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THE SCHOOLS QUARTERLY COURTS.

THE Quarterly Courts of the two Educational Institutions are to be held next week, the half yearly elections to the two Funds being the chief items of business to be transacted, but apart from this there are other matters requiring consideration at the hands of the subscribers.

The first of the two meetings—that associated with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—is to be held on Thursday, when the Court will be asked to sanction an arrangement by which Bro. George Heaton P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire purchases a perpetual presentation for the sum of eleven hundred guineas. The only disagreement possible in regard to this item of business is in regard to the price to be paid for the privilege, but inasmuch as there are great advantages on both sides we see no reason for anything but unanimity when the bargain is formally brought forward for confirmation.

The next item is a proposal to recognize, by means of votes, the work done by the various Masonic Charitable Associations now so general throughout the country. It is suggested that for a completed sum of fifty guineas contributed one of the Executive Officers of an Association shall be granted the privileges of a Life Subscriber, with one vote at each election, and an additional vote for each subsequent fifty guineas. This recognition of a very good work has been a long time coming, but it will be none the less appreciated on that account, indeed, we fully expect it will be welcomed as a boon, and will probably have a lasting beneficial effect on the Institutions adopting it—for we may here add that the Boys School has a similar proposition to submit to its Court, to be held the following day.

The election will be proceeded with so soon as the other business is disposed of, and for this there are twenty-six approved candidates, with fifteen vacancies.

The Boys School subscribers will be first asked to agree to special premium votes being given to Stewards and others who work on behalf of the approaching Centenary celebration, just as was done by the sister Institution on a similar occasion ten years back. Then comes the consideration of the proposal in connection with the Charity Association subscriptions, and finally a minor alteration in the laws relating to the election of members of the Board.

For the election to this Fund there are forty-seven available candidates, with fifteen vacancies, so that the struggle for the coveted scholarships may be expected to be a pretty severe one.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Council was held on Friday, 24th ult., being presided over by Bro.

George Everett P.G. Treas. Vice-Patron, who was supported by Bros. Russell, Margrett, Cumberland, Chapin, Lyon, &c.

It was reported that £4,000 had been invested in London County Council Stocks, and that Bro. Thomas Fenn had effected the purchase, as usual, without brokerage, &c., which gained for his firm a renewed vote of thanks.

The receipt of £1,166 14s 6d, being share of proceeds of the Royal Albert Hall meeting of 14th June, was reported.

Grants were made to an ex-pupil, and to three boys on the out-educated List, and interesting letters were read from two old Masonians showing appreciation of the School, and advantages gained therefrom enabling them to secure good appointments.

Bro. Eve, for the Board of Management, handed in notices of Motion for the Quarterly Court, to grant extra privileges to Stewards at the Centenary Festival exactly as was done at the Girls Centenary, also to Annual Subscribers, and further to recognize the labours of the executive Officers of Masonic Charitable Associations which bring up large sums in support of the three Institutions.

Bro. Thomson Lyon gave notice to alter Law 53 vesting election of members of Board of Management on extraordinary vacancies in the Board, instead of in the Council as at present.

CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Town Hall, Sandbach, the Provincial Grand Master Earl Egerton of Tatton presiding. There was a large attendance of Brethren from the Lodges in the Province, and a number of visiting Brethren from Lancashire.

Brother Henry Jackson P.M. P.P.J.G.W. presented the Provincial Grand Treasurer's financial statements, and the accounts were passed as satisfactory.

Bro. Clayton P.G.A.D.C. presented the reports of the Committee of Benevolence, the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution to the Lodge, and the reports were adopted.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, in the course of an address, referred to the honour which the Queen had conferred upon their Provincial Grand Master by creating him an Earl. In the name of the Province he presented his Lordship with a beautifully illuminated address of congratulation.

The Earl of Egerton, who was received with cheers, said it had been his privilege to be connected with Masonry in various capacities for a long time, and he felt deeply the many kindnesses which he had received from his fellow Masons. He warmly thanked them for the address. He should treasure it as long as he lived, and it would be a heirloom in his family. During the past ten years there had been a great increase in the number of Lodges and in the membership of the Province of Cheshire, and he hoped the numbers would continue to increase. The progress of that Province had elicited the sympathy of the Prince of Wales, who, in commemoration of the Queen's reign of sixty years, had empowered him to confer past Provincial rank on six Brethren, members of the Province. The six Brethren were:—Bros. H. Gordon Small and J. H. Holt S.W., Robert Finlow J.W., George Ibeson Registrar, E. J. Sidebottom S.D., and C. H. Andrews J.D.

Altrincham and Liscard were nominated as the place of the next annual meeting, but the nominee of Liscard withdrew in favour of Altrincham. Grand Lodge was afterwards closed. The weather was so wet that the procession to church had to be abandoned.—“Manchester Guardian.”

DEVONSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, on the 22nd ult., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, and was attended by about 400 Brethren of the Province. The Committee of Petitions met at the Hall at 1.45, and their report was submitted to Grand Lodge later on.

Provincial Lodge having been duly opened, the Prov. Grand Master proposed "that this meeting desires to place on record its thankfulness for the sixty years reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and for the prosperity that has attended the nation during that period." The hon. Baronet said the members of the Brotherhood had to thank Her Majesty for the close interest shown in Masonry in the person of the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family. Her Majesty was well satisfied that there were a no more loyal body of her subjects than were the Freemasons. He ventured to say that the principles of charity, mercy, and humanity which characterized Freemasonry had distinguished the occupant of the throne. To the relief of any distress which had visited any portion of the Queen's dominions the Freemasons had readily contributed. The close alliance between Freemasons and Her Majesty's family showed how much Freemasonry was valued by Her Majesty's household.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in seconding the proposal, said the growth of the Craft had been simultaneous with the growth of the Empire, and it was with gratitude and thankfulness that they recognized the blessing given the nation in the Queen who had reigned so long over them. The proposition was carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that he had received the returns from Lodges in the Province for the year ended the 31st December 1896. The number of subscribing members to Lodges in the Province was 3,425, an increase of 107 over the previous year; and the amount paid in dues and fees showed an excess of £31 13s 6d over the previous year. The names of 291 Brethren were removed from the register through death, resignation, and other causes. There were 318 initiations, and 80 joinings. The number of Past Masters returned was 445. The year had been an eventful one, no less than five new Lodges having been instituted and added to the roll of the Province. An appeal for contributions to the Indian Famine Relief Fund produced a generous response from the Lodges, and the Lord Mayor of London, as Chairman of the National Relief Fund, sent a cordial letter of thanks for the sum of £203 17s 6d which was sent to him. Then came a reference to the Masonic Directory of the Province, and to the applications received from Lodges.

The Prov. Grand Master, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the Province on the large attendance, and the Plymouth Brethren on the excellent arrangements made. He was pleased to refer to the number of new Lodges he had consecrated. If they did not interfere with old Lodges he felt they would be an acquisition to Masonry. The four Lodges he had consecrated had given happy functions, and he hoped they would have a long and happy career. Thanks were especially due to the Prov. Grand Secretary. He had had a great deal to do, and he had done it well and to the satisfaction of the Province. They had, he thought, been fortunate in securing the services of Bro. Stocker as their Secretary.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master seconded the adoption of the report, which was readily agreed to.

The Treasurer's statement, submitted by Brother E. Roseveare, showed the income to have been £966 odd, with a balance in hand of £260 odd. On the motion of Bro. S. James, seconded by Bro. Truscott, the report was adopted.

Bro. Clapp presented the report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund. It was adopted unanimously.

Bro. J. Gover presented the report of the Committee of Petitions. A balance of sixty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the amount to be placed on the list of the Provincial Grand Master Sir Stafford Northcote, who had consented to act as Steward. The report strongly appealed to the members for further support of the great Masonic charities. Devonshire was reaping £1,150 yearly, and contributing only £270. Reference was made in the report to the services of Bro. Westlake as the Provincial Representative. The Committee of Petitions also recommended grants of £10, £20, £10, and £10 to three widows of Brethren and one distressed Brother in Lodges 37, 75, 74 and 59. The adoption of the report was moved

by Bro. Davie, seconded by Bro. H. Shorto, and agreed to. It was further resolved, on the motion of Bro. Shorto, seconded by Bro. J. R. Lord, that this Province should increase the amount of 60 guineas to 100 guineas to Sir Stafford Northcote's list as Steward of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

On the motion of Bro. Jones, Bro. F. Sanders P.M. 1284, Brent, was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and thanked for his past services. Bro. H. Stocker and Bro. E. T. Fulford were elected Auditors. Bro. Westlake was appointed to the vacancy on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The following were appointed Provincial Grand Officers and invested:—

Bro. G. C. Davie 251	-	-	-	Deputy
Right Hon. Lord Churston 248	-	-	-	Senior Warden
E. H. Shorto 2659	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Smart 489	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. W. E. Windle	-	-	-	
Fredk. Sanders 1234	-	-	-	Treasurer
Thos. Parker 156	-	-	-	Registrar
John Stocker 39	-	-	-	Secretary
A. F. Seldon 251	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
F. S. Sprague 1332	-	-	-	
F. Crouch 2025	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
A. Goodman 1550	-	-	-	
E. Richards 328	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. R. Lord 1247	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. H. Perry 106	-	-	-	Deputy Director of Cers.
W. Mountjoy 421	-	-	-	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
Alfred H. Whidden 1212	-	-	-	
R. E. Drew 1358	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
John Davidson 2258	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
W. J. Hannaford 223	-	-	-	
J. D. Folley 1855	-	-	-	Organist
W. Willoughby 1247	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
W. H. Dillon 1099	-	-	-	Pursuivant
W. T. Walters 1099	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
William King 70	-	-	-	Stewards
H. E. Setters 1205	-	-	-	
W. Harris 230	-	-	-	Tyler.
D. C. Rowell 1443	-	-	-	
C. Piper 1753	-	-	-	
J. G. Oldridge 1181	-	-	-	
James Wilcocks 2595	-	-	-	
Henry Shooter 112	-	-	-	

In commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, Past Provincial Grand rank was conferred on the following, in accordance with the authority of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master:—Bros. F. Adams Davison 2641 S.D., F. G. Knight 156 S.D., C. F. Dunsterville 189 S.D., Chas. Pope 1138 J.D., G. R. Stevens 494 D.C., W. G. Watson 954 D.C., H. F. Bolt 164 D.C.

The banquet was held in the Drury Hall, and attended by about 120 Brethren. The usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.—"Devon and Exeter Gazette."

Freemasonry is very strong in the Three Towns, says the "Western Mercury," more than half the subscribing members of the Province belong thereto. Of fifty-three Lodges on the last annual returns, only eighteen are established in the Three Towns, but these eighteen have a membership of 1,727, against 1,698 for the remaining twenty-five. With the exception of Exmouth, which has 120 members, no Lodge outside the Three Towns has a century of members. All the five Devonport Lodges have over a hundred members apiece, two of the five Stonehouse Lodges are in a similar numerical position, and one of the eight Plymouth Lodges can boast of three figures, No. 223, Charity, which has exactly 100 members.

DORSET.

ON the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at Lyme Regis, as reported last week, the following Officers were invested:

Bro. S. R. Baskett	-	-	-	Senior Warden
F. W. Hetley	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Hill	-	-	-	Chaplain
R. D. Thornton	-	-	-	Treasurer
M. Spearman	-	-	-	Registrar
R. Case	-	-	-	Secretary
S. S. Hasluck	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
P. J. Gavin	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
R. Radford	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
A. Hann	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
A. Chapin	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
H. N. Cox	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
H. Morgan	-	-	-	Organist
O. M. Beament	-	-	-	Pursuivant
S. Vye	-	-	-	Tyler.

DURHAM.

THE attendance at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, held on the 28th ult., at the Borough Hall, Stockton, was one of the largest that has ever been seen at these meetings. The Provincial Grand Master Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., presided, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, &c.

The report of the Fund Committee was presented by the Deputy Prov.G.M. and recommended that the following sums be voted:—To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £26 5s, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £52 10s, to the Durham Masonic Benevolent Fund £105, and to the Durham Masonic Education Fund £84. The report was adopted, on the motion of Brother R. Luck P.P.S.W., seconded by Bros. B. S. Beckwith P.G.S.B., and C. S. Lane P.P.G.S.W.

The roll of Lodges was called, and the Masters of the several Lodges responded.

The Prov. Grand Master Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., in addressing the Grand Lodge, made suitable reference to the losses which they had sustained during the past year, viz., of Colonel Cameron, Thomas Jopling, R. Shadforth, W. H. Turner, and others. The roll of Lodges had been very satisfactory, and it went to show the extraordinary increase which had taken place in Masonry during the past ten years. There were about 2,100 members in the Lodges in the Province in 1887, and there were now a total of 3,000 in the thirty-six Lodges. He thanked the Stockton Brethren for their excellent arrangements, and the Brethren for attending in such large numbers from all parts of the Province. He also thanked the Officers of the past year for visiting the Lodges, and referred to the great pleasure he had in seeing his Deputy present.

Bro. J. F. Wilson P.M., Mayor of West Hartlepool, was unanimously elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following as the Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram	-	-	Deputy
J. E. Backhouse 1650	-	-	Senior Warden
John Robinson 111	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Edgar Boddington 2352	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. A. De Moleyns 1274	-	-	
J. F. Wilson 764	-	-	Treasurer
W. J. Malcolm 661	-	-	Registrar
R. Hudson (re-appointed)	-	-	Secretary
W. E. Moffett 240	-	-	Senior Deacons
Will Hutchinson 1418	-	-	
Alfred H. Sevier 1230	-	-	Junior Deacons
T. R. Short 424	-	-	
D. McNaughton 2104	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Richard Brown 1932	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. C. Redhead 97	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
William Watson 94	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
William Clarke 1274	-	-	Sword Bearer
Andrew Logan 949	-	-	Standard Bearers
John S. Roy 1643	-	-	
James Hudson 80	-	-	Organist
John Joel (re-appointed)	-	-	Assistant Secretary
W. J. Goodenough 124	-	-	Pursuivant
William Sanderson 1334	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
John Bennison 531	-	-	
Nicholas Lee 2039	-	-	
F. L. Pearson 240	-	-	Stewards
T. C. Jones 1274	-	-	
J. F. Douglas 1119	-	-	
C. F. Dawson 124	-	-	
Thomas Grieve (re-appointed)	-	-	Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Master, by authority of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., appointed and invested the following Brethren to brevet rank, in commemoration of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, viz:—Bros B. S. Beckwith 1230 and John Joel 2019 J.W., John Robinson 1389 and Fred L. Dodds 509 Registrars, and Bro. Alfred Atkinson 940 S.D.

On the motion of Bro. T. Coulson P.P.G.S.W. (South Shields), seconded by Bro. C. S. Lane P.P.S.G.W. (West Hartlepool) it was unanimously agreed that the fund inaugurated last year be named "The Hudson Benevolent Fund."

Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master, then presented to Bro. Robert Hudson a substantial sterling silver tea and coffee service and tray. He said it was a very great privilege to be called upon to perform this ceremony. He referred to the fitness and appropriateness of their special effort in this jubilee year of inaugurating a new Benevolent Fund, and the name of one who had rendered the greatest possible services to Freemasonry in that Province had been by resolution associated with their new fund. He had no doubt many in the future, the widows, and orphans of members of their Craft, would

rise up and bless the name of their esteemed Secretary Bro. Robert Hudson, in recognition of whose great services this fund had been created. As the Provincial Grand Master stated, the fund amounted to over 1,000 guineas, and it would form a suitable memorial to one who had been the main-spring of the work of their Province for the past fifteen years. Bro. Hudson had done what no other man in the Province had ever accomplished. He had great pleasure in asking Bro. Hudson to accept the service of silver that was before him. The silver tray bore the following inscription:

Presented to
BRO. ROBERT HUDSON Provincial Grand Secretary of Durham, Past Grand
Sword Bearer of England,
as a token of esteem and love, from the Freemasons of the Province of
Durham, 28th September 1897.

Bro. Hudson, who was cordially received, said the presentation he had just received was one little anticipated by him when he first entered upon Masonic duties many years ago in the Lodge of which their esteemed Provincial Grand Master was first W.M. After seven years he became W.M., but as time rolled on and he became an Officer of the Province it never occurred to him that such a testimonial would be handed to him, or that he should be spared to receive such an honour as he had that day received. Since he took the office of Prov. Grand Secretary many great events had occurred, and he had taken part in these events, which had become historic in the Province. He referred in particular to the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany to Durham shortly before his decease, to the decease of the Marquis of Londonderry the former Prov.G.M., and other events of interest, and in conclusion he thanked all most heartily for the noble gift of which they had made him the recipient.

The Lodge was afterwards closed, and the banquet was held in the evening in the Queen's Hotel, when an excellent menu was served. The Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., presided. —"Newcastle Daily Journal."

EASTERN DIVISION SOUTH WALES.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Wales was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, Lord Llangattock Prov.G. Master presiding over a large and representative attendance.

His Lordship, in his opening remarks, spoke of the success of the recent Masonic celebrations of Her Majesty's Jubilee in London and Llandaff Cathedral, and heartily welcomed into the Lodge Bro. R. Eve Chairman of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, an Institution which would next year celebrate its Centenary. His Lordship further read a letter from Mr. Montague Guest, son of the late Sir John Guest, who was Provincial Grand Master of the Division in 1852, offering to present to the Province the Masonic clothing of his deceased father. Lord Llangattock remarked that the Grand Lodge would only be too pleased to accept such a gift, and expressed the hope that it would form a nucleus of a Masonic Museum for South Wales—a suggestion which was received with much applause.

Letters of regret for absence were read from the Earl of Jersey, the Bishop of Landaff, the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee was presented by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and on the motion of Bro. R. S. Fisher was adopted.

Thanks were tendered to Bro. Lindley Smith for his services as Treasurer, and Bro. Owen Owen, of Swansea, was selected to succeed him in that Office.

Collection of alms followed, a sum of over £6 being realised, and this it was resolved to hand over to the Cardiff Infirmary.

On the motion of Bro. J. R. Lever, seconded by Bro. D. Williams, a sum of £100 was voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the conferment, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee and by special dispensation of Grand Lodge, of the rank of Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden upon Bro. George Clarry P.M. 36, and Bro. J. R. Leaver P.M. 1323. The Prov. Grand Master explained that these were special honours, and Bros. Clarry and Leaver, as they came up to be invested, were cordially applauded.

Subsequently Bro. Clarry and Bro. T. Matthews were presented each with the Charity Jewel, which they are entitled to wear, Bro. Clarry having acted as Steward for two of the central Institutions, while Bro. T. Matthews has acted as Steward for the home charities.

The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year were then invested, as follow :—

Bro. J. H. Taylor 1573	-	-	-	Senior Warden
James Radley 960	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Lewis 1578	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. Joseph Barker 36	-	-	-	
Owen Owen 1573	-	-	-	
A. G. P. Lewis 2570	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. Whittington 364	-	-	-	Registrar
B. D. Jenkins 1992	-	-	-	Secretary
H. Geo. Davies 237	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Chas. A. Young 1754	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
Vaughan John 833	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
E. Johnson 2357	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Thomas Wake 110	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
C. T. Evans 2382	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. Lowrie Baker 960	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
W. H. Jones 1857	-	-	-	
J. D. Llewellyn 364	-	-	-	Organist
Charles Jones	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
J. Thorney 679	-	-	-	Pursuivant
T. R. Phillips 2570	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
F. J. Harries 110	-	-	-	} Stewards
Jos. E. Fisher 1323	-	-	-	
George Durston 2547	-	-	-	
J. P. Gibson 2606	-	-	-	
George Bullerwell 237	-	-	-	Tyler.

In the evening the Brethren met around the hospitable board at the Park Hotel. Lord Llangattock presided, and he was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and all the Provincial Officers. The usual Masonic toasts were submitted and enthusiastically received.—“South Wales Daily News.”

SUSSEX.

THE local Freemasons are considering arrangements for the reception of the Duke of Connaught, who is expected to attend a grand meeting of the Craft in Hastings in about a month's time. It will be recollected that H.R.H. was prevented by illness at the eleventh hour from making an arranged visit last year.—“Hastings News.”

FRENCH MASONS.

FREEMASONRY appears likely to play a more active part than ever in French politics, to judge by the resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Grand Orient, composed of delegates from all French Lodges. The more important of these request Brothers who are members of Parliament to support the measures tending towards: Replacing the present Reactionary and Clerical Government; organizing free and complete State education; separating the Church and the State; protesting against the favours granted at the public expense by railway companies to religious bodies; increasing the salaries of the humbler categories of public servants who may have three or more children; creating a Board of Labour Arbitration and a Ministry of Labour.—“Morning Post.”

English and Scotch Freemasons will be glad to hear that the Atheism or Agnosticism which for years had dominated French Lodges, especially those of the “Grand Orient,” is markedly decreasing, and that a powerful movement is on foot within the Grand Orient itself to restore to their rite a profession of belief in the “Great Architect of the Universe.” If this measure of reform be carried out the English and Scottish Lodges will be ready to readmit into fellowship the French Freemasons whom they have felt constrained to deny.—“Liverpool Courier.”

The Freemasons are once more to the fore. The “Convent” which they have just held at the Grand Orient has been brought to a close by M. Hubbard, Deputy for the Seine-et-Oise, and one of the high dignitaries of the ancient Order, who delivered a noteworthy speech on the occasion. After having described the Masonic doctrine as “one and simple, the marvellous inspirer of the Great Revolution, the fruitful preparer of the Social Evolution which all hearts desire and all egoisms fear,” M. Hubbard reminded the world that, ever since the middle of the last century, it was Freemasonry that had been the vanguard of political progress. “It was that renowned order,” continued the speaker, “that succeeded in passing into the legislation of the Third Republic its military and scholastic laws, its liberty of the Press, and right of meeting, which nobody dares to mutilate, unless it be done indirectly, or by stealth.” Finally, M. Hubbard dealt with the electoral question, and declared that Freemasonry would know how to do its duty by turning all false democrats

out of the Republic, and freeing France from ecclesiastical servitude. The “Figaro” takes a different view of the subject. “What the Freemasons want,” says that journal, “is to become masters of the political situation. This was also the wish of the Jesuits in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. It needed the intervention of a Pope, Clement XIV., to bring the latter to reason. A simple Minister would suffice to frustrate the designs of the Freemasons.”

To return to the Freemasons, who, as I have already told you, have just held their annual “Convent,” some idea of the nature of the discussions which took place may be gathered from the following resolutions which were passed :—The Masonic members of Parliament are called on to support the measures destined to advance the Republican movement by replacing the reactionary and clerical government from which we are suffering; the suppression of all sinecures; the abrogation of the law concerning multiple candidates; the study of means to organise national, free, and comprehensive instruction; the separation of churches from the State; to abolish the Concordate; to create infant's homes in every commune; to establish professional schools; to protest against the favours accorded to religious corporations; increase of wages to small employes and workmen in the public administrations; and the nomination of a council of arbitration. Before breaking up, a manifesto was composed, and will be published by all the Lodges throughout the country. It is entitled a “Declaration of the Council of the Order of Freemasons.” Here is an extract from it:—“The Freemasons disdain the attacks, insults, libels, and calumnies of their traditional enemies; they pursue, in peace and confidence, the moral, intellectual, political, and social reforms which past generations have bequeathed to them. They know no other truths than those founded on reason and science, and it is with the result obtained by the latter that they combat the superstition and prejudices on which Churches found their authority. Their primordial law is tolerance. They have solemnly inscribed at the head of their Constitution the respect of all beliefs, all ideas, and all opinions. They impose on their adherents no dogma of any sort; all they ask from them is to be sincere and loyal. Their ethics are not chained either to any religious belief or any philosophical theory, and they do not seek for the origin of good and evil in pretended divine revelations or in the conceptions of metaphysics.”—“Globe.”

The Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, held at the Plough Hotel, Mile End Road, will resume its weekly meetings on Thursday next, 7th inst., at 8 p.m.

The weekly gatherings of the Faith Lodge of Instruction No. 141, will be recommenced on Tuesday next, 5th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., where, as we have previously mentioned, most desirable quarters are available for gatherings of the Craft.

The Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, has resumed its weekly meetings for the season, and will now be opened each Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Crown, Lambeth Road, where Bro. E. W. Lewcock the Secretary of the Lodge, and other members, will be pleased to extend a fraternal welcome to visiting Brethren.

Under the heading, “Improper publication,” Grand Master M. H. Henderson, in his closing address to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, delivered 28th December 1896, expressed his mind in regard to the undue publicity often given to Masonic affairs. He says: “Our Fraternity is unlike any other organization or society. It has traditions, laws, customs and methods of procedure peculiar to itself. It is so old, so firmly established, that it is not obliged to resort to means to perpetuate itself which other more modern societies find it necessary to adopt. Freemasonry does not advertise itself. It seeks no one. It must be sought. Any attempt to force it under the public eye is so repugnant to its traditions as to be prohibited by constitutional enactment. Masonic matters should not be mingled with the gossip of communities, and he who talks about the affairs of his Lodge to chance acquaintance in public places has no proper conception of his Masonic obligations. He who prints anything concerning Freemasonry without proper authority violates our “Ahiman Rezon.” After noticing some of the ways in which the rule is often departed from, he says: “Persistently making Masonic affairs material for news-mongers and street gossips is reprehensible enough for punishment. Let us have no more of it.”

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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EXCESSIVE ORGANIZATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read in your journal of 18th inst., the extract from the "Devon and Exeter Gazette" with feelings of regret, inasmuch as I feel sure that the paragraph ought never to have been penned or printed; my regret is increased by reading your editorial on the same subject under the above heading. I am, and have for years been, a member of the Provincial Committee whose action is commented on by both the local journalist and yourself, and I should like to put your readers in possession of one or two facts which I think ought to be known, as otherwise erroneous ideas on the subject may be circulated. The Committee in question—known as the Committee of Petitions—is constituted of fifty-seven members, one for each Lodge in the Province. Every Lodge annually elects one of its members (called its Representative) as a member of this Committee, and it should be particularly noted that almost without exception the members so elected are selected from the oldest, most experienced, and most zealous Brethren of the Lodge they are to represent, and almost always Past Masters. These Brethren meet in Committee twice a year, and so great is the trust reposed in them by the Provincial Grand Lodge that they are empowered to grant relief from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to necessitous Brethren, or their near relatives. In addition to this it is the duty of the Committee to consider the claims of the various candidates for admission into the great Charitable Institutions, and to adopt such as they consider, in their discretion, to be the most deserving. On the adoption of a candidate the whole of the voting power of the Province is concentrated on him (or her) until election is attained. If this system were not adopted a Devonshire candidate would rarely, if ever, be successful. And it is only fair to the Committee to state that their deliberations (presided over by the D.P.G.M. as Chairman) are characterized by a spirit of the utmost fairness to all who may be unfortunate enough to need help. But the paragraph in the "Devon and Exeter Gazette" would have the Committee set aside its other candidates—about whom the "Gazette" of course knows nothing—and adopt the son of the late Bro. Sanderson. Why? Simply because the late Bro. Sanderson was a journalist, and journalists have done much for the Craft. Now, in answer to that I say that a journalist, qua journalist, should have no other privileges than any other Brother has, nor should the child of a journalist be preferred as a candidate before the child of any other Brother simply because he chances to have a journalist for a parent. The Press is a mighty force, but to use it seems very much like a prostitution of its powers to adopt such a line of action as the "Devon and Exeter Gazette" has done. The Committee of Petitions has ever acted for the best, according to its lights, for the welfare of necessitous Masons, their widows and offspring in this Province, and it will, I am persuaded, continue to do so without respect of persons, and without accepting the dictation of any journal, local or otherwise. I could add some opinions on the subject of the benefits conferred on the Craft by newspaper notices, for during the past quarter of a century (and it is just that time since I was initiated) I have observed much, and I fear my observations do not lead me to regard with the same satisfaction as the writer of the paragraph the large amount of publicity given of late years to matters Masonic in the columns of the daily papers. I do not include the Masonic Press, as those papers are written by Masons for Masons, and that is quite another matter. This is too great a subject, after so lengthy a communication, to enter on now, but I may perhaps be glad at some future time to send you a few lines hereon if you can find space for them.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST PROV.G.OFFICER OF DEVONSHIRE.

25th September 1897.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me first to thank you for having given insertion to the paragraph to which I directed your attention in the "Devon and Exeter Gazette." I had no idea you would deem it of such importance as to call for editorial reference, but treated from your standpoint it certainly serves to "point a moral," although I cannot go to the extent of endorsing your view that exception should be made by the Provincial Committee in this particular case. Unfortunately this candidate does not stand alone, there are others to be considered, all with special claims on our bounty, and it is only by strenuous exertion—excessive organization you term it—that we are able to secure the longed for benefits for some of them. It is very difficult to decide who is to be supported from among a number of candidates, but once having made a selection the best results are produced by strictly adhering to it, even to the extent of shutting our ears to all other appeals for the time being.

Yours fraternally,

A DEVONIAN MASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your last issue you have something to say in regard to the "excessive organization" of the Masons of Devonshire, in matters of Masonic benevolence. Whether it is "excessive" or otherwise I will not attempt to determine, but it seems to pay, Bro. Editor, and that is a great thing in these degenerate days, and for evidence of the profitable return the Devonshire Brethren get for their "excess" I may refer your readers to the report of the Committee of Petitions of the Province, presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on the 22nd, wherein it is recorded that "Devonshire was reaping £1,150 yearly, and contributing only £270." In face of such results it is no use taunting them with excess of

enthusiasm, rather let the results here achieved serve as a pattern for other Provinces to follow, or for the great metropolitan centre of Freemasonry to take action upon.

Yours, &c.,

ON THE ROAD.

Exeter, 27th September 1897.

PROVINCIAL CHARITY FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since writing my previous letter to you I have come across a report of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Wales, and I think it supplies another topic for consideration in connection with the question of excessive organization to which you have recently directed special attention.

The passage I refer to is to the effect that certain Brethren were presented with the Charity Jewel, "which they are entitled to wear, Brother Olarry having acted as Steward for two of the central Institutions, while Bro. Matthews has acted as Steward for the home counties." It is this last qualification that I question. Of course I may be acting on an entirely wrong basis, but if the report is correct I take it that this Province of South Wales (E.D.) is officially presenting "the" Charity Jewel of the Craft, for services outside those laid down in the Book of Constitutions in that part which deals with the subject of Charity Jewels (pp 142-4 of the 1884 edition), and that being the case, Rule 289 is being violated.

It is hardly necessary for me to explain to those who have read previous letters of mine you have been good enough to publish, that I am by no means opposed to these Provincial funds; on the contrary, I should be very pleased to see them awarded some official recognition, as I often feel they do far more good than the older and more favoured three "central" charities, but until the necessary sanction is given from the governing body of the Craft, work on their behalf does not, in my opinion, qualify a Brother for the Charity jewel or clasps authorized by the Book of Constitutions, and I should like very much to find out whether a different opinion prevails at the offices of Grand Lodge, or whether there is not some mistake in the report from which I quote, and which appeared in the "South Wales Daily News."

Yours, &c.

ON THE ROAD.

Bristol, 29th September 1897.

[We have ascertained that the Charity Jewels presented on the occasion referred to by our correspondent were local ones, and not "the" Charity Jewel of the Craft, so that no harm has been done thus far. The question may arise, however, how far the wearing of these honorary jewels is at variance with Rule 289 of the Constitutions.—Ed. F.C.]

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A GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, the 7th day of October 1897, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to consider Notices of Motion as under, and to elect 15 Girls into the School, from a list of 26 approved candidates. The election will commence at one o'clock, or immediately after the conclusion of the General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By R.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton P.G.W. Patron:—

"That this Court accept the sum of Eleven Hundred Guineas from Worshipful Bro. George Heaton P.Prov.G.D. West Yorkshire P.M. 258, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the 'George Heaton West Yorkshire Presentation,' the right of such presentation being vested in the said George Heaton for his life, and, in the event of his wife Mary Heaton surviving him, in her, for her life, and afterwards in the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire for the time being (or the temporary Masonic representative of such Provincial Grand Master) acting upon the recommendation of the Worshipful Master for the time being of the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, and in the event of the Lodge ceasing to exist, on his own responsibility."

By W. Bro. Alfred C. Spaul Patron:—

That the following be adopted as new Laws:—

"40A. Any Masonic Charitable Association (whose Rules must first have been duly registered in the books of the Institution), upon payment of donations amounting to Fifty Guineas, shall have the privilege of nominating one of its Executive Officers as a Life Subscriber with one Vote at each Election of Girls, and for every further completed sum of Fifty Guineas, he shall receive an additional Vote, or in lieu thereof the Association may nominate a second Executive Officer for the like privileges."

"38A. A Subscriber of Half-a-Guinea shall have one Vote at the next ensuing Election."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
30th September 1897.

The 110th Anniversary Festival will take place in May next, under distinguished Presidency. The services of Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this occasion are very earnestly solicited, and it will be esteemed as a further favour if such Brethren will kindly send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient. Stewards are very greatly needed.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 8th day of October 1897, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider Notices of Motion by the V.W. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treas., Patron and Trustee of the Institution, Chairman of the Board of Management:—

- (I.) "That in addition to the Premium Votes conferred under Law 26 and 27, every Steward at the Centenary Festival shall be entitled to Premium Votes in proportion to his or her personal Donation as follows, viz:—Two in consideration of the first Ten Guineas, and one for every Five Guineas beyond that sum."
- (II.) "That for the purposes of the Centenary Festival, Law 28 be suspended, and that in lieu of the 'List' Votes conferred thereunder every Steward at this Festival shall be entitled to Two Premium Votes for every Twenty Guineas on the gross total of his or her List."

- (III.) "That in the case of Personal Annual Subscriptions commenced on the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival and continued at intervals of not more than twelve months, the completion of every Six Guineas so subscribed shall entitle the Contributor to all the privileges of a Life Subscriber of £5 5s paid in one sum, notwithstanding such contributor shall have received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime."

- (IV.) That the following New Laws be adopted:—

20A. "Any Masonic Charitable Association (whose Rules must first have been duly registered in the books of the Institution), upon payment of Donations amounting to Fifty Guineas shall have the privilege of nominating one of its executive officers as a Life Subscriber with one vote at each Election of Boys, and for every further completed sum of Fifty Guineas, he shall receive an additional vote, or in lieu thereof the Association may nominate a second executive officer for the like privileges."

24A. "A Subscriber of Half-a-Guinea shall have one Vote at the next ensuing Election."

To consider Notice of Motion by W. Bro. H. Thomson Lyon Life Governor:—

"That the words 'Board of Management' be substituted for the word 'Council' in the third line of Law 53."

To Elect fifteen Boys from an approved List of forty-nine Candidates, reduced to forty-seven by the admission, on extraordinary vacancies, of

(No. 7 on List) Eales, Arthur Douglas.

(No. 12 on List) Peel, Gilbert William.

The Chair will be taken at twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will be open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,

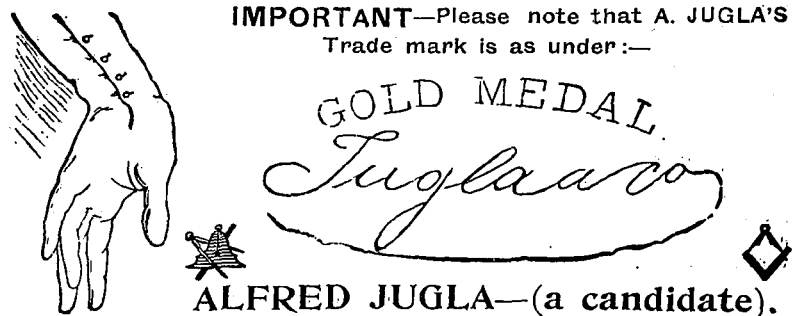
J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

30th September 1897.

* * * The Centenary Festival will be held in 1898, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., President of the Institution, in the Chair. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on this all-important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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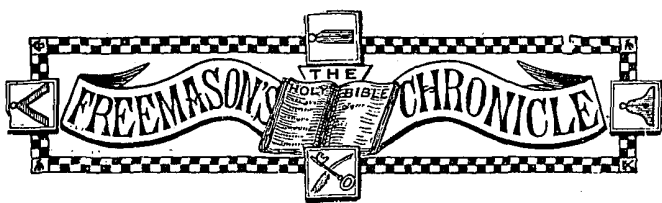
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SATURDAY, 2ND OCTOBER 1897.

CHURCH SERVICE.

THE annual Masonic Sermon at the Parish Church, Banton,
was preached on the 12th ult., by Bro. Rev. John Living-
ston Chaplain 39 (S.C.), when upwards of fifty members of the
Craft attended, and marched in procession from and to the local
Schoolroom. The preacher selected as his text Matthew vi, 9:
"Our Father." He said Freemasonry, which had been described
as "a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and
illustrated by symbols," was an institution which dated back to
the time of King Solomon. It was generally regarded that the
Order took its rise at the time of the building of the temple, and
although its history was to a great extent obscure, yet they could
confidently say it was the most ancient society in the world.
They were equally certain that its sentiments, its doctrines, and
its principles were those of benevolence, brotherly love, and
pure morality. It supported all that was good and kind and
charitable; all that was evil and cruel and hurtful it abhorred.

The church of Christ should encourage every society that
helped men to lead purer, better, and nobler lives. Of all such
Masonry had the strongest claim on Christian men. Freemasons
had always been worshippers of the one true God. Masonry had
always declared and taught the unity of the God-head. From

the word of God the Mason derived his instruction. And the
sum and substance of the teaching of Masonry was contained in
those words which contained for many the sum and substance of
the Christian faith, the words of the text, Our Father. Those
words were taught to them first by Christ, and they could only
realize what they meant through His love. He was first to
reveal God as a Father. By His revelation of God the name
Father took its place in human speech as the Christian name for
God.

No doubt the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God was not
entirely new. In the Old Testament God was spoken of as a
Father, but it was Israel as a nation that was his son, whereas
Christ placed God in this relationship towards individuals. This
Father—God—loved all. What they had to remember was; they
were His children and that through filial dependence and trust
they would draw near unto Him. Jesus was the living way to
God. In him God showed the depths of His unfathomable love.
Should they doubt it? Only when they had thoroughly grasped
this Christian idea of God, would they be worthy members of that
Order whose distinctive belief was the Fatherhood of God, and
true disciples of Him who was the great exponent of a God of
love.

Every doctrine of God had its corresponding doctrine of
man. Consequently with the Christian idea of God was asso-
ciated the dignity and value of humanity. As Christ had taught
in His life and work that every man was of infinite importance
in the eyes of God, that all men, whether good or bad, depraved
or righteous, had equal claims on His love and mercy, so
Masonry, believing like Christianity in the Fatherhood of God
taught similarly the kindred doctrine of the brotherhood of man.
Men might say that belief in the brotherhood of man was no
creed; but human creeds no more contained the truths of the
gospel than a treatise on astronomy the splendours of a winter
sky, or a treatise on botany the beauties of a May morning.
Whatever the creed had omitted the scriptures made it plain that
though a man had added to his faith, virtue; and to virtue,
knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance,
patience; and to patience, godliness; the Apostolic call was, add
to godliness, brotherly kindness. Only when that was present
could they add Love. A chain was only as strong as its weakest
link, and whenever that link—brotherly kindness—was faulty,
there was a tremendous hindrance to the charity life and to the
charity influence.

One thinker had given it as his conviction that pride was at
the bottom of all great mistakes. Their Order necessarily
brought together men of different character, education, and
position—they were all one in God the Father. Were they,
however, invariably courteous and friendly to their brothers?
He would fain hope so. He would willingly believe that they
were all so knit together by the cement of brotherly love that
among them no contention ever existed but that noble contention
of who could best work and who best agree. For in a few short
years all earthly distinctions would be as nought, and they would
be in the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe—the
King of kings, who bade them do justly, love mercy, and walk
humbly with Him. They were living either to weaken their
fellow believers, or to hold up their hands and inspire them with
new courage. They must therefore guard against quenching or
weakening the spiritual yearnings of those around them. They
should pray and strive for more of the Master's spirit of sympathy
and charity, so that filled with the charity of the Master—that
golden link which bound them together into one brotherhood,
they would be prepared to use every opportunity that presented
itself to do good according to their individual light, and to further
the cause of moral improvement according to their highest means
and best abilities. As every good deed was the source of many
others might they never fail to stretch out hands of pity to the
fallen and erring, and show brotherly love to their weaker and
less fortunate Brethren. The preacher concluded with an
ascription of praise.—"Kilsyth Chronicle."

The widow of the late Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt
Truscott is erecting a stained glass window in Truro Cathedral,
as a memorial of her husband, who was a native of Truro. Sir
Francis was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the
cathedral by the Prince of Wales, attending in the dual
capacity of Lord Mayor of London and Junior Grand Warden of
English Freemasons, says the "City Press."

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An Australian contemporary relates an incident in a Lodge
under the Victorian Constitution where the Worshipful Master
called the Brethren off for a week's refreshment. It is needless
to say, adds the writer, this was to evade a law relative to the
installation, which could not be conveniently gone through on the
night in question.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

ON Tuesday evening, 21st ult., following the ordinary quarterly meeting of the Lodge in the Masonic Hall, Hanley, Bro. William Wood read to a large gathering of Brethren an interesting paper on "Personal reminiscences and experiences in the Arctic regions," the ex-sergeant-major of the Royal Marines having been one of the members of Captain Sir George Nares's Polar Expedition in 1870-1. The various incidents graphically described by Bro. Wood were, through the instrumentality of Bro. J. W. Moore, rendered still more interesting by some fifty capital pictures thrown upon a screen by a powerful lantern. Many articles associated with the expedition, such as wearing apparel, photographs, papers, &c., were displayed in one of the rooms for the inspection of the Brethren. At the conclusion of the paper the Worshipful Master Bro. C. F. Baker proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. Wood and Moore, for the pleasure they had afforded the Brethren.

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PLEIADES LODGE, No. 710.

THE election meeting was regularly held at Totnes, when Bro. Rev. W. E. Windle S.W. was elected to the position of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. Cole was again selected to act as Treasurer of the Lodge. The installation meeting will take place on 7th October.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE regular meeting was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, 20th ult., Bro. A. E. Broome S.W. acting as Worshipful Master. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, a ballot, which was successful, was taken for Mr. William Geo. Brocklebank, Heaton Chapel, and he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Geo. B. Goodfellow I.P.M., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Broome, the address in the N.E. devolving upon Bro. Thos. Knott P.M. Secretary.

An election of Officers afterwards took place, with the result that the choice of W.M.-elect fell upon Bro. Broome. Bro. W. A. Vaughan P.M. was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bros. J. B. Oldham, W. A. Vaughan and Broome were appointed to audit the books. The S.W. received the able support of Past Masters Abm. Pemberton P.P.G.D.C. Treas., Capt. E. G. Lingard P.P.G.R., Walter H. Vaughan P.P.G.R., and Geo. Lingard Vaughan Prov.G.R.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs and sketches, rendered by Bros. C. Tilsey 1459, A. Ellor 104 2464, and E. Roberts P.M. 1459.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1343.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Grays, on Wednesday, 22nd ult., Bros. Ayres W.M., Pelling I.P.M., Weymouth S.W., Silverwood J.W., Westwood P.M. Treasurer, Asplin S.D., Atkins P.M. J.D., R. Matthews Assist. Organist, Walker I.G., Dorman Steward, H. E. Brook, J. W. Barefoot, A. C. James, Sievwright, Higgins, Porter, Daines, and several others.

Visitors—Bros. Ferguson and Sleight.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and in the absence of the Secretary Bro. Borradaile through illness, Bro. Westwood P.M. read the minutes, which were confirmed and signed.

The ballot was then taken for Mr. H. J. Foster, and proved unanimous in his favour. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Manning was questioned and entrusted. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Mr. Foster was admitted into the secrets of our Order. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Manning was raised as a Master Mason. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Mr. W. T. Knight, who had previously been balloted for, was passed through the ceremony of his initiation. The ceremonies were faultlessly worked by the Worshipful Master.

The Lodge was then closed in due form and the Brethren retired to the banquetting room, where a very enjoyable evening was spent. Songs were contributed by Bros. Higgins, Porter, Wingrove and Pean.

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JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 14th ult., when Bro. Charles Hill J.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. John Lane P.A.G.D.C. England.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by Bro. John Dodge P.P.G.T. to Bro. Crossman I.P.M. in recognition of the very successful way in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year.

The annual banquet followed at the Bath Saloons, Bro. W. J. Nosworthy catering very satisfactorily. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were observed, Bro. John Lane responding for the Grand Lodge of England. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. S. G. Stone Organist.

Replying to the toast of the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Gale, Bro. T. H. Wills said the Jordan Lodge stood high in the Province on account of the votes possessed by members in the various charities. For the three great Masonic Charities they had a total of 448 votes, for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, 294 this year. They were well represented in the Fortescue Charity Fund, and in the Aged Widows had twenty-eight votes, thirty-seven in the Mark Benevolent—an offshoot of the Jordan—and seven in the Female Orphan. The Jordan Charities Association had spent over thirty-six guineas during the past three years.

SACKVILLE LODGE, No. 1619.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th ult., at East Grinstead, when Bro. J. E. Lark was installed by Bro. G. Mitchell as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was an unusually large number of visiting Brethren from all parts of Surrey and Sussex.

A valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing W.M. Bro. W. H. Dixon, in recognition of the able manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past twelve months.

During the meeting Bro. E. A. Head announced that Bro. Budd-Budd had presented to the Lodge a site in St. James's Road for a Masonic Temple, and had headed the building fund with a handsome donation. This munificent gift was received with deep gratitude, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the generous donor.

The Brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., at the Railway Hotel, where Bro. Clark provided a most ample and elegant banquet, which reflected the highest possible credit on his establishment. The customary toasts were honoured, and an excellent musical programme was sustained by Brethren and several visiting friends of the W.M.

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ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

RESUMING their monthly meetings, after their customary summer recess, the members were "At Home" at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on 28th ult. The corridor was elaborately decorated with choice flowers and palms, tastefully arranged by Bro. W. Balchin jun., and the Music Room, in which the Brethren and their guests were received by the W.M. Bro. Alfred Upton and Mrs. Upton, was richly furnished. Supper was laid in the Banqueting Room, where nearly 150 sat down under the presidency of the W.M. A very short toast list was submitted. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured.

Bro. Colonel Tester I.P.M. next gave the Worshipful Master. Bro. Upton, he said, had been for many years an active and Loyal member of the Lodge, and had most ably carried out the duties of the various Offices entrusted to him. The Brethren were greatly indebted to Bro. Upton for the successful manner in which, for the first half of the year, he had acted as their W.M., and he felt he would do even better during the remainder of the year.

Bro. Alfred Upton, who was warmly received on rising to respond, thanked those present for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He said that they had met for an evening's enjoyment, and not for long speeches, but he felt that he was bound to testify to the Loyal support he had received from his Officers and members of the Lodge, among whom existed a strong feeling of Brotherhood.

Bro. Freeman then submitted the Visitors, to which Bro. J. Tickle, the Rev. E. H. Nash, and Mr. Penley responded.

On the termination of the toast list, the Brethren and their friends adjourned to the music room, where a pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental music was sustained, under the direction of Bro. George Cole P.P.G.O. Organist of the Lodge.

During the evening dancing took place in the saloon, the north drawing room being set apart for light refreshments. The gathering proved highly enjoyable, much of its success being due to the admirable arrangements made by Bro. Gwatkin Secretary, who received invaluable assistance from Bro. W. Balchin jun. P.M., and Bro. W. J. Townner I.G.

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ELDON LODGE, No. 1755.

ON Saturday, 11th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, in the presence of a large number of members and distinguished visitors, the installation of Bro. T. Turner took place. The ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. of Somerset Bro. K. C. Else P.G.D. England.

The ceremony over, the annual banquet took place, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, 17th ult., Bro. Thos. M. Brown W.M. There was a capital attendance of members and visitors alike, principal among whom were Bros. Jas. Clough I.P.M., Wm. Lambert S.W., Wm. Thos. Blease J.W., Thos. Kay P.M. Treas., W. A. Smith Secy., J. Harrop P.M. P.P.G.D. D.C., Past Masters E. Winterbottom Prov.G.D.D.C., Thos. Threlfall P.P.G.S., E. Holland, Wm. Mosley, J. L. Smith, F. Townson, Thos. T. Sefton, R. Duxbury.

Visitors: Bros. Capt. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds Dep. Prov. Grand Master, J. W. Millward P.M. 992 P.P.G.Sup. of Wks., J. A. Atkinson W.M. 1032, and Jno. W. Hallam P.M. 1055.

A formidable programme of work confronted the Officers, in the shape of an initiation, a passing, and two raisings; the passing, however, was deferred. A successful ballot having been taken for Mr. John Jackson, Manager, Ardwick, that gentleman was initiated by the W.M. Bros. G. J. Blore and J. H. Oakley were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bros. Clough and the W.M. respectively, the junior Officers assisting in each ceremony.

After Lodge business, a supper was partaken of, this being succeeded by a couple of hours of harmony.

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ST. CUTHBERT LODGE, No. 1902.

THE annual meeting took place at the Lodge Room, Bedlington, on Tuesday, 7th ult., when Bro. G. Robert Turner was installed W.M., Bro. T. M. Foggo I.P.M. acting as Installing Master.

After the ceremony the annual banquet was held at the Turk's Head Hotel, several visiting Brethren being present from D'Ogle Lodge, No. 636, Morpeth; Blagdon Lodge, No. 659, Blyth; and other Lodges.

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GREYSTONE LODGE, No. 1915.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, on the 16th ult., when Bro. J. W. Elwin was installed, the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. R. T. Wheeler.

After Lodge, the usual banquet was held at the Bear and Key, when about ninety Brethren, including many visitors from Grand, Provincial Grand, and various other Lodges, sat down under the presidency of the new W.M. After dinner the customary Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with music.

BRAMSTON BEACH LODGE, No. 2101.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Godalming, when Bro. H. G. Herbert was installed as W.M. by Bro. A. Gibbs P.G.A.D.C.

There was a large muster of Brethren and visitors, the latter including Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. and Bro. C. T. Tyler Prov.G.S.

After the installation about forty sat down to a splendid banquet, prepared in capital style by Bro. J. J. Taylor. The usual toasts were honoured, and the enjoyment of the evening was much added to by an excellent musical programme, arranged by Bro. C. Haig-Brown.

ST. CLEMENT LODGE, No. 2442.

AT the meeting on Saturday, 11th ult., the W.M. Bro. H. Burrow presiding, four initiates attended, the ceremony being performed in an able manner by the W.M. One joining member and one candidate for initiation were balloted for.

A banquet followed, and a musical evening was afterwards spent, Bro. W. H. Stevenson being the accompanist.

BRADSTOW LODGE, No. 2448.

THE annual installation festival of this Lodge took place on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Broadstairs, with remarkable success, when Bro. John T. May, J.P., a P.M. of the Royal Navy Lodge, No. 429, at Ramsgate, and Secretary of the Bradstow Lodge, was inducted into the Chair. Bro. Edgar H. White P.M. P.P.A.G.S. of Kent performed the ceremony in an altogether faultless manner, which elicited the hearty applause of the assembled Brethren.

The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Rev. R. A. Fawcett, M.A., Prov.G.A.C. I.P.M. and Chaplain, Frank Brightman, F.R.G.S., S.W., N. F. Merriman J.W., W. H. White S.D., W. F. Whiteing J.D., Dr. R. Barlow I.G., W. Nation D.C., W. Latchford A.D.C., Albert H. Hale P.M. re-elected Treasurer, A. J. Holt Secretary, J. Batten Organist, T. P. Swaine and H. B. Langham Stewards, and Thomas Martin Tyler.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the Railway Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served and thoroughly enjoyed.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a capital programme of songs and sketches was carried out by Bros. R. Dennant and L. Field, assisted by Messrs. John Warren and James Avon, who were candidates for initiation at an emergency meeting of the Lodge held on Friday, the 24th ult.

Among the Visitors present were Bros. James L. Hume W.M. 127, W. F. Ferridge W.M. 429, George Edgar W.M. 784, George Martin I.P.M. 829, W. Elwin W.M. 1915, Byron Dewhurst W.M. 972, Charles Watson W.M. 1206, J. Collins W.M. 1209, W. Salmon P.M. 917, C. J. Elliott P.M. 429, W. Kilby Patterson 972, J. Goldsack 429, R. Brencley, J. W. Wordall and W. H. Moses 1209, L. Field Organist 2308, W. H. Bennett 127, &c.

Bro. J. T. May, the new Worshipful Master, was initiated in the Royal Navy Lodge, in 1884, and was installed as its W.M. in 1889. He was elected its Treasurer in 1890, and still holds that office. He was a founder of the Bradstow Lodge, No. 2448, in 1892, and was elected as the first W.M., but gave over the collar to Bro. P.M. Blackburn, who unfortunately lost his hand by an accident during his year of office as W.M. of the Royal Navy Lodge, No. 429.

METROPOLITAN : INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

THIS well-known Lodge of Instruction which, under the Preceptorship of Bro. E. C. Mulvey Grand Pursuivant, has gained a high reputation for its excellent working, re-opened for the first time this season on Tuesday, at 8 o'clock, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., when several well-known Past Masters and other Brethren were present.

The chair was occupied by the W.M. of the Mother Lodge Bro. H. L. Davis, who was ably assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. W. Baddeley S.W., J. Jacobs J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M. G.Purs. Preceptor, F. Mart P.M. Deputy Preceptor, T. Casely P.M. Sec., J. M. Sillitoe Assistant Sec., A. Pennington S.D., W. Eardley J.D., J. Grose I.G., C. Lee Organist, W. Proctor P.M. Tyler; together with Bros. J. Mason, F. Fleming, L. Abrahams, H. L. Davis, A. D. Essien, H. Vroom, A. Mendelsshon, M. Mendelsshon P.M., M. Harvey, Mantering, A. Claxton, A. Pennington, J. Gartwright, J. Jacob, J. Maurice, F. Klein, A. Cope, J. Allen, C. G. Heap, T. Newman W.M. 733, J. Wynman, and a great many others.

The Lodge was opened in due form and the W.M. intimated his intention of working the first degree, for which Bro. M. Fleming offered himself as candidate. The ceremony was rehearsed in a very impressive manner. The Lodge was called off and on. Resuming the working Bro. H. Vroom and Bro. Essien answered the questions leading to the second degree; the Lodge was opened up, and the W.M. informed the Brethren his intention of working the third ceremony, for which Bro. W. E. Shales offered himself a candidate. He was examined and entrusted, the Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Bro. Vroom, Essien, G. Lee, L. Abrahams, Dr. E. Groot and A. Mendelsshon jun., were elected members, which compliment was duly acknowledged by those Brethren.

Bro. Mulvey proposed that the very best thanks be offered to the Officers of the Mother Lodge, to which the W.M. and the Officers suitably responded. After a few more formalities the Lodge was closed.

The Lodge of Instruction meets every Tuesday, at 8 o'clock sharp. We can say with confidence that Bro. E. C. Mulvey Grand Pursuivant is an excellent Preceptor, and pays the greatest attention to every Brother alike.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Barnes's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., Bro. Brown W.M., G. Weaver S.W., G. Miller J.W., Dehane P.M. Preceptor, Rogers P.M. Treasurer, G. Mogford Sec., T. Mogford S.D., G. Busby J.D., H. H. Bagnall I.G., Crow, Halston, Roberts P.M., Tucker, Thomas.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Halston candidate. Bro. Thomas was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas candidate. After closing Bro. T. Mogford rehearsed the inside working of the installation ceremony. Bro. G. Weaver was elected to the chair for next week.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday a meeting was held at Bro. W. T. Purkiss's, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

Being Preceptor's night, and the perfect capabilities of Bro. Williams Preceptor being so well known a very large attendance assembled to witness the working, which in every way gave the greatest satisfaction. Bro. Williams was most ably assisted by the following Officers: Bros. Justin Allen S.W., C. Barker J.W., F. J. Larkman P.M. acting Preceptor, J. H. Cumming P.M. Secretary, J. W. Ridley S.D., J. Dennis J.D., J. Strickland I.G., H. Worth Steward, W. Langdon, R. Goff, L. Walsh, R. W. Robinson, R. J. Manlove, F. Fulwood, W. W. Williams P.M., J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being duly opened to the second degree, the W.M. intimated to the Brethren his intention of rehearsing the third ceremony, for which Bro. Langdon offered himself as candidate. He was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, after which it was called off and on. The W.M., on resuming the chair, put the questions to the Brethren for the first section of the lecture, and these were answered in a creditable manner.

The W.M. had very much pleasure in proposing Bro. W. W. Williams P.M. 834 as a member, and he having been elected made suitable response.

Bro. J. W. Ridley will occupy the chair next Thursday, and will, we hope, be well supported by his Masonic Brethren.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

AT the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, 29th ult., Bro. Kobelt W.M., Day S.W., Clarkson J.W., Pate J.D., Hartley I.G., Tilt P.M. Secretary, Pauncefort P.M. Preceptor.

The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the charge to the candidate. The first section was worked by the W.M.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

AT the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, Paddington, Bros. G. E. Harris W.M., B. R. Thomas S.W., A. Collman J.W., G. Read P.G.S.B. England Treasurer and Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. Secretary, H. Chubb S.D., C. E. Batchelor J.D., G. Weaver Sted., W. Smith I.G., W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177 Deputy Preceptor, J. Smith, W. H. Handover, J. Hirst, J. Spink junr., T. Mogford W.M. 2362, A. W. H. Jones, W. Harris, and A. Williams.

The Lodge was opened to the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Williams as candidate. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree. Next week being Officers' night the S.W. Bro. Thomas was elected for the following meeting, Officers in rotation.

TERRIERS LODGE, No. 2184.

ON Wednesday, at 3 p.m., a very good meeting took place at the Sir Sydney Smith Tavern, Chester Street, Kennington, which house is under the able management of Mr. G. Eighteen.

There were present Bros. B. Cohen W.M., Frederick Holden Treasurer acting S.W., W. Mark J.W., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor, Wise P.M. Deputy Preceptor, E. Sinclair P.M. Secretary, E. Almayo S.D., C. Wetton W.M. 2087 J.D., C. Riley I.G., F. Mendoza, C. H. Randall, C. Castle, Jesse Burton, T. Holland, W. Smith W.M. 72, Cecil Merrie, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and advanced to the second and third degrees. Bro. Wise, with the excellent assistance of the Preceptor, worked the first section of the lecture. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a most impressive manner, Bro. Mendoza being the candidate. By desire of the W.M. Bro. T. Holland gave the charge, which was delivered in an admirable manner.

The following Brethren were proposed by Brother F. Holden as members: Bros. Samuel Levey 1178, W. Salter 1420 and 1772, F. Higham 1012 and 1772, E. De Vere I.P.M. 1772, Frank Mendoza 571, T. Wildes 1475, H. Jee 333, and J. Tennyson 1772. The ballot being taken for these Brethren was unanimous in their favour. Bro. Mendoza being the only candidate present acknowledged the compliment. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Holden S.W., for proposing these newly elected members. Bro. Holden, in reply, said it was his greatest ambition to make the Lodge of Instruction prosperous.

It was proposed by Bro. Darch, and seconded by Bro. Smith, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent working of the W.M., on his occupying the chair for the first time, to which the W.M. suitably responded.

Bro. Darch informed the W.M. and Brethren that the anniversary of the Lodge would take place on 19th November, and that he should like to celebrate that event with a banquet, to which the W.M. and Brethren unanimously agreed. The date will be fixed later on, so as to meet the convenience of the professional Brethren. The following were elected to act on the Committee, Bros. Darch, Sinclair, Holden, Cecil Merrie, T. Holland, and C. H. Randall. After a few more Masonic transactions the Lodge was closed.

Bro. F. Holden Treasurer will preside as W.M. next Wednesday, when the Brethren may expect another Masonic treat.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

AT the Frascati, Oxford Street, on Friday, 24th ult., Bro. Marks W.M., Ramsbottom S.W., Neavis J.W., Cooper S.D., Ball J.D., Read I.G., Shelton W.M. acting Preceptor, Kobelt acting Secretary, Ridgway candidate.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ridgway candidate. The W.M. relinquished the chair in favour of Bro. Shelton, who rehearsed the ceremony of Installation. The W.M. resumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Barnett acting as the candidate.

A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to Bros. Marks and Shelton for the able manner of their working, and all Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

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SOUTH SAXON CHAPTER, No. 311.

THE installation took place at the Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Wednesday, 22nd ult., the proceedings being honoured by the presence of Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph Grand Superintendent of Sussex.

The newly installed M.E.Z. Comp. J. H. Bull presided at the subsequent banquet, after which the usual Arch toasts were given, Lieutenant-General Randolph responding for that of the Superintendent of Sussex. A most enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music was carried out.

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HOPE CHAPTER, No. 574.

THE annual installation gathering was held on Thursday, the 16th ult., in the Temperance Hall, Newbury, under the able presidency of Comp. C. E. Keyser M.E.Z.

Bros. A. E. Pike and W. J. Clarke, members of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, having been balloted for and elected, were duly exalted, the ceremony being performed by the M.E.Z., assisted by his Officers, after which the imposing ceremony of installing the Principals and other Officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the chief appointments being Comp. R. Ravenor Z., Rev. W. M. Hope H., S. Knight J., H. S. Hanington S.E., W. H. Belcher S.N., and E. Head Treasurer.

At the close of the business, the newly installed M.E.Z., on behalf of the Chapter, presented the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. Keyser with a handsome gold jewel, in recognition, not only of the efficient services he had rendered during the past year, but also of the Masonic liberality he had shown as the chief Founder of this Chapter. The presentation was acknowledged in graceful and appropriate terms.

The proceedings at the Hall were succeeded by a banquet, provided by Mrs. Hamlen, at the Queen's Hotel, when the customary toasts were proposed and honoured.

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ST. PETER LODGE, No. 187.

THE installation meeting was held at Tiverton, on Wednesday, 15th ult., when Bro. P. Pyle was installed into the chair by Bro. Ellerton, and regularly appointed the assistant Officers for the year.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Parkhurst.—On Monday, the new musical comedy, in two acts, entitled, the Ballet Girl, by James T. Tanner, author of "Don Juan," "My Girl," and the present Gaiety success, "The Circus Girl," with lyrics by Adrian Ross, and music by Karl Keifert, will be played at the Parkhurst Theatre by Mr. Wallace Erskine's popular company. This play comes with a reputation for charming music, original dances, and genuinely funny comedy. Following this, on Monday, 11th inst., there will appear, for six nights, Mr. Edward Lockwood's musical comedy company in the popular success from the Prince of Wales' Theatre, "La Poupée," with exact replica of the original scenery. On Monday, 18th, for six nights, Mr. William Greet's Company in Mr. Wilson Barrett's popular play, "The Sign of the Cross." On Monday, 25th, for six nights, Messrs. Paterson and Macdonald's Company in "The Gay Parisienne," the very successful musical comedy from the Duke of York's Theatre.

BRO. ERNEST SINCLAIR, of the firm of E. Sinclair and Co., 46 Kennington Road, S.E., is maker of the "Artiste" Cycles, and also acts as Agent for the "Waverley" Bicycle—described as America's favourite—and we are sure he will be pleased to hear from any of his Masonic Brethren who may be looking for a good mount, either for the close of the current year, when many an enjoyable ride will be possible; or early for the coming season, when we anticipate cycling will be as popular as ever—and even more so.

"THE HOUSE" (Horace Cox, sixpence monthly), a magazine of Domestic Art, in its October issue covers an exceptionally wide field. Leading off with a lengthy illustrated review of "The Arts and Crafts" Exhibition at Lancaster—with an admirable full-page portrait of the Countess of Bective, the president of the Council—it touches upon almost every phase of applied art. Lovers of needlework are appealed to in a chapter of Ecclesiastical Embroidery; the amateur worker will find much to interest and instruct in "Hints on Decorative Wood-staining," and the production of "A carved Jewel Casket"; for collectors there are articles on "Chinese Porcelain," "A piece of Pepy's Silver," "Hepplewhite Furniture," and "Bookbindings"; the theatre goer will appreciate "A scene from Rosemary," and by those to whom James Russell Lowell has become a "fireside friend," a plate illustrating an incident in "An interview with Miles Standish" will be highly treasured. "Trafalgar Day" is not forgotten, for in "Some furniture associated with Lord Nelson" appears the great Admiral's portrait; his picturesque birthplace; the "Nelson" Room at the Star Inn, Yarmouth and his table from the "Victory." The lady of the house will find her anxieties lightened by the recipes and menus fully set forth in "The Cook's Instructions," as also by the "Scheme for Table Decoration for the month," and even Serviette Folding is not forgotten. The ventilation and warming of the home are exhaustively dealt with; door and window draping for the winter is illustrated and explained; the overcoming of "Household Difficulties" is made easy; "Chess Problems" are set and solved, and the humours of amateur cabinet making have a page to themselves. Last, but not least, in "Illustrated Answers to Correspondents" the editor acts as guide, counsellor, and friend to all in trouble with reference to matters of furnishing decoration, household management, and the like.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Fuller 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.

25 Robert Burns, Freemasons'-hall
69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
144 St. Luke, Anderton's
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell
1853 Caxton, Freemasons'-hall
2020 St. Botolph, Albion
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen-Amhurst, Stoke Newing.
2578 National Artillery, Criterion

53 Royal Sussex, Bath
61 Probity, Halifax
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
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, Barnstable
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
395 Guy, Leamington
408 Three Graces, Haworth
422 Yarrowburgh, Gainsboro'
428 Sincerity, Northwich
431 St. George, N. Shields
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge
467 Tudor, Oldham
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
613 Unity, Southport
622 St. Cuthbert, 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
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1399 Marlborough, Woodstock
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1575 Clive, Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2166 Cotchele, Culstock
2187 Adur, Henfield
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

2150 Tivoli, Frascati
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2469 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
160 True Friendship, Rochford
209 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
366 St. David, Milford
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
615 St. John & St. Paul, Erith
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.
702 Sherborne, Stroud
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
789 Dunheved, Launceston
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
847 Fortesque, Honiton
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
960 Bute, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cookermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1309 Acacia, Hampton Court
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1488 St. Eleth, Almwck
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
1981 Arnold, East Molesey
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Cleeve
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2490 Amphill, Amphill
2561 West Essex, Buckhurst Hill

Wednesday.

511 Zetland, Anderton's
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn
1687 Rothesay, Frascati
2484 Second Mid. Artillery, F.M.H.
74 Athol, Birmingham
86 Loyalty, Prescot
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariner, Guernsey
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale

Tuesday.

9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
172 Old Concord, F.M.H.
217 Stability, Anderton's
765 St. James, Southwark
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons'-hall
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Htl
1381 Kennington, Kennington Park
1397 Anerley, Anerley
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1693 Kingsland, Highbury
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly
2032 Richmond, Richmond
223 U. N. Counties, Inns of Crt. Htl

- 320 Loyalty, Mottram
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
380 Integrity, Morley
406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
611 Marches, Ludlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
838 Franklin, Boston
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
929 Waveney, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Looe
992 St. Thomas, Manchester
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1063 Mallory Abbey, West Malling
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsey, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Lougheat, Warminster
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1736 St. John, Halifax
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2355 Chantrey, Dore
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.

- Quarterly Court, Girls School, 12.
27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.
192 Lion & Lamb, Cannon St. Hotel
227 Ionic, Criterion
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall
742 Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Southwark
1216 Macdonald, Camberwell
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1765 Trinity Col., 13, Mandeville Pl.
1772 Pimlico, Westminster
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway
2202 Regent Park, Frascati
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Grand Ho
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford
2411 Clarence & Avondale, L'yt'nst'n
2512 Fulham, Fulham
2580 Crouch End, Highgate
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
71 Unity, Lowestoft
110 Loyal O'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengist, Pournemouth
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariner, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden

- 289 Fidelity, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Beverley
295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester
318 True and Faithful, Helston
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
360 Pomfret, Northampton
361 Industry, Hyde
362 Doric, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
446 Benevolent, Wells
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
509 Tees, Stockton
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Walsall
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
633 Yarborough, Manchester
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
710 Pleiades, Totnes
761 St. John, Dursley
803 St. Andrew, Biggleswade
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1231 Savile, Elland
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
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 Lancaster, Padstun
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'nt'r, Balsall H'th
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2028 Granite, Narborough
2043 Kendrick, Reading
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2169 Osborne, East Cowes
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2255 Philbrick, Chingford
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

Friday.

- Quarterly Court, Boys School, at 12.
177 Domestic, Anderton's
749 Belgrave, Anderton's
1559 New Cross, Greenwich
Anchor, Café Royal
2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
64 Fortitude, Manchester
81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
355 R'l. S'x. Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Watford
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
445 Fidelity, Towcester
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
680 Sefton, Liverpool
712 Lindsey, Louth
786 Croxeth United Service, L'pool
815 Blair, Manchester
916 Hartington, Eastbourne
951 Prince of Wales, Stow on'Wold
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1087 Beadesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1289 Rock, Birkenhead
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De la Pole, Hull
1661 Newton, Newark-on-Trent

- 1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2078 St. Lawrence, Seunthorpe
2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney
2554 Manchester, Manchester
2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

- 176 Caveau, Albion
1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern
1612 West Middlesex, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion
1685 Guelph, Leyton
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's
1839 Duke of Cornwall, F'masons'-h.

- 2369 Cornish, Markmasons'-hall
2579 Lewisham, Lewisham
149 Peace, Meltham
308 Prince George, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Marple
370 St. George, Chertsey
444 Union, Starcross
1347 Lorne, Sutton
1415 Campbell, Hampton Court
1423 Era, Twickenham
1637 Unity, Harrow Station
1755 Eldon, Portishead
1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't.
2006 Tilbury, Purfleet
2095 Caterham, Caterham
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray
2326 Wigan, Wigan
2359 Doric, Didsbury

Our Scottish Brethren have once again shown their enthusiasm in the work of providing Masonic Halls for their meetings. The members of St. Ninian's Lodge recently organized a bazaar, as they desired to raise £350 with the object of freeing their Hall from debt. The result of the two days' sale was £214, with a large number of useful articles still on hand, the sale of which it is hoped will go far towards making up the deficiency. In opening this bazaar Bro. Will, Q.C., humorously observed that one of the secrets of the Craft was a wholesome fear of debt. There are many of us who can but wish this fear had a practical, rather than a theoretical, existence.

The Theatres, &c.

Covent Garden.—Royal Carl Rosa Opera, 8.
Lyceum.—8, Hamlet.
Drury Lane.—7-30, The White Heather. Matinée, Saturday, 1-30.
Her Majesty's.—8, The Prentice Pillar. 9 Hansel and Gretel. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Haymarket.—8-20, The Tarantula. 9, A marriage of convenience. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30. (Last day).
Globe.—8-15, Our bitterest foe. 9, "Miss Francis" of Yale. Matinée, Saturday, 2-15.
Lyric.—8-15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Adelphi.—8, In the days of the Duke. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Garrick.—8-20, La Pêchole. 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.
Prince of Wales's.—8-15, La Poupée. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Savoy.—7-40, Old Sarah. 8-20, The Yeoman of the Guard. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Gaiety.—8, The Circus Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Terry's.—8-20, The French Maid. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Criterion.—On Wednesday, The Liars. Matinée, Saturday.
Strand.—8-15, The Greek Soprano. 9, The Purser. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Shaftesbury.—8-15, The Wizard of the Nile. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-15.
Avenue.—8-20, The Barons' Wager, My Lady's Orchard, and the Mermaids.
Duke of York's.—8-15, Francillon. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Comedy.—8-10, The Guinea Stamp. 9, One Summer's day. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Princess's.—7-45, Tommy Atkins. On Monday, Two little Vagabonds.
Grand.—Next week, Augustin Daly's Company.
Parkhurst.—Next week, at 8, The Ballet Girl.
Alhambra.—7-50, Variety Entertainment. The Tzigane. Victoria and Merrie England. Cinematographe views of the Jubilee Procession.
Empire.—7-50, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet, Monte Cristo, &c.
Palace.—8, Variety Entertainment, New American Biograph, &c.
Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2-30.
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
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