovering that out of the mystic rites themselves, more or less hidden, as the case may be, there comes a secret gleaming, which, of itself, throws light upon the foundation stones of our mystic temple and the ritualistic characters carved thereon; which cannot be read by the ordinary light of day, but which must be deciphered under the brighter rays of that mental light which is given to all men who earnestly and truthfully search for more light than that which nature furnishes.



No doubt many, watching the work in the various degrees of Masonry, have discovered deeper and more interesting allegories beneath the mere words and symbols of Masonry than have I. But at the same time it is only as we exchange our thoughts, by putting them into words for each to hear, that the Masonic world learns what we may have deemed ourselves to have learned by careful attention to the everyday work of the Masonic bodies.

To-night we have seen a complete exemplification of certain parts of what are commonly known as the Royal Arch degrees; and while I have watched this same ceremony at least several hundred times, it has never before occurred to me, nor have I heretofore been informed, that there lay hidden beneath the ceremonies which we have watched an allegory which may, to some extent, account for the origin of this one of our mysteries, and may at the same time revive in our minds something of the workings of the mind of those originators who perfected our beautiful ritual and gave to us the degree of the Royal Arch.

To say that there are allegories hidden beneath the ritual of Masonry is but to say what Masonry is. And it is not strange that a beautiful allegory, so hidden, may be discovered, not for the first time, but for the first time to the one who then discovers it, at almost any meeting of our Order. And so to-night there has come to me for the first time this allegory, which may perhaps be conveyed to some of my hearers for the first time in their Masonic experience.

The allegory which I have seen pictured to-night as plainly as though from a stereoptic lantern in large illustrations cast upon the canvas before my very eye, cannot be pictured to you as it has been pictured to me; for my words are incapable of expressing the thoughts which have hurried themselves, one after the other, as I watched the exemplification of our ritual. I can but give you a brief synopsis of the myriad of illustrations, and allow you, from the views which I select, to complete the picture for yourselves.

I have seen the whole history of human life from its conception to its end. I have seen its spiritual existence completely portrayed. I have seen death, the grave, the resurrection and life eternal; and what the pen of a Milton and a Dante have failed to adequately express, you will not expect me to explain in an after-dinner speech.

I have seen man coming into the world supported only by faith and trust, without knowledge of that to which he came; meeting at his very entrance therein with such labours, struggles, pain and suffering as compel him to give way beneath the effort. I have seen him passing along the pathway which leads through childhood, and listening to the instruction of his elders, being taught to put his faith in God and to live an honest and upright life if he would meet with rewards in this world and enjoy even the hope of immortality.

I have seen him passing over the little difficulties of his youthful days until, as he approaches the period of manhood, rough and rugged rocks and unforeseen obstacles of every day life have confronted him and made his future seem well nigh an impossibility.

I have seen him, as he advanced into manhood, beset on every side by dangers of which he was never forewarned, meeting at every turn of his pathway ruins of his own past conduct, which seemed completely to block his onward march; and yet I have seen those difficulties overcome by honest, upright conduct toward his fellow men, and by an earnest, sincere faith in his Creator and in the destiny which it was intended his life should fulfil.

I have seen him, even in those days of manhood when his constantly increasing strength might have given him courage to labour alone, meeting with that constant advice and admonition which called upon him to turn always to better advisers, wherever they were to be found, and not trust too much in his own ability, but more upon those God-given qualities which enable him to reap strength from the experiences of others.

I have to-night seen man in the full strength and blossom of manhood still stumbling along the rough and rugged path which this life marks out for every creature's existence; always expecting a reward to come, and ever finding his expectations unsatisfied, until at last, by the assistance of that great Guide, which is given to every man who will accept His assistance, he has been able to approach, as he believes, at least the first entrance to the chamber in which may be found the reward for his life work. I have seen him, by careful attention to all that life has taught him, pass the guards which Nature has established about the secrets of the future, and approach, as it seems to him, the final reward for his labours; and there, with that reward almost within his grasp, I have heard the terrible announcement made to him which is made to every man who has sought to gain happiness, peace and prosperity on earth, that the happiness, peace and prosperity he sought can now be attained only by beginning the work once more at the very base of the foundations, amongst the rubbish.

Let us see what an allegory, or what a beginning of an allegory, we have already discovered. After we have passed through the stages of life to that place or time when we have reason to expect that we have attained at least a near prospect of happiness and peace, is it not always thus: that, as we approach this earthly hope, we find that we must go back to our labours, beginning again in the most obscure part of the temple we have erected, and digging again the foundation of a new one. But I have seen more.

I have seen that if one with willing hand and earnest heart goes to the work assigned him, and with his past experience, and that which he has learned from the lives of others always before him, digs honestly and earnestly down amongst the very rubbish of his existence, and searches diligently for that which he has lost in his journey through life, he may hope to find the key to the hidden mysteries of life, which, correctly applied to the rest of the years allotted him on earth, may lead him to a life eternal.

And still the picture unrolls itself upon the canvas of the imagination, its outlines drawn by the ritual of our secret Order, and I have seen the very implements themselves with which man must work in order to free his life from the tainted matter which he has allowed to accumulate about it. I have seen the very key which must apply to the mysteries of Nature's God in order to attain the right to hope for immortality. I have learned that if he delves with the crow, the pick, or the spade, his labour will be in vain unless he carries with him at all times the continuing signet of truth: that truth to man's life, as to everything which man has been able to turn to his advantage, must be the keystone of the arch which he springs, as well as the foundation tone of the temple which he has erected; that truth alone is mighty above, all things, and that whether in an allegory drawn from the mysteries of Masonry, or whether in the royal allegory of life, truth is both the labour and the result, the light and the revelation, the endeavour and the attainment.

But yet more have I seen.

I have seen man pass the portals of the grave, and led ever by an unwavering faith in the principle of truth, attain to immortality and receive as the result of his last honest labours the reward which he could never have earned through the individual and unaided efforts to which his whole life had been devoted, had it not been that he went back to the foundation stones and by unceasing effort rebuilt the temple of his life in such manner that immortality became but the essence of his mortal existence.

No sermon could have explained, no words have expressed so clearly, the allegory which has been revealed to-night, as it has been illustrated by the diagrams which you and I have seen drawn upon the trestleboard by those who have carried out the ceremony of our Order.

