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THE GRAND MASTER AT WORK.

WE do not think it was generally known that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who had undertaken to lay the foundation stone of the new buildings for Christ's Hospital, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, would perform that ceremony with full Masonic honours, yet such was the case on Saturday last, and, as usual on such occasions, considerable interest was displayed by those who were privileged to be present. The new site is situate at Horsham, and some 2,000 persons assembled there to take part in the interesting proceedings, among them being the Duke of Cambridge, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and several persons of distinction in the civic and Masonic world. The Prince met a hearty reception and wore the full regalia of the Craft while officiating.

Pressure on our space this week precludes our giving anything like a detailed report of the proceedings; we must therefore content ourselves with the following "Masonic" portion of the "Daily Chronicle's" account of the ceremony:

Watchful eyes followed the picturesque Masonic ceremonial duly ordained and appointed for such occasions by King Solomon, the builder of the Temple. Still more eager ears (especially among the women and boys) were strained towards the words of these great mysteries that haply one might become a Mason unawares. The Grand Master did, indeed, call attention in solemn tones to the secrets of the Craft. The prescribed ritual proclaims the obligation of all Brethren to erect handsome buildings "serviceable to the Brethren, and to God, the Great Architect of the Universe." "We have among us secrets," he went on, "which may not be revealed and no man has discovered. These secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to God or man." After formal dedication to the Most High, Dean Hole followed with the beautiful dedicatory prayer, his clear, resonant voice being well heard throughout the great marquee. The Acting Grand Secretary then read aloud the inscription cut upon the stone, and also cut on a brass plate over the cavity between the two slabs.

This done, the Grand Treasurer approached with a crystal vessel containing the usual coins, newspaper, stamps, and other souvenirs of the day of dedication. The Prince of Wales then spread the cement over the under slab with the trowel of his grand uncle, Frederick Duke of York, which had performed a similar duty for Christ's Hospital seventy-two years ago, and the stone being reluctantly lowered to its place, he, with plumb-rule, level, and square "proved the just position and form of the stone" which he followed by three taps with the mallet. The three deputed Masters of Lodges next brought up in rotation the cornucopia, the ewer of wine, and the ewer of oil. From each of these golden vessels he distributed a portion upon the stone, with the words, "I scatter corn on this stone, emblem of plenty and happiness. I pour wine upon this stone, emblem of joy and greatness. I sprinkle oil upon this stone, emblem of peace and unity."

The architects were then presented to his Royal Highness, submitting the plan, and receiving the usual injunctions thereupon. The Headmaster (Rev. R. Lee) read a special prayer commemorative of the day and of the pious benefactors of the school, and the Bishop of Chichester, in plentiful robes, pronounced the Benediction. The Masonic Brethren then ceremonially made procession round the stone thus well and truly laid.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge met under the banner of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 818, at Abergavenny, on Thursday, 21st inst., where there was a good attendance, including Col. Lyne Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. R. Lyne Deputy, Bro. J. T. Firbank, M.P., Grand Junior Deacon of England, &c.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed the following as Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. J. O. Marsh 818	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Dr. Mulligan 1258	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. W. Osman 818	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. R. W. B. Sanderson 1258	-	-	-	
Charles Cullum 1429	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. L. Moore 471	-	-	-	Registrar
J. C. Brook 1429	-	-	-	Secretary
Stanley Callaghan 2186	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
M. J. S. Lyons 2556	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
Lewis J. Morgan 818	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. S. Mends 1258	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Walter Hunter 683	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. F. R. Rainforth 1429	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. S. Poole 457	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
John Randall 2226	-	-	-	
T. H. Tompkins 818	-	-	-	Organist
James Johnston 1098	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Tom Davies 1562	-	-	-	Pursuivant
George Lamb Scott 471	-	-	-	Stewards
W. Morgan 1098	-	-	-	
C. Millard 1258	-	-	-	
Tom Rosser 1562	-	-	-	
Charles Henry Clarke 2186	-	-	-	
Stephen T. Davies 2556	-	-	-	Tyler.
E. W. Evans 1429	-	-	-	

At the close of the business Bro. Marsh Prov.G.S.W. presented the Provincial Master with an address and silver goblet, and a dress ring for his wife Mrs. Lyne, the present year being the Jubilee of Colonel Lyne's connection with Freemasonry, and also the jubilee of his wedding. Brother Marsh laid stress upon the fact that for upwards of a quarter of a century Colonel Lyne had ruled over the Province in such a way as never to have caused ill-will on the part of any of the Brethren, and had become beloved and honoured by all. The address and gifts were suitably acknowledged by the recipient, who said his wife would be delighted by what he himself considered was a token of affection and esteem. Subsequently a banquet, which was largely attended, took place at the Angel Hotel.—"South Wales Daily News."

STAFFORDSHIRE.

A MEETING of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Central Hall, Hanley, on Thursday, 21st inst., and was presided over by the Provincial chief the Earl of Dartmouth, who was supported by Lieut.-Col. Bindley D.P.G.M. P.G.D., and a full complement of Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, together with many others notable in the Craft, to the number of about 250. The occasion for this gathering was the unveiling by Lord Dartmouth of a reredos in Shelton Church, to which Freemasons had largely contributed, and which had been designed by Mr. George Tinworth, and carried out in terra-cotta by Messrs. Doulton, of Lambeth.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in proper form, was immediately adjourned, and a procession formed in the usual order, the Lewises carrying the Bible being R. B. Brickel (Longton), G. H. Frewer (Stone), J. H. Carter (Stoke), R. S. Read, G. Pardoe and W. R. Schofield (Hanley), and F. Mason (Longport).

The service was a special one, and included Psalm xlv., and the Te Deum. Immediately before the sermon the

Rector of Shelton (Rev. E. D. Boothman) invited Lord Dartmouth, in his capacity as Provincial Grand Master, to unveil the reredos. Prior to doing so his lordship, standing at the doorway in the chancel screen, said he did not think he ought to allow that opportunity to pass without expressing, as Provincial Grand Master of that great Province of Staffordshire, the satisfaction which they as Freemasons of the Province felt in being allowed to participate in that ceremony. The reredos was the work of one who had won a world-wide reputation, and the fact that he was intimately connected with the neighbourhood would enhance its value to those who resided in that district. The work made a fitting completion of the edifice dedicated to the worship of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the ceremony of unveiling was one which was very congenial to Freemasons as a body. He trusted that the part which the Freemasons had taken in that ceremony, and the generosity with which the local members of the Craft had contributed towards providing the necessary funds, would remind those who resided in those parts that Freemasonry was not useless and meaningless, as some who were uninitiated might be inclined to suppose. There was a deep rooted principle which lay at the foundation of the edifice upon which the Craft had been raised, and it was shown in such works as those which were for the promotion of the glory of God, and the furtherance of charity in its highest form. His lordship then unveiled the reredos, the panel of which represents the scene on Calvary, at the moment when Christ speaks to His mother and the beloved disciple; and as the screen was removed from before the reredos a ray of electric light was thrown upon the upper part of the figure, greatly increasing the effect of this beautiful work.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Byrom Holland P.G.C. and Vicar of Hednesford, and was from the text, "The House that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnifical." The offertory was on behalf of the reredos fund, and amounted to £25 17s 3d.

At the conclusion of service the procession was reformed and returned to the Central Hall, where Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. Luncheon was provided by Bro. J. Munro, Hanley.—"Longton Times."

ROYAL ARCH.

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DORSET.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Portland, under the presidency of the Prov.G. Superintendent Companion Montagu Guest. The gathering was one of the largest held for many years.

The reports presented were of a satisfactory nature. Colonel Brymer, M.P., Prov.G.H., was appointed to represent the Chapter at the Centenary Festival of the Boys School next year, and £20 was voted to his list.

The following were invested as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. Colonel Brymer	-	-	-	H.
A. H. Lock	-	-	-	J.
Rev. M. Heath	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. B. Morgan	-	-	-	Scribe E.
E. Mills	-	-	-	Scribe N.
J. H. Bowen	-	-	-	Registrar
C. J. Freeman	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
C. Tomlin	-	-	-	Assistant Sojourners
J. Habgood	-	-	-	
A. Knight	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
H. Budden	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
F. Hetley	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. J. Board	-	-	-	Organist
W. Talbot	-	-	-	Janitor.

MARK MASONRY.

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LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Lancashire was held on Saturday afternoon, in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, when the Earl of Lathom Prov. Grand Master presided over an attendance of upwards of 200 brethren, his lordship being supported by Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Lord Euston Deputy Grand Master of England, and most of the Officers of the Province.

More than ordinary interest was attached to the gathering, owing to the fact that the day was the 21st anniversary of the installation of the Earl of Lathom as Provincial Grand Master. In the course of the proceedings,

Bro. Le Gendre Starkie presented an illuminated address to his lordship, conveying to him the congratulations of the Brethren on the completion that day of 21 years service as Provincial Grand Master. The brethren expressed their sense of the very great kindness which they had invariably received at his hands during that long period. The difficult and onerous duties which he had been called upon to perform during the jubilee year had been fulfilled with the utmost courtesy, dignity, and ability. The Brethren recognised the fact that they belonged to a society which was the oldest on record, and one which demanded that they should be always firm, loyal, and faithful in their allegiance to the Sovereign, and to those who were placed in authority, particularly to the Provincial Master. They united in the hope that his lordship might long be spared in health and strength to retain his present exalted position.

The Earl of Lathom, in acknowledging the address, reciprocated the kind words of the Brethren, and expressed his continued interest in the welfare of Mark Masonry in Lancashire.

Bro. Chadwick Prov. G. Sec. presented his 27th and last annual report, in the course of which he gave a sketch of the growth of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The first was opened in October 1870, when there were 90 brethren present. At the commencement of that meeting there were only 120 Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, while at the present moment there were over 500, showing the extraordinary hold the Mark degree had had upon the intelligence of the country during thirty years. The growth of the Lancashire Grand Lodge had been unexampled, there being now nearly forty Lodges in the Province, with 930 effective members. He was pleased to say that the Lodges were in a healthy condition, and perhaps in a better working order than ever before.

