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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE.

WHATEVER result we may be called upon to announce next week as the outcome of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—whether it be a satisfactory total, or one that will disappoint the supporters of that most deserving Charity—there can be no question that the work of Masonic Benevolence is rapidly extending in all parts of the country, or, in view of what our Brethren under the Scotch, Irish, and other Constitutions are doing, we may fairly say, in all parts of the British Empire.

Scarcely a week goes by without our being able to record the work of some one or more of the special local Funds of Benevolence of a purely Masonic character which exist around us, and this week is no exception to the rule, the local work of our West of England Brethren coming prominently to the front on this occasion.

As our readers are aware some of the Provincial Funds of Benevolence have grown to considerable proportions during the few years they have been in existence, and the amount of good they are doing is almost incalculable, for the reason that being so widely spread about the country it is next to impossible to summarise it. If such a task could be satisfactorily carried out we believe it would prove that the work of the three central Institutions—grand as it is—is almost equalled, if not exceeded, by these independent local Funds. Long may they prosper, and widely may they extend, must be the ardent wish of every member of the Masonic Brotherhood.

R. M. I. GIRLS.

WE are pleased to hear that the latest examination results received in connection with this Institution call for further congratulation, no less than nineteen girls out of the twenty-one entered for the Preliminary Cambridge Examination being returned as successful.

CHARITY IN DEVON AND CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of the Devon Aged Widows' Annuity Fund is to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at three p.m. There is no lack of business to transact, and it will then be decided as to whether another vacancy shall be created so as to permit of the election of an additional annuitant.

THE various Devon Masonic Charities have for many years derived material financial benefit from the concerts organised by Bro. W. Willoughby, Mus.Bac. Oxon., F.R.C.O., the Prov. Grand Organist, says the "Western Mercury," and one of which took place on the 16th inst., in the Plymouth Guildhall. Although the attendance was not so large as the worthiness of the object and the attractiveness of the programme warranted, it is satisfactory to learn that the tickets were freely disposed of, so that the receipts are not likely to show any diminution on those of previous years. Following his usual precedent Bro. Willoughby devoted the first part of the programme to contributions from members

of his Children's Choral Class, the second portion being of a miscellaneous character, in which figured several prominent local vocalists, and others whose appearance is always cordially welcomed. After the opening organ selection, the children, many of whom are of an age which makes the perfection of their training much more remarkable than it otherwise would be, executed a number of vocal waltzes, entitled "The beautiful flowers," of the conductor's own composition. Their fairy-like evolutions in this, as in subsequent dances, which comprised a minuet for the smallest of the small ones, a rustic dance, and a humorous polka, to which Bro. Willoughby has given the name of "The merry little domestics," were delightful to witness.

THE Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund annual report, just issued to the subscribers, is as usual, of a very satisfactory character. There are four male and eight female annuitants on the Fund, and eight educational grants for a period of years for necessitous children. The invested capital is now £5,866 14s 4d, and there is also a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Since the Fund was started, in 1864, the sum of £11,286 7s 7d has been received, and, save under £500 for expenses of management, printing, advertising, &c., all that amount has been carefully spent or husbanded for the future.

We congratulate the Mark Masons of Cornwall on the realisation of their wishes in regard to the appointment of the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, as Provincial Grand Master of the degree, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales having been pleased to appoint that distinguished Brother as successor to Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., who has retired through ill-health.

We do not know whether Mr. John Morley, M.P., is a member of the Craft, but his speech at the opening of the Passmore Edwards Settlement, in Tavistock Place, last Saturday, certainly breathes the very spirit of Freemasonry. During the course of his remarks he said: "About a hundred years ago the watchwords which set men's hearts on fire all over Europe were Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Now Fraternity is coming to take more and more the first place in men's minds."

The second full dress Masonic Ball held by dispensation under the auspices of the Pelham Lodge, No. 939, in aid of the Masonic Charities, took place at the Town Hall, Worksop, on Thursday, 10th inst., and proved, like its predecessor, a great success in every particular. The Ball was under the patronage of the Duke of Portland P.S.G.W. and Provincial Grand Master-elect Nottinghamshire, and most of the local Masonic celebrities, and is expected to produce a handsome surplus.

On Wednesday, 16th inst., the members of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, gave a highly successful invitation ball at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The guests, who numbered about 300, were received on their arrival in the Grand Corridor by the W.M. Bro. W. Bennett, Miss Bennett, and Miss F. Bennett, assisted by Mrs. W. Botting.

In connection with the St. Nicholas Lodge, and on behalf of the Masonic Educational Institutions, a ball was held in the Town Hall, Thorne, on the 17th inst. There was a very large attendance. The company included the principal residents in Thorne, and representatives from Doncaster, Hull, and Goole. The hall was charmingly decorated.