It is true that but few words have been used and little has been done which could in its everyday significance be said to reveal the picture which I have attempted to explain, but as you have followed the explanation I know that each of you can for himself now see, hidden beneath that which we have to-night seen exemplified, the whole history of human existence, of human endeavour, of human faith, and of the reward which awaits that man who sincerely, honestly and with absolute truth for his motto, meets, battles with, and conquers, the difficulties of earth.—“Voice of Masonry.”

The Grand Lodge of Hungary has addressed a petition to the Emperor of Austria asking him to exercise his authority to put down the practice of duelling, which appears to be on the increase in that country.

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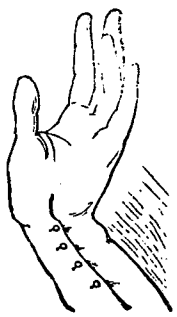
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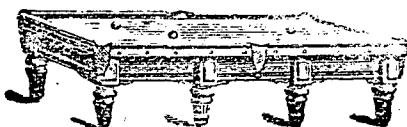
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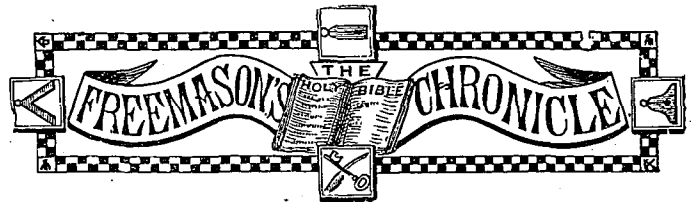
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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

WE are pleased to be able to announce that the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock Provincial Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division) has most kindly consented to preside at the 109th Anniversary Festival of this Institution, to be held in May next, Wednesday, the 12th of that month (the usual day) having been now definitely fixed for the celebration.

It is announced that Bro. James Terry P.G.Sword Bearer Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has kindly consented to rehearse the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation at the Citadel Lodge of Instruction, No. 1897, at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, on one of the Friday evenings of March next, when we venture to predict there will be a large assemblage. Bro. Terry long ago scored his "century" in the position of Consecrating Officer, and in addition has frequently rehearsed the work in different Instruction Lodges, so that he not only has his natural ability to recommend his work, but also continued practice. We advise any Brother who has not seen Bro. Terry in this role to arrange to attend the meeting, details of which may be had of Bro. Harry Willsmer (Secretary), at the Lodge quarters.

The fifth annual Smoking Concert of "Ye Olde Friends," organised by the Managers of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Friday, 12th February next, commencing at 8 p.m., under the presidency of Mr. Robert G. Barber. The surplus of the fourth Concert enabled the Committee to give a "tea, entertainment, and gifts" to 300 poor children, and we are sure our readers will join us in the wish that the coming one may be equally successful. Further information may be obtained of the Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Cross, Mansion House Station, E.C.

## LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

### Monday.

12 Fort & O. C'land, Ship & Turtle  
25 Robert Burns, Freemasons'-hall  
69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel  
83 United Prudence, Albion  
144 St. Luke, Anderton's  
256 Union, Freemasons'-hall  
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall  
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern  
1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell  
1731 Cholmeley, Café Royal  
1853 Caxton, Freemasons'-hall  
1996 Priory of Acton, Acton  
2020 St. Botolph, Albion  
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden  
2242 Tyssen-Amhurst, Stoke Newing.

53 Royal Sussex, Bath  
107 Philanthropic, Lynn  
113 Unanimity, Preston  
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n  
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water  
154 Unanimity, Wakefield  
156 Harmony, Plymouth  
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover  
251 Loyal, Barnstaple  
328 St. John, Torquay  
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro  
338 Vitruvian, Ross  
395 Guy, Leamington  
422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'  
428 Sincerity, Northwich  
431 St. George, N. Shields  
441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge  
478 Churchill, Oxford  
482 St. James, Handsworth  
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester  
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne  
694 Oakley, Basingstoke  
839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Gloucester  
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne  
928 Friendship, Petersfield  
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich  
977 Fowey, Fowey  
1045 Stamford, Altrincham  
1050 Gundolph, Rochester  
1051 Rowley, Lancaster  
1070 Starkie, Southport  
1071 Zetland, Saltash  
1077 Wilton, Blackley  
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry  
1180 Forward, Birmingham  
1211 Goderich, Leeds  
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield  
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter  
1264 Neptune, Liverpool  
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham  
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft  
1573 Carodoc, Swansea  
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge  
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland  
2166 Cotchele, Calstock  
2240 Arrow, Kington  
2322 East Lanc. Cent'rion, M'chester.  
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne  
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
2525 Thurston, Coniston  
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough  
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

### Tuesday.

9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall  
13 Old Dundee, Cannon St. Ho.  
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle  
166 Union, Criterion  
172 Old Concord, F.M.H.  
217 Stability, Anderton's  
765 St. James, Southwark  
1159 M'quis Dulhouse, 33, Golden Sq.  
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Htl  
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal  
1381 Kennington, Kennington Park  
1397 Anerley, Anerley  
1472 Henley, North Woolwich  
1693 Kingsland, Highbury  
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly  
2123 U. N. Counties, Inns of Crt. Htl  
2150 Tivoli, Frascati  
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall  
2460 Hortus, Freemasons'-hall  
47 Newstead, Nottingham  
52 Union, Norwich  
70 St. John, Plymouth  
103 Beauford, Bristol  
120 Palladian, Hereford  
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham

158 Adam, Sheerness  
209 Etonian, Windsor  
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'  
252 Harmonic, Dudley  
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley  
315 Royal York, Brighton  
340 Alfred, Oxford  
364 Cambrian, Neath  
393 St. David, Berwick  
421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton  
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth  
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester  
510 St. Martin, Liskeard  
558 Temple, Folkestone  
660 Camalodunum, New Malton  
673 St. John, Liverpool  
685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.  
702 Sherborne, Stroud  
734 Londesborough, Bridlington  
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield  
804 Carnarvon, Havant  
847 Fortesque, Honiton  
859 Isaac Newton, Cambridge  
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade  
960 Bute, Cardiff  
974 Pentalpha, Bradford  
995 Furness, Ulverston  
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth  
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith  
1134 Newall, Manchester  
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster  
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare  
1244 Marwood, Redcar  
1282 Ancholme, Brigg  
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham  
1367 Beaminstor Manor, Beam'ster.  
1488 St. Eleth, Almwch  
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc  
1726 Gordon, Bognor  
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton  
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow  
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth  
1970 Hadrian, South Shields  
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell  
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon  
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford  
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield  
2490 Amphthill, Amphthill  
2561 West Essex, Buckhurst Hill