The Prov. Grand Master invested the following Officers:

Bro. J. D. Murray	-	-	-	Senior Warden
T. D. Foreman	-	-	-	Junior Warden
J. H. Wells	-	-	-	Master Overseer
Evan Williams	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
W. H. Brown	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. J. Pimblett	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. F. E. Thomas	-	-	-	
Edwin Helliwell	-	-	-	Treasurer
Wm. Goodacre	-	-	-	Secretary
Nathan Keywood	-	-	-	Registrar
W. Alcock	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. J. Tickle	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
A. Ingleby	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
Max H. Boyd	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. H. Robinson	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Wm. Longbottom	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. Stansfield	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
R. H. Pearson	-	-	-	Organist
J. H. Isherwood	-	-	-	Inner Guard
J. N. Patterson	-	-	-	Stewards
G. Marsden	-	-	-	
R. Armitage	-	-	-	Tyler.
Alfred Cross	-	-	-	
W. J. Doran	-	-	-	

ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 175.

THE annual festival was held on Tuesday, 12th inst., when Bro. A. E. Radcliffe was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

Three candidates were advanced and two joining members received.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to Bro. S. J. Partridge's, where a sumptuous banquet was served. The usual Loyal and Mark toasts were given and responded to.

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CHELMER LODGE, No. 342.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford, on Tuesday, 12th, when Bro. J. E. Pegram was installed W.M. by Bro. J. P. Lewin P.P.G.W. and P.P.G.Treas. East Anglia P.G. Std.B. England.

The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, and the ceremony was followed by the customary banquet.

Freemasons, in view of their universal toast of "The Queen and the Craft," will peruse with particular pleasure the following paragraphs from the columns of our contemporaries:

"If the life and example of Queen Victoria mean so little for Mr. Ben Tillett, it is not because they are without claim to universal admiration, but because he is too small-souled to appreciate them." Bravo!—"The Australasian."

"We rejoice to see that Mr. Ben Tillett was well snubbed in the loyal city of Ballarat recently. No refreshments were offered him, the Mayor declined the honour of receiving him, and his audience at the Alfred Hall drowned his Commonwealth song with 'God save the Queen.' Altogether a capital day."—The "Evening News" (Sydney).

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A SPECIAL meeting of subscribers is to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, on Thursday next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of electing two candidates on the Fund. The ballot will take place immediately after the ordinary business is completed, and the poll will close at five o'clock.

At the last annual meeting, of the six candidates submitted three were successful in procuring election; the others are now being brought forward with 529, 30, and 26 votes respectively. From November next twenty-four children will be on this Fund, entailing a large annual expenditure. The yearly concerts given in the Plymouth Guildhall have added considerably to the resources, and the Committee feel confident that a similar event, which takes place next month, and which will be conducted by Bro. E. Binding P.M. P.P.G.O., Inspecting Bandmaster, R.N., will be the means of still further assisting the Funds. A special appeal is made to Devonshire Freemasons for an increased amount of support towards this good object, and to do their best to maintain this truly Masonic Charity, says "The Western Mercury."

CENTENARY AT LEWES.

THE meeting of the South Saxon Lodge to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Lewes Freemasons' Hall took place on Wednesday, 20th inst.

The minutes of the dedication were read, and proved to be a most interesting record of the proceedings of that ancient date.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the White Hart Hotel to supper, which was ably presided over by the W.M. Bro. W. Flint. The company included many old Past Masters of the Lodge and several distinguished visiting brethren, in addition to the present Officers and members.

CHURCH SERVICES.

THE Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields having been recently re-opened after decoration, it has been arranged to hold a Masonic Service on Sunday, 7th November, at 3.30 in the afternoon, when the Ven. the Archdeacon of Essex P.G. Chaplain has kindly promised to preach the sermon. A collection will be made on behalf of the R. M. Institutions for Boys and Girls.

It is hoped that there will be a considerable attendance of the Brethren, and the Officers of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455, who are arranging the details, venture to ask the personal interest and influence of members of the Craft, in order to make the Service a complete success. A dispensation has been obtained for Brethren to appear in Masonic Clothing and Jewels, and accommodation will be provided for changing.

A SPECIAL Service is to be held to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct, E.C., when a collection will be made on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A dispensation has been granted for the wearing of Masonic Clothing and Jewels. The service will commence at 3.30, the Sermon being preached by Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair P.G. Chaplain.

There is certain to be a vigorous protest against the announcement that tickets for admission to St. Paul's Cathedral, when the bi-centenary celebration takes place, shall be limited to Freemasons. If the Masons consider that they can justify the holding of a special Masonic service well and good. But why on earth, it is asked, should a celebration of national interest be monopolised by Freemasons? What had their guild, which comprises an exceedingly meagre number of gentlemen competent to build a brick shed, to do with the building of St. Paul's Cathedral? It must not be supposed that I am expressing my own views in saying this. I am merely echoing the sentiments of persons who, on reverent, national, and archaeological grounds, fail to see what "locus standi" Freemasons have at all on such an occasion—still less, why these no doubt estimable gentlemen should be permitted to monopolise it.—"Manchester Chronicle."

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, to-morrow (Sunday) evening, at the Rising Sun, Globe Road, Bethnal Green, commencing at 6 p.m., Bro. L. Simmons 1278 presiding. The position of I.P.M. will be filled by Bro. B. Stewart P.M. 2411, that of S.W. by Bro. B. DaCosta P.M. 1349, and that of J.W. by Bro. L. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349. Some of the best known workers of the East End of London are included in the programme, and the ceremony promises to be equal to any of the previous successes of this Lodge of Instruction.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY CONVOCATION will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, 3rd November, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 21st July to the 19th October 1897, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter -	£485	2	11	
" " Unappropriated Account -	194	11	0	
" " Subsequent Receipts -	363	5	10	
				£1,042 19 9
By Disbursements during the Quarter -	377	17	4	
" Balance -	477	2	5	
" " Unappropriated Account -	188	0	0	
				£1,042 19 9

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

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

1st. From Companions Lord Addington as Z, Rev. William Miles Myres as H, Richard Frederick Shillingford as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Grenville Lodge, No. 1787, and to meet at the Grenville Lodge Hall, High Street, Buckingham, in the County of Buckinghamshire.

2nd. From Companions George Frederick Busbridge as Z, Frederick William Robinson as H, Bertrand Graat as J, and twenty others for a Chapter to be attached to the Papyrus Lodge, No. 2562, to be called "The Papyrus Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

The foregoing Petitions being regular the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

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

"The Lewis Chapter," No. 1185, London, from the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, to the Holborn Restaurant, W.C.

"The Studholme Brownrigg Chapter," No. 2421, from the British Schools, to the Station Hotel, Amersham.

"The Lorne Chapter," No. 1347, Sutton, from the Greyhound Hotel, to the Masonic Hall.

"The Chapter of Felicity," No. 58, London, from the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street, to the Grafton Rooms, Beak Street, W.

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

The Committee have also received a memorial from the Joyce Chapter, No. 942, Port Chalmers, New Zealand, asking for permission to change the name from the "Joyce Chapter," to the "Port Chalmers Marine Chapter," and the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ex. Companion John Strachan, Q.C., Past Deputy Grand Registrar:

1—To add to Regulation 43 the following words:—

"And Regulations 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 are hereby declared not to be applicable to Provincial and District Grand Chapters."

2—"That whereas doubts have arisen as to the right to past rank of certain Provincial and District Grand Chapter Officers who have been appointed to office while not holding corresponding rank in their respective Provincial and District Grand Lodges, it is hereby Resolved that His Royal Highness the Most Excellent First Grand Principal be respectfully requested to confirm in the rank respectively attaching to their appointments, all such present and past holders of office in Provincial and District Grand Chapters."

By Ex. Companion J. E. Le Feuvre, Past Grand Sword Bearer:—

"That the following words be re-introduced in the General Regulations, previous to No. 12:—'Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business.'"

By Ex. Companion Samuel R. Baskett, Past Provincial Grand Registrar, Dorset:—

"That whereas a question has arisen as to the true construction of No. 43 of the General Regulations, it is hereby Resolved and declared that Regulation 43 relates only to the Government of Provincial and District Grand Chapters during the time of public business, and does not apply, and never has applied, to the appointment of Provincial and District Grand Officers."

(Signed) GEORGE D. HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

20th October 1897.

Things Masonic have been very much to the fore in South Africa of late. First in importance is the fact that the new and handsome Masonic Temple at Johannesburg is now open. It has been erected in Plein Street by a committee representative of the Brethren of the English, Scotch, and Netherlands Constitutions on the Rand. The building is an imposing three-storied edifice decorated with Ionic pillars of freestone, and embracing banqueting hall, Chapter rooms, and numerous other apartments and offices, all beautifully fitted. The Craft throughout South Africa are taking a keen interest in the new home of their Transvaal Brethren, says the "African Critic," and the opening festivities were made the occasion of much mutual congratulation.

A NEW LODGE IN STAFFORDSHIRE.

FOR several years many members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire have desired to see a central Lodge of Installed Masters established. At the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, at Lichfield, an informal meeting was held, and a small Committee appointed to convene a meeting of Installed Masters for the formation of such a Lodge. It is thought that considerable advantage to the best interests of Freemasonry in Staffordshire would follow from a periodical meeting of the Installed Masters, giving opportunities for free interchange of opinion, which no existing organization supplies. Deviations from the "Emulation" standard of ritual (adopted under the late P.G.M.) might be discussed and corrected; while if the Lodge prospered, probably occasion might be found for the development of interest in the literature and antiquities of Masonry by visits and addresses from selected Brethren. The meeting was held at the Swan Hotel, Stafford, on Saturday, 9th inst., when there was a large attendance of Brethren throughout the Province.

The chair was taken by Lieut.-Col. Bindley Deputy Prov. Grand Master P.G. Deacon England, who, in opening the proceedings, said the chief object of that meeting was to get a consensus of opinion whether or not it was desirable to form a Past Masters' Lodge. For himself, individually, he thought it would be a most excellent thing, which would facilitate very considerably the work of the Province. It was written that "in a multitude of counsellors there is wisdom," and it was for them that day to make any suggestions they might think good. If, in their wisdom, they decided that a Lodge should be formed, the formula would be a secondary matter altogether. Referring to the proposal that the Lodge, if formed, should be called "The Foster Gough Lodge of Installed Masters," as a memorial of the late Provincial Grand Master and his work in the Province, he remarked that no one had more at heart the interests of Masonry than the late Col. Foster Gough, and it was peculiarly fitting that they should honour his memory in this way.

The Secretary Bro. J. T. Marson P.M. 726 then read a list of those who had up to that time given in their names as Founders.

The Chairman formally proposed that the Lodge be formed, under the title of "The Foster Gough Lodge of Installed Masters."