BEING A MASTER.

Address by Bro. Hon. Myron H. McCord, Governor of Arizona, at Masonic Banquet at Bisbee, 11th November 1897.

WHEN I was a school boy I was compelled to write compositions from a subject given me. Unfortunately, perhaps, I have never since learned to write or speak without a subject. I have therefore chosen for my subject this evening a verse from the Scriptures. It is the twenty-fifth verse of the ninth chapter of the First of Corinthians: "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."

In using this language, St. Paul seemed to have reference to the athletic contests of the Olympian games, to illustrate and enforce the conditions of successful life, not only of the Christian but the layman. But the Brother of the Lodge, when he hears St. Paul talk of becoming Masters, the language of the Lodge suggests Master Masons, and he understands St. Paul to be telling how men must live to become Masters in Masonry. Notice the perfect agreement of the ancient charge with the apostle's doctrine.

First stands the foundation principle that without merit there is no true honour; that amongst Masons there is perfect equity of rights, and all preferments are based upon real worth of character and personal merit only. In Masonry, as out of it—

"Worth makes the man, the want of it the fellow;
The rest of it is but leather and prunello.
Honour and shame from no conditions rise.
Act well your part—there all the honour lies."

St. Paul said in this Masonic and laconic text: "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." He did not use the word temperate in a narrow sense, but in a broad one, meaning that the whole of man and the whole of life are brought into subjection to the law of wisdom and right being and right doing.

This ancient charge, agreeable to the apostle's text, defines Masonry to be the "science of right and living." What is Masonry? Answers may differ, but I give you an answer to be considered, and, I hope, never forgotten: Freemasonry is not a Lodge, nor a promise, nor a card, nor a grip, nor a secret; Freemasonry is the science of human life. Life is the most sacred thing entrusted to the care and keeping of man, and to the thoughtful man all life, vegetable life and animal life in the higher degree, is sacred. How to perfect that life is the object and the study of Freemasons.

My Brethren, instead of entertaining you on this occasion with interesting traditions of St. John, I would evince my love for you and the Order by discussing how we may show ourselves worthy of the ancient and honourable name we bear, and the Order we represent. What are the essential qualifications of Masonry? I answer: First, an essential qualification and requirement of a Mason is intelligence. Said Thomas Jefferson: "If you are not a thinking man, to what purpose are you a man at all?" The foundation of the misery, discontent and crime of the world is ignorance. In the science of human life is a curse, and the chief study of mankind is man—not how to make money, but how to make men. Masonry may have begun in building a temple for Solomon, but its work is now in building Solomons for the temple. What is a Masonic Lodge? What is its dimension? It may be a cave, a chamber or a hall, of small or large dimensions; symbolically a Lodge represents the universe, and conveys the idea of immeasurable space and of the universality of Freemasonry.

Our east represents sunrise, our west is sunset, our south is all between from the centre to the circumference, and from the earth to the heavens. Brethren, here is work for the Lodge. Ask a brother to come to the Lodge meetings, he asks: "Is there any work on hand?" If not, then he will not be there. But we use the work in a technical sense—work on others. There is the work of the skilful Master to see that there is always work on the trestleboard. Shame on a Lodge of Freemasons that is ever out of work. Brethren, we are builders of character, and it is our duty to instruct one and another. The Masonic Lodge is indeed a universality in which the whole science of human life is taught. It is a school for every nation and people under the sun. Here men may learn to subdue their passions, circumscribe their desires, and improve their mind. Here are enforced the four cardinal virtues—which conduce to length of day, true happiness in this life, and a rational hope of happiness hereafter.

In Masonic parlance, wisdom is to be found in the east, but it is not to be kept there. As the sun spreads light over the earth, so the east is to spread wisdom over the Lodge, dispersing it to every member. Another Masonic virtue, which every Mason owes to himself, is industry. Man's very constitution, all his physical and mental make-up, shows him formed for a life of activity. Industry is the normal state of a manly man. Experience and observation alike show that idleness is a curse, and industry a blessing. The edict of toil announced to man in the Garden of Eden was a blessing, and was intended to be such.

In the eyes of a good man the infidel is not held in high esteem; and yet the Bible assures us that a shiftless and lazy man is worse than an infidel, because he that provideth not for his own hath denied the faith, and is worse than infidel. The man who is a speculative infidel and practical believer is better than a man who is a speculative Christian and a practical infidel.

The difference in the attainments, achievements and circumstances of men is generally the measure of the difference of their industry. Farmers, miners, lawyers, preachers, physicians, merchants, and suitors for the hands and hearts of women, fail by indolence where others succeed by industry. It is no more genteel or manly that it is profitable to be idle.

