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THE CRAFT AND PARISH AFFAIRS.

FREEMASONRY was brought into prominence at a recent meeting of the Egremont District Council, when the letting of the Market Hall for a banquet in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland came up for consideration. It appears from a local account of the proceedings, which we reproduce elsewhere, that the instructions of the authorities are that the Hall shall not be let for any purpose connected with which there is to be consumption of intoxicating liquors, and as a consequence the Masons were not satisfied with the accommodation.

How the matter ended we have not yet heard, but we think our readers will agree with us that it is somewhat of a misfortune that the Craft should be brought so prominently into the discussion, when, as a matter of fact, any other body of men might have desired the Hall for a like purpose. The event has provided the means of administering the usual back handed slaps at Freemasonry, whose members are certainly no worse, and probably far better, than the majority of the Societies whose patrons can enjoy a little refreshment as well as a large amount of work.

THE SCHOOLS QUARTERLY COURTS.

GIRLS SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Subscribers of this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Tavern, when Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., Past Grand Warden Treasurer of the Institution presided.

Sir John Monckton moved the acceptance of 1,100 guineas from Bro. George Heaton, of Heckmondwike, to purchase a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, but the motion was opposed on the ground that the cost of a girl was more than the income of the capital sum, and that 1,200 guineas for the same privilege was refused by the Boys School. An amendment by Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer was carried unanimously, referring the consideration of the subject to a Committee consisting of three Brethren to represent the Girls School, three to represent the Boys School, and three to represent the Benevolent Institution, and to report to a future meeting.

Fifteen girls, out of a list of twenty-six candidates, were afterwards elected into the Institution, the result, so far as successful candidates are concerned, being given elsewhere in this issue, while the following were the unsuccessful, with particulars of the votes recorded on behalf of each, these latter being carried forward for the next election, providing the children are then eligible :

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Votes. Polled.	Total.
1	Stephenson, Victoria Florence ...	1541	1332	2873
7	Brown, Annie Mabel ...	1078	1483	2561
6	Orr, Ethel May... ..	806	1716	2522
12	Pate, Gladys Leonora ...	—	1555	1555
21	Deans, Francis Clara ...	—	1080	1080
9	Tremlett, Violet Louise ...	—	951	951
17	Fisk, Lucy Cana ...	—	878	878
3	Stickland, Gwynedd Mary ...	79	798	877
25	O'Neill, Elizabeth ...	—	808	808
2	Scholes, Alberta (last) ...	30	169	199
11	Jacobs, Josephine Charlotte ...	—	142	142

A letter from the Home Secretary was read, in which the Queen's gracious reception of the Institution's address of congratulation on her completing sixty years of her reign was conveyed, and the communication was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

BOYS SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of this Institution was held yesterday (Friday), at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer Patron and Trustee Chairman of the Board of Management presiding.

In the course of introducing a motion by the Chairman for giving extra votes to Stewards for the Centenary Festival of the Institution in 1898, it was stated by Bro. C. E. Keyser, one of the supporters, that it was hoped that the sum subscribed on the occasion of the Centenary celebration next year, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master would enable the Board of Management to erect a building at Bushey, in lieu of the school now at Wood Green, worthy of the Institution and commensurate with the requirements of the Masonic Order for many years to come. It was stated by the chairman that several architects were competing in the preparation of plans, and that the Board trusted to lay them before the next Quarterly Court, so that arrangements might be made for laying the first stone.

After transacting some other business, sixteen boys were elected into the Schools, the result of the poll being given in our advertisement column. The following is a list of the unsuccessful :

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Votes. Polled.	Total.
48	Colwell, Francis Joseph ...	—	3638	3638
13	Thompson, Thomas James ...	1169	1715	2884
17	Carroll, Frederick Sheridan ...	435	2109	2544
10	Mansell, Colston Thomas ...	1944	560	2504
33	Hibbs, Ronald George (last) ...	—	2318	2318
6	Manley, Leonard Oliver ...	1506	673	2179
18	Calf, Reginald Frank ...	327	1515	1842
45	Roach, Lewis ...	—	1569	1569
2	Oldham, George Harold ...	1217	330	1547
15	Burnett, James Murdoch ...	437	879	1316
49	Potter, Charles George ...	—	1268	1268
19	Osmond, Frederick William ...	334	750	1084
4	Brinjes, Frederick Edgar ...	461	516	977
38	Colman, Ernest Charles ...	—	885	885
27	Blake, William Worthy Atkinson ...	28	659	687
28	Downes, Gilbert George ...	337	324	661
3	Wright, Charles Philip ...	329	294	623
47	Moir, Sydney Herbert ...	—	488	488
11	Moulton, Ronald Verlow ...	423	55	478
8	Hatchwell, Leonard Douglas ...	267	178	445
22	Delahaye, William Arthur ...	129	303	432
32	Pallot, Thomas Turner ...	—	144	144
20	Sherman, Harold Mackenzie ...	55	48	103
36	Bascombe, Edgar Hardy ...	—	93	93
44	Nichols, Herbert Wilfrid ...	—	91	91
21	Hartley, Bernard ...	5	14	19
24	Glover, Geoffrey Ravenhill ...	8	5	13
35	Price, Edmund Roy ...	—	9	9
43	Hardy, Harold Richard ...	—	6	6
37	McLeod, Lewis Arthur Alexander ...	—	5	5
23	Broben, Gerald Grant ...	3	1	4
7	Eales, Arthur Douglas ...	—	Withdrawn	
12	Peel, Gilbert William ...	—	Withdrawn	

LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Gainsborough, on Thursday, 30th ult., in the Masonic Room at the Old Hall. The Officers for 1897-8 were invested by Comp. William Harling Sissons, J.P., D.L., Provincial Grand Superintendent.

The customary banquet was subsequently held at the White Hart Hotel, after which the usual Loyal and Arch toast list was honoured.

CHESHIRE.

SUPPLEMENTARY to our last week's brief report of the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Sandbach, on the 29th ult., we are pleased to add the following further particulars of the work done :

The Committee of Benevolence reported that the funds of the Province are in a healthy condition, and that the fees and dues payable by Lodges show an increase over last year. The balance standing to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge is £233, of which £121 is credited to general purposes, and £112 to the Fund of Benevolence. The Committee had five petitions for relief during the year, and granted out of the Fund of Benevolence the sum of £40. The Election Committee had been successful this year in placing two children upon the London Institutions. In addition to the grants made out of the Fund of Benevolence, aged Freemasons of Cheshire and widows of Freemasons had during the year received in grants from the funds of the R.M.B.I. London the sum of £100. The same Committee, as the Committee of Management of the affairs of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, also presented a report, in which they stated that the funds of the Institution had been this year increased by donations amounting to £186 5s 8d. The funds which had been collected for the Institution amount in round numbers to the sum of £4,309. The Committee are satisfied with the progress the Institution has made, but they hope that the Brethren will not relax their efforts to still further increase the funds of the Institution, and thereby enlarge its scope and usefulness. At the present time there are seven annuitants on the fund of the Institution, at a cost of £120. This sum is in excess of the present income from investments, and although the Committee hope to relieve the funds by placing, as opportunity offers, some or other of the annuitants upon the funds of the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, it will be seen that further effort is necessary to meet future cases. The Committee of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution reported that notwithstanding the strenuous call that was made on the Brethren during the past year to support the joint festival at Knutsford, the subscriptions and donations, &c., from the Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren amount to £276 for the present year. This sum had been collected through 25 Lodges out of the 48 which now exist in the Province. The amount received through the Festival was £323. During the past year there were 59 children on the books, whose education and clothing cost the Institution £469. Nine of these children had been taken off their hands during the year, and there were applications from six candidates. The foregoing reports were received, on the motion of Bro. Clayton, Chairman of the three Committees.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master said it was very gratifying to him personally that he had been asked by the Brethren to discharge the agreeable duty which now devolved upon him. When, three months ago, an announcement was made that Her Majesty had been pleased to confer upon Lord Egerton the honour and dignity of an earldom, a thrill of pleasure and satisfaction went at once through their community, and nowhere was that feeling of pleasure more strongly evinced than amongst the members of the Fraternity in that Province. It was difficult in Lord Egerton's presence to even allude to some of the topics which, under other circumstances, it would have been very pleasant to dilate upon, because he knew it would be in the highest degree distasteful to his Lordship if he allowed himself to indulge in fulsome panegyric on his Lordship's great public services, and still more on his private worth and virtues. It was enough to say that those services and virtues were known to and appreciated by them all, and that the honour which had devolved upon his Lordship was merely a fitting reward for those services. The occasion on which Lord Egerton had received the honour would very materially enhance its value in the eyes of its recipient and those who took an interest in the event. It was a great and glorious and unique occasion, the Diamond Jubilee of the best and most beloved Sovereign who had ever wielded a sceptre, the completion of sixty years of almost uninterrupted national happiness and prosperity. To receive a honour on such an occasion and as part of the celebration of such events, was a unique honour, and one, he thought, unparalleled in the privileges which it conferred upon its recipient. The duty which he (Sir Horatio Lloyd) had to discharge would be best performed in the fewest and simplest words. He, therefore conveyed to Lord Egerton, as he was asked to do, the hearty congratulations of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and

and of all the Masons of the Province, on the honour which the Provincial Grand Master had so worthily received at the hands of the Queen, by asking his acceptance of an address which had been prepared on their behalf.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the address, of which the following is the text :

Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons,
Grand Lodge of the Province of Cheshire.

To the Right Honourable Wilbraham, Earl Egerton of Tatton, in the County Palatine of Chester, and Viscount Salford of the County Palatine of Lancaster, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons of the Province of Cheshire.

May it please your Lordship, We, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and members of Lodges within the Province of Cheshire, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled this 29th day of September 1897, beg permission to tender to your Lordship our most hearty congratulations upon the high honour conferred upon you by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the occasion of the celebration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty's long and glorious reign.

We are indeed pleased that at the head of our ancient and honourable Fraternity in the Province of Cheshire we have, in the person of your Lordship, one whom his Sovereign has delighted to honour, and it is peculiarly gratifying to us that the dignity of an Earldom has been annexed to the ancient name so long honourably borne by your Lordship and your predecessors, and that the public spirit you have shown, and the long, arduous, and valuable services you have rendered in the cause of education, agriculture, the Manchester Ship Canal, and other public enterprises, have been such as to gain the approbation and esteem of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and the bestowal by her upon you of the title of Viscount Salford, of the County Palatine of Lancaster, a dignity which will carry down to posterity your eminent services, and perpetuate your name as one of the pioneers of a great public enterprise.