Bro. J. Bodenham, in seconding the motion, said it was a great satisfaction to him to think that they were about to create a permanent memorial of their late Provincial Grand Master, whose work in the Province certainly deserved recognition at their hands. He could not imagine a memorial which would have been more after Col. Gough's own heart than this. He knew from his own lips that, had he lived, a Lodge of this kind would have been established some years ago. The resolution was carried with absolute unanimity.

Some discussion followed on a suggestion contained in the circular convening the meeting, that there should be three meetings annually, to be held at Stafford, as the most suitable centre, on the last Saturday in January, April, and October.

Bro. W. R. Blair and several other Brethren urged that January was an unsuitable month, owing to the number of installations which took place during that month.

Bro. G. C. Kent suggested that the question of dates should be left over until after the Lodge had been formed. No day would suit everyone, so they could only try and fix days which would suit the greatest number.

It was eventually decided that there should be three meetings, and that alterations in the dates will be made as may be found desirable.

With regard to the venue, Bro. Bodenham said the original suggestion was that the Lodge should be held at Stafford, as the most central place, but since they had met that day Lieut.-Col. Walker Provincial Grand Secretary had said that he thought it probable that they could get a Warrant to specify several places, and he cordially agreed with him that if that could be done it was desirable that they should hold the Lodge alternately at Stafford, Stoke, and Wolverhampton. He proposed that the Lodge should be held at Stafford if the Book of Constitutions only allowed one place, but that, if the regulations permit, arrangements be made for holding it alternately at Stafford, Stoke, and Wolverhampton.

Bro. Blair said there had been a feeling that if Stafford only was selected there should be two Lodges, one for the North and one for the South.

The Chairman: We must be united.

Bro. Blair said he agreed that it would not be well to have two.

Lieut.-Col. Walker said if they got the places actually fixed he thought they could get them named in the Warrant.

Bro. Baker mentioned the fitness of Hanley for a meeting place.

The Chairman pointed out that the question for the most part was one of railway convenience. There was not a Lodge in the Province that would not like to welcome the Past Masters' Lodge, but it would hardly be possible, he thought, that more than three places could be mentioned in the Warrant.

Bro. G. C. Kent said he was clearly of opinion that the Warrant could be made to provide for a moveable Lodge from place to place, just as a Lodge could be moved from house to house. He thought they were making too much of this.

In the result, it was unanimously agreed, subject to the decision of Grand Lodge, that the January meeting be held at Stafford, the April meeting at Stoke, and the October meeting at Wolverhampton.

Further discussion took place on points relating to the annual subscription, founders' fees, joining fees, &c. There was considerable division of opinion as to whether the founders should be simply those who had signed the petition, or already signified their wish to become founders, or whether a limit should be given for Past Masters now to become founders.

Bros. Kent and Bodenham urged the view that the list should be left open for a time.

Bro. T. E. Lowe and Bro. the Rev. E. D. Boothman took the contrary view, that the list of founders should be closed that day.

Bro. Kent pointed out that by the fundamental change made that day in the original proposition, by which it was now hoped to hold a Lodge at Stoke, the attitude of many Past Masters in the North of the Province would probably be changed, and that they should have a further opportunity of becoming founders.

Bro. Bromley P.G.S.W. spoke in favour of the time being extended.

Lieut.-Col. Walker suggested that the list of founders should not close before the 24th inst. On a vote being taken, it was decided by 24 votes to 18 to close the founders list from that day.

It was decided to invite the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master to preside over the Lodge, and that in the event of his lordship finding himself unable to accede to the invitation, Lieut.-Col. Bindley be asked to preside.

Col. Bindley mentioned that it was his intention to retire in the spring, on account of his health, from the position of D.P.G.M., but signified his willingness to do anything he could for the good of the Province, which had given him so loyal a support during his term of office.

We understand that since the meeting the Earl of Dartmouth has consented to be W.M. of the new Lodge. Col. Bindley will be I.P.M., and the following are the Committee:—Bros. J. Bodenham 726 Chairman, Lieut.-Col. G. W. Walker 526, T. Taylor 2149, J. B. Ashwell 637, J. Webberley 546, J. F. Pepper 482, A. Dewsbury 539, G. C. Kent 546, M. Barker 1838, and J. T. Marson 726 Secretary.—"Stafford Advertiser."

At a meeting of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, held at Stafford on the 20th inst., Bro. Marson Secretary of the proposed Lodge of Installed Masters, announced that 102 brethren sent in their names as Founders, and that many more would have been forthcoming but for the resolution passed limiting the Founders to those who had signified their assent not later than the 9th inst.

IRISH VISIT TO NEWCASTLE.

A BANQUET in honour of the Irish Brethren of Lodge Israel, on a visit to Newcastle, was held on Tuesday, 12th inst., in the Central Masonic Hall, Newcastle, when about 150 Brethren were present. The chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, No. 24, Bro. Jameson, who was supported by Bro. John Batey Worshipful Master of the visiting Lodge, Bro. Ald. Holmes, the Mayor of Newcastle Bro. John Goolden, &c.

The toasts of the Queen, and the M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England and Officers of Grand Lodge, were proposed from the chair, and received with musical honours. The latter toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Canon Kynaston, who briefly replied.

Bro. Ald. Holmes proposed the Most Worshipful Gr. Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. T. Gallogly responded.

Bro. George Metcalf gave the health of the Right Hon. Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, Bro. Ald. R. H. Holmes, J.P., P.G.D. Eng. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. Holmes, in replying, expressed the regret of Sir Matthew at not being able to be present that evening, as he would have liked to have been. Sir Matthew had sent a very

kind message, in which he said how heartily welcome the Brethren from Ireland were in the Province.

The following telegram from Sir Matthew was read: "To the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Israel, Newcastle.—The Provincial Master of the Province of Northumberland wishes the Lodge of Israel and the Brethren from Dublin welcome to the Province of Northumberland, and, further, wishes he were present to receive them personally." Letters of apology from several Officers and past Officers of the Craft both here and in Ireland were also read.

The chairman proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Israel, to whom he tendered, on behalf of his Lodge, the most hearty, cordial, and fraternal greeting and welcome that it was possible for man to offer. Might the fair city of Dublin ever be united with the coaly Tyne, in love, peace, and harmony.

The Rev. Bro. Batey W.M. of Lodge Israel, in responding, said although they were cut off from England by a narrow strip of sea, yet they were glad they were members of the same kingdom ruled by their beloved Queen. As Masons such a strip of sea could never divide them, as the universality of the Order was that which belonged to creation itself. He was glad that throughout the length and breadth of the world the grand principles of Masonry were honoured. He assured them that it would be a great pleasure to remember the hearty welcome they, as Irish Brethren, had received in Newcastle. Bro. Batey concluded by proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge.

The chairman and Bro. James Garland replied, thanking them for the toast.

Other toasts followed.—"Newcastle Chronicle."

THE NEW HALL AT BLYTH.

ON Wednesday, 20th inst., Messrs. J. Goulding and Son, contractors for the building of the new Masonic Hall in Beaconsfield Street, Blyth, made a commencement with the work, the first sod having been cut at about ten o'clock in the morning. It is expected the building will be completed in about six months' time, says the "Newcastle Journal." Amongst the company present at the initial ceremony were the following Brethren belonging to the Blagdon Lodge: W. T. Richardson W.M., A. A. Askwith J.W., Ed. Forster P.M. P.P.G.St.B., Robert Robinson P.G.Sd., Wm. Colvin, Jas. Thompson, Wm. Robinson P.M. P.P.G.P., John Tweedy P.M. P.G.S. of W., Robert Nicholson, W. P. Straker, and others.

MASONRY AT SCHOOL BOARDS.

WE ("Catholic Herald") publish an interesting letter addressed to us by Father Wyndham, of Bayswater, in which he makes it out that the endeavour to abolish religion from the schools of the country is largely a Masonic conspiracy. Father Wyndham's letter speaks for itself, and he is an authority on matters Masonic.

His view may or may not be a correct one, because we are aware that it is against Nonconformists that the charge is made of endeavouring to abolish religion from the schools. Now, if Father Wyndham is right, it is to the Tory party of the country that we must really charge this disgraceful plot, for it is thoroughly well known that Nonconformists have very little to do with Masonry, while, on the other hand, the clergy of the Church of England and the Tory party generally are largely identified with Masonry. We have often pointed this out, and asked whether or not it is wise for Catholics to join hands with the Tory-Orange-Masonic party in the furtherance of its ends.

Father Wyndham gives very excellent reasons why we should not do so, and it would be interesting to see how far his view is accepted by others. If it is made quite clear that in this matter of education far more is to be feared from Conservative Masonic influences than from Nonconformity, we shall then be in a better position to judge of what our real duty is. Father Wyndham's letter makes it incumbent upon every Catholic to fully consider the position, and then to act according to his conscientious convictions. After all, nobody will deny for a moment that the various Nonconformist bodies hold much more clearly the chief points of Christian doctrine than do the adherents of Masonry, who are neither more nor less than "Naturalists" in religion. Gradually and surely we are getting a little more light upon many of these controverted questions.

The letter referred to is as follows:

FREEMASON, BUT NO TRAITOR.

Sir,—The leading article in the "Tablet," 9th October, on "Mr. Diggle's Achievement," speaks of "betrayal of the cause he was elected to serve." As

St. Thomas of Canterbury replied: "Here I am; Archbishop, but no traitor;" so I can imagine Mr. Diggle responding: "Freemason, but no traitor."

Mr. Diggle and twelve (at least) other members of the London School Board are Brethren of the London School Board Lodge, No. 2611, "consecrated" in July 1896. The Masonic Brotherhood admits men of any and every religion, and itself professes the "universal religion—the religion of nature." This religion of the Lodges recognises no dogma, and permits nothing that is distinctive of any particular creed. What we have come to call Board School religion is in perfect harmony with the Masonic religion.

The Masonic members of the London School Board, in approving of this Board School religion, are quite consistent with their own principles; and, therefore, in thus acting they may claim to be no traitors, but good and true Masons, who promote in the Board Schools that religion which they profess in the London School Board Lodge.

The French and Italian Masons have met, during the past month of September, in formal assembly in Paris and Milan respectively. The Italian Masons passed a resolution that elementary education should be imparted absolutely free from any religious idea. The action of the French Masons has been similar. The fundamental principles of Masonry are the same all the world over, and their chief exponents are English and English-speaking writers (see my Anti-Masonic Catechism—Washbourne, 1d). Policy and practice may vary according to circumstances; but the cautious policy of the English Masons tend with sure steps towards the same ultimate object as the more definite and explicit action of their French and Italian Brethren.