Industry is honourable and noble. It is cruelty to children to raise them to be do-nothings. Masonry is a school of industry. Its symbols are working tools; its ceremonies relate to industrial pursuits: its admonitions relate to honest dealings for honest work; its ancient charge specifies that "none shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him or put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same, for no man can finish another man's work so much to the Lord's profit unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the design and draughts of him that began it."

But self-mastery is the Masonic word which represents the constellation of virtues that distinguish the true Mason as a man among men. Intelligence relates to mind, industry to economics. Self-mastery is moral. An idle mind is the devil's workshop, a lazy man is the devil's clothes-horse, but a deceitful, slanderous hypocrite is the devil himself turned loose in society. The bull loose in a china shop may be a coarse figure, but may duly suggest the libertine loose in society where chinaware is human and the material broken is human hearts, lives and hopes. Equal social purity for man as for woman is the teaching of Masonry, and one of its most worthy precepts.

I would suggest to the Brethren the propriety of considering the ancient charge, which says: "You may enjoy your lives with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess or forcing a brother to eat and drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going where his occasions may call him, or doing anything offensive."

This applies to a Mason as relates to himself. That is what a Mason should do and be, if he were alone in the world. But we are not alone, and therefore we should speak of those marks and virtues of Masonry which relate to others outside of the Lodge, or society in general. Within the Lodge the three great Masonic tenets are brotherly love, relief and truth. Masonic honours grow from these. Without the Order, I would say that the duties of Masonry are comprehended in two things—charity towards the needy, and public spirit for the public good. Man is related to his fellows as the links of the chain are related to each other. The charity of a Mason is that of a good Samaritan. Public spirit includes courtesy. Be courteous. Sympathise with humanity and practice the golden rule in civil and business life.

I have now spoken of the Mason as to himself and his relations to his fellow beings, but we have not yet completed our study.

The Masonic emblem of the All-Seeing Eye reminds us of our relation to Almighty God. Our ancient charge teaches us that "a Mason is obliged by his obligation to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." Hence, in the eye of Masonry, to use profane language is neither brave, polite or wise, but is as wicked as it is foolish. To keep the Sabbath day is to remember God. To live for eternity is wise for a man who is soon to be done with time. To be a Mason is to be a good man.

There is no truth brought out in any degree beyond the Master Mason's degree that is not embodied in that degree or in the two that precede it. Every phase of morality, every teaching of virtue and uprightness of the Order are contained within the blue Lodge degrees. Freemasonry, as here taught, is the science of right living towards one's self, his fellow men, and his God.—"Voice of Masonry."

WHAT IS MASONRY?

Translated from "Boletin Masonico" (Mexico) by Bro. Eli Broad.

WE are asked every day "What is Masonry? Which are its mysteries, of which so much is spoken about to the initiates and which are never revealed to them?" This question, which various times has been put to us, even by Freemasons, merits consideration, and we are going to answer it. We cannot, nevertheless, do less than demonstrate certain surprise, when an initiate interrogates us on this matter, and we consider that he has not taken the trouble to reflect or that only the superficialities of the forms have touched him. We agree—if it is exacted from us—that Freemasonry has now become almost vulgar; it is not now what it was primarily; but we will add that it is not necessary

that it should be otherwise, and that above all it is not the fault of the Institution, but rather of the men and of circumstances, which are not and should not be the same. We have seen that Freemasonry and the ancient mysteries have such a relation between themselves, that we can, without venturing overmuch, consider one as the succession of the others. But what were the ancient mysteries? What were the initiates taught? What was revealed to them?

If we consult the works which deal with the mysteries we learn that their secret was the doctrine of the wise, of the ancient philosophers, who leaving to the ignorant and stupid people the idolatry they so much loved, assembled to adore the only God, creator and preserver of all things, an avenger and rewarder, the only eternal God worthy of the homage of men. The initiation was divided into many Degrees or epochs; the initiate did not receive light more than successively and with precaution, so as not to injure the teachings of his first education; it was necessary that he should have passed the age of passions; he was convinced as he was instructed, and it was not pretended to impose the belief by authority. He was formed in the human sciences enclosed within that only sanctuary of the Masonic Temples, before showing him the truth. Only subsequent to studies which lasted at least three years, and sometimes longer, was the neophyte introduced to the interior within the most secret part of the Temple, where the veil was removed from the true object of the initiation. The initiated looked, therefore, with contempt on the idolatry of which they had learned to know the absurdities, and if, united to the Society, they respected the established cult and submitted to it, it was only out of deference toward the opinions that it was dangerous to combat openly. Thus in measure, as initiation has extended and philosophy and arts have illumined the people, the cult of the idols has lost its belief and has finished up by being completely forgotten. Such was the secret object of the Grand Mysteries, and it has been attained only after countless efforts. This initiation has turned out all the philosophers who have enlightened antiquity; to the extension of the mysteries alone is due the change that has taken place in the religion of the people.