We humbly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will endow your Lordship with continued health and strength to enjoy the favour of our beloved Queen, and to continue the valuable work which your Lordship has undertaken, to the benefit of our ancient and honourable Fraternity and the county, and to the advantage of the community generally.

Signed, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Cheshire,

HORATIO LLOYD Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
RICHARD NEWHOUSE P.D.G.Swd.Br. Prov.G.Sec.

The Provincial Grand Master was warmly greeted on rising to acknowledge the presentation of the address. He said he felt highly honoured, and words failed him to express sufficiently his sense of the kind and flattering way in which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had spoken as the mouthpiece of the Brethren. He felt highly honoured that in this Jubilee year he should have been the recipient of such a special distinction as Her Majesty had been pleased to confer on him, but that honour had, if possible, been enhanced by the kind and welcome congratulations which he had received from those with whom he had worked during the greater portion of his life, and whose affection and esteem he valued. It had been his privilege to be connected with Masonry in various capacities for a long time, and he felt deeply the kind expression of approval of the Brethren contained in the address. He remembered being present at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Sandbach, which, he was told, was about 35 years ago. Since that time he had received many kindnesses from the Brethren of the Province, and the address was the crowning monument of their esteem towards him, and as such he valued it most highly. Referring to the working of Masonry in the Province, he found that the Brethren had most nobly supported the charities during the last five years. Within that period they had not only raised a sum of between £4,000 and £5,000 for their own charities, but they had also contributed largely to the great London charities. They had also increased in numbers very considerably. Ten years ago there were about 40 Lodges, with 1,614 members in the Province; at the present time they had 50 Lodges, with a membership of 2,300, and there were prospects of several other Lodges being consecrated in the Province. He mentioned these facts to show that during the period in which he had been privileged to preside over the Province, Masonry had not lost ground in Cheshire, as he hoped it never would while he remained in his present position. This year had been eminently associated with the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, and he cordially concurred in the

remarks which Sir Horatio Lloyd had made on that point. Her Majesty, through her descendants of the first and second degree, had associated herself and her family with Masonry. They had a splendid recognition of that fact when His Royal Highness their Grand Master presided over a great meeting at which 7,000 members assembled in Grand Lodge to pass a resolution of congratulation to Her Majesty, and he could not help thinking that the progress of their own Province had enlisted the approval of His Royal Highness, and that this was shown by the selection of Bro. John Clayton as an Officer of the Grand Lodge. Next year there would be a great meeting over which His Royal Highness would preside, at which the sympathy of the Brethren in every Province would be enlisted on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and he hoped the Province of Cheshire would be found well supporting that deserving Institution on the occasion.

Bro. W. Holloway 368 was afterwards unanimously elected Treasurer, and the auditors having been appointed, the Prov. G.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year in the following order:

Bro. His Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd	-	Deputy
Fredk. Broadsmith	-	Senior Warden
J. Armstrong	-	Junior Warden
Rev. C. H. Hylton Stewart	-	Chaplains
Rev. C. E. Jackson	-	
W. Holloway	-	Treasurer
T. W. Markland	-	Registrar
Richard Newhouse	-	Secretary
W. Newton	-	Senior Deacons
J. J. Tinker	-	
Peter Jackson	-	Junior Deacons
R. Robinson	-	
H. Gordon Small	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. R. Wass	-	Deputy Directors of Cers.
J. Todden	-	
T. Owen	-	Sword Bearer
S. Sherratt	-	
T. Simpson	-	Standard Bearers
W. Davidson	-	
P. Davies	-	Assistant Secretary
G. Brookes	-	
G. Young	-	Organist
W. Ramsey	-	Pursuivant
A. Moore	-	Assistant Pursuivant
F. R. Oke	-	Stewards
T. Marriott	-	
S. Jude	-	Tyler.
T. W. Stanbury	-	
T. Browne	-	
R. G. Hawkins	-	
A. Husley	-	

On the motion of Colonel Dean P.G.S.W. the salary of the Prov. G. Secretary Bro. Newhouse was advanced from £100 to £150 a year.

Bro. J. Clayton G.A.D.C. England P.P.G.S.W. moved a resolution appointing the Provincial Grand Master a Steward of the Festival for the Boys Institution in June next, and voting 100 guineas from the Provincial funds to the Institution in connection with such Stewardship.

Bro. Colonel Dean, in seconding the motion, reminded the Brethren that when Lord Egerton presided at a similar festival a few years ago the Lodges of the Province sent up £2,000.

Earl Egerton said he should have great pleasure in accepting the Stewardship, and in handing over any contributions that might be added to the sum just voted.—“Macclesfield Chronicle.”

WARWICKSHIRE MASONIC PULPIT.

THE unveiling ceremony will take place at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, on Thursday next. After the adjournment of Provincial Grand Lodge at the Shire Hall, the Brethren will proceed in procession to the church.

CHURCH SERVICE.

A MASONIC Church service, the arrangements for which had been made by the Bootle-Wilbraham Lodge, No. 2463, of which Bro. S. L. Fraser Prov. G.S. of W. is Worshipful Master, was held in Knotty Ash Church on Sunday afternoon, under the patronage of a large number of Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Officers of Lodges. The Brethren, of whom there were nearly 300 present, assembled in the Village Hall, where they clothed themselves in full Craft regalia. Bro. J. Jarman P.P.G.D.C. acted as Director of Ceremonies on the occasion.

At the church the Brethren were met by Bro. the Rev. Frank J. Powell Chaplain of the Bootle-Wilbraham Lodge, vicar

of Knotty Ash. The service was choral, the anthem selected being “Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.”

An appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Powell, whose text was part of the twenty-second verse, tenth chapter, second book of Kings. Referring to the special object of the service, the preacher said in the West of Lancashire Province much good work had been done. By the Hamar, the Alpass, and other Institutions the Brethren had already provided for the widow, the orphan, and distressed Brethren. Now they had established a fund in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen. This Victoria fund of benevolence was intended to relieve poor and distressed Masons, their relatives, or other persons dependent upon them, and for whom the existing Masonic Institutions did not provide. Whilst the collection in aid of the West Lancashire Victoria Fund of Benevolence was being made the hymn “O King of Kings” was sung. The recessional hymn was that beginning with the words “Through the night of doubt and sorrow.”—“Liverpool Post.”

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

WE regret to announce the death of Bro. Harry Joseph Cross, the Manager for Messrs. Spiers and Pond in connection with the catering of the new Palace Steamers, who expired suddenly on the 23rd ult., at 80 Charleswood Street, S.W. Bro. Cross had just finished a most successful season with the steamers, on board which he was well known for his courtesy and bonhomie, but his arduous duties probably hastened his decease, for he was not of a very robust constitution. The immediate cause of death was heart disease.

THE death is announced of Bro. Alfred William Beckham, which took place very suddenly at his residence in Ebury Street, Pimlico. Bro. Beckham, who was sixty-four years of age, was formerly a member of the Vestry, but retired after a few years. Nevertheless he did not fail to continue to take a close interest in everything that affected the district. But it was in the promotion of Masonic principles that much of his time was spent, and by all Masons in his locality his death will be greatly regretted. Perhaps to the furtherance of those principles he devoted more time and energy than any other in the district. About twenty-five years ago he founded the Eccleston Lodge, and became its first Secretary, continuing in that office until his decease. Two or three years ago he founded the Piccadilly Lodge, and here again he was the first Secretary, continuing to hold that position until the last. By the members of both Lodges he was held in high esteem. Bro. Beckham was a Life Governor of the Boys School, the Girls School, and the Benevolent Institution, says the “Chelsea Mail.”

THE death of M. Alphonse Fortune Lamette, which took place after a long and painful illness, though his end was very peaceful, on Thursday, 23rd ult., at his residence, Dudley Mansions, Brunswick Place, Hove, will be regretted by a large circle of friends. Born in Normandy sixty-three years ago, the deceased came to Brighton in 1864, and had resided there ever since. He built up a very extensive business as a boarding-house keeper in Hove, and his many excellent qualities gathered round him a host of friends. A devoted Freemason, he was one of the best known members of the Order in the county. He assisted in founding several Lodges in Brighton, was a member of many others, and also connected with several of the most prominent Lodges in London. At the time of his demise he was the W.M. of one of his Lodges, and had also passed the chair in the Adur, Stanford, Pelham, Lewes Mark, and Royal Clarence Lodges. He had also been W.M. of the Royal Sussex Mark Lodge. A liberal subscriber to various Masonic charities for many years, he was Charity Steward of the Stanford Lodge in connection with the Sussex Provincial charities, Treasurer of the Royal Sussex Conclave, No. 10, of the Order of the Secret Monitor, and also of the Royal Sussex Mark Lodge and of the Brightelmstone Council, No. 15. The late Bro. Lamette was for several years one of the Overseers of Hove, and was also a member of the Sussex Archaeological Society, but probably he will be best remembered, says the “Sussex Daily News,” from the prominent part he took a few years ago in connection with the French Reformed Church, Regency Square. For a considerable period he was Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Church, and discharged the delicate duties which fell to him in the course of the dispute with great courtesy, tact, and ability. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

NEW HALL AT NANTWICH.

ON Saturday afternoon Earl Egerton of Tatton, in his capacity of Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, visited Nantwich for the purpose of laying the north east corner stone of a Parish and Masonic Hall which is being erected. There was first held a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the Crown Hotel, the duties at which were purely formal; and, it having been closed, a procession was formed and proceeded to the site. The people of Nantwich evinced deep interest in the event. They filled narrow streets of the quaint old Cheshire town in their eagerness to witness the pretty spectacle of these mysterious men in regalia as they carried the peculiar symbols of their Offices. As is usual at public Masonic ceremonies, there were many ladies present, and they displayed their usual interest and curiosity in the extraordinary proceedings of the gentlemen of whose doings in secret they heard vague but ominous rumours. The procession, which was pretty in its fulgence, made a picturesque show, as, headed by a brass band, it proceeded through the tortuous streets of the old borough; and a large assembly of the public awaited its arrival on a large platform at the site—near by the old Parish Church.

The singing of the 100th Psalm "All people that on earth do dwell" commenced the ceremonial, after which Bro. Rev. C. E. Jackson, as chairman of the Building Committee, asked Earl Egerton of Tatton to lay the corner stone. Bro. T. Jackson P.P.G. Treasurer also, on behalf of the Committee, presented his lordship with a trowel.