No religious dogmas; nothing essentially Christian, for that would be "sectarian;" only the recognition of the "Great Architect of the Universe," from whose worship is eliminated all idea of there being Three Persons in One God. Hence, no Incarnation, no Redemption, no Sanctification; in fine, no Christianity. School Board Lodge religion is true to its Masonic origin in being Christless, un-Christian, and, finally, anti-Christian.

Let the people of England understand that they cannot expect that the Masons on the London School Board should contradict their own principles by encouraging distinctive Christian education. We Catholics have solved the religious difficulty for ourselves (and for others also, as regards the Catholic Faith) by refusing to have any but our own Catholic Schools. The religious difficulty in the Board Schools is perhaps to be solved by each denomination having Schools or portions of Schools allotted to it, or by the children of each denomination receiving such religious teaching as shall be sanctioned by that denomination.

Lastly, if things are as I have described them, let Christian parents take warning. Let them not expect a Christian education to be spontaneously offered to their children. But let them summon up resolution and courage, and cry out with their loudest voice: "Christianity for the Christians."

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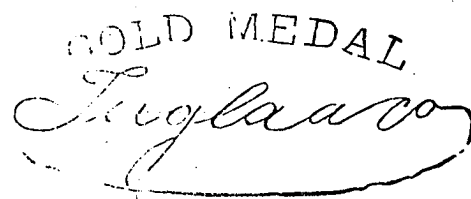
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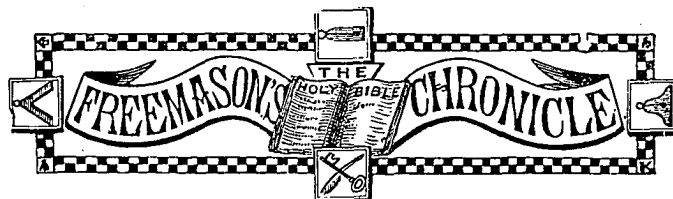
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SATURDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 1897.

R. M. I. BOYS.**A**N ex-pupil, Mr. J. A. Coupland, has gained an entrance Medical Scholarship of the value of 64 guineas at the Yorkshire College School of Medicine, at Leeds. This Scholarship will enable Mr. Coupland to continue in his course of medical training, and is a striking proof of the value of the retention scheme adopted by the Institution, for deserving boys. It may be remembered that Mr. Coupland was the first recipient of the "Grand Lodge Scholarship," founded in 1896, by means of which he has been able to pursue his studies for a medical career.**R. M. I. GIRLS.****O**N Monday the elder pupils of the School at Battersea Rise were entertained by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House. Mr. Charles Bertram gave a conjuring performance, and there was afterwards a dance in the Egyptian Hall, followed by afternoon tea. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., Treasurer, Bro. Loveland-Loveland Chairman, Colonel Peters, Bro. J. H. Matthews, and others of the Committee of Management, were present with the children, as were also the matron and teachers.

The Diamond Jubilee medal has been presented by Her Majesty to Bro. Sir Clements Markham, a Founder and now P.M. of the Royal Navy Lodge. Sir Clements is President of the Royal Geographical Society.

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.

12 Fort & O. C'land, Ship & Turtle
25 Robert Burns, Freemasons'-hall
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
144 St. Luke, Anderton's
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
256 Union, Freemasons'-hall
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
1321 Emblematic, Criterion
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell
1731 Cholmeley, Café Royal
1924 Wickham, Brockley
1996 Priory of Acton, Acton
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden

53 Royal Sussex, Bath
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
395 Guy, Leamington
422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'
428 Sincerity, Northwich
431 St. George, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge
478 Churchill, Oxford
482 St. James, Handsworth
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundolph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1399 Marlborough, Woodstock
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1573 Caradoc, Swansea
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kington
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2525 Thurston, Coniston
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall
18 Old Dundee, Cannon St. Ho.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
166 Union, Criterion
172 Old Concord, F.M.H.
217 Stability, Anderton's
765 St. James, Southwark
1159 M'quis Dalhousie, 33, Golden Sq.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Htl
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal
1381 Kennington, Kennington Park
1397 Anerley, Anerley
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow
1693 Kingsland, Highbury
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly
2150 Tivoli, Frascati
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2398 Holborn, Holborn Restaurant
47 Newstead, Nottingham
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley

315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
673 St. John, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.
702 Sherborne, Stroud
734 Lonsborough, Bridlington
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
847 Fortesque, Honiton
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham
1367 Beaminster Manor, Beam'ster.
1488 St. Eleth, Alnwich
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Cleeve
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2490 Amptill, Amptill

Wednesday.

Grand Chapter at 6.
511 Zetland, Anderton's
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn
1610 Northern Bar, Café Royal
1687 Rothesay, Frascati
2484 Second Mid. Artillery, F.M.H.
74 Athol, Birmingham
86 Loyalty, Prescott
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariner, Guernsey
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
320 Loyalty, Mottram
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
380 Integrity, Morley
406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
611 Marches, Ludlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
697 United, Colchester
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
838 Franklin, Boston
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
929 Waveney, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Loos
992 St. Thomas, Manchester
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich

1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsey, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Lougheat, Warminster
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1736 St. John, Halifax
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

Thursday.

27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.
192 Lion & Lamb, Cannon St. Hotel
227 Ionic, Criterion
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury
1351 St. Clement Danes, Holb'n R'st.
1383 Friends in Council, 33, G'den Sq.
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
1672 Mornington, Holborn Via. H'tl.
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1724 Kaiser-i-Hind, Café Royal
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford
2411 Clarence & Avondale, Lyt'nst'n
2550 Piccadilly, Piccadilly

24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
71 Unity, Lowestoft
110 Loyal O'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
123 Leannon, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengis, Pournemouth
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariner, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphthal, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
289 Fidelity, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Beverley
295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester
318 True and Faithful, Helston
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
360 Pomfret, Northampton
362 Doric, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
446 Benevolent, Wells
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
509 Tees, Stockton
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Walsall
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
633 Yarborough, Manchester

637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
710 Pleiades, Totnes
792 Peiham Pillar, Grimsby
803 St. Andrew, Biggleswade
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1231 Savile, Elland
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1500 Walpole, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc'ster, Padihua
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere V'nt'r, Balsall H'th
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2028 Granite, NARBOROUGH
2043 Kendrick, Reading
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2169 Osborne, East Cowes
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

Friday.

90 St. John, Albion
2467 Pickwick, Anderton's
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Leeds
375 Iambton, Durham
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
445 Fidelity, Towcester
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
521 Truth, Huddersfield
566 St. Germain, Selby
574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop
698 Ryde, Ryde
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton
1993 Wolseley, Manchester
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

Saturday.

142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle
1572 Carnarvon, Albion
1928 Gallery, Anderton's
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell
149 Peace, Meltham
308 Prince George, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Marple
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill
1388 Canynges, Bristol
1453 Truth, Manchester
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1494 Felix, Hampton Court
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
1567 Elliot, Feltham
2077 Epping, Chingford
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

MESSRS. CASSELL AND Co.'s new fine art Serial, "Sacred Art: The Bible Story Pictured by Eminent Modern Painters," is meeting with a very wide appreciation. Dean Farrar has written to say that he considers the work "promises to be not only most beautiful, but also most valuable, and it is astonishing that a number so full of fine reproductions of great works should only cost 6d." Dr. Hugh Macmillan thinks it will be "exceedingly useful in the interpretation of Scripture. The pictures," he says, "are the works of some of the most famous artists, and have been most beautifully reproduced. They give a vivid realization of the most prominent Bible incidents, while the letterpress appended furnishes in every case a graphic and concise explanation. It is worthy of all commendation as an effort to popularize religious art of the highest kind."

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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BEADON LODGE, No. 619.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. In consequence of a severe domestic affliction, the Worshipful Master Bro. Charles Meierhoff was not able to be present, and his place as president of the gathering devolved upon the Immediate Past Master Bro. Moss Chapman, who opened the Lodge with the customary formalities.

At the opening of the Lodge Bro. Norrington Secretary communicated to the Brethren the melancholy circumstance which necessitated the absence of Bro. Meierhoff, after which, on the motion of Past Master Carl T. Fleck, seconded by Past Master H. Massey, a resolution of condolence and sympathy with the Worshipful Master on his loss was unanimously passed.

Bro. Norrington P.M. and Secretary afterwards took the chair, and installed Bro. Edward Croft Wise S.W. as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months, and he appointed his Officers. Bro. C. T. Fleck P.M. acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout the proceedings.

Bro. J. C. Hayes P.M., who had been unanimously re-elected the Treasurer at the August meeting, was unable to attend for investiture, having been called away to Paris. The elected Tyler, Bro. Thomas Bowler, was absent through illness. The offices of Inner Guard and Steward remained over until the next meeting for appointment and investiture. The new Worshipful Master announced that he would take the office of Steward for the Lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The closing of the Lodge was followed by an excellent banquet, and the proposition of the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The speeches in which these were proposed and responded to were interspersed with singing and instrumental music by Mr. H. E. Cockell, Miss Evelyn Russell, Mr. G. W. Beste, Mr. C. Norrington, and Mr. Fred Stephens, the accompanist being Miss Gertrude Russell, says the "City Press."

Bro. Walter Martin Assistant Grand Pursuivant responded to the toast of the Grand Officers, and congratulated the Lodge on having for its Worshipful Master Bro. E. Croft Wise, who for a long time had been his pupil in Masonry, and who was one of the most hard-working and pains-taking of Brethren. For the Grand Officers he had to say they were always ready to visit Lodges, and to do all they could to enhance the character and add to the respectability of the grand Order.

Bro. Moss Chapman P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said that, fortunately, Bro. Walter Martin had told the Brethren what the good qualities of the W.M. were, and he could only add to what Bro. Martin had said that Bro. Croft Wise would be found by the members of the Beadon Lodge to be all that was desired.

The W.M., in reply, said a good deal of regret was felt that night by him. Firstly, he regretted the absence of Past Masters who had been very kind to him during the whole period he had been in the Lodge. Another regret was at the absence of the I.P.M., who had suffered a sad bereavement. It was a solemn reflection, and the event reminded them that they must all come to their eternal rest. Among all the solemnity, however, he felt great pride at having acquired the chair of the Beadon Lodge. Some Past Masters present would remember what he said on the first night he entered the Beadon Lodge room. He had the impudence then to warn the W.M. that they, even the Officers present with collars, had better look out, because he was going for the chair. Well, he had done so, and he had obtained it. He hoped he should not disgrace the Lodge, as he had not disgraced it in the five years he had belonged to it. He had arrived at the chair rather quickly, but not entirely by his own efforts. Bro. Walter Martin and other friends had greatly helped him. He attached much importance to Lodges of Instruction, as if Brethren attended them they would become fully qualified for the office of Master. That was where he acquired his knowledge. There were plenty of them about, and if a Brother went to them, and said what Office he wished to qualify for he would find no difficulty in getting an opportunity to do so. He wished all the Brethren, however, to understand that much depended upon the Past Masters of a Lodge, and if they would consult with and be guided by P.M.'s they would find every help and support they needed. He fully appreciated the help and support he had had from the Past Masters of the Beadon Lodge, and he was sure he would have all he wanted in the shape of aid in the future.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge, which is so well known for its perfect working, was held on Thursday, 21st inst., at the Holborn Restaurant.

Bro. Chas. Thomas Brown presided, supported by W. M. Roberts I.P.M., F. Wortham S.W., G. Weaver J.W., S. R. Walker P.M. Sec., C. E. Lilly S.D., J. Busby J.D., H. H. Bagnall I.G., F. Beesley Steward, S. Ellis P.M. Tyler, E. P. Delevanti Organist, also R. J. Rogers P.M., W. H. Faircloth, E. Collins P.M., A. Arrowsmith P.M., J. W. Curtis P.M., T. W. Allen P.M., H. Carter, Walker, Butland, J. Thompson, W. Norris, G. Goddard, C. Halston, J. White, H. E. Phipps, G. Wall, T. Ison, Williams, T. Diamond, Meek, Stroud, Rilver, F. Gale, E. Stevens, Hennig, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bro. J. Crow, F. Potter, J. Thomas P.M., Treherne P.M., and several others.

The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Meek, who was initiated at the last meeting, was examined and entrusted for the second degree, and retired. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree and the same Brother was passed as a Fellow Craft.

Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ballot for initiation was taken for Messrs. Morris Albert Rockman, Joseph Woodford, and Frederick William Brock, which proving unanimously in their favour, those gentlemen were subsequently initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

After a few more Masonic transactions and hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was provided, the reputation of the Holborn Restaurant being well sustained on this occasion.

Upon the termination of the repast, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured from the chair and responded to by the Brethren.

Bro. W. M. Roberts I.P.M. in an eloquent manner proposed the health of the W.M., which compliment he duly acknowledged.

Other toasts were followed by that of the Initiates.

Bro. M. A. Rockman, replying thereto, thanked the W.M. for proposing his health, and the Brethren for accepting it in such a hearty manner. He was very much impressed with the ceremony, and would do his best to show the Brethren that he was worthy of being elected a Brother amongst them.

Bros. Woodford and Brock also responded in suitable terms.

The health of the Visitors was heartily proposed from the chair, and several of the guests acknowledged it.

The toasts of the Past Masters, Secretary, and the Officers, each came in for notice, and the compliments were duly acknowledged.

The programme of music was highly appreciated alike by the members and visitors, Bro. E. P. Delevanti being the Organist.

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ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

ESTABLISHED just twenty years ago, this Lodge has progressed to such an extent that it takes a front place among metropolitan Lodges, not only for the number of its members (of whom there are now 126), but for its excellent working of the ritual and the assistance it gives to the Masonic Charities. It is, therefore, with much pleasure that we hail the advent of another initiate of the Lodge to the chair, and there can be but little doubt that Bro. Ernest Jones will fulfil the high expectations formed of him, and the Lodge resume its career of prosperity. By a special dispensation of the Grand Master, which was asked for on account of the better convenience of the visiting Brethren, the annual festival took place on the 21st inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, W.C.

Bro. John C. Carpenter W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers and the following Brethren:—Charles J. R. Tijou P.M. 1804 P.A.G.P. England, John Mossop P.M. P.Z. 1874 P.P.G.R. Worcestershire, C. J. Holmes W.M. 1806, J. Kemp Coleman P.M., Leonard Potts P.M., F. A. White, J. S. Turner, Joseph H. Duckham W.M. 1593, J. W. Hunt P.M., S. Kirk P.M., R. H. Harland P.M., W. J. Sampson P.M., C. W. Raymond P.M., W. J. Nash P.M., William T. Legg W.M. 898, Fred. H. Gooch P.M. 781, J. G. Twinn P.M. Secretary 1806, J. T. Kinipple P.M. 1816, T. G. Scott P.M. 933, Charles Cruikshanks P.M. 1819, G. E. Thearage P.M. 554, J. Magrath P.M. 1806, G. H. Fennell W.M. 1805, T. H. Sinkins P.M. 1804, W. G. Shadrake P.M. Secretary 1805, A. J. Carter W.M. 615, J. W. Jeffery P.M. 184, W. H. Underhill P.M. 59, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, C. Lamfroid 2 (Detroit, U.S.A.), W. A. Patrick 781, George Barson J.W. 1669, J. E. Waters S.D. 27, James Leigh Organist 2550, Henry J. Chatterton 1185, F. Thornton S.D. 1805, C. Webster 1804, C. H. Enners 186, J. G. Chapman 144, F. G. Webster 1804, G. E. Turner 1623, W. G. Adcock S.W. 2202, W. Clarkson 907, Cecil Hughes I.G. 1818, W. T. Joyner 813, G. Jones 1804, S. Barnes Bryant 2242, C. R. Allen P.M., A. W. Gibbs, J. Wiseman, H. Jungblut, F. W. Whitlock, J. Y. Mossey Secretary, W. Andrews, F. Butler, T. H. Jackson, W. A. Madeley, W. V. Palmer, R. Hall, G. R. Cole, A. H. Waterhouse, P. T. Wentzell, W. Tomlinson, J. Hannaford, J. Jacobs, W. Davies, C. G. Bradshaw, W. Batt, P. O. Coward, F. H. Hajou, J. G. Gibbon, W. L. Bagnall, W. A. Shenton, J. J. Patrick, C. W. Cranston, C. J. Mundy, T. E. Scott, J. Evans, C. W. Penwarden, C. W. Batt, G. Lowe, H. Ives, T. W. Cole, Henry Pile, W. H. Jones, H. H. Heap, T. W. Trainor, G. E. Nye, G. F. Leserve, G. Anderson, C. A. Mayfield, D. Chisholm, &c.

The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bros. David Chisholm and W. J. Snicke were passed as Craftsmen, and Mr. John Donovan, previously balloted for, was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge was then called off for a short time, and upon the resumption of labour Bro. Carpenter resigned the chair to Bro. Leonard Potts, who had kindly undertaken to perform the installation ceremony.

Bro. Potts declared all offices vacant, and appointed Bros. Kirk S.W., Raymond J.W., and Carpenter D.C. to assist him. Bro. Ernest Jones W.M. elect was formally presented, and gave his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. The Brethren having retired, a Board of Installed Masters, numbering twenty-two members, was formed, and Bro. Ernest Jones was installed in the chair of K.S. according to the old tradition. The Board was then closed, and the Brethren re-admitted, when the new Master was duly proclaimed and saluted.

The following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. Wm. Bland S.W., F. W. Whitlock J.W., J. Kemp Coleman P.M. P.Z. Treasurer, J. Y. Mossey Secretary, W. S. Duff S.D., Frederick Butler J.D., John Wiseman I.G., W. Madeley D.C., H. H. Heap, R.A.M., Organist, W. Verney Palmer, G. R. Coles, A. Waterhouse, William Gibbs Stewards, and C. Patrick P.M. Tyler.

When investing the Tyler the W.M. gave the old charge to the Brethren. The addresses were admirably rendered by Bro. Leonard Potts, eliciting the hearty applause of the Lodge, which was subsequently endorsed by a vote of thanks to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Potts modestly acknowledged the compliment, saying that if he had been instrumental in affording satisfaction and communicating happiness he was amply rewarded.

The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. J. C. Carpenter with a P.M. collar and jewel, together with the Lodge jewel for Past Masters.

Bro. Carpenter said he could not sufficiently express his thanks for their handsome present, though he thought it far surpassed the services he had rendered to the Lodge, nevertheless he was sincerely grateful to the Brethren, and hoped he might long be spared to assist in promoting the prosperity of the Lodge.

The Visitors tendered their hearty good wishes to the new Master, and the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The banquet, which was of Gargantuan proportions, was laid in the handsome Venetian Chamber, and was attended by over a hundred guests. Bro. Ernest Jones presided, and upon the removal of the cloth gave the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. C. J. R. Tijou responding for the Grand Officers.

Bro. Carpenter proposed the health of the new Master, who entered upon his duties with the goodwill of every member of the Lodge. His Officers would willingly render him every assistance during his year of office. Bro. Jones was well qualified for his position, being properly skilled in the ritual, and he heartily wished him all happiness and prosperity.

The W.M. replied in a neat little speech, thanking the Brethren for having elected him to the chair, and hoping so to conduct the affairs of the Lodge as to meet with their satisfaction.

Bro. John Donovan, the Initiate, in response to his toast, said he greatly appreciated the honour the Lodge had that day conferred upon him, in having admitted him a member of the Order. He would take care never to disgrace it.

In submitting the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Jones bore testimony to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Carpenter, and said the members of the Lodge felt that the presentation of the ordinary Past Master's jewel was not sufficient to express their appreciation of his distinguished services, and so they thought that as he had presided over them during the year of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, they would ask his acceptance of the Albert Hall Jewel in commemoration of that event. This he had much pleasure in pinning on his breast, by side of the other, and hoped he would often wear them and remember the esteem of his Brethren.

Bro. Carpenter returned his hearty thanks for this additional mark of regard and their kind appreciation of his services. The Lodge might always count upon him whenever required.

Bros. Webster, of the Coborn Lodge, and Clarkson, of the Royal Albert Lodge, on behalf of the Visitors, expressed their sincere thanks for the kindly reception extended them.

Bro. Leonard Potts, as Installing Master, again stated his satisfaction that his efforts that afternoon had been rendered in such a manner as to merit the approbation of the Lodge.

Bros. Raymond and Kirk returned thanks for the Past Masters, and Bro. J. K. Coleman at a late hour acknowledged the compliment paid to the Officers.

BISHOPSGATE LODGE, No. 2396.

THIS Lodge, which was instituted for the purpose of uniting the Freemasons of the Ward of Bishopsgate, has now been established over six years, and during that time many highly distinguished citizens have been, and still are, members of it. The last meeting took place on Monday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate Street, E.C., when Bro. William Newman W.M. presided, and was assisted by his Officers: Bros. Woolf Jacobs S.W., E. H. Mead J.W., Alfred J. Hollington P.G.S. Treasurer, Albert E. Pridmore P.M. Secretary, Gilbert E. Mead S.D., Thomas Robinson J.D., Charles Jarratt I.G., also David A. Romain I.P.M., J. H. Haskins Organist, Samuel Jacobs P.M. P.P.G.P. Herts, H. J. Tibbatts P.M., W. C. Moore P.M., W. H. Bone, W. J. Davenport, C. D. Tudball, Joseph Howard, Henry G. Solomon, and W. Caldwell.

The Visitors included W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45, Benjamin Valentine 185, Arthur Whitby 45, Henry Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, W. Hammond 813, W. Gimlett P.M. 1695, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, &c.

The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes, recording the installation of Bro. Newman and the presentation to the late Secretary Bro. Milton Smith, upon his retirement, were read and confirmed. Owing to the absence of Bro. Edward N. Hole, who was to have been raised as a M.M., there was no regular work before the Lodge. Upon the proposition of Bro. S. Jacobs P.M., seconded by Bro. Robinson J.D., Bro. the Right Rev. Alfred Earle, D.D., Bishop of Marlborough, Rector of Bishopsgate and Chaplain to the Lord Mayor-elect, was admitted as a joining member of the Lodge. Bro. Earle wrote regretting his absence on account of having to attend Bro. H. D. Davies at Westminster, on his presentation.

Bro. A. E. Pridmore moved "That the Lodge desires to express its deep regret at the death of their esteemed Bro. J. D. Simmons, and offers its sincere condolence in the irreparable loss that his family has sustained. Bro. Pridmore said it was his mournful privilege to move this resolution, which he was sure would be in accord with the wishes of every member of the Lodge. Bro. Simmons, who died last month, was a Bishopsgate man well known to the Ward, and a churchwarden of St. Botolph's. He was one of the first Initiates of the Lodge, and always took great interest in its affairs. The resolution was seconded by Bro. E. H. Mead, and, needless to say, was carried unanimously.

The Worshipful Master said that upon hearing of Bro. Simmons's death he had sent a wreath in the name of the Lodge, as a last tribute of their regard.

Bro. Romain referred to the sudden decease of Bro. Charles Frederick Hogard P.G.Stand.B., who was an Honorary Member of the Lodge, having officiated at its consecration, and suggested that a letter of condolence be also sent to his family. This was seconded by the W.M., and carried.

Bro. Newman then proposed the resolution standing in his name "That this Lodge offers hearty congratulations to Bro. Alderman Lieut.-Colonel H. D. Davies, M.P., upon his election to the high office of Lord Mayor of the City of London." He said that while they were always ready to sympathize with those who needed their sympathy, they were also glad to rejoice with those who had cause for rejoicing. Bro. Davies had attained the proud position of Lord Mayor of London, the highest honour that the citizens could bestow upon him. He was one of the Founders, and a Past Master of this Lodge, and the members were glad that fortune had placed him on the highest spoke of her wheel. He trusted that Bro. Davies might make it convenient to attend at least one of their meetings during his year of office, and humorously suggested that he might perhaps invite the Brethren to partake of the hospitality of the Mansion House. Bro. Hollington seconded the proposition, which was also passed, and the Secretary was directed to forward it to Bro. Davies.

The resignation of one Brother was received with regret, and another was proposed as a joining member. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Boys School, requesting the Lodge to furnish a Steward for the Centenary Festival next year, and the W.M. having expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected. Bro. Romain thereupon gave notice that he would move that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds to head the Steward's list. Bro. Jacobs seconded, and the motion will be brought up for consideration at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the closing hymn was sung, and the Lodge adjourned till the following month.

An excellent dinner was subsequently served, which was supervised by Bro. Backer, the genial Assistant Manager. The W.M. submitted the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, and referred to the Grand Master as not only a speculative, but an operative Mason, for no one in his time had laid more foundation stones with Masonic ceremonial. He (the W.M.) was present on the 23rd, at Stammerham, when the Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone for the new school buildings of Christ's Hospital, which he was proud to acknowledge as his "alma mater."

In grateful terms Bro. Romain proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who, in reply, said that he should ever strive to do his duty to the Lodge to the satisfaction of the members. As a Bishopsgate boy he had always received kindness and encouragement from Bishopsgate men, and was glad when he was admitted as a member of the Lodge. He also

returned the compliment to Bro. Romain, who was well known to them as a good Mason, and a thorough worker in the Craft.

The Officers having been similarly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Dr. J. F. Haskins Prov.G. Organist Herts P.P.G. Organist Essex, who was assisted by Bros. J. Howard, Gilbert Mead, D. A. Romain I.P.M., Bone, and C. Jarratt.

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LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

THE installation meeting took place on Monday, 4th inst., at the Foresters' Hall, Brightlingsea, a dispensation for the purpose having been granted by the Earl of Warwick Prov. Grand Master. The ceremony of installing Bro. James Chaplin as W.M. was performed by the Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. T. J. Ralling, in the absence, through a family bereavement, of Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green W.M. 51 Prov.S.G.W., who had promised to do it. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested.

Bro. R. D. Poppleton P.M. P.P.G.D. was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Master, and a resolution of condolence with Bro. Egerton-Green, the Lodge was closed.

Between forty and fifty Brethren afterwards dined together at the Duke of Wellington Inn. This was the first occasion that the installation dinner has been held at the Duke, and Bro. Robert Pitt, the host, was heartily congratulated upon the success of his catering.

LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Bro. William Jones W.M., there being an attendance of over thirty members and visitors.

As there was no special Lodge business an early adjournment was made, and the remainder of the evening was spent harmoniously. Songs, recitations, &c., were given by Bros. Chas. H. Griffiths S.D., Dr. E. E. Jones J.D., G. H. Barnes P.M., R. H. Beard, J. F. Moorhouse, Arthur Mellor, W. M. B. Boyd 1166, and others.

By the bye, we are pleased to learn that Bro. Boyd, who has carefully prepared a series of lectures upon Masonic subjects, has recently been entertaining and instructing the members of several Lodges in the vicinity, his efforts having given very great satisfaction.

AFAN LODGE, No. 833.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Lodge Room at the Public Hall, Aberavon, on Thursday, 21st inst., when Bro. Vaughan John was re-installed Worshipful Master by Bro. M. Tennant D.P.G.M., in the presence of a full assembly.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John in connection with this Lodge took place at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, the 18th inst., the proceedings commencing at a very early hour in the afternoon.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Mr. George Frederick Muddiman, Manager, Heaton Chapel, was successfully balloted for, and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry by Bro. Walter H. Vaughan P.M. P.P.G.Reg.

The Auditors presented their report, and the accounts were passed, after which Bro. Albert Ernest Broome S.W. Worshipful Master-elect was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Geo. Ben. Goodfellow P.M., assisted by the following Past Masters: Bros. Abm. Pemberton P.P.G.D.C. Treas., who presented and explained the Working Tools of the various degrees; W. H. Vaughan, who gave the address to the W.M. and invested the Officers; Wm. A. Vaughan, who addressed the Wardens; and Geo. Lingard Vaughan P.P.G.Reg., who addressed the Brethren generally—an array of names quite sufficient to guarantee that the work was well performed in every detail.

The Officers referred to as being invested were Bros. Chas. Porter S.W., W. A. Bacon J.W., W. A. Vaughan P.M. Treasurer, Thos. Knott P.M. Secretary, J. B. Oldham S.D., H. Shepherd J.D., W. C. Sheard I.G. Bro. Pemberton was again appointed Charity Representative.

A capital banquet followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being agreeably relieved by songs and instrumental music, in which the services of members and visitors alike were brought into requisition, a pianoforte and violin solo rendered by Bros. Wm. Goldthorpe P.M. 2156 P.P.G.Reg. and C. Tilsley 1459 respectively, being especially applauded.

Among other important visitors, we noticed Bros. C. D. Cheetham P.Prov.Gr.W., Jas. Newton Prov.Gr.Secy., J. Selby Prov.Gr.D.C., Harry Perry Prov.G.S.D., W. H. Beastow P.M. 1459, A. C. H. Smith J.W. 2554, G. H. Scott S.W. 581, and Canon John Henn W.M. 2109.

KING HAROLD LODGE, No. 1327.

THE regular meeting was held at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, Herts, on Thursday, 21st inst.

There was a good muster of both Officers and Brethren, and also many visitors, presided over by Bro. J. Priddle W.M., supported by Bros. G. S. Metcalfe I.P.M., Henry Park S.W., W. Bangs J.W., W. A. Sproat P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Reilly P.M. Secretary, H. Trask P.M. 2372 S.D., E. G. Platt J.D., J. Robinson P.M. D.C., Lewis Cohen Assist. D.C., D. J. Shepherd Organist, D. J. Witte I.G., and Young Tyler.

Bro. Frank Paul was raised, and three gentlemen were initiated. The W.M. was complimented upon the excellent way in which he worked.

Ten guineas from the Lodge Funds was voted to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward for the next Festival, in February 1898, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

A handsome testimonial was presented to Bro. Reilly, in recognition of his many years service to the Lodge as Secretary. Bro. Reilly returned thanks in feeling terms.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren retired for dinner.

The usual toasts were given, and heartily received. After spending a pleasant evening, with some excellent harmony, the Brethren dispersed.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 1326.

THE members held their last meeting of the season on Saturday, 16th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, Bro. Bailey W.M. presiding. An excellent dinner was afterwards served by Mr. H. P. Harris, the host, and the manner in which this was put on, and the general arrangements, gave the greatest satisfaction.

There were several visitors from other Lodges present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all, with songs, recitations and instrumental music.

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ARKWRIGHT LODGE, No. 1495.

THE annual installation took place on Thursday, 14th inst., at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath. There was a large gathering of Brethren from all parts of the country. The W.M.-elect was Bro. F. C. Lynn, and the I.P.M. Bro. Henry Knowles. After the ceremony the usual banquet was held.

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CARADOC LODGE, No. 1674.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated by the members at the Lodge Rooms, Market Street, Rhyl, on Monday, 18th inst., in the presence of a brilliant assembly of members and Visiting Brethren, when Bro. F. J. Gamlin was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. No less than six Provinces were represented at the function, besides as many as a dozen Lodges, and the proceedings throughout evoked the keenest interest among local Craftsmen. Bro. Gamlin all through his career as a Mason has shown such zeal for the welfare of the Lodge, and discharged all his duties with so much efficiency, that his Brethren felt that they were only honouring one who deserved honour when they unanimously elected him to the honourable position of Master of his Lodge.

The ceremony of installation was efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. McEwen, a veteran and accomplished Craftsman. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then appointed his Officers.

After the Lodge was closed the Brethren adjourned to the Westminster Hotel, where a capital banquet was prepared, following which the usual toasts were given.

Bro. J. Y. Strachan proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. In Bro. Gamlin they had a gentleman and a Brother who was quite competent to conduct the business of the Lodge in a truly Masonic way, and to fully maintain the traditions and dignity of the office he would so worthily fill. They had known him for many years as a painstaking Officer, and a diligent student of the Order. The position Bro. Gamlin now filled was an onerous one. He felt sure no one more fully recognized that than the W.M. He predicted a year of activity for the Lodge, and honour for their Worshipful Master.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was received with hearty cheers. He thanked Bro. Strachan for the kind things said of him, and the Brethren for the reception given to the toast. He loved Masonry, and was deeply attached to the Caradoc Lodge. The members might depend upon him to do all in his power to further the interests of their Fraternity, and nothing that was required of him would be wanting to make the Lodge a success. He desired to thank the Past Masters for the great assistance they had given him while qualifying for his present appointment. No one in the Lodge could help feeling proud of the way Bro. McEwen did his work. He was very much impressed with the whole ceremony, and the way it was performed reflected the highest possible credit upon Bro. McEwen.

The W.M. had the greatest pleasure in submitting the toast of the Installing Master and Past Masters. They were loyal and true to the Caradoc, and deserved the best at their hands. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. McEwen and Bro. Strachan.

Bro. McEwen said he was much obliged to the W.M. for the kind things said of him. It was a real satisfaction to him to do anything he could to promote the peace and harmony of the Lodge. What service he had rendered had given him much pleasure and delight.

Bro. J. Y. Strachan thanked the Brethren for including his name in the toast, and assured them that though he had passed the chair he had no intention of being less attentive to his Masonic duties.

Bro. A. L. Clews proposed the health of the Visitors. He said it gave him much pleasure to submit this toast to the approval of his Brethren, for he was quite sure no Lodge would give a heartier welcome than the members of the Caradoc. He coupled with the toast the name of Dr. Dunn, who came fresh from receiving Provincial honours at Southport, from Lord Lathom. He also included Bro. Hawson, a personal friend of his and a Brother. He would also take that opportunity of congratulating the W.M. and S.W. upon the position they occupied that night. They were both initiated during his year of office, and he was pleased at the progress they had made in Masonry. He also included in the toast the name of Dr. Lloyd, whom all were pleased to see restored to health again, and Bro. Alfred Rhydwen Jones. The toast was received with full Masonic honours.

Bro. Coxhead proposed the toast of the Charities, and alluded to the beneficent work done by the various charitable Institutions supported exclusively by Masons. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Steer, who had always been a good friend of the Institutions.

Bro. Steer replied, and thanked them for including his name in the toast. He would be the Charity Representative for the Caradoc next June, at the Centenary of the Boys Institution, and he trusted a good sum would come from Rhyl.

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VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2360.

ON Friday, 22nd inst., the installation of Bro. Dr. Stopford as W.M. took place at the Masonic Buildings, Eastbank Street, Southport, in the presence of a large number of members and visiting Brethren. The ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. J. Franklin Hindle W.M., assisted by Bro. J. F. Roberts P.Prov.G.A.D.C.

The retiring W.M. presented to the Lodge a handsome Master's chain, in silver, commemorating his term of office during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year. Subsequently the new W.M. entertained a large company to a banquet in the Town Hall.

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ANDERIDA LODGE, No. 2434.

A largely-attended meeting at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, 20th inst., Bro. J. H. Haine was installed W.M., and appointed his Officers for the year. The usual banquet was subsequently held,

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

FOLLOWING a very excellent tea, provided by the new management, the regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Palatine Hotel, Hunt's Bank, Manchester, on Thursday, the 14th inst., Bro. Clement J. Hall W.M. The principal business of the evening was that of balloting for Bro. George Bingham P.M. Zetland Lodge, No. 852, who was desirous of becoming a Joining Member. The ballot was successful.

On the proposition of Bro. William Boden P.M. Charity Representative, a sum of £10 was granted from the Charity Funds of the Lodge to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

At the festive board, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, these being varied by recitations, songs, &c., given by the W.M., Bros. T. H. Stott Secretary, S. Kew I.G., A. Sutcliffe Std., W. Boden P.M., and others.

The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. T. T. Hardicker P.M. Prov.G.Swd.Br., and Bro. Hall, in reply, referred at great length to the various Masonic charities, giving some interesting particulars about the same.

A pleasant evening was spent, the proceedings terminating at a late hour.

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DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2453.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Tuesday, 19th inst., when a large number of members and visitors assembled to witness the installation of Bro. William Best Ferrier P.M. P.P.G.Reg.

The retiring W.M. Bro. James Radley P.M. P.P.G.D.C. gracefully performed the ceremony, after which the new W.M. invested his Officers.

During the proceedings the retiring W.M. was presented by his initiates with a handsome silver tea and coffee service.

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BORDER LODGE, No. 2475.

THERE was a large and representative gathering at the White Hart Hotel, Blackwater, on Tuesday, 12th inst., when Bro. Thos. Martin S.W. was installed by Bro. Major H. Manders.

A sumptuous banquet was provided by Host Ellis, after which the chairman submitted the principal toasts, which were duly honoured and acknowledged.

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COLNE LODGE, No. 2477.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the old Board Schools, Wivenhoe, on Tuesday, 12th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visitors.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. H. Ham W.M., and subsequently the new Master Bro. Henry Harlow appointed and invested the Officers.

After the installation, the Secretary Bro. J. T. Bailey was presented with a handsome case of cutlery. The presentation was made by Bro. Claude E. Egerton Green, and the oak case was inscribed:

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October 1897.

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ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 2487.

THE annual festival of St. John in connection with this Lodge was held on Monday, 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Stone.

The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Major Harding W.M., assisted by Bros. Brandon P.P.G.R. and Bromle Prov.G.S.W. Bro. F. J. Pyatt being regularly placed in the chair.

The banquet took place at the Crown Hotel, Bro. Pyatt W.M. presiding over about fifty guests. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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STAINES LODGE, No. 2536.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 19th inst., at the Town Hall, Staines.

Bro. R. Fox Warner was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large assembly of Brethren.

Subsequently, they adjourned to the Pack Horse Hotel for the dinner, served by Host E. H. Blamey. During the proceedings Bro. Fox Warner was heartily congratulated on his appointment.

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WEST ESSEX LODGE, No. 2561.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Buckhurst Hill, on Tuesday, 5th inst., when Bro. Robert Woodhouse S.W. was ably installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Colonel Lockwood, M.P., P.G.D. England P.P.S.G.W. Essex. The Officers for the year were appointed.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Colonel Lockwood by the new W.M., and Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd I.M., &c. was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. The Visitors present were Bros. T. J. Ralling P.A.G.D.C. Prov.G. Secretary, A. Lucking P.G.P. Prov.G.D.C., and C. J. Smith W.M. 2504.

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LEWISHAM LODGE, No. 2579.

THE Installation of Bro. John Coote as the third W.M. of this flourishing Lodge took place on Saturday, 9th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, in the presence of a large gathering of brethren, there being about 80 present. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the outgoing Master Bro. Chas. Lamb, the charges, especially, being delivered eloquently, says the "Kentish Mercury."

The I.P.M. received at the hands of the W.M. a handsome Past Master's

jewel as a token of the appreciation which the members of the Lodge had for his services. A resolution was adopted to the effect that in future the Lodge should meet in the winter months and not in the summer.

The installation banquet was held in the Caledonian Room.

In due course the I.P.M. gave the toast of the evening, the W.M. To Bro. Coote, he said, the Lodge mainly owed its existence. The way of its origination was, that there were certain premises in the market which it was thought would make a capital Masonic Club. Bro. Coote was consulted, and called around him some members of the Ravensbourne Lodge and others, but the project fell through. Then it occurred to Bro. Coote to start a Lewisham Lodge, and the matter was received very cordially. They had to contend with difficulties, but owing to their W.M.'s ability and influence these were surmounted, and in due time the Warrant was granted, with, as they could see for themselves that night, a grand result. The initiates numbered 29, and the joining members 13, and the Lodge now had 57 active members.

The W.M. was accorded an enthusiastic reception on rising to respond. He thanked the I.P.M. and Brethren; he had done his best to make the evening's proceedings successful, and if he had done so he was repaid. He felt keenly the honour the Lodge had done him in placing him in the chair after two years only of its existence. He had had, as the I.P.M. had stated, a good deal to do with the founding of the Lodge, but he did not wish to take all the glory of it to himself, and mentioned particularly Bros. Tyler, Shelton, and Lewis. He assured the brethren that, so far as lay in his power, nothing would be wanting on his part to promote the welfare and interests of the Lodge.

The toast of the Visitors, proposed from the chair, was responded to by Bros. Everden, Irvine—who spoke in the highest terms of the Lodge working Weaver, Westmorland—who remarked upon the fact that Brother Coote would occupy the chair of two Lodges through the year, and Dilley.

The W.M., giving the I.P.M., said that Bro. Lamb's work in the Lodge had been magnificent—everyone had been delighted with it, and his working, that evening in the installation ceremony was almost marvellous.

The I.P.M. said that he occupied a new position, into which he did not feel that he had quite settled down. It seemed a very short time since he was placed in the chair, and he knew when he took the position, that he had a difficult task before him in following Bro. Sims, who had created such a record for the Lodge; but he was well supported, and was pleased to know that his efforts had given satisfaction. Although he had given up the reins of power he would continue to serve the Lodge to the best of his ability.

In proposing the Charities, the W.M. deplored the absence of Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Boys Institution, who had telegraphed that he had looked forward to being present, but was prevented by illness.

Other toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers—their work being given highest eulogy.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

A VERY important meeting was held at Bro. Barnes's, Oliver Arms, Harrow Road, on Tuesday, 26th inst., Bro. T. W. Mogford W.M. 2362 W.M., C. T. Brown W.M. 733 S.W., C. E. Lilly J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer, G. D. Mogford P.M. Secretary, G. Miller S.D., G. Barter J.D., W. H. Handover I.G., A. L. Butters P.M., G. Knight P.M., W. M. Roberts P.M., W. Sweet P.M., G. Weaver, F. Wortham, F. Beesley, C. Halston, G. Meek, and several others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Weaver candidate. Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. G. D. Mogford acting D.C. presented Bro. Wortham, and he was installed in the chair in a most excellent manner, and invested his Officers.

It being election night Bro. H. Dehane P.M. as Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. as Treasurer, and G. D. Mogford P.M. as Secretary were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. Bro. Beesley in very feeling terms proposed a hearty vote of thanks to be recorded to those three Officers for the most successful year the Lodge had had under their guidance, which was suitably acknowledged. Bros. Brown, T. Mogford, and Weaver were elected Auditors, and Bro. Brown W.M. for next Tuesday.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

ON Wednesday, 27th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, Bros. Clarkson W.M., Collins S.W., Hewson J.W., Pauncefort P.M. Preceptor, Tilt P.M. Secretary, Hall S.D., Kobelt J.D., Hartley I.G., Scarlett, Latham, Pate, and Kemp.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after the candidate had been examined and entrusted and the Lodge duly opened in the degree, Bro. Kobelt worked the first section of the second lecture. Bro. Collins was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1158.

ON Thursday of last week, at the Sir Sydney Smith Tavern, Kennington Lane, Bro. T. Green Secretary as W.M., G. Body S.W., H. Havens J.W., C. W. Wise P.M. Preceptor, C. Randall S.D., F. Davies J.D., F. J. Levy I.G., W. Dickenson P.M., T. Janaway P.M., W. Wiltshire, C. Johnson, J. Packer, J. Wynman, J. Andrews, T. Moss.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Packer offered himself as a candidate. He was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very perfect manner, reflecting great credit on the W.M. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, when Bro. G. Body worked the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Johnson the third, Bro. Wise Preceptor putting the questions.

Bro. Body S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The fifteen sections will be worked here on Thursday, 11th November.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON the 18th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's Road, Paddington, Bro. H. J. Thomas P.M. 753 W.M., W. H. Handover S.W., S. J. Thorne J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Sec., W. Harris S.D., W. J. Shalton P.M. 753 J.D., J. Spink jun I.G., H. Campbell P.M. Steward, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177 Deputy Prec., B. R. Thomas, W. Miller, W. E. Miller, C. Riemann, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Miller candidate. The second ceremony was gone through, with Bro. Thomas candidate. Bro. Miller was instructed in his duties prior to being raised, and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed down.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Thomas for so ably presiding for the first time in the Lodge, and he acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Handover was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bros. W. and W. E. Miller admitted as members of the Lodge.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

THIS young, but go ahead Lodge of Instruction, met at three o'clock on Monday, for the first time at their new quarters at Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth's old and well known establishment, Stone's Restaurant, 24 Panton Street, Haymarket. There were present Bros. E. Nice W.M., F. Walker S.W., A. Butcher J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, F. W. Simeon S.D. 193 Secretary, A. W. Musk S.D., C. E. Wetton W.M. 2087 J.D., A. Menn I.G., W. Moss P.M., W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. 1868, C. Bennet P.M. 1627, F. W. Westcott, E. G. Cooper, C. W. Dyer, J. G. Vigo W.M. 1671, H. J. Hyem, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. intimated to the Brethren his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of passing, for which Bro. Dyer offered himself as candidate. He was then examined and entrusted, the Lodge advanced, and the second ceremony rehearsed which, including the charges, was delivered in a most perfect manner, reflecting great credit on Bro. Woodrow, the Founder and Preceptor of the Lodge.

Bro. F. Walker was elected W.M. for next Monday, when the Brethren may again expect a Masonic treat.

Bros. F. W. Westcott 1563, E. G. Cooper 1158, and H. G. Hyem 2626 were elected members, which compliment they duly acknowledged.

The Bye-Laws were read, after which the ballot was taken for Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary, the result being unanimous in favour of the previous Officers, namely: Bro. C. Woodrow Preceptor and Treasurer, and Bro. F. W. Simeon Secretary. The renewed confidence of the Brethren was duly acknowledged in flattering terms.

The Lodge meets every Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, and Brethren wishing to improve themselves in their Masonic career cannot do better than join. We can say with confidence that it would be difficult to find a better Preceptor than Bro. Woodrow, who is full of patience, and pays the greatest attention to every Brother who comes to him for information.

The annual supper of the Lodge will take place on Monday, 29th November, and Bros. Woodrow, Simeon, and Moss were elected Stewards for the occasion.

TERRIERS LODGE, No. 2184.

ON Wednesday afternoon, 20th inst., at the Sir Sydney Smith Tavern, Chester Street, Kennington, Bro. C. Wetton W.M. 2087 W.M., B. Cohen S.W., F. Holden J.W., A. Darch P.M. Treas., E. Sinclair P.M. Sec., C. Merrie S.D., J. West J.D., C. Randall I.G., C. Wise P.M., Collins, T. Janaway P.M., C. Riley, T. Holland, J. Wynman, Jesse Burton, John Peter Robinson 177, McGlennon 1772, W. A. Husk 1772.

The Lodge was punctually opened by the W.M. at three o'clock, and advanced to the second degree. Bro. T. Holland offered himself as candidate, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the explanation of the tracing board.

By desire of the W.M. Bro. Wise worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Darch Preceptor.

Bros. John Peter Robinson, W. A. Husk, and McGlennon were elected members of the Lodge, and Bro. B. Cohen chosen W.M. for the succeeding meeting.

ON Wednesday, 27th inst., Bro. B. Cohen W.M., Fred. Holden Treasurer S.W., J. W. Riley J.W., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor, E. Sinclair P.M. Secretary, C. Randall S.D., Crick J.D., Jesse Burton I.G., Collins, McGlennon, M. Hirsch, Levy, Wynman, Cecil Merrie, Douglas White, A. Cohen P.M., and Robinson.

The Lodge was opened to the third degree. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Sinclair, who resumed the Lodge to the second degree. Bro. Cohen answered the usual questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in an excellent manner. The W.M. having again occupied his chair resumed the Lodge to the first degree. Bro. Cecil Merrie acted as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, this work also giving satisfaction. Bros. Alfred Cohen P.M., Crick P.M., and Sculler were unanimously elected members, and Bro. Fred. Holden chosen W.M. for the next meeting.

The annual dinner takes place on Wednesday, 17th November, under the presidency of Bro. A. Darch P.M., the able Preceptor.

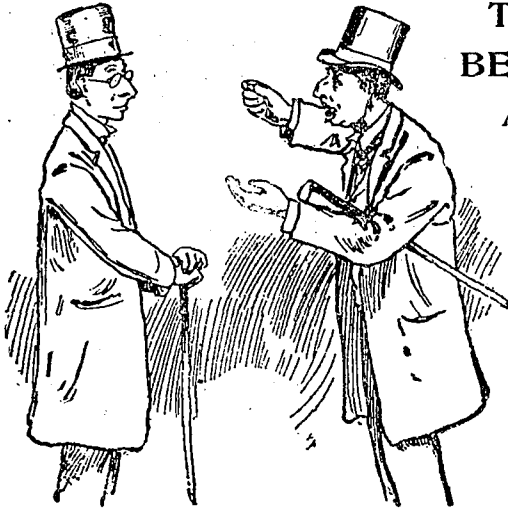
HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

ON Friday, 22nd inst., at Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, Bro. H. T. Kobelt W.M., Read S.W., Ridgway J.W., Holland P.M. Preceptor, Soper Secretary, Nicholls Treasurer, Schrader Organist, Barnett S.D., Drake J.D., Tull I.G., Swinton, Ramsbottom, Wootton, and Roberts.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after the candidate had been examined and entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, the candidate having been examined and entrusted, and the Lodge duly opened in the third degree.

Bro. Read being elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and all Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form with perfect harmony and adjourned.

The Etruscan Lodge, No. 546, Longton, will celebrate its Jubilee on the 9th of November next, when, health and circumstances permitting, the Lodge will be honoured by the presence of Lord Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master, Lieut-Col. Bindley D.Prov.G.M., and other distinguished brethren.



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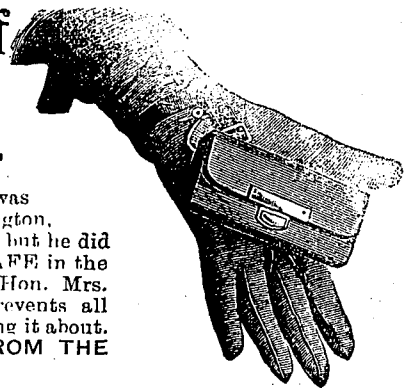
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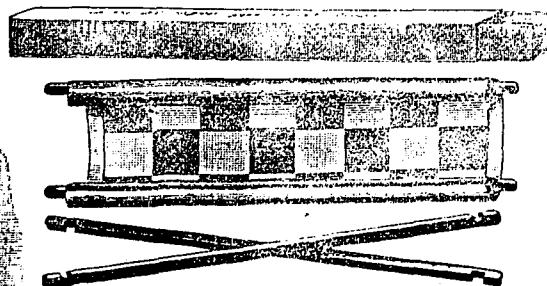
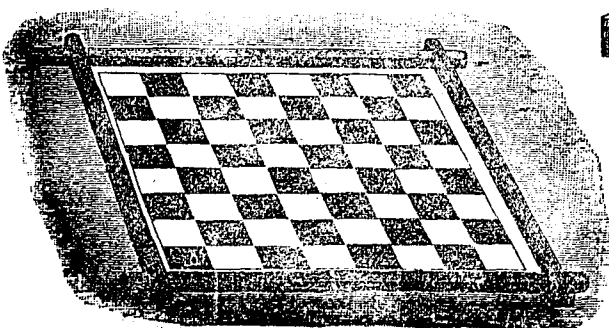
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