While the mysteries have been vulgarised this great revolution has been accomplished. Moses, elevated to the Court of Pharaoh in Egypt, and undoubtedly initiated in the Egyptian Mysteries, was the first who established public cult to the God of the initiated—to the true God. His decalogue was nothing more than the Law which governed the initiates, and his philosophy was all taken from the Temple of Memphis. But the law of Moses was not then more than an imperfect essay of the application of the principles of initiation; the time had not arrived to convert these principles into the universal religion, for that reason called Catholic. It does not enter into our plan to examine what has been opposed to the Hebraic religion making proselytes, nor what has impeded it from extending itself beyond the House of Israel; but after the time having arrived we see emanating from the bosom of that religion, and probably from the secret itself of its initiations, a new religion, purer than the former, and which does not call one family, one prayer, to the participation of its mysteries, but all the people of the earth.

Ancient initiation was therefore the true religion, which later has been with just title called Catholic, because it should be that of all the enlightened nations of the world; the religion that Moses had taught anteriorly, that had been preached by St. John, and finally, that of Jesus. Yes, the Christian religion emanated from the mysteries of initiation, such as they were in their primal simplicity, and it is this holy religion that has been carefully conserved in the Temples of Freemasonry. We could by means of similitudes without number show that the forms of cult, and that even ecclesiastic hierarchy, everything, in the Christian religion, is taken from the usages and the rituals of the initiated—the predecessors of the Freemasons—if the limits we have laid down in this article would permit. The Gospel—that work of the sweetest and purest morality—that book truly divine, was the code of the initiated, and is still that of Masonry. If we have demonstrated that Freemasonry is a succession of the ancient mysteries, and we believe we have done so, yes, we say, the mysteries were in themselves the true religion of Jesus, and it consequently follows that Masonry is this same religion, which has constantly combatted the materialism of idolatry, but which with the same constancy has refused to admit the mystic dogmas which superstition or the enthusiastic zeal of some ardent souls have found the means of ingrafting into the evangelical tree.

We shall be told, perhaps, that such being the case, the mysteries have remained without reasonable object, from the moment of the establishment and the public profession of the cult, and the belief of the initiates; that the secrecy of its meetings remained at least useless. We feel all the force of this objection; but who does not know that the catholic religion has struggled during over centuries against paganism, which was the dominant cult, and against the numberless persecutions that this religion, its natural enemy, has raised against it? Who will not

comprehend that secrecy had long been necessary before obtaining tolerance alone, and finally until the moment when Constantine placed it on the throne? And, moreover, after the triumph of the catholic religion, which has been the epoch of the greatest schisms, and the most bloody theological disputes—would not the wise and pacific men who desired to preserve pure the divine science remain aloof from the disputants? Would they not indulge anew in the secrecy of initiations, and by that means transmit its spirit, or sense, in all its integrity?

We think that this is the manner how we can give the reason for the perpetuity of the secret meetings of the initiated, and explain the transmission of their mysteries to our days; hence the persecutions against Masons by the ministers of religion, who should have been one of its most solid aid and firm support. However it may be as regards the succession of the mysteries, it appears evident by the emblems used to decorate the Lodges of Masons of all rites, that since their introduction into Europe under the name of Freemasonry, that their religious end has been recognised. But Masonry had yet another object—that of hospitality towards Christian soldiers, towards the widows and orphans of warriors who died for the sake of religion on the fields of Asia—and we should recognise in the latter intention the cause of the credit which from its origin was obtained by this philanthropic Institution. Europe finally ceased to send the flower of its citizens to perish in a country so direful for its armies.

The calamities that had accompanied a distant and disastrous war ceased; but love toward their neighbours did not cease to animate the initiated Freemasons; the leagues that united them were not broken by this; and the ordinary misfortunes of life did not omit to offer to their virtues the means to exercise themselves. Soon a terrible occasion presented itself. The Knights of the Temple, as its institutors, perished in a terrible catastrophe; those who escaped from the gibbet took refuge among the Freemasons, who received them as a father would his sons, and sustained and protected them with all their strength. Little inclined to theological disputes, the Freemasons made it a law never to interfere with religious opinions. They forgot in a certain manner that their Institution was the deposit of a true catholic religion, and they limited themselves to preaching within their temples the morality of the Gospel, recommending submission to the civil laws, the exaltation of all social virtues, and particularly hospitality and benevolence.