### Wednesday.

511 Zetland, Anderton's  
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury  
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern  
1491 Athenaeum, Criterion  
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn  
1610 Northern Bar, Café Royal  
1687 Rothesay, Frascati  
74 Athol, Birmingham  
94 Phoenix, Sunderland  
137 Amity, Poole  
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse  
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth  
168 Mariner, Guernsey  
279 St. John, Leicester  
282 Bedford, Tavistock  
287 Unanimity, Stockport  
298 Harmony, Rochdale  
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol  
327 St. John, Wigton  
406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.  
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester  
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate  
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.  
611 Marches, Ludlow  
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester  
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth  
838 Franklin, Boston  
929 Waveney, Bungay  
970 St. Anne, East Loos  
992 St. Thomas, Manchester  
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey  
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man  
1010 Kingston, Hull  
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool  
1063 Malling Abbey, West Malling  
1085 Hartington, Derby  
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick  
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse  
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich  
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street  
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone  
1335 Lindsey, Wigan  
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh

1431 St. Alphege, Solihull  
1461 Clausentum, Woolston  
1478 Loughleat, Warminster  
1532 Bective, Carlisle  
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool  
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington  
1736 St. John, Halifax  
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool  
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson  
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells  
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton  
2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey  
2334 Jersey, Bicester  
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge  
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay  
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough  
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff  
2464 Longsight, Longsight  
2495 Goodacre, Bootle  
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale  
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

### Thursday.

10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.  
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.  
192 Lion & Lamb, Cannon St. Hotel  
227 Ionic, Criterion  
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall  
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall  
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall  
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Southwark  
1216 Macdonald, Camberwell  
1351 St. Clement Danes, Holb'n R'st.  
1361 United Service, Café Royal  
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington  
1672 Mornington, Holborn Via. H'tl.  
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel  
1724 Kaisar-i-Hind, Café Royal  
1765 Trinity Col., 13, Mandeville Pl.  
1772 Pimlico, Westminster  
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath  
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Grand Ho  
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford  
2411 Clarence & Avondale, Lyt'nst'n  
2512 Fulham, Fulham  
2550 Piccadilly, Piccadilly  
2580 Crouch End, Highgate  
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle  
31 United Industrious, Canterbury  
38 Union, Chichester  
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath  
110 Loyal C'brman, Merthyr-Tydvil  
114 British Union, Ipswich  
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks  
195 Hengist, Pournemouth  
219 Prudence, Todmorden  
249 Mariner, Liverpool  
254 Trinity, Coventry  
266 Naphtali, Heywood  
269 Fidelity, Blackburn  
289 Fidelity, Leeds  
294 Constitutional, Beverley  
295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield  
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne  
305 Apollo, Beccles  
309 Harmony, Fareham  
317 Affability, Manchester  
360 Pomfret, Northampton  
362 Doric, Grantham  
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton  
446 Benevolent, Wells  
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington  
509 Tees, Stockton  
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool  
539 St. Matthew, Walsall  
633 Yarborough, Manchester  
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent  
703 Clifton, Blackpool  
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby  
803 St. Andrew, Biggleswade

856 Restormel, Lostwithiel  
913 Pattison, Plumstead  
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton  
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury  
1231 Savile, Elland  
1284 Brent, Topsham  
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle  
1324 Okeover, Ripley  
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington  
1384 Equity, Widnes  
1473 Bootle, Bootle  
1500 Walpole, Norwich  
1504 Red Rose of Lanc'ster, Padihum  
1513 Friendly, Barnsley  
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham  
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm  
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford  
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon  
1829 Burrell, Brighton  
1874 Lechmere V't'n'r, Balsall H'th  
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst  
2043 Kendrick, Reading  
2169 Osborne, East Cowes  
2321 Acacia, Bradford  
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon  
2350 Corinthian, Hindley  
2386 Clarence, Chester  
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

### Friday.

90 St. John, Albion  
554 Yarborough, Fenchurch Street  
890 Hornsey, Anderton's  
1489 Marquess of Ripon, Highbury  
1627 Royal Kensington, F'masons'-h.  
2233 Old Westminster, Café Royal  
2467 Pickwick, Anderton's  
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney  
44 Friendship, Manchester  
242 St. George, Doncaster  
306 Alfred, Leeds  
521 Truth, Huddersfield  
574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury  
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop  
698 Ryde, Ryde  
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon  
936 Adair, Aldeburgh  
998 Welchpool, Welchpool  
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester  
1230 Barnard, Barnard-cum  
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1405 Southwell, Nottingham  
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe  
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth  
1754 Windsor, Penarth  
1838 Tudor Rifle V't'n's., W'v'h'pton  
1993 Wolseley, Manchester  
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead  
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield  
2494 Humber Installed Masters', Hull  
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

### Saturday.

142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle  
1572 Carnarvon, Albion  
1622 Rose, Camberwell  
1928 Gallery, Anderton's  
1949 Brixton, Kennington  
2466 Cheerybles, Freemasons'-hall  
1388 Canynge, Bristol  
1458 Truth, Manchester  
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton  
1550 Prudence, Plymouth  
2096 George Price, Croydon  
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby  
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath  
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

The round of successful Masonic balls continues in different parts of the country. The two Lodges of Chesterfield arranged a joint gathering for Wednesday, and a brilliant success was achieved, the company numbering close on 200. The brilliancy of the scene in the ball room was perhaps marred to a slight extent, says the "Sheffield Independent," by reason of an order issued from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire that no regalia should be worn at any such function.

The Vegetarian Society, which was founded in 1847, has now entered upon its fiftieth year, and will celebrate its Jubilee in the spring and autumn of the present one. The Society desires to mark its fiftieth year by a wide dissemination of what science and ethics have to teach concerning the best diet for man, and for this purpose the Jubilee Fund is being organised. Contributions may be sent either to the Treasurer of the Vegetarian Society (9 Peter Street, Manchester), or the Vegetarian Federal Union, Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London. The Secretary will be glad to forward free to anyone sending his or her address, some of the publications in which the vegetarian question is practically discussed.



## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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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## CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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## WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

**A**N emergency meeting of this powerful Lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, 21st inst., under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Morton Roberts W.M., who was most ably assisted by the following Officers: Bro. C. Brown S.W., F. Wortham J.W., John Welford P.M. Treas., Robert John Rogers P.M. acting Sec., Geo. Weaver S.D., C. E. Lilly J.D., W. Busby I.G., J. Ellis P.M. Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. W. Curtis P.M., J. Shapcott, Beasley, Thomas, C. Halston, G. Wall, G. Goddard, A. Clark, C. T. Mead, and several others.

The Lodge was opened in due form and Bro. G. Wall was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the same Brother was passed as a Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Messrs. Clark and Mead were introduced and regularly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Both ceremonies were perfectly and impressively given. After a few more transactions the Lodge was closed and the Brethren partook of a nice little repast.

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## BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

**T**HE annual installation festival of this Lodge took place on Monday, 18th inst., at Monico's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., with great success. Bro. Carl Vandyk W.M. presided, being assisted by his Officers, and the following Brethren:—Edwd. Terry P.G.T., C. F. Hogard P.G.S.B., E. Hobbs P.P.J.D. Essex, C. Coleman P.M. 1425, G. Lichtenfeld J.W. 205, J. J. Roberts Secretary 1076, J. J. Lamigeon W.M. 2551, George Wales 1602, John Berlyn W.M. 205, L. Lazarus P.M. 188, J. Hemming P.M. 1287 and 2398, G. S. Elliott P.M. 749, George Ridout P.M. 1287, John Davidson S.W. 87, Frederick Downes J.W. 1158, W. J. Dickenson 2535, M. Joseph 185, J. Leather 1287, J. White 1949, R. S. King 2488, S. Genese 188, J. S. Keith 2551, G. Streven 1607, J. Marcus 205, H. Lichtenfeld P.M. 2353, G. W. Horsfield J.W. 114, Col. Bolton 1147, H. Fletcher Campbell, and Orlton Cooper P.M. 211; also Past Masters of the Lodge J. Hodgkins, C. F. Hyam, J. B. Joel, Thomas Honey, R. Marcus, F. J. Street, E. J. Acworth P.P.G.T. Essex, Harry Townsend, &c.

The Lodge was regularly opened by Bro. Vandyk, and the minutes of the meetings on 19th October and 23rd November 1896 were read and confirmed. Bro. James Bockbinder, of the Lodge La Perseverante Amitié, Paris, was admitted as a joining member. Mr. Eugene Corri was balloted for and approved as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting.

The principal business was the installation of Bro. Lewis Samson Genese, who was thereupon presented by Bro. P.M. Hogard, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations.

A Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Genese was duly placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom by his predecessor in office. Having been formally proclaimed and saluted the new Master proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. J. D. Phillips S.W., H. Townsend J.W., C. F. Hogard re-elected Treasurer, E. J. Acworth P.M. Sec., H. Raphael S.D., J. L. Goldstein J.D., W. Wright P.P.G.O. Middx. Organist, R. Lush I.G., H. J. Barnato, M. Hyman Stewards, R. Morley Tyler.

Certain alterations in the Bye-Laws, with reference to the dates of meeting, were agreed to, and a sum of twenty guineas was voted by the Lodge as a nucleus towards a fund for presenting Bro. E. J. Acworth P.M. with a testimonial for his services as Secretary to the Lodge. A further sum of ten guineas was granted to the W.M. to head his list as Steward for the Boys School. Four candidates were proposed, to be approved at the next meeting, and the closing hymn brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination.

The Brethren then proceeded to the handsome Egyptian Room, when a superb banquet was served and a most enjoyable evening followed. It must be stated, to prevent misconception, that a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Vandyk upon the completion of his term of office last October, the Brother who was elected to succeed him being unable on account of ill health to take over the duties of Mastership.

Bro. Lewis Samson Genese, the newly installed Master of the Barnato Lodge, was born in London in the year 1867, and was initiated into the Craft only five years ago, so that his rise has been rapid. He has, however, been a good attendant at the Lodge of Instruction, and is quite conversant with the ritual.

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## DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

**T**HE 40th regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, when there were present Bros. Charlie Woods W.M., J. Langdon I.P.M., S. Cochran P.M. P.G.Treas., W. Westley P.M. D.C., J. W. Folkard P.M. Sec., E. Beaven P.M., A. Harvey P.M., J. Mitchell P.M. S.W., T. Morris J.W., R. Steele P.M. Treas., A. Robertson S.D., G. F. Winny J.D., Hearsay Steward, C. Fitch Steward, C. Patrick P.M. Tyler, Fred W. Sinclair, G. Taylor, Beckwith, T. Gregory, Kidman, A. Machin P.M., J. Wyer P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Kent, and Stanley.

Visitor:—Bro. N. J. Churcher.

Bro. Kidman was raised. Ballot was taken for Mr. A. Stanley, and, proving unanimously in his favour, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Other important Masonic business was transacted.

After the Lodge was closed the Brethren dined under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. S. Cochran responding for the Grand Officers.

Bro. J. Langdon proposed the W.M., and Bro. Woods, in reply, said that as W.M. of the Lodge, representing one who was "not for an age, but for all time" it was his duty "to urge others by equal steps to rise." He should try to do this in the future as in the past.

The W.M. proposed the initiate, pointing out the high ideal of life that Masons were expected to have, and urging upon all the necessity of acting up to that ideal. They welcomed Bro. Stanley with all a Brother's love. Bro. Stanley replied.

In proposing the Visitor, the W.M. alluded to the high respect in which Bro. Churcher was held by all who knew his public, Masonic, and private life.

Bro. Churcher, in response, said that he could well appreciate their kindness, and that he had spent a most instructive, happy, and interesting evening. He trusted that he should visit the Lodge again.

Of the Past Masters, all of whom were present, the Master said that as "stars teach as well as shine," so their Past Masters, who shone so brilliantly, continually aided and instructed them. Bro. Langdon and Westley responded.

The W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, and also the Officers, who duly responded.

The evening closed with the Tyler's toast, all having spent a merry time, which had been enlivened by vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Bro. Winny.

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## INSTRUCTION.

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## WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

**O**N Tuesday, at Bro. Jones's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace, Harrow Road, W., Bro. Beasley W.M., Miller S.W., G. Weaver J.W., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas. acting Preceptor, G. D. Mogford I.P.M. Sec., T. W. Mogford W.M. S.D., C. Halston J.D., Lilly I.G., G. Knight P.M., Busby, Wynman, Butters P.M., and others.

The Lodge being opened Bro. Busby was examined, entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, he acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. having re-occupied the chair, the Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Knight P.M. candidate. After this the W.M. gave the charge. It was proposed by Bro. R. J. Rogers P.M., seconded by Bro. G. D. Mogford I.P.M., and unanimously agreed to, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent and faultless manner in which the W.M. had discharged the duties in the chair for the first time, which was suitably responded to.

The S.W. Bro. Miller was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed.

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## NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

**O**N Wednesday, 27th inst., at Bro. D. G. Witte's, the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., Bro. W. J. Ball W.M., Gush P.M. Preceptor, Powell P.M. Treasurer, Heslop Secretary, Jackson, Bescoby, Gaskin, Von Holtorp, Fitch, Setchell, Johnson, Friedlander, Witte, and other Brethren.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and the 2nd section of the 3rd lecture worked.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year took place, the following being appointed:—Bro. Gush P.M. Preceptor, Bro. Powell P.M. Treasurer.

Bro. T. Matthews 1685, a young but very enthusiastic member of the Craft, was elected Secretary in place of Bro. Heslop, whose resignation was accepted with much regret by the Brethren. We understand it is on account of business engagements that necessitated Bro. Heslop retiring from the office of Secretary, which he has so ably filled.

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## EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

**A**T the Elgin Hotel, Notting Hill, W., on Friday, 15th inst., Bro. W. H. Handover W.M., A. R. Finch S.W., W. R. Flack J.W., G. Davis P.M. Preceptor, W. J. Mason P.M. Sec., E. Rogers P.M. Treas., H. Harris S.D., L. W. Westwood J.D., H. Hatton I.G., G. A. Knight P.M., J. Lamb, S. Atkin P.M., W. A. Allen, F. L. Chandler P.M., Wynman, and several others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Allen representing the candidate. Bro. Lamb was examined and entrusted, after which the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Knight P.M., who opened the Lodge in the second degree and rehearsed the ceremony of passing.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and this being the annual election night Past Masters Mason, Rogers and Davis were unanimously re-elected to the office of Secretary, Treasurer and Preceptor respectively. It was decided a word of thanks should be recorded on the minutes for the able assistance those three Brethren had rendered the Lodge during the past year, which compliment they briefly acknowledged.

There was also an election of Committee of the Benevolent Fund, which resulted as follows:—Bros. G. Davis P.M. (President), E. Rogers P.M. (Vice-President), W. J. Mason P.M. (Treas.), Flack, Finch, W. Handover, Chandler P.M., W. P. Hatton and H. Foskett P.M.

Bro. Finch was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for next meeting.

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## ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 20.

**T**HE 174th annual festival of this ancient Lodge took place on the 20th inst., at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, when Bro. A. Booth Hearn was installed as Master. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. G. E. Bond S.W., G. H. Leavey J.W., H. Wood P.M. Treasurer, C. R. Cockburn P.M. Secretary, H. W. T. Oaks S.D., W. R. Harridge J.D., F. F. Smith I.G., W. Cuckney D.C., W. J. Acworth Organist, A. R. Norman and A. H. Hastings Stewards.

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## ANTIQUITY LODGE, No. 178.

**O**N Wednesday, 20th inst., the members celebrated the festival of St. John, at the Masonic Hall, King Street, Wigan, when Bro. Richard Christopher S.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. John Pearce W.M.

Bro. J. Phillips P.M. presented to the Lodge, on behalf of the members, an enlarged photograph of Bro. Holmes P.M., as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the Brethren.

The retiring W.M. Bro. Pearce was made the recipient of a Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the Brethren of the Lodge, the new W.M. making the presentation.

The customary banquet followed at the Assembly Rooms of the

Conservative Club, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were pledged. An excellent musical programme was rendered by a quartette party from the Apollo Lodge, Liverpool.

ST. DAVID LODGE, No. 366.

ON Tuesday, 12th inst., the Brethren met at their Temple in the Masonic Hall, Milford Haven, for the purpose of installing Bro. Peter Ebbeson S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. The installation ceremony was efficiently performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. E. J. Biddlecombe P.P.G.P., assisted by Bro. W. H. Bamkin P.M. and Bro. W. Williams P.M.

The Brethren adjourned to the Lord Nelson Hotel, where a first-class banquet was provided, presided over by the W.M., he being supported on his right and left respectively by two of his Past Masters. There were several visitors present from neighbouring Lodges, and a few from distant parts.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 455.

THE local Brethren foregathered in large numbers, and were joined by numerous visitors, on Monday, 18th inst., when Bro. J. W. Fisher was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, with all the customary ceremony. The honour done to Bro. Fisher is one that is highly deserved, for besides the popularity that Brother has attained as the captain of the local Volunteer company, he is held in much esteem by everyone who knows him, and with his Brethren of the Craft is a general favourite.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

THE annual meeting was held at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, on Thursday, 14th inst., proceedings commencing at the early hour of 5.30 p.m. After the confirmation of minutes, the following were successfully balloted for as joining members:—Bros. F. Simpson and Benjamin Wilmot, Integrity Lodge, No. 163; C. H. Griffiths, Faith, 581; A. R. Albert, Yarborough, 663; W. A. Bacon, Egerton, 1030; S. B. Riley, Clarendon, 1166; Geo. Robinson, Ashbury, 1459; and G. T. O. Crocker, Zion, 1798.

The following proposition, made by Bro. James W. Abbott P.M. W.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor, was carried:—"That the sum of five pounds be voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution."

Then followed the festival of St. John, an exceptionally brilliant function, at which over sixty Brethren were present. Bro. Abbott occupied the principal chair, being supported by Bros. Wm. Bee P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., G. W. Davies P.M. P.G.S., A. Eichholz P.M., and others. Visitors Bros. Captain C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Dr. Daniel Leech P.M. P.S.G.W., John Chadwick P.G.Swd. Bearer England P.P.G.Sec., Geo. Lingard Vaughan P.M. P.G.D.R., Seth Wrigley P.M. P.J.G.D., Benjamin Whitwam P.M. 1219, James Robinson P.M. 1219, &c. The Senior Warden's chair was in possession of Bro. Dr. J. K. Coutts, while Bro. William Findlay acted as Junior Warden.

Mrs. Stopford, the hostess, had provided an excellent banquet, to which the Brethren did ample justice. Then followed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, these being pleasantly varied by an entertainment which was as diversified as the most exacting could expect, the contributors being Bros. Fred Hilton P.M. W.M. 2363 P.P.G.D.C., James Robinson P.M. 1219, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, T. P. Cooper W.M. 1458, Francis Simpson 163, Alfred Hurd, Harry Norris 1798, F. Todd 2363, and others.

The toast of the Grand Officers, proposed by the Preceptor, was responded to by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. That of the Provincial Officers was responded to by Bros. Dr. Leech, G. L. Vaughan, and H. H. Warburton P.P.S.G.D., all the speakers referring in eloquent terms to the beneficial work which had been done, and which was now being accomplished by the Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Warburton proposed the health of the Preceptor, saying that few who were then present had known him for a longer period. When acting in the capacity of Secretary, Bro. Abbott's genial face was one of the first he had noticed. He had made friendships in connection with the Lodge, and they had been of the happiest kind. One he claimed in this sense was that of Bro. Abbott, a most indomitable worker and excellent Freemason. He seemed to enjoy work, and the more arduous it was the greater amount of heart and soul he put into it. In conclusion he said that it would take a good deal to shake his confidence in the subject of his toast, and what he uttered came from his heart.

Bro. Abbott replied, saying that his feelings on this occasion, in answer to the toast so eloquently proposed by his esteemed friend Bro. Warburton, would be readily understood. He fervently believed that what he had said was uttered in all sincerity. The position which he then occupied had come to him through the medium of good predecessors. Bro. Godfrey Higham had held it in the first instance, then it had descended to Bro. Warburton, and lastly to himself, and he could assure his auditors that while he enjoyed their confidence he would do his duty with all the fervour which his health and strength would allow. He might sometimes be abrupt in his methods, but this was perhaps more the result of mannerism, and if he offended, he must claim their indulgence. So far the Brethren had extended towards him the greatest consideration, and for this, and also for their warm reception of his name when his health was proposed, he must heartily thank them.

Bro. Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D.C. then proposed the health of the Secretary, saying that when he arrived in the room he had no idea that he would be called upon to perform so important a duty. He well remembered Bro. Hebden's advent into the Lodge, where, during the whole period of his connection with it he had been most indefatigable in trying to make it a success. There might be among them many men who were as good, but there was not one more earnest, and certainly there was no superior. His secretarial duties had gone on increasing with the growth of the Lodge, and had now become very arduous, indeed for the last twelve years he had had no easy task. Still, by his nice, suave, affable manner he had endeared himself to the Brethren, and personally he had great pleasure in testifying to the respect in which Bro. Hebden was universally held. This was marked by the fact that on behalf of the members of the Lodge it became his pleasant duty to present him a Past Secretary's jewel, and a purse of gold. In reverting to the domestic sacrifices which the recipient must have made, Bro. Higham hoped his wife would think well of their act on this occasion, and that his family also, appreciating the fact that the gifts were earned by the exertions of their parent, might emulate his example. Bro. Higham concluded with a very admirable peroration, expressed in true Masonic terms.

The jewel referred to bore this inscription:—

Bro. A. HEBDEN P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C.,  
for services rendered as Secretary  
to Lodge of Instruction, No. 581.  
14th January 1897.

Bro. Hebden replied, saying he felt lost as to the manner in which to express gratitude for the enthusiastic way in which his health had been drunk, and also for the handsome presents he had received as testimonials of their esteem. His work had been entirely a labour of love, and he could hardly bring himself to believe that he was fit for anything so elaborate. He thanked the members of the committee who had taken up the matter, and more especially was he grateful to Bro. George Rotherwell Berry, whose activity had been crowned with such magnificent results. When he joined the Lodge twenty years ago he had given so much trouble to the various Officers by asking questions, and soliciting assistance from them, that he had formed a resolution to do the best in his power towards helping on their work. In those days the numbers were very small as contrasted with the membership of the present time, and the labours in connection with the Lodge were comparatively light, but the extra duties which increasing membership naturally entailed would not have been felt so much by him had he not at the commencement of last year been crippled by a severe illness. During the period of his prostration he had found many friends who had expressed in various ways their deep sympathy with him in his affliction. Among their subscribing members they numbered twelve present and past Provincial Officers, and fifty-seven Masters and Past Masters of Lodges, their total numerical strength being 195. This, said Bro. Hebden, was a most satisfactory state of things, and very encouraging to all the Officers connected with the Lodge of Instruction.

In reply to the toast of the Treasurer, ably proposed by Bro. Dr. Coutts, Bro. George T. Lenard P.M. said he thanked them for their hearty acceptance of his name. He gave some very interesting statistics, amongst others stating that the subscriptions received during the financial year just ended amounted to £63 2s, leaving a balance to be carried forward of £39 15s. He might inform his Brethren that the balance was safely lodged in the bank. He spoke of the benefits which members derived from the Lodge by their connection with it, and was glad to say that many had lately joined who were coming men, and able to take any part which might be assigned to them. Personally he was willing to do anything at any time when called upon, and there were others in exactly the same position. Bro. Lenard concluded a very interesting speech by expressing a hope that next year he might be able to double the balance in the bank.

ST. CYBI LODGE, No. 597.

THE annual installation took place on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Holyhead, when Bro. W. J. Bradshaw was installed W.M., Bro. W. Guest P.M. P.P.G.Sw.B. North Wales being the Installing Master.

There was a large attendance of visiting Brethren from all parts of the Province, the W.M. being very popular with the Craft. The banquet was served at the Station Hotel.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. There was a good attendance of members, and several visitors were present.

Bro. A. H. Baker S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the Dep.Prov.G.M. Bro. C. N. P. Phillips, the ceremony being most ably performed.

The W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. W. J. Baldwin S.W., J. Hunt J.W., Rev. W. Humphreys P.M. Chaplain, F. S. Hancock P.M. Treasurer, J. C. Hopkins P.M. Secretary, F. Rendell S.D., D. Owen J.D., J. A. Randall P.M. D.C., W. H. Bush P.M. Organist, Nash I.G., W. R. C. Sudweeks and G. T. Smith Stewards, and W. G. Pike Tyler.

After the Lodge was closed the Brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. J. Reynolds P.M.

LINDSEY LODGE, No. 712.

THE annual installation meeting was held at Louth, on Friday, 15th inst., when there was a number of distinguished visitors present, including the Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and several Provincial Grand Officers from Grimsby and Alford. Bro. B. G. Stone was installed as W.M. by the retiring W.M. Bro. Jones.

The customary banquet was held the same evening at the Mason's Arms Hotel, the W.M. being supported by the Earl of Yarborough, Mayor W. H. Smyth P.P.G.M., and other distinguished Brethren.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

THE Lodge held its annual installation at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, on Monday, 18th inst., and there was a fair attendance. Bro. A. Rose S.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. A. Milne W.M.

A banquet followed, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. A. Rose presented Bro. A. Milne I.P.M. with the jewel of a Past Master.

PELHAM LODGE, No. 939.

ON Thursday, 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Worksop, took place the installation of Bro. J. W. Spedding, of Welbeck. There was a large attendance, including Brethren from Retford, Mansfield, Newark, and other neighbouring Lodges. The Installing Master was Bro. the Rev. W. F. Boot P.P.G.C. After the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel, where the banquet was sumptuously served by Bro. George Phillips.

WILTON LODGE, No. 1077.

A SOCIAL evening and dance took place on the 18th inst., at Cheetham Town Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Robert H. Jackson W.M., who was supported by Bros. F. Middleton S.W., Dr. J. K. Coutts J.W., J. J. Sawyer Treasurer, R. Winfield Secretary, and others.

The evening passed off very successfully. In addition to the usual

programme of dances, Bro. Lindon Wyatt introduced humorous sketches, and rendered them in a manner much appreciated by the audience. The Misses Cann and Miss Teed gave selections on the mandoline and pianoforte. Miss B. Slee recited a humorous piece entitled "Oh, that tooth" and a scene from the "School for Scandal," while her sister, Miss A. Slee, sang two soprano songs, which were very ably rendered. Mr. Edwin Smith V.C.M. played two selections on the violin, in which he was accompanied by Bro. A. Smith V.C.M. Organist. The thanks of the W.M. to those present for their services brought the gathering to a close at 2 a.m.

#### ANCHOLME LODGE, No. 1282.

At the Masonic Rooms, Brigg, on Monday, 18th inst., the installation took place in the presence of a large number of members and visitors. The retiring Worshipful Master Bro. F. C. Hett P.P.G.J.W. having been re-elected to the office, was re-installed by the Chaplain of the Lodge Bro. Rev. H. F. Oliver, assisted by Bros. J. Spring and J. Frankish.

The customary banquet was subsequently held in the Lodge room, at which Bro. W. H. Sissons Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire was present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

#### NORMAN LODGE, No. 1334.

THERE was a numerous attendance at the Masonic Hall, Durham, on the 20th inst., to take part in the installation of Bro. Col. C. Rowlandson P.M. P.P.J.G.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. L. Booth P.M. P.Prov. Senior Grand Warden.

After the ceremony of installation and other Masonic business had been concluded, a banquet in celebration of the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was held in the banqueting hall.

The W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the excellent musical programme.

#### ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1343.

AN ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Grays, on Wednesday, 27th inst., when Bro. F. W. Pelling presided, and was assisted by Bros. E. Ayres S.W., J. Weymouth J.W., G. H. Silverwood S.D., C. Asplin J.D., R. Atkins P.M. I.G., R. Matthews Organist, H. C. Borradaile Sec., H. Salter Steward, Chas. Westwood P.G.A.D.C. I.P.M., F. S. Guy P.P.G.J.W., R. B. Heagerty P.P.G.R., F. Spurr, Bowton, James, Cunningham, Pean, Barefoot, Dorman, Renton, Sievwright, H. Brooks, B. D. Borradaile, M. Taylor, N. Fryer, Dr. Robertson, J. Huggins, Rev. Haslock P.P.G.Chap. Visitors:—Bros. H. Forss I.P.M. 183, G. J. Thorne 1425, H. Hyde S.W. 1227, W. Harvey P.M. 174, H. J. Whitehouse 1941.

The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the Rev. Alfred Haslehurst Delafield and Mr. William Brown, which proving unanimous, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The working of the W.M. was most excellent. Bro. Spurr, having answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, was subsequently passed in a perfect manner by the W.M., who was most ably assisted by his Officers. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. Delafield and Brown being admitted Bro. C. Westwood I.P.M. delivered the ancient charge in a most impressive manner. The Lodge was closed in due form.

The Brethren retired to an adjoining room where a very excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Cunningham, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Songs were given by Bros. J. Hay, Cockburn, Thorne, Higgins, James, and Borradaile.

#### ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 8th inst., was perhaps the most extensive and imposing of its kind which has ever been held in the building. So many visitors were expected from the neighbourhood of Burnley and Colne, that a special train had been chartered to convey them to and from Manchester, and special carriages had also been engaged for the intervening distance between the cotton city and the rooms at Chorlton. Bro. T. A. Holland S.W. Worshipful Master-elect is a Manchester merchant, and this fact very probably accounted for so great an influx of Brethren from the manufacturing districts.

On this occasion Lodge business was transacted in the dining room, the festival of St. John afterwards taking place in the Lodge room, this alteration being rendered necessary on account of the extra accommodation which the latter room afforded.

The preliminary business having been disposed of, which consisted of the reading and confirmation of minutes, and a successful ballot for Bro. Jas. John Lambert P.M. Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, P.P.G.R., who entered the Architect Lodge as a re-joining member, a board of Installed Masters was formed as follows:—Bro. Chas. Rawle W.M. as Installing Master, Bro. Thos. Vernon P.P.G.D.C. as S.W., and Bro. J. J. Lambert as J.W.

Bro. Holland was duly placed in the chair of K.S., with all the usual Masonic rite and ceremony, the following Officers for the ensuing year being afterwards invested:—Bro. A. Redfearn S.W., J. R. E. Birkett J.W., Henry Nall P.M. P.P.G.Tr. Treas., W. T. Hesketh P.M. Sec., E. M. Beebe S.D., John M. Crane J.D., C. H. Beever P.M. D.C., Wm. Rushton Org., W. H. Bloomer I.G., R. J. Kastner, J. Southam P.M., W. Lea, C. A. Klindworth, and Dr. A. Denholm Stewards. Bro. Arthur A. Moss P.M. was re-appointed as Charity Representative.

During the progress of the banquet, which followed, Bro. Holland W.M. presented to the retiring Master a very handsome jewel, which bore this inscription:—

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An excellent musical programme had been provided, which included the more prominent members of the Lodge, and several visitors, among the latter being the "Burnley Pedestrians," whose rendering of several glees and songs gave universal satisfaction. Among the numerous visitors were

noticed the following:—Bros. R. Cooke P.M. D.D.G.W. Hong Kong, Wm. Goodacre P.G.S.B. Prov.G.Sec., H. Fletcher P.M. 2193 P.P.G.D.D.C., Thos. Potter P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., A. P. Millar P.M. 2193 116 P.P.G.S.D., J. S. Vevers P.M. 1064 P.P.G.S.B., Wm. Richmond W.M. 267 P.P.G.S., J. S. Warren P.M. 979, John Toombs P.M. 1397, Samuel Gaskill W.M. 163, G. Brown W.M. 1140, G. Garnett W.M. 2109, Alderman Lloyd Higginbottom W.M. 2464, E. A. Smith S.W. 2363, and J. Ormrod J.W. 1730.

#### LIVERPOOL DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

THE January meeting of this Lodge, which is largely composed of dramatic, musical, medical, and literary Brethren, invariably proves one of the most interesting ordinary gatherings of the year, and that which took place on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, was remarkable for the numerous attendance of members and visitors, and for the number of candidates belonging to the theatrical profession, says the "Liverpool Mercury."

The post of honour was held by Bro. Harris Fineberg W.M., who was supported by a full complement of his Officers, and in the course of the meeting three comedians, prominently identified with local pantomimes, one publisher, one music hall artist, one theatrical manager, and one electrician connected with the stage were admitted to the Order.

Great interest was shown in the proceedings, and this was increased by the excellent after dinner programme of music, the chief item being the "Masonic Overture" of Bro. H. Round P.M. P.G.S., which was played by a full orchestra.

#### WIRRAL LODGE, No. 2496.

THE regular meeting was held at the Claughton Music Hall, Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 7th inst., on which occasion Bro. Councillor James Gamlin Worshipful Master completed his term of office. There was a large attendance of Brethren, including visitors from other Lodges.

During the evening Bro. George Proudman P.M. Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013, was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, and he afterwards received the hearty congratulations of those present.

Upon the invitation of Bro. Gamlin W.M. the Brethren sat down to a substantial banquet, the remainder of the evening being devoted to harmony of a very pleasant description.

The installation of Bro. Proudman will take place on the 4th proximo, when it is expected several influential Brethren will be present.

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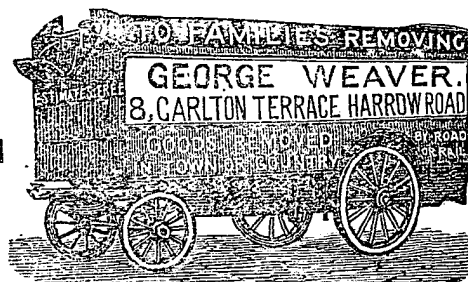
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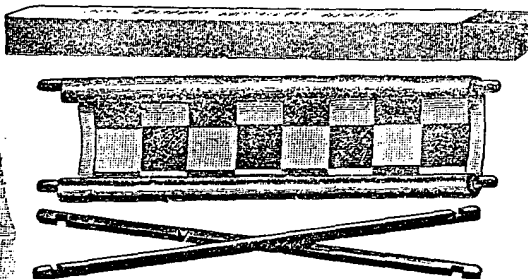
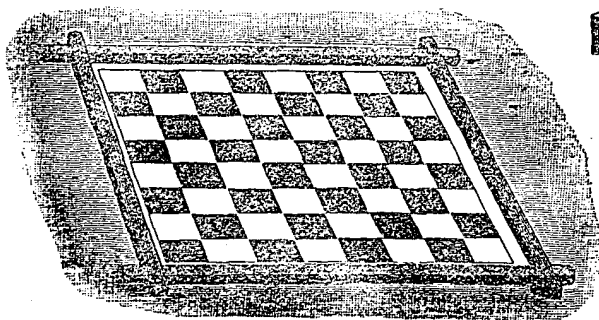
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day, 2.30.

St. James's.—8, As you like it. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

Savoy.—7.50, Weather or No. 8.30, The Mikado. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Daly's.—8.15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Vaudeville.—8.15, Round a Tree. 9, A Night out. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

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Wednesday and Saturday, 2.45.

Prince of Wales's.—8.15, The White Silk Dress. Daily, at 3, A  
Pierrot's Life.

Gaiety.—8, The Circus Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Adelphi.—7.45, All that glitters is not gold. 9, Black Ey'd Susan.  
Matinée, Saturday, 1.45.

Strand.—8.15, A merry Christmas. 9, The Prodigal Father.

Duke of York's.—8, The Gay Parisienne. Matinée, Wednesday and Satur-  
day, 2.30.

Terry's.—8.5, Delicate Ground. 9, The Eider-down Quilt. Matinée,  
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Love in Idleness.

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day, 3.

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