The Provincial Grand Master said he had great pleasure in complying with the request of the Chairman of the Building Committee to lay the corner stone of that parochial building. He had no doubt that the building that they were starting that day would be a very great addition to the machinery of the Church of England in that parish. The machinery of the Church of England required rooms for holding meetings of various kinds, and no church or parish in these days was considered complete if it had not good parochial rooms which could be used for the purposes of the church. He felt certain that the building of a lasting addition to the good work which had been done in that which they were about to lay the first corner stone would prove parish by the present Rector and a long procession of good Rectors from time immemorial. On behalf of Masons he rejoiced that a room which would form part of that building would be a convenient place for the meetings of the Brethren in that town, and that the Lodge, a very ancient one—which might perhaps be supplemented by others in the course of time—would find a local habitation here. He felt sure that it would promote Masonry in that part of the Province, and he hoped it would be of lasting use to the good people of the district. Proceeding, his lordship addressed all present according to the ancient usage, informing all that they were lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of the country; and established of old with peace and honour, in most countries, to do good to their Brethren, to erect magnificent structures, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. They were assembled in the presence of them all to assist in laying in ancient form the corner stone of that building, which they prayed the Great Architect to prosper for the promotion of Godliness, harmony, and Brotherly love.

The ceremony then proceeded according to custom. The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Newhouse informed those present of the contents of a bottle placed in the cavity of the stone. They consisted of copies of the parish magazine, newspapers, and a number of coins. Then there was placed over the cavity a brass plate bearing the inscription:

"This corner stone was laid with Masonic formalities in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe and to His glory by the Right Hon. Earl Egerton of Tatton, Viscount Salford, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Cheshire, in the Diamond Jubilee Year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria. 2nd October 1897. Charles Edwyn Jackson, Rector."

The Craftsmen having done their duty his lordship declared the stone to be well and truly laid, in accordance with the ancient rules of architecture. The customary emblematic rites were afterwards observed, the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered a prayer, and the ceremony ended with the singing of the Masonic version of the National Anthem. The procession was then reformed, and the Masonic body returned to the Crown Hotel, where they disbanded.—"Manchester Courier."

Freemasonry in France is, as everybody knows, a curious compound. We don't say it is worse than the Irish type, but it is certainly far more pugnacious. Perhaps, however, that is an improvement upon Irish Freemason methods. After all it is, perhaps, a great deal worse to sit in Dublin Castle and dispense lucrative posts to Masonic Brethren, whose sole qualifications could be stowed away in the diminutive pockets of their dainty aprons, than to hold public meetings and blackguard religion.

This latter relaxation is about to be indulged in by the French Lodges. The thing is to be done on a large scale. Choice attacks are to be made upon the church, worthy indeed of Sir Knight of Ballykilbeg. A public complaint is to be made that Masons are not so powerful in the Government of France as they might be. In this blessing, at any rate, we are far ahead of them. In proportion to population we have probably more Masons governing us than any other European country. No wonder this is called blessed Isle of the Sea, with so many silver-trowelled, silk-aproned, abstemious members of Benevolent Masonic Lodges, looking after its interests. When the public Masonic celebrations end in Paris may we hope, for the good of France, it will be in the Seine.—"Daily Nation" (Dublin).

English Freemasons are chary of mixing with their Brethren of the French rite; and they have good reason on their side. There is a world of difference between the two. This difference is conspicuously shown in the hysterical and nonsensical manifesto just issued from the annual "Convent" of the Freemasons of France. English Freemasons would scorn to make use of their Lodges for such extraordinary purposes as were decided upon, says the "Manchester Chronicle."

The Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction resumed its meetings for the season on Sunday, 3rd inst., at the Station Hotel, Highbury, where weekly gatherings will be held during the winter, on Sunday evenings, at 7.30. Bro. Thompson Lyon occupied the chair at the last meeting, and was supported by several Brethren eminent in Mark Masonry. The Lodge is under the Preceptorship of Bro. T. C. Edmonds, who is supported by Bro. A. McDowall Treasurer, and W. Collins Secretary. Members of the Mark Degree are cordially invited, and may rely on receiving a hearty welcome.

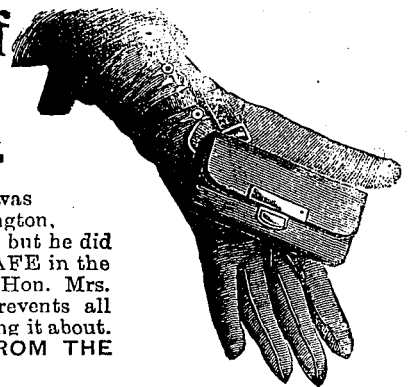
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THE "SAFE" PURSE.

A FEW days ago a lady Nurse was walking in High Street, Islington, when a man snatched at her purse, but he did not get it. The purse remained SAFE in the Lady's hand—it was one of the Hon. Mrs. Perry's "Safe" Purses which prevents all danger of losing money while carrying it about. IT CANNOT BE SNATCHED FROM THE HAND.

Of all Fancy Goods Warehouses Prices 1/- to 42/- or post free 3d extra from the SAFE PURSE DEPOT, 7 Wood Street, London, E.C.



The Theatres, &c.

Covent Garden.—Royal Carl Rosa Opera, 8.
Lyceum.—8, Hamlet.
Drury Lane.—7.30, The White Heather. Matinée, Saturday, 1.30.
Haymarket.—8.20, The Tarantula. 9, A marriage of convenience. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Globe.—8.15, Our bitterest foe. 9, "Miss Francis" of Yale. Matinée, Wednesday and 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 Pêricle. 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. On Monday, 8.15, The Cape Mail. 9, Never again. 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.—7.50, Apron Strings. 8.20, The French Maid. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Criterion.—8.15, The Liars. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Strand.—8.15, The Greek Soprano. 9, The Purser. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
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.
Court.—On Wednesday, The Children of the King.
Royalty.—8.15, A bit of old Chelsea. 9, Oh! Susannah!
Princess's.—8, Two little Vagabonds. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Grand.—Next week, Augustin Daly's Company.
Parkhurst.—Next week, at 8, La Poupée.
Alhambra.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Victoria and Merrie England. Cinematographe views of the Jubilee Procession.
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BY STREBO.

(Continued from page 153.)

THE following extracts are from Minute Book number 3, embracing a period of about seven years:—

1802. April 27.—Recorded That Br. McQuigan late one hour, and Br. Birtles the whole night.

It was Agreed a Brother be allowed £1 1s 0d for his Trouble at the time of the Procession.

Question from the Chair—"What was the reason our Lodge was remd. from the sign of the Lord Nelson?"

Answer—"The House going under a bad report."

In contempt of this Lodge Richd. Clarkson said that he was glad he was cleared of the Lodge, and should mend his old Breeches with his Apron to-morrow.

This a third time that Bro. Morris has called a Meeting without the leave of the Master or officers therefore he is silenced for four Months, and to have no Masonick Communications with this Lodge or any other for that space of time.

July 8.—Saml. Morris is to have his Setivicate on the end of the 4 months he was suspeld, for this is done by the Majority of the Lodge, and not join this Lodg any more. In addn. to the above were invested Thos. Hall Secr., Joseph Wood Treasr. Bro. McLeard fined 2d for swearing.

1803. Jan. 5.—Longworth, Dawson, Bradley, and Griffiths passed the Chair.

Feb. 3.—Danl. Cane* withdrew from the Lodge.

Mar. 3.—John O'Nielt† withdrew from the Lodge.

April 5.—Summoned to take into our consideration the misconduct of our Worshipful Master Thos. Stead, and think it proper to postpone it till a future period as he is not present.

June 30.—Opened on the four degrees 4:50 : Closed on the 4th degree 6 p.m., On the 3rd ‡ before 7, on first 20 past 10.

1804. Feb. 3.—A Grievance between Josh. Wood and Thos. Longworth, of Lodge 303, whereof the following Committee Sat, viz. :—

President, Bro. Yates.

1. Bro. Whiteside.

2. Bro. Hamer.

3. Bro. Skellhorn.

4. Bro. Crossland.

5. Bro. Bradley.

6. Bro. Fletcher.

Proceedings of the Committee.

Bro. Wood Deposs'd upon his O.B. that he went to John Bradshaws, Innkeepers, Spring Gardens, the Sixth of Feb. where he he met with Thos. Longworth who accused him of Bringing this Lodge to Poverty, and further said he had no God but his Lad, and that every Man's Soul was in God.

Thos. Longworth was call'd forth in answer to the charge Laid against him but with out Effect; has Denay'd every thing that was Deposited by Bro. Jas. Wood. The Committee is of opinion that Bro. Thos. Longworth is Guilty of the Charge.

Bro. G. Crossland was Balloted in for J.W. up till next St. John's.

18 Oct.—Valentine Quin‡ Lodged his Certificate.

13 Dec.—Agreed that Bro. Longworth received his Certificate when he Settles his Books and pays his dues.

1805. July 4.—Lodge to remove to the house known as the Elephant and Castle.

1806. July 24.—When after the several applications on acct. of distress were settled, called to R. at ½ to 9. Visited by Br. Jas. Wood, John Bradshaw, and James Lomax, of No. 171, Bury; their health were drank with Success to their Lodge, and Every Worthy Brother Toasted the health of Br. Jno. Curran of Lodge 618, a Visitor from Ireland, with suitable honours to each, which were both answered. Several Masonic Songs were sung and applauded, the Grand Officers and the Craft in General Toasted when the Worshipful called from Refreshments to Labour, and Closed in Good Harmony about Ten o'clock.

28 Aug.—Report Thos. Wilkinson, a Spinner at Mr. Ormrod's, and Lodging with Bro. Wood, a Native of Warrington, Visited by Bros. Joseph Wood and William Skelhorn, Brother of St. John whose healths were drank, also Worthy Brother Throughout the Terraquous Globe (omitted Br. James Conelly, also of St. John, who was toasted and the same re'ld.

18 Dec.—Hart S.W., and Longworth J.W., nominated for the Chair on Ballot; Longworth was Elected. Hart and Whalley nominated as S.W., and Br. Whaley was fairly chosen. Bro. Bell and Quin put up for J.W., the former was Chosen, and the latter unanly. chosen Treasurer, called to R. for a short time at ½ past 8, at 9 called to Labour, close at 10. Visited by Br. Banks 225, Wigan.

27 Dec.—Opened, when it was thought proper to make some Alterations from last nights plans. Votes being again taken, Thomas Longworth was placed in the Chair for the ensuing 6 Months, Wm. Hart again placed as S.W., and Robert Bell is to fill the Office of J.W. Call'd to R. at 4 o'clock when the Brethren Partook of a Good and Wholesome Dinner.

Closed at ½ past 10 o'clock,

Visitors—Leather 301,

5 Members from 196.

1807. 16 Feb.—Christ. Gifford Initiated rec'd suitable instructions.

10 Sept.—Barnabas Kitchen reported.

15 Oct.—Lent apiman Rezan§ to Dr. McNaughton.

1808. Barnabas Kitchen passed the chair. Proposal by Bro. Longworth from Christopher Tooley, being a Modern Mason, to enter payment of £1 1s 0d, he being of good character.

11 Feby.—Christopher Tooley proposed Last Lodge Night, being a Modern Mason, was duly prepared and Initiated an Entered apprentice in the Ancient Craft, and thereafter was entered as a fellow Craft. Call'd to R. for a short space, at Nine called to Labour, and closed at 10.

10 March.—Christ. Tooley made Master Mason.

19 April.—When the W.M. opened the cause of dispute between him and H. Whalley, formerly of this Lodge, that Bro. Whalley is after the fairest

* The first J.W. of the Lodge.

† The first W.M. of the Lodge.

‡ The well-known actor.

§ Probably meaning the book "Ahiman Rezon."

Tryal of the Books and Investigation of evidence Indebted to this Lodge, No. 303, in the Legal sum of three shillings and sixpence, which he is to pay.

1809. 26 Jany.—After a strict examination of old papers that incumbered the chest, all that was unnecessary was consumed according to the unanish of the Body.

June 6.—After Refreshment, brought to labour, it was proposed by the Master if Thos. Longworth should walk at the Funeral of Bro. John Bolton; it was opposed, and agreed that Bro. Longworth should not walk. Called to Refreshment at ½ past nine, to labour at 10, and Closed the Lodge.

Visitors, Br. D. Cain and John O'Neill, formerly Members of this Lodge.

20 July.—Ref. at 8.30 when his Majesty and the British Army were given from the chair with the highest honours. To labour at 9, when it was proposed by the Master if Bro. Ivers should not get any allowance for being sick, he going by a Majority of the Members. Closed at 10.

1809. 30 June.—Robt. Bell Installed 2d time and rest of Officers; also, after dinner, the following Toasts were given from the chair: His Majesty and the British Navey; our Grand Master the Duke of Atholl; All Antient Masons Round the Globe. 10 O'clock Closed.

(To be continued).

CYNICS AND CROAKERS ABOUND.

OCCASIONALLY a man of this class may be found in a Masonic Lodge.

He makes things very disagreeable by reason of his proneness to contrast the present unfavourably with the past, and to predict disaster and ruin. "Trust no man," seems to be his motto; "the world is false and everything is going wrong," he says as he makes expression of his pessimistic views much to the discomfort of those with whom he is associated. Let not such an one be believed. The experience of each one of us will probably show the croaker at fault. All of us have found many persons who could not be trusted—false in word and false in heart; but we have also found those who were faithful and true, whom we have learned both to respect and to love. Let us think chiefly of the last named class.—"Freemasons Repository."

The Woodgrange Lodge of Instruction, held at the Princess Alice, Forest Gate, is unable to resume its meetings at the usual time, as the hotel is in the hands of the builders, and cannot yet accommodate Masons of the "speculative" class.

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No. on List.	Name	Votes	No. on Poll.
19	Chapman, E. J. ...	6834	1
15	Morrison, A. F. ...	4645	2
24	Cully, G. M. ...	4420	3
20	Mellor, J. ...	4300	4
5	Woodward, M. E. ...	4280	5
26	Ramshaw, M. ...	4253	6
14	Smith, G. O. G. ...	4212	7
8	Sutton, C. M. ...	4188	8
10	Fuller, C. M. ...	4087	9
18	Hanan, M. C. ...	3962	10
16	Brine, C. M. ...	3920	11
22	Pryse, G. I. ...	3705	12
4	Newsom, E. L. F. ...	3696	13
23	Colwell, L. ...	3336	14
13	Walker, A. ...	2884	15

The number of votes recorded to unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, 8th October 1897, V.W. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, Patron and Trustee, Chairman Board of Management, in the chair, a ballot took place for the election of 16 BOYS from an approved list of 47 CANDIDATES, the following being declared SUCCESSFUL:

No.	Name.	Votes.	No.	Name.	Votes.
1	Britten, C. W. ...	4616	9	Bleakley, J. K. ...	4110
2	Bowman, H. ...	4414	10	Webb, B. F. ...	4109
3	Sanderson, A. ...	4329	11	Stephenson, C. ...	4086
4	Parsons, B. E. ...	4296	12	Brand, R. A. ...	3993
5	Sparks, W. W. ...	4281	13	Watson, R. S. ...	3988
6	Mitchinson, S. D. ...	4178	14	Johnstone, W. L. ...	3908
7	Howson, T. R. ...	4127	15	Morris, A. D. ...	3800
8	Ainsworth, S. ...	4124	16	Lyle, A. J. ...	3796

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the office.

J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

* 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. Special voting privileges will be given to Stewards.

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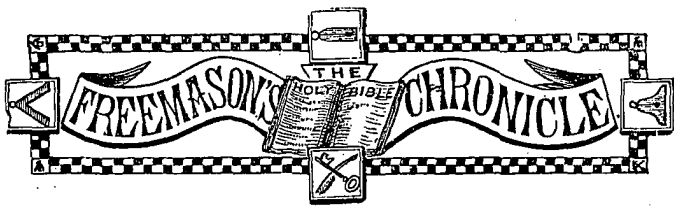
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SATURDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 1897.

THE REAL COGRA MOSS BLEND.

I SEE that the members of the Egremont District Council, or, at least, a section of them, have got themselves into an awkward corner. There is to be a great gathering of Freemasons at Egremont on the 15th of next month, and they wish to have the Market Hall for a banquet to be held on the occasion. But the caretaker of the hall has general instructions not to let the hall for any purpose connected with which there is to be consumption of intoxicating liquors; and the Masons will not have the Hall unless they can have the intoxicating liquors. The difficulty came before the Egremont Council on Friday evening, when Mr. J. J. Wilson, who was in the chair, got up and calmly proposed, in effect, that the instruction to the caretaker should be set aside in the interests of the Freemasons, and this was seconded by Dr. Braithwaite.

Of course an instruction to the caretaker of the Egremont Market Hall is not like the laws of the Medes and Persians. It may be altered; but the majority of the members felt that they would be absolutely stultifying themselves if they agreed to alter it for that occasion only. The Chairman mildly suggested that a banquet without permission to use intoxicating liquors would be a very tame affair; and he subsequently mentioned the interesting fact that he saw people there the other night drinking healths. Perhaps, however, the Chairman was under some mistake as to the liquid which was then being used. Perhaps it was only "the Real Cogra Moss Blend," and not Glenlivet at all. Mr. S. Braithwaite, the caretaker, assured the Council that he does not permit the use of intoxicants, but, of course, as he says, he does not search the pockets of those who go in. For anything he knows to the contrary, those who go to the hall may have considerable quantities of consumable liquors concealed about their persons; and thus the solemn "instruction" of the Egremont District Council is set at defiance.

It may be all very well for Brown, Jones and Robinson to carry flasks with them into the Market Hall; but it would be clearly *infra dig.* for the Brethren of the mystic tie to resort to such a device on the occasion of a great function; and I do not think that most of them would be inclined to consent to the adoption of the Chairman's proposal that if the instruction is not suspended for that occasion, there should be a vigorous winking of the eye. Reading between the lines of the speeches made at the last meeting of the Egremont Council, I am afraid that the instruction of the Council is of little real value, and the members would do well if they could modify it into such a form that it would at least be workable. A law of which the law-makers can witness the systematic infringement without taking steps for its enforcement must be as nearly as possible valueless. Meanwhile, the Egremont Council decline to give their formal sanction to the use of intoxicants by the Freemasons in the Market Hall.—"Whitehaven Advertiser."

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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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

AMONG the most pleasurable functions of the year the Installation Festival of this popular and flourishing Lodge takes a high place. It was not therefore surprising that the annual gathering was more numerously attended than usual by the Brethren on the 1st inst., when the Lodge met (by dispensation of Grand Lodge) at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W.

Bro. John A. Harrison W.M. presided for the last time at the expiration of his year of office, and was supported by his Officers and the following Brethren: J. H. Hawkins P.P.G.D.C. Surrey P.M., F. Osmond Carr P.P.J.G.W. Cambs. P.M., Walter Clifford P.M., Dr. James E. Coulson, John A. Atkin, F. Dangerfield, M. A. Clarke, S. W. H. Dixon, Thomas Fraser, J. W. Clark, A. J. Thomas P.M., Harry Reece, J. Ivimey, F. W. Sears, Alfred Ellis, M. J. Shepherd, A. Romano, W. E. Garstin, Sydney Jousiffe, C. A. Hooper, Bertie Whyte, R. S. King, W. H. Baylis P.M., and H. J. Homer.

The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following Brethren were balloted for and admitted as Joining Members:—Henry Thomas Brickwell P.M. 2455, Frederick Dangerfield P.M. 1260, Joseph Weiner 1987, Frederick William Sears 1987, Auguste Oddenino 1624, Arthur H. Beard 101, and Albert H. Collings 211.

Bro. William Singleton Hooper having been elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was presented by Bro. J. R. Cleave P.M., but as he is already W.M. of the Strand Lodge for a few weeks longer, it became necessary to obtain a dispensation from Grand Lodge for his installation, as no Brother is allowed to be Master of more than one Lodge at the same time. The dispensation was read, and the ceremony was proceeded with. Bro. Hooper signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, and was duly obligated, after which Bro. Courtice Pound sang the anthem "Be thou faithful unto death," from Mendelssohn's oratorio of "St. Paul," with admirable effect, and added considerable impressiveness to the ceremony. The Brethren having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, when Bro. Hooper was placed in the chair with the customary ceremony.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren the new Master was proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees. The following Officers were appointed, to all of whom Bro. Hooper offered a few words of congratulation and advice: Bros. J. A. Harrison I.P.M., John Foss S.W., Lionel W. Harris J.W., W. J. W. Beard P.M. Treasurer, Will E. Chapman P.M. P.A.G.D.C. P.P.S.G.W. Bucks Secretary, W. Sergeant Lee S.D., G. P. Hadley J.D., Thomas Fraser I.G., J. R. Cleave P.M. D.C., Arthur Tate, Frank Parker, W. E. Garstin, and R. S. King Stewards, and J. Ellis Tyler.

Bro. Harrison then delivered the beautiful addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren generally, which were listened to with rapt attention, indeed the entire ceremony was admirably carried out, and reflected the highest credit upon the Installing Master. The musical arrangements were under the able management of Bro. James Kift.

Upon the proposition of Bro. Harrison, seconded by Bro. Cleave, and supported by Bros. Reece, Jousiffe, Dixon, Beard and Clifford, it was decided to remove the Lodge to the Café Royal, where a new Temple is in course of construction, and the bye-law relating to the place of meeting was altered accordingly.

Bro. Hooper then rose and expressed his thanks to Bro. Harrison for the highly efficient manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed, and, in the name of the Lodge, asked his acceptance of a Past Master's jewel as a slight recognition of their goodwill, and appreciation of the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Master during the past year.

Bro. Harrison is not often nonplussed for words, but on this occasion merely said, "I beg to thank you, Worshipful Master and Brethren, for this beautiful mark of your esteem." What he thought and what he felt may be imagined.

Letters were then read from many distinguished Brethren, regretting their inability to be present, among whom were Bros. E. Letchworth, Robert Grey, Frank Richardson, J. Studholme Brownrigg, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, Sheriff Frank Green, and Sir John B. Monckton.

The Treasurer announced that their funds were in so flourishing a condition that it had been determined to invest £200 in Government Stock, to form the nucleus of a Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Hooper announced his intention of going up as a Steward at the next Festival of the "Old People," and would be glad to receive donations for that purpose.

The resignation of one member on account of ill-health was received with regret, but his loss was compensated by the proposition of another candidate for initiation at the next meeting.

The Master having received the hearty good wishes of the visiting Brethren, the Lodge was duly closed, and the company adjourned.

The banquet room presented a really beautiful spectacle, the fine hall being brilliant with electric lamps and candles, while the tables were effectively decorated with choice flowers placed in tall stands of exquisite design and workmanship. Bro. Auguste Oddenino was evidently on his mettle, and quite surpassed himself with a choice dinner of the highest class. The menu card was artistically designed by an "Eccentric," and will doubtless be prized as a souvenir of the occasion. The company numbered about a hundred Brethren.

Full justice having been done to the excellent repast, Bro. Hooper, amid the long continued applause of those present, rose to give the toast of the Queen, which, needless to say, was drunk with respectful enthusiasm.

That of the Grand Master was no less heartily welcomed, while that of the Grand Officers, stimulated no doubt by the fact of so many being present, was greeted with a roar that made the rafters ring.

Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale acknowledged the toast, and said both his colleagues and himself sincerely appreciated the graceful terms in which it had been submitted by the Worshipful Master. Freemasonry was not only

the fourth degree, there were great and solemn ends to be fulfilled, and great and lasting benefits to be obtained thereby. A kindly co-operation existed between Grand Lodge and the Lodges throughout the country, and their work added to the civilization and happiness of mankind. They were pleased to find in the Eccentric Lodge a Worshipful Master able to carry out the duties of his high office in able and proper manner, and the Lodge was in every way fortunate in having such a Master. They thanked the Brethren for their magnificent hospitality, and wished them all success and prosperity.

A somewhat dramatic episode now took place. Bro. Hooper stated that two of their good and true Brothers were now in distant parts of the world, viz.: Bro. Will Chapman, in South Africa, and Bro. Imré Kiralfy well on his voyage to New York. But before they left England it had been agreed between them that on the 1st October at nine o'clock they were to pledge each other in a bumper of good fellowship, and as that auspicious moment had now arrived, he asked the Brethren to join him in wishing their absent friends all happiness and prosperity, and a safe return to their native country when they desired it. The heartiness with which the toast was received sufficiently demonstrated the esteem in which Bros. Chapman and Kiralfy are held, and if there be any truth in the old saying, their ears must have burned tremendously.

Bro. Harrison, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, referred to the remarkable position of Bro. Hooper, who was W.M. of two Lodges at the same time, though only a short period would elapse before they had him all to themselves. Those who were acquainted with Bro. Hooper outside of Freemasonry knew him to be one of the best of good fellows, a straight man and a feeling pal. In the Craft he had a thorough knowledge of the ritual, and he could not fail to be a successful Master, while his experience as W.M. of the Strand Lodge would be of great advantage to them. He was delighted to see him in the chair, a position which every member envied him.

Bro. Hooper, who received another ovation, returned thanks in the true Eccentric spirit. He said that he never knew how good a man he was until he heard the remarks of Bro. Harrison; the difficulty was whether he would be able to live up to the ideal. It certainly gave him the greatest possible pleasure to occupy the chair of the Lodge, as he was one of the Founders, and the Brethren might rely upon him always doing his best to maintain the high standard of perfection which they had achieved. He thanked them one and all most sincerely for their kind reception.

Before sitting down he proceeded to retaliate upon the Installing Master. Bro. Harrison was one of the best Masters they could have, because in spite of his business avocation he never neglected the duties of the Lodge, and always found time to devote to Freemasonry. In the Eccentric Club he was a tower of strength, and it was greatly owing to his efforts that both the Club and the Lodge were in so flourishing a condition.

The reception accorded to Bro. Harrison when he rose to return thanks sufficiently proved his popularity. He was exceedingly obliged for the kindly reference to his work in the Lodge, in which he took great interest. He naturally felt regret at leaving the chair, as he had enjoyed a very pleasurable and successful year of office, and he felt much more capable at the present time of conducting its affairs. He had introduced some real good Masons into the Lodge, and he was sure there was a prosperous career before them. The handsome jewel which they had presented him would remind him of some of the brightest days in his life.

Another interesting diversion then took place. Ever since the establishment of the Lodge, after the Charity Box had gone round the table, the contents are put up for competition, with the result that a substantial sum is generally added to the Benevolent Fund. As Bro. Hooper, who acted the part of salesman said, the Fund always benefited by the sale, because if the purchaser found there was more in the box than he gave for it of course he returned the balance to the Treasurer, whereas if the amount were deficient he naturally made it good. On the present occasion the contents were apparently so weighty that it took the united efforts of Bros. Sir Joseph Dimsdale and H. T. Brickwell to enable the W.M. to hold the box aloft. The bidding commenced at £10 and increased by various stages amidst much merriment until it reached £25, when it was knocked down to Bro. Grieve, a visitor from the Caveac Lodge. Bro. Hooper said the least they could do would be to drink Bro. Grieve's health; but gravely reminded him of the condition that he must return the difference, if any, to the Lodge. The "if any" provoked much laughter.

Bro. Grieve bowed his acknowledgment of the compliment, and it was reported that he returned the contents of the box to the Treasurer, together with his cheque for the £25.

Bros. Dennis, Page, and Harris replied to the toast of the Visitors; and, the W.M. having paid a well deserved eulogium upon his Officers, the Tyler's toast was given and brought the enjoyable evening to a pleasant termination.

The musical entertainment provided for the delectation of the Brethren was mainly contributed by members of the Eccentric Club, among the foremost of whom was the evergreen Bro. C. W. Mackney, who, in spite of his seventy-eight years, accompanied himself on the piano and sang "In the Strand" and other well-known ditties of our youth. Bros. Templar Saxe, C. J. Wood, Arthur Strugnell, Herbert Emlyn, and James Kift contributed some capital songs, all of which were encored, while Bros. Walter Churcher and Sergeant Lee gave some amusing recitations.

The Visitors included: Bros. Sir Joseph Dimsdale P.G. Treasurer, Richard Clowes P.G.S.B., J. D. Langton G.A.D.C., C. F. Matier, H. T. Brickwell W.M. 2455, Alfred Page P.M. 411 P.G.S.W. Notts, Charles L. Carson I.P.M. 2190, Charles O. Burgess W.M. 2398 P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, Ernest W. Harris P.M. 158 (I.C.), Frank Harper W.M. 2120, Orilton Cooper P.M. 211, Frank A. Godwyn W.M. 935, Alfred Ewen P.M. 475, Armitage E. Humphreys P.M. 90, B. J. Webster Greive W.M. 176, Walter Dennis W.M. 9 and 2473, Hugh Cumberland P.M. 475 Prov.G.S.W., William Humfrey W.M. 1305, E. W. Mackney P.M. 134, George S. Beeching W.M. 1305, J. H. Wildash P.M. 1662, C. F. Browne P.M. 81 P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk, W. J. Rowe P.M. 2021, H. L. De Montmorency J.D. 1, Robert Gresley Hall P.M. 4 2484 P.G.S., H. Montague Bates P.M. 91 P.G.S., E. J. Wood S.W. 2466, W. Holloway S.W. 1319, George Grant S.W. 29, J. C. Hunting 1987, C. Pounds 2190, W. H. White 55, James W. Murdie 2387, Charles Rider Noble 1764, F. Page 1613, S. J. Spurling I.G. 83, Sidney H. Baker 2065, J. H. Dimsdale W.M.-elect 2581, Templar Saxe 2190, J. M. Owens 2466, H. D. Wenton 2432, J. P. Nelson 2581, and R. T. West 1744.

Bro. William Singleton Hooper, the new Master of the Eccentric Lodge, was born at Edinburgh on 4th January 1863, and was initiated into Freemasonry in the Strand Lodge, No. 1937, held at the Criterion, at the meeting in March 1885, and he is now its Worshipful Master. He is also a member of the Empress Lodge, No. 2581, but at present holds no office therein. In Royal Arch Masonry he was the first Exalte in the Eccentric Chapter, of which he is now one of the Assistant Sojourners. He was one of the Founders of the recently consecrated Philbrick Chapter, and is also one of the Sojourners thereof. He was advanced in the Savage Club Mark Lodge,

of which he is I.G., in 1895, and is likewise a member of the Brixton Mark Lodge. He was elevated as an Ark Mariner of the latter Lodge last year. He has an excellent record as a supporter of the Masonic Charities, being a Life Governor of the Boys School, and a Life Subscriber of the Girls School and the Benevolent Institution. In 1894 he was Steward for the Eccentric Lodge, and took up the large sum of £106 5s. He will go up as Steward for the Benevolent Institution next year, and will be glad to receive any subscriptions for that purpose from his friends.

INSTRUCTION.

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WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

AT the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, Bros. Day W.M., Kemp S.W., Clarkson J.W., Hewson S.D., Berry J.D., Hartley I.G., Pauncefort P.M. and Treasurer Preceptor, Tilt P.M. Secretary, Latham, Collins, Pate, and Cove.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Kemp rehearsed the working of opening and closing in the three degrees, also that of calling off and on.

Bro. Pauncefort worked the first section of the first lecture.

LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1571.

ON Thursday, 7th inst., at the Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., Bro. J. Brown W.M., F. P. Langford S.W., J. Hampson J.W., W. S. Emden P.M. acting Preceptor, H. J. Meadows P.M. Secretary, H. Down S.D., A. Simmonds J.D., J. S. Harigan I.G., J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Meadows acting as candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the second ceremony, with Bro. Down as candidate. Resuming the Lodge to the first degree the W.M. went through the investment of Officers. Bro. F. P. Langford was elected to preside next week.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, Bro. W. Joss W.M., Bird S.W., Soar J.W., C. Holland S.D., W. Johnson J.D., J. Davis I.G., De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, Thornton Secretary, Pullock, Cuthbertson, Holmes, Nunn, Newport, Absalom, Moffatt, L. DaCosta P.M., J. West, J. Gills P.M., and C. Flynn.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Holmes candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Holmes W.M.-elect of the Leyton Lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of Officers, Bro. L. DaCosta acting as D.C. The W.M. resumed the chair, and the Brethren assisted in working the first, second, and third sections of the lecture.

Bro. Nunn of the Mother Lodge became a member, and Bro. Bird was elected to the chair for Wednesday, the 13th inst., to which date the Lodge was adjourned.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

ON Monday, at the Whittington Hotel, Moor Lane, Moorgate Street, Bro. J. Knuth W.M., Wright S.W., Fuller J.W., G. Stevenson acting Secretary, Hodgson S.D., Frolick J.D., Mitchell I.G., C. B. Cutchey I.P.M., H. Meadows P.M., Watson, Wynman, and J. Brown.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Brown candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Watson answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the work of investment of Officers.

Bro. Brown was elected a member, and Bro. Wright as W.M. for next meeting.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

AT the Frascati, Oxford Street, on Friday, 1st inst., Bros. Holland P.M. W.M., Nichols S.W., Kobelt J.W., Rev. Greenwood S.D., Barnett J.D., Reed I.G., Soper Secretary, Schrader Organist, Ridgway, Marks, and Drake. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed.

PROVINCIAL.

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HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

AT a meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Monday, 4th inst., Bro. C. Stebbing W.M. presiding, Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, C.B., M.P., was unanimously elected as an honorary member of the Lodge.

During the evening the Secretary Bro. F. G. Knight, who at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Plymouth had conferred upon him the honour of P.P.S.G.D., in recognition of his Masonic services, was presented by the Brethren with a very handsome set of Provincial Masonic clothing. The box containing the clothing bears the inscription:

Presented to

W. Bro. F. G. KNIGHT P.P.S.G.D. of Devonshire,

by the Brethren of Lodge Harmony, No. 156, Plymouth,

as a visible token of affectionate regard cherished for the zealous services of our esteemed Secretary.

LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, for the purpose of disposing of the work before the Lodge previous to the installation meeting on the 13th inst. Bro. William Hawker W.M. presided, and was assisted by Bros. R. J. Beamish Prov.A.G.D.C. acting I.P.M., Charles Matthews S.W., J. N. Willis J.W., Arthur Ronaldson P.P.G.A.S. Secretary, A. J. Walkin S.D., T. W. Galler I.G., J. A. Gillett D.C., C. F. Lavis and T. Smith Stewards, and a goodly number of members.

The Visitors were Bros. Robert Matthews I.G. 77, H. J. Tranter 199, G. A. Bennett 77, and Hugh P. MacKenzie 77.

After the Lodge had been duly opened, the ballot was taken for Messrs. F. F. Webber, Arthur H. Holland, and Thomas Kemp, all of Gravesend, as candidates for Freemasonry. These gentlemen having been approved, they were admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. Bros. Frederick Webb and Edward Paramour proved themselves sufficiently proficient to be advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft. Both the ceremonies were performed by Bro. Hawker in a masterly manner, and he also gave the ancient charge to the initiates.

After labour the Lodge was closed and the Brethren partook of supper.

DORIC LODGE, No. 1193.

A GOODLY array of members and visiting Brethren assembled at the White Hart Hotel, Wymondham, on the 5th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. J. J. Marshall as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. George Hare, and the charges were delivered by Bro. G. C. Maynard.

At half-past six the Brethren sat down to a banquet, served in admirable style by Bro. John Hare. The usual toasts were honoured, the health of the new Master being drunk with much enthusiasm. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some first-class songs excellently rendered.

In the midst of the banquet a telegram was received from Bro. Hamon Le Strange D.Prov.G.M. expressing, on behalf of Lodge Union, which had just assembled under his gavel at the Masonic Rooms in St. Giles's Street, Norwich, hearty good wishes to Bro. Marshall and the Brethren gathered together at Doric. This Brotherly greeting was received with hearty applause.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 1st inst., Bro. Alfred Pickford P.M. acting Worshipful Master. As there was no regular work announced on the summons, Bro. Pickford opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees, an early adjournment being made to the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, these being varied by songs, &c., rendered by Bros. W. T. Hesketh P.M. Sec., C. H. Beever P.M. D.C., Hugh W. Bloomer I.G., Wm. Rushton Organist, Wm. Lea, Chas. Klindworth, John Webster, Chas. E. Bygrave P.M. 2091, and James Mitchell 163. A pleasant evening was spent.

Bro. Councillor Jas. Lambert P.M. P.G.D. Eng. replied for the Grand Officers, and the acting W.M. responded on behalf of Bro. Holland W.M. who is abroad.

Bro. John M. Crone J.D. proposed the health of the Past Masters, in a very neat and effective speech, that of the Officers being introduced by Bro. Bygrave, a visitor, who made the admission that some of the modes of work customary in the Architect Lodge had been adopted by his own Lodge, the Castleberg, No. 2091.

We must not omit to congratulate Bro. Arthur A. Moss P.M. on his recent offer of Provincial honours, and believe that we are not anticipating matters when we announce that he is likely to be invested as Provincial Grand Junior Deacon of West Lancashire, at the meeting to be held in Southport on Wednesday next, the 13th inst.

LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

THE regular meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Friday, the 1st inst., Bro. Thomas P. Cooper W.M. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the principal chair was assumed by Bro. Robert Caldwell P.M. P.P.G.S.B., who raised Bro. R. Woodford to the third degree. Bro. George T. Lenard P.M. then took Bro. Caldwell's position, and raised Bro. Councillor M. W. Southern to the sublime degree of M.M., the traditional history being given by Bro. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. The whole of the work was performed with that regularity and precision which distinguishes the Truth Lodge.

Before the proceedings were closed, Bro. Joseph Day handed in the name of Mr. Doyle as a candidate for initiation, his merits being attested by the proposer, by Bro. Hebden the seconder, and also by Bro. W. H. Worsley I.P.M. Treasurer, who supported the proposition.

At the festive board, which on account of the pressure of Lodge work had to be somewhat curtailed, Bro. James Archdale P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who responded; that of the newly raised Brethren being in the hands of Bro. Hebden, who complimented them upon the marked attention which they had given to the various ceremonies as they progressed through them. The first candidate having retired, the response devolved upon Bro. Southern, whose excellently well-chosen words were listened to with deep attention, and loudly applauded at the close.

Besides those already mentioned there were present: Bros. A. B. Taylor S.W., T. H. Hall P.M. acting J.W., J. J. Dean S.D., W. Dewhurst acting I.G., H. Hellewell Secretary, George Needles P.M., J. A. Vincent P.M., G. P. Taylor P.M., Sydney R. Muller, R. Stevenson, G. Cotterill, and others.

Visitors: Bros. William Jones W.M. 581, M. Goth 581, and Pinnell 211 (St. Michael's, London).

CARADOC LODGE, No. 1674.

ON resuming after the summer vacation, on Monday, 20th ult., at Rhyl, the members of this Lodge unanimously elected Bro. F. J. Gamlin S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

JOSIAH WEDGWOOD LODGE, No. 2214.

THE annual festival of St. John, and the installation of the Worshipful Master, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Hanley, on Thursday, 23rd ult. As will be well known to some of our Masonic readers, says the "Stafford Advertiser," Freemasonry in Staffordshire has a well authenticated history extending considerably over a century, and St. Martin's, Burslem, which is No. 98 on the roll of Grand Lodge, and dates its Warrant from 1764, has the honour of being the oldest Lodge in the Province. St. Martin's has had a somewhat singular history, as it was first constituted at Wolverhampton, and migrated to Burslem in 1805, being allowed to retain its old Warrant. Long before that, Dr. Plot, in his "History of Staffordshire" (1686), refers to the custom of admitting men into the Society of Freemasons: "That in the Moorlands of this county seems to be of more request than any-

where else." It appears, however, that Masonry rapidly declined in Staffordshire after the civil wars in the 17th century, but we find a revival at Wolverhampton as early as 1732. The Crown Lodge was constituted at Newcastle in 1767, but disappeared about 1792. It is noteworthy that in 1805—the year that St. Martin's migrated to Burslem—a Cheshire Lodge, the Independent, of Congleton, moved to Longton, or Lane End, as it was then termed. The same year a military Lodge, the Atholl, which was originally constituted in the 1st Batt. Royal Artillery, in 1744, was also transferred to Lane End and became the United Potteries Lodge. Both these Lodges were erased about 1829.

This, though interesting historically, is somewhat of a digression from the main subject of this notice. The Josiah Wedgwood Lodge is a young organization, dating only from 1887. Its first Master Bro. Richard Tooth is still a moving spirit in its prosperity, and the succession of W.M.'s is as yet happily unbroken by death. The successors to Bro. Tooth have been Bros. E. B. Jackson, J. White, L. A. Taylor, G. L. Birch, S. Fenton and M. Nuttall. The number of members is returned at forty-eight, a number which, if a balance were struck, would mark about the average on the rolls of the thirty-two Staffordshire Lodges.

There was a very good muster of members of the Lodge and also of Visitors, in all some seventy members and guests signing the Tyler's book. Among the Brethren was a distinguished Freemason Bro. Abraham Green, 498, Royal Standard, Dudley, P.G.P. England, who, on his entrance to the Lodge after the formal opening, was received with the honours due to his rank.

The installation of the Worshipful Master-elect Bro. M. Nuttall was impressively performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by Bros. Tooth, Jackson, and White. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Jackson, the address to the Wardens by Bro. White, that to the Brethren by Bro. Tooth, and an explanation of the working tools was given by Bro. Birch. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the year.

In the course of the proceedings Bro. Abraham Green kindly offered to present a loving cup for use on the occasion of the annual installation. The generous offer was thankfully accepted by the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. Green presented hearty good wishes from the Grand Lodge of England. Letters of apology were read from Lord Dartmouth Prov.G.M., Lieut.-Col. Bindley D.P.G.M., Lieut.-Col. Walker P.G. Secretary, Dr. Newnham P.G. Treasurer, and others.

Following the proceedings in Lodge, a banquet was held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall. An excellent and well-served dinner was provided, and a prominent feature in the table decorations were numerous fine bunches of fragrant heather, from the Scotch estate of Bro. Munro.

The Worshipful Master proposed the Queen and the Craft, and expressed a fervent hope that Her Majesty would be spared "long to reign over us." The toast was drunk with musical honours, the solo being sung by Brother Bearne.

The health of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master was also proposed from the chair. His Royal Highness's remarkable willingness on all occasions to promote the interests of Masonry met with cordial acknowledgment.

The Senior Warden proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge, and Brother Green, with whose name the toast was coupled, assured the Brethren that any time he as a Grand Officer could be of any assistance to the Brethren in Staffordshire he should be highly pleased to render any service in his power. He had been delighted with his visit, and with the working of the Lodge. It was not the first time he had visited the Potteries, and he had a most vivid and pleasant recollection of his visit to Longton early this year to support his Royal Highness the Grand Master. The splendid ceremony associated with that occasion he should never forget.

Bro. Lockett J.W. proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master, a toast which he truly remarked appealed to the Staffordshire Lodges in a special manner. He believed that when Lord Dartmouth got his opportunity he would show that he was as good a Mason as any in England, and a credit to Staffordshire.

The health of the Installing Master and the Worshipful Master were drunk with the utmost cordiality, and both expressed their great appreciation of the interest which was being taken in the Lodge by all its members, and congratulated the Lodge on the number of visiting Brethren who had come to greet them on their annual celebration.

CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 4th inst., Bro. Major Geo. Kershaw W.M. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. Capt. Francis Isaac Bentley, and 2nd Lieut. Alan Ramsay were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the former by the Worshipful Master, and the latter by Bro. Surg.-Capt. Arthur H. Smith I.P.M.

An election of Officers afterwards took place, with the result that Bro. Capt. J. W. Ashworth S.W. was unanimously chosen W.M.-elect, Bro. Lieut. Col. J. Howarth, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.D. being re-elected Treasurer.

At the festive board Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Besides those already mentioned above, we noticed that there were present, Bros. Surg.-Capt. J. J. Kent Fairclough J.W., Rev. John Challinor P.P.G.C. Chap. 2nd V.B.M.R., Capt. Peter Nightingale S.D., Major W. H. Hopkins P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Capt. H. S. Hardy Organist, Lieut. Geo. Heys Std., Capt. Jas. Andrew P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Major Fred Pratt P.M., Major John Heap P.M. P.P.G.D., Surg.-Lieut. A. J. Bailey, Surg.-Capt. Stephen Nesfield, Capt. J. E. R. Hall, Major H. J. Widows, &c.

Visitors:—Bros. John Barlow P.M. 1012 Prov.G.W., Harry Nash P.M., 321 P.P.G.B. Ches., W. J. Nash P.M. 321 P.P.S.G.D. Ches., C. G. Hindley P.M. 148 P.P.S.G.D. Ches., C. Hobbins P.M. 44, W. Humphreys P.M. 44, G. W. Pilkington S.D. 44, T. J. Rowland 633.

AMERICAN CYCLES.

THE Lozier Manufacturing Company have taken larger and more commodious quarters at 24, 25, 26 and 27 Orchard Street, Oxford Street, W., and feel it may interest our readers to know that instead of leaving the English market (as some of our contemporaries have reported) they, as makers of the Cleveland Cycles, are having fitted up at their new address the most commodious Cycle Depot in the United Kingdom, which is pronounced by all who have viewed it to be the most complete establishment of the kind in the world. Not only do they carry a complete stock of Cleveland Cycles, but also a large and complete stock of parts for executing any and all kinds of repairs, and, if necessary, to build the machine complete; this enables the English branch to take just as good care of their riders as though the several factories were in this country.

PRESENTATION AT DARLINGTON.

A SPECIAL meeting of the members of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, was held in the Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington, on the 23rd ult., for the purpose of presenting a congratulatory address to Bro. Richard Luck P.M. P.P.G.W. Durham and P.G.D. England. There was a good muster of Brethren.

The address, which is a fine example of illumination, has been supplied by Bro. John Bailey, and framed by Bro. Thomas Wood, of the Fine Art Gallery, Blackwell Gate. On the right hand, at the top of the address, are the arms of Bro. Luck. On the top, at the left, is the emblem of Deacon of Grand Lodge. Immediately beneath are the arms of the county of Durham, and underneath them the emblem of Senior Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In the centre, under the address, are the arms of Freemasonry, with the motto: "Audi, vidi, tace." To the right of this is the Pentalpha, or the five bonds of fellowship. The whole is a beautiful work of art, and will form a permanent memento of an interesting occasion. The text was as follows:—

"To Richard Luck, Esq., M.A., LL.M., Past Master of Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, Past Grand Warden of the Province of Durham, and Past Grand Deacon of England.

We, the Freemasons of Restoration Lodge, on the occasion of your receiving from His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the important rank of Past Deacon in Grand Lodge, in commemoration of Her Most Gracious Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, desire you to accept this expression of our hearty congratulations on the great honour thus conferred upon you.

Your untiring energy exerted in the cause of Freemasonry in all its degrees claims our highest admiration, and we rejoice to think that your valuable services have been duly recognised, and that a member of this Lodge has been selected for so exalted a position.

That the Great Architect of the Universe may during your future years see fit to grant you all peace, prosperity, and happiness is our earnest prayer.

Signed on behalf of the Brethren,

J. BROUGHTON Master.
JOHN ROBINSON S.W.
WILLIAM TODD J.W.
A. GRUNDEY Secretary.

The presentation was made by Bro. Charles H. Backhouse, says the "Darlington Echo," who spoke of Bro. Richard Luck's work in the cause of Masonry in a very estimable manner, and Bro. Luck suitably responded.

The Brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Thomas Henderson, Mus. Bac., officiated at the piano.

TRUTH LODGE (No. 1458) SMOKING CONCERT.

A VERY pleasing function in connection with the above Lodge took place at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, High Street, Manchester, on the 2nd inst. The Wheat Sheaf, in the days of the late Bro. Tom Wood, was the home of Freemasonry, and of the Truth Lodge in particular; but the mutations of time, combined with the fads of succeeding landlords, sometimes cause drastic changes, which are not always to the benefit of an establishment, and in this case the members of the Craft drifted away from the well-known hostelry to quarters which, if we may judge by representations, cannot be considered as equally congenial. Bro. A. S. Robotham, who is a comparatively new host, as he is also a recent Mason, tried on Saturday night to remedy any defects, and to make the visitors to the Truth Smoker as comfortable as possible. The repast was not absolutely what Josh Billings might term "rekerky," but it was substantial, excellently served by an obliging posse of female waiters, thoroughly enjoyed, and well spoken of by the majority who were present.

Bro. Thomas P. Cooper W.M. occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings about 6.30 p.m., being supported by Bros. A. B. Taylor S.W., W. H. Worsley I.P.M., Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., Buckley Carr P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. J. Doan S.D., James Archdale P.M., and T. H. Hall P.M. The talent was of a hybrid description, and varied from Bro. Outhbert Blacow's songs "The Sailor's Grave" and "Let me like a soldier fall" (from Maritana), to a nautical extravaganza "Old Pilot Jim," by the W.M., which, by the way, was capitally rendered, and heartily received. Other songs were given as follow: Bro. Hart, "The Desert" and "Drinking"; Bro. Alexander Marr, "Old Friend John" and "Queen of the Earth"; Bro. Edward Roberts P.M. a Welsh parody entitled, "March of the Men of Garlick" and also a Dutch sketch; while several trios and duets were rendered at various times by Bros. Blacow, Hart, Marr, and Nelson Stokes, who thoroughly maintained the high reputation which they have previously gained by their efforts at the Manchester concerts. Mr. John Davey was at home on the violin, and gave selections from "Il Trovatore" and other operas, while Herr Bahre, a professor of music well-known in the vicinity of Blackpool and St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, electrified the audience by recitals on the pianoforte from Rubenstein, Schubert, and similar eminent composers. Bro. Worsley, whose popularity as a brilliant pianist had preceded him, was also in evidence, and considerably relieved Professor Bahre.

But perhaps the humorist of the evening centred in the Brothers Benson, three young men who introduced an entertainment varied as it was droll, and calculated, like Shakespeare's Yorick, to set the table on a roar. Their musical eccentricities, many of them given without the aid of instruments of any kind whatever, took the form of an itinerant band at a watering place, a banjo band, a hen convention, and a cat duet, the sounds in the latter being anything but the plaintive pule of the infant feline. A musical rake was also introduced, and a capital tune evoked out of a number of medical phials. The name of the combination "Brothers Benson" is entirely new to us, but we predict a brilliant future for the marvellously clever young trio. They clearly demonstrated that it is possible to be witty without vulgarity, and, if we may use the simile, mirth was continually peeping out of their sketches, with the demonstrativeness of garlic out of an Italian ragout.

Besides those already mentioned, we noticed Bros. Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., William Bee P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., G. W. Davies P.M., E. Loebell P.M., William Jones W.M. 581, L. Kaufman, W. Dewhurst, Joseph Day, W. J. Herring, Councillor M. W. Southern (the candidate for raising of the previous evening), Mr. R. O. Southern (his son), and others numbering nearly sixty, as visitors to the shrine of Saint Nicotine.

LODGE Summonses, Lists of members, Menus, &c., of every description. Morgan, Printer, Freemason's Chronicle Office, New Barnet.

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.

58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall
193 Confidence, Anderton's
957 Leigh, Freemasons'-hall
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion
2030 The Abbey, Westminster
2094 Elthorne & Middlesex, Café R'l.
2243 Argonauts, Putney

40 Derwent, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Cambridge
102 Unanimity, North Walsham
104 St. John, Stockport
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Faversham
151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, South Shields
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley

292 Sincerity, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
297 Whitham, Lincoln
302 Hope, Bradford
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Penrith
388 Prudence, Halesworth
411 Commercial, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
587 Howe, Birmingham
589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth
607 Chicheley, Thrapston
632 Concord, Trowbridge
643 Royal, Fife
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelli
699 Roscawen, Chacewater
721 Independence, Chester
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
827 St. John, Dewsbury
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
943 Meridan, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge

1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
1149 Dorking, Dorking
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'y'b'ge
1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1564 St. John, Woking
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656 Wolsey, Hampton Court
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke
1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1802 Vernon, Retford
1852 Forest, Mansfield
1885 Torridge, Great Torrington
1895 Thames, Henley
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2034 Masefield, Moseley
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Manchester
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland

2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2505 County Palatine, Birkdale
2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Tuesday.

167 St. John, Hampstead Heath
180 St. James Union, F.M.H.
211 St. Michael, Albion
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
255 Harmony, Richmond
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
834 Ranelagh, Criterion
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho.
933 Doric, Anderton's
1196 Urban, Freemasons'-hall
1269 Stanhope, Camberwell
1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion
1668 Samson, Café Royal
1891 St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons'-hall
2427 Hampden, St. Pancras
2546 Rahere, Frascati

80 St. John, Sunderland
93 Social, Norwich
126 Silent Temple, Burnley
131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Chatham, New Br'pton
241 Merchant, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
284 Shakespeare, Warwick
293 King Friends, Nantwich
319 New Forest, Lymington
371 Perseverance, Maryport
373 Socrates, Huntingdon
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock
386 Unity, Wareham
448 St. James, Halifax
473 Faithful, Birmingham
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
495 Wakefield, Wakefield
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
502 Rectitude, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Maidstone
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate
567 Unity, Warwick
573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen
593 St. Ann, Alderney
599 Sherwell, Banbury
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Harwich
686 Jerusalem, Bristol
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
723 Pannure, Aldershot
764 H'rbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby Z'ch
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un-Edge
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Leominster
897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's
903 Gosport, Gosport
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'l.
1073 Greta, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1267 Kenlis, Egremont
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1402 Jordan, Torquay
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1528 Fort, Newquay
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1545 Baildon, Baildon
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
1782 Machen, Coleshill
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
1837 Lullington, Willington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
1883 William of Wykeham, W'nh'ter
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees

2134 Wilberforce, Hull
2154 Joshua Nunn, Halstead
2222 Frederick West, East Molesey
2256 Warner, Chingford
2324 Horwich, Horwich
2339 Mistle, Manningtree
2414 Wychwood, Burford
2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe
2521 Noel-Money, Weybridge
2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

3 Fidelity, Freemasons'-hall
15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall
87 Vitruvian, Southwark
147 Justice, Deptford
548 Wellington, Cannon Street Ho.
820 Lily Richmond, Inns of Ct. Ho.
1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons'-hall
1538 St. Martin-le-Grand, Holborn
1586 Up. Norwood, Upper Norwood
1766 St. Leonard, Gt. Eastern Hotel
1815 Penge, Anerley
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Ct. Hl.
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Via. H'tl.
2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St.
2410 Æsculapius, Café Royal
2470 Telegraph Cable, Ship & Turtle
2528 Lancastrian, Frascati

54 Hope, Rochdale
84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey
125 Prince Edwin, Hythe
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
146 Antiquity, Bolton
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
204 Caledonian, Manchester
225 St. Luke, Ipswich
244 Yarborough, Jersey
274 Tranquility, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
301 Apollo, Alcester
323 Concord, Stockport
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
387 Airedale, Shipley
483 Sympathy, Gravesend
498 Royal Standard, Dudley
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
606 Segontium, Caernarvon
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
666 Benevolence, Dartmoor
679 St. David, Aberdare
730 Ellesmere, Chrcley
731 Arboretum, Derby
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing
854 Albert, Shaw
906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath
946 Strawberry Hill, Twickenham
1005 Zetland, Gloucester
1018 Shakespear, Bradford
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
1060 Marmion, Tamworth
1064 Borough, Burnley
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
1091 Erme, Ivybridge
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Reading
1112 Shirley, Southampton
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1242 Tynewold, Douglas, Isle of Man
1248 Denison, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Workington
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
1465 Ockenden, Cuckfield
1503 Sir Francis Burdett, Tw'k'nh'm
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
1544 Mount Edgcombe, Camborne
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1692 Hervey, Bromley
1703 Windrush, Witney
1715 A. J. Brogden, Grange-o'-Sands
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh

1798 Zion, Manchester
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
1868 Unity, Oldham
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
1947 Stanford, Hove
1958 St. George, Portsea
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
2183 Royal Hampton Ct., Hampton Ct
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
2284 Smyth, Grimsby
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
2389 Avondale, Middlewich
2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay
2483 Hadrian, Westham
2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckh'rst Hill
2540 Ember, East Molesey
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
879 Southwark, Southwark
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1471 Islington, Highbury
1558 Duke of Connaught, C'mbr'well
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
1708 Plucknet, North Finchley
1791 Creation, Freemasons'-hall
1804 Coborn, Bow
1820 Sir Thomas White, Café Royal
1987 Strand, Piccadilly
2047 Beckenham, Beckenham
2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith

35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
97 Palatine, Sunderland
112 St. George, Exeter
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
132 Unity, Ringwood
191 St. John, Bury
215 Commerce, Haslingden
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
324 Moira, Stalybridge
333 Royal Preston, Preston
344 Faith, Radcliffe
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
442 St. Peter, Peterboro'
477 Mersey, Birkenhead
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Gnisborough
585 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
625 Devonshire, Glossop
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Deal
816 Royd, Littleboro'
945 Abbey, Abingdon
971 Trafalgar, Batley
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lancaster
1098 St. George, Tredegar
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1515 Bertie, Oxford
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1627 Hospitality, Waverfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Tynemouth
1911 De la Pré, Northampton
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2016 Shaldon, Alton
2038 Portcullis, Langport
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'rth
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2285 Eden, Workington

2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitchurch
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
2449 Duke of York, Manchester
2468 St. John, Douglas, Isle of Man
2529 Abbey, Whalley
2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Friday.

1962 London Rifle Brigade, And't'n's.
2157 St. Mark's College, H'lb'orn Rest
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall
152 Virtue, Manchester
155 Perseverance, Liverpool
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah Ark, Tipton
541 De Lorraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough

Saturday.

1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.
1185 Lewis, Wood Green
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
1641 Crichton, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
811 Yarborough, Brighton
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
1897 Citadel, Harrow Station
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2458 Eton, Eton
2548 Herga, Harrow

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Garrick.—Although "La Périchole" cannot be considered one of the best of Offenbach's hundred and odd comic operas, still that talented master never composed anything that was not bright and effervescing like the foam of his native champagne, and it was a happy thought of Bro. H. T. Brickwell to revive the opera, if only to show the present generation the difference between a strictly opera comique and the more modern musical comedy. The plot of "La Périchole" naturally loses some of its liveliness by translation to the English stage, but enough is left to make a very agreeable entertainment, while the delightful strains of the purely Offenbachian music tickle the ear with delicious sensations. No one is better fitted for the role of the heroine than Miss Florence St. John, who enters into the spirit of the part with much verve and no little pathos. Mr. Richard Clarke admirably sings the songs allotted to the jealous Piquillo, and Mr. John Le Hay is altogether excellent as the amorous Don Andres. There is not much of the Spanish dignity about Mr. Fred Kaye, whose performance of the wily Don Pedro causes roars of laughter; and Messrs. W. Howard and A. G. Poulton, together with Miss Emmie Owen and several other charming ladies, materially contribute to the general effect. The opera is splendidly staged, both the scenery and costumes being thoroughly appropriate, while the excellent orchestra conducted by Mr. Ernest Ford is as perfect as possible. The crowded state of the theatre sufficiently demonstrates that the piece has caught on, though Bro. Brickwell's prospective arrangements must soon curtail the run of the opera.

Parkhurst.—Mr. Edward Lockwood's clever company in that most charming musical production of modern time, "La Poupée," by Ordonneau and Sturgess, music by Audran, appears at this Theatre next week. "La Poupée" contains every element necessary to a complete success in a high degree of perfection—bright, tuneful music, racy dialogue, magnificent dresses, lovely scenery, and, above all, a novel, ingenious and interesting plot. Madame Adelina Patti expresses her very favourable opinion in the following letter:—

London, 10th September 1897.

DEAR MR. LEVILLY,

I can quite understand the success of "La Poupée," in fact I think it is one of the most charming comic operas I have ever heard,

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Adelina Patti Nicolini.

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Our Lodge ceremonial work so readily lends itself to division and sub-division, says "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," that it is matter for surprise that so few take advantage of this means of creating an increased interest in the conferring of the various degrees. The monotony in which degree ceremonies are frequently performed makes it a tiring ordeal to listen to the same voice droning in the ear through a sitting of three-quarters of an hour. We cannot all be elocutionary experts, but Worshipful Masters, by a little exercise, can create an interest among the Officers in the Lodge over which they preside, and get them to take their own part in the ceremony, and not only relieve themselves of vocal effort, but give an additional attraction to the work of the Lodge. At the second degree ceremony in the St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, last Thursday, the W.M. Bro. Robert Speirs was complimented by Past Masters who were present in allowing the other Officers to take their respective parts. The offices in many of the Lodges in Glasgow will suffer change during the next three months, and to those who are new to the chair I would appeal, in the interest of their respective Lodges, to divide the ceremonial work among the other Officers as much as possible. Give every Officer his part, and let every Officer perfect himself in it. With everyone's interest aroused there will be no more work slovenly done, no more dull Lodges during ceremonies.

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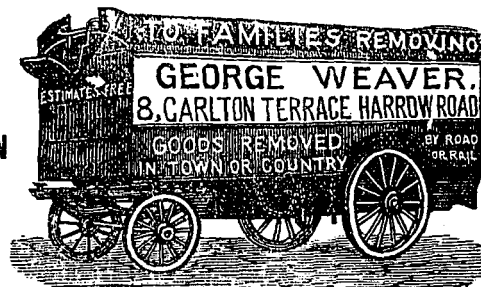
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