It does not follow, however, that all Masons individually are virtuous, but the Masonic Order is so in essence, and could not otherwise exist. How many particular deeds of generosity could we not cite to prove that Masonry is a true benefit to society? How many establishments of Benevolence founded and supported by the Lodges could we not mention for public recognition? But to name them would be to afflict the Masons. Their first maxim is to carefully conceal what the hand gives. We have seen that Freemasonry is a religious and philanthropic Institution. From the first point of view, the wisdom of its principles, the pureness and sweetness of its morality, so consistent with that of the Gospel, must necessarily make it an object of profound respect. From the second point of view—which makes it so recommendable—it is an Institution that cannot be too much encouraged. It is, we need not doubt, by a magnanimous action on the part of the Freemasons that the religious side is abandoned to the sagacity of the initiated, and we disregard the revealing of the mysteries that are hidden from the superficial eyes by the emblematic signs of Masonry; while all its discourses, and all its examples, are directed to the better means of recommending love towards their fellow man as the distinctive virtue of true Masons.

Such is the real object of this Institution so unjustly despised by those who are not acquainted with it. The initiates know that we have said nothing that is not true. If our good faith cannot persuade the initiates, we expect, at least, from their spirit of justice, that they will not in future condemn our Brethren without hearing them, and that they will confess that if Masonry is as we have represented, it is worthy of the respect of all honest people.—“Masonry.”

The will of the late Bro. Sir Polydore de Keyser, Lord Mayor of London, has been proved, the personalty being £142,419, the bulk of which is bequeathed to his nephew Polydore Weichand de Keyser, of the Royal Hotel, Blackfriars, E.C.

Mr. Martin D. Rucker, Managing Director of Humber's, has, says the “Sportsman,” presented the hundred guineas paid him by the proprietor of the “St. James's Gazette” to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and thus qualified himself as a Vice-Patron.

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.

1 Grand Masters, F.T.
8 British, Freemasons'-hall
21 Emulation, Albion
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern
862 Whittington, Freemasons'-hall
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons'-hall
1506 White Horse o' K't., Hlbrn V.H.
1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtrn.
1657 Aldersgate, Albion
1694 Imperial, Westminster
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.

37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
77 Freedom, Gravesend
148 Lights, Warrington
236 York, York
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
312 Lion, Whitby
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
424 Borough, Gateshead
455 Perseverance, Kettering
466 Merit, Stamford Baron
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Croston
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1170 St. George, Manchester
1199 Ariculture, Yatton
1208 Corinthian, Dover
1238 Gooch, Twickenham
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1443 Salem, Dawlish
1502 Israel, Liverpool
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
1814 Worsley, Worsley
1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2074 St. Clare, Landport
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
2086 Dacre, Stevenage
2114 Prudence, Liverpool
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

Festival, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, 5.30.
14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle
92 Moira, Albion
141 Faith, Anderton's
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
165 Hon. & Gen'sity, Inns of Co.Ho.
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole
1348 Ebury, Criterion
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
2108 Empire, Criterion
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham
253 Tyrian, Derby
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Oxford
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Manchester
1353 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millon
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop

1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
1942 Minerva, Fenton
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2358 Mona, Castletown
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch'tm.
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's
2414 Wychwood, Burford
2518 Chas. Ed. Keyser, Hoddesden

Wednesday.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall
201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall
1818 Clapham, Criterion
2395 Avondale, Brixton
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross
2562 Papyrus, Criterion
32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
250 Minerva, Hull
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton
540 Stuart, Bedford
651 Brecknock, Brecon
724 Derby, Liverpool
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
887 Leigh, Birmingham
996 Soudes, East Dereham
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1633 Avon, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown
1723 St. George, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2186 Strigui, Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
2357 Barry, Cadroxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2435 Wineslai, Winslow
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Thursday.

General Committee, Girls School, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons'-hall
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall
99 Shakespeare, Albion
507 United Pilgrims, Southwark
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
871 Royal Oak, Deptford
1563 City of Westminster, Café Royal
1601 Ravensbourne, Lewisham
1608 Kilburn, Regent Street
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
1974 St. Mary Abbott, Kensington
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Middleton

111 Restoration, Darlington
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
536 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Norwich
809 United Good F'ship., Wisbech
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
966 St. Edward, Leek
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1313 Fernor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1392 Egerton, Bury
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Clayt'n-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1630 St. Michael, Coventry
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover

2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester
2418 Hedworth, South Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons'-Hall, at 4.
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café R'y'l.
602 North York, Middlesbrough
810 Craven, Skipton
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Amnesley, Nottingham
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Frascati
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
2513 Sir Walter S. John, Cam'well
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
2048 Henry Levander, Harrow St'n.
2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton
2421 Carrington, Aversham

The Theatres, &c.

Drury Lane.—Daily at 7.30, and Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, at 1.30 also, The Babes in the Wood.

Lyceum.—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8, Madame Sans-Gene; Thursday and Friday, The Merchant of Venice; Saturday, Waterloo, and The Bells.

Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Cæsar. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Haymarket.—8.30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Vaudeville.—8.20, The French Maid. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.

Daly's.—8.15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30, Adelphi.—8, The Lady of Lyons. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.

Savoy.—7.40, Old Sarah. 8.20, The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Lyric.—8.15, Dandy Dan, the Lifeguardsman. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Prince of Wales's.—8.15, La Poupée. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Strand.—8, The Muff of the Regiment. 9, A brace of Partridges.

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

Garrick.—1.30 and 7.30, Cinderella. (Last night.)

Criterion.—8.15, The Liars. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

St. James's.—8, Much Ado about Nothing. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

Globe.—7.45, A case for Eviction. 8.20, A Bachelor's Romance. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Duke of York's.—8, The rescue of Oliver Goldsmith. 9, The Dove Cote. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Comedy.—7.50, A Sheep in Wolf's clothing. 9, One Summer's day. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Shaftsbury.—7.30, Sporting Life. (Last night.)

Court.—8.30, Trelawny of the "Wells." Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Royalty.—8, The Cat and the Cherub. 9, Oh! Susannah! Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Princess's.—8, How London lives.

Parkhurst.—8, Sinbad the Sailor.

Grand.—Daily at 7.30, and Monday and Wednesday, 1.30 also, Dick Whittington and his Cat.

New Alexandra.—1.30 and 7.30, Dick Whittington. (Last Day.)

Alhambra.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Beauty and the Beast, &c.

Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Treasure Island Tableaux, &c.

Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c.

London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.

Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.

Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.

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Parkhurst.—On Monday next there will be a reproduction here of "Sinbad the Sailor," the very successful pantomime of last year, by Mr. C. St. John Denton's company, including the old favourites, Miss Violet Raymaur, Messrs. Foreman and Fannan, Miss Cecily Gray, The Sisters Paris, Mr. T. S. Macfarlane, Mr. H. Rainford. In addition to the evening performances, special matinées will be given on Wednesday and Saturday, at 2 o'clock.

DALHOUSIE LODGE BALL.

THE annual Ladies' Banquet, Concert and Ball of this popular Lodge took place on Thursday, 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

Previous to the entertainment the Lodge was opened by Bro. John Wade W.M., who was well supported by his Officers: Bros. B. Sexton S.W., Parett J.W., R. Burleton P.M. Treas., H. Jenkin P.M. Sec., T. Bonn P.M., H. Berry P.M., T. B. Dodson P.M. (father of the Lodge), and numerous other Past Masters and Brethren.

After the usual formalities Mr. E. D. Zendragen was presented as a candidate for initiation, the ballot having previously been taken on his behalf, and proving unanimous in his favour. In due course he was admitted to the light of Freemasonry, shortly after which ceremony the Lodge was closed.

The Brethren repaired to the Drawing Room, where a reception was held by the present ruler of the Lodge, the popular Bro. John Wade, following which a move was made to the banqueting room, where a magnificent repast was provided by the host Bro. Clemow, the good things of the menu being thoroughly enjoyed.

This was followed by the proposition of three toasts—the Queen and the Royal Family, the Ladies, and the Worshipful Master.

Bro. John Wade, in submitting the first of these, said he was sure that not only the Masons who were present, but the whole company honoured and revered Her Majesty the Queen and the other members of the Royal Family.

The toast of the Worshipful Master was submitted by Bro. Berry, who said he regarded Bro. Wade as one of the best Masters it was possible to find anywhere. He congratulated the W.M., on behalf of the Brethren present, upon the signal success of the evening's gathering.

The W.M. thanked the company for the very cordial reception they had accorded him. The great success of the evening had amply repaid him for all his exertions, and he hoped to have the pleasure of being present at many such gatherings in the future. He could not let the opportunity pass without expressing his thanks to Bro. H. Jenkin P.M. and Secretary for his untiring and energetic assistance. He was also indebted to the Committee, the Stewards, and, in fact, to every Officer of the Lodge.

The toast of the Ladies was practically the toast of the evening, and was cordially received. Bro. Berry, in proposing it, felt the Ladies who were present would at once admit from what they had seen that the Worshipful Master ruled the Dalhousie Lodge wisely and exceedingly well. He and his colleagues had succeeded in making the evening a success, and he felt it an honour to be asked to propose this toast on so auspicious an occasion. He assured the ladies they would ever be welcomed by the members of the Dalhousie Lodge, the Brethren of which were always happy on those occasions when the fair sex honoured them by attending.

Bro. Robinson made an excellent speech on behalf of the Ladies. He felt now that the Ladies had seen the hard work the Brethren had to undergo when they attended to their Masonic duties, the wives would not be angry if their husbands were occasionally a little late in returning home from their Lodge meetings.

The choice selection of music for the concert and ball was arranged by Bro. Phillips, of the City of Westminster Lodge, and was conducted by Bro. Dalman Organist of the Dalhousie.

Dancing was kept up with unflagging energy till nearly five o'clock the following morning, when the company separated with the knowledge that another success had been added to the many which had preceded this gathering.

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HUGH OWEN LODGE BALL.

RECREATION at most times has its advantages; all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy; so thought the Officers of the Hugh Owen Lodge, when they formulated the idea of an Annual Ball in connection with the Lodge, the first of which was held in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on the 18th ult., and was a tremendous success. It proved not only the far-sightedness of its initiators, but also the capacity of the Stewards, and their gigantic energy in working to a successful termination a venture fairly floated. As a form of recreation for a Lodge it can scarcely be denied that a Ball is one of the best. To pay court to the throne of Terpsichore is, to most Ladies, an ideal form of recreation, while, when opportunity is afforded, Freemasons, like all other reasonable beings, enjoy the society of Ladies. There are many circumstances which assist in rendering a ball what could be desired, such as a suitable room, with a satisfactory floor; a good band, an accomplished M.C., a sufficient number of gentlemen to provide partners for the ladies, and last, but not least, a clear dry night for going and returning, in all of which there was nothing to be desired on this occasion.

The programme, which was a long one, was thoroughly appreciated, and worked through by Bro. Neville P.M., the able M.C., without a hitch. Light refreshments were provided during the evening, and a supper arranged for the interval, following which the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. Rutherglen P.M., in proposing the health of the President (the W.M. of the Lodge Bro. Holland P.M.), stated it was a pleasing duty he had to perform. It was well known the W.M. was a man of indomitable energy, and when he put his shoulder to the wheel it was bound to move, for if it did not immediately give to his pressure he was sure to find enough power to move it. He certainly regretted leaving all the movements to be initiated by Bro. Holland, and felt sometimes that he must have been somewhat lax; still he was more than gratified, as every Brother must be, at the result of the present venture. He congratulated the W.M., whose success augured well for future ventures.

The W.M., in responding, stated that Bro. Rutherglen, in his modest way, had put the onus of floating the annual excursion and ball on him; he could not hide the fact that the inception was his, but much was due to his Officers and Brethren. Still they must not forget that there was a limit to the thinking and working capacity of all, and it must be remembered that Bro. Rutherglen was the first Master, his year of office being fully occupied in the real work of Freemasonry, in the formation and consecration of the Lodge, and placing it on a sound basis, while, above all, they must not lose sight of the fact that during the same period much of his time was occupied over that grand and gigantic scheme, the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, which was for the benefit of members of the Poor Law Service. Under those circumstances he failed to see much margin for other schemes. His motto was that if a thing was worth doing at all it should be done well, and he was sure the same motto governed Bro. P.M. Rutherglen's actions, as had been proved beyond question by the results of his undertakings. He was grateful for the kindly way in which his health had been proposed, and also for the manner it had been received, and was also proud of the success of the undertaking.

The toast of the Ladies was received and duly honoured, the thoroughly enjoyable meeting closing at 4 a.m.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

A CONCERT in aid of the Benevolent and Grant Fund of this Association was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday, 10th inst. There was a very good attendance of Ladies and Gentlemen interested in and connected with the Association, and the performance throughout was on a high level of artistic merit.

The following Ladies and Gentlemen assisted: Misses Amy Sadler, Roxey McCulloch, and Lottie Lewis, and Messrs. Patrick O'Doherty, Harold Williams, James Portland, R. Edington Bell, and W. Moore Saunders. Miss Amy Sadler gave a delightful rendering of "A May Morning," and in reply to a request for an encore charmed her audience with "Rory O'More." Miss Lottie Lewis played Pianoforte Solos, Standchen (Schubert-Liszt) and Study, Op. 10, No. 5 (Chopin), with great delicacy and firmness of execution. Messrs. Harold Williams and R. Edington Bell sustained the humorous element exceedingly well, and Mr. James Portland caused considerable merriment with his very smart sleight of hand tricks. A performance of Romberg's Toy Symphony by members and visitors of the Association, under the able conductorship of Mr. W. Moore Saunders, evoked much interest, and not a little mirth.

The Hon. Secretary Mr. Horace Lewis, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., will be pleased to hear from any Ladies and Gentlemen who would be willing to support the Old Boys Association.

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SOUTH LONDON LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

MR. JOHN PATTISON, of Messrs. Pattisons' Ltd., the well-known distillers, of Leith and London, presided at the 20th annual dinner of the South London Licensed Victuallers' and Beer Sellers' Trade Protection Association, held at the Hotel Cecil, London, on Wednesday, 9th inst. The gathering was the most successful in the annals of the Association. Both the spacious Victoria Hall, and the adjoining Oak Room had to be requisitioned to provide accommodation for the very numerous company. Established in 1877 the Association is now probably the most important of its kind in the metropolis, and occupies a most enviable position financially and numerically. Its area extends north and south from the Thames to the Crystal Palace, and east and west from London Bridge to Vauxhall. Mr. J. W. Fenton, the Secretary, reported that the past year had been a prosperous one for the Society, and announced subscriptions to the amount of £600, including 100 guineas from Messrs. Pattisons' Ltd., and over £269 on the President's list, which must be regarded as a highly gratifying total. In Mr. Pattison an admirable President had been secured, and his popularity with the members was very evident from the cordial reception they gave him. The toast list at Wednesday's assembly was of an interesting and appropriate character, and included "Success to the Society," eloquently proposed by Mr. Pattison. Mr. F. W. Cates, whose name was coupled with the toast, in responding, tendered his hearty thanks to the President and Messrs. Pattisons' staff for the hearty way they had worked to promote the success of that night's proceedings. Mr. Cates subsequently submitted "The President," which was enthusiastically honoured. Mr. Pattison suitably acknowledged the compliment. During the evening a capital musical programme was rendered.

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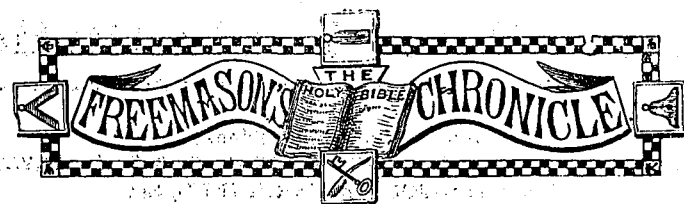
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SATURDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 1898.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Meeting will be held in Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday, 1st March, at 5 for 6 o'clock in the evening. The following is the Agenda of business to be transacted on the occasion:

1. Read and, if approved, confirm Minutes of Quarterly Communication of 30th November 1897.
2. Election of the M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Election of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

During the three months ending 31st December 1897, there have been issued:—Mark Certificates 358; total registered, 37,691.

Since the last report Five Warrants have been granted for new Lodges, viz:

- No. 510—Ragheb, Cairo, Egypt.
- No. 511—Nubia, Cairo, Egypt.
- No. 512—Happiness, Zagazig, Egypt.
- No. 513—Al Hakeeka, Cairo, Egypt.
- No. 514—Sandhurst, Bombay.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 68, number registered, 5,393.

Warrants for three Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, viz.:

- Union, attached to the Union Lodge, No. 124, Sunderland.
- Ashlar, attached to the Ashlar Lodge, No. 424, Johannesburg, S.A. Republic.
- Mispah, attached to the Mispah Lodge, No. 506, Cape Colony.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been graciously pleased to appoint the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, to be Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall, in the place of R.W. Bro. Sir O. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., who has retired through ill health, having ruled the Province most ably since 1881.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been graciously pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years, R.W. Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, as Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire.

The Board has carefully considered the petition of the St. Pancras Lodge, No. 494, to be permitted to meet at the Midland Grand Hotel, and to still retain its position as one of the Lodges in the Province of Middlesex notwithstanding the place of meeting is within the London District.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex being strongly in favour of the proposed change, the Board has granted the permission prayed for.

A complaint of a grave nature having been laid before the Board concerning a Brother, he has been summoned to appear in Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be deprived by the M.W. Grand Master of his rank as a Past Grand Officer, and why he should not be expelled from the degree of Mark Master Mason.

The Board beg to acknowledge with many thanks the gift of a Trophy of Cavalry Lances by W. Bro. W. A. Weston P.G.I.G.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Thirtieth Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held in July 1898, under the Chairmanship of a distinguished Brother, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of Ladies and Brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The Board have elected on the Educational Fund, without a poll, Donald Anthony Mead.

Mrs. Jane Langdon, widow of Bro. John Langdon, late an Annuitant, has been placed on the Annuity Fund, under Rule 203, Sub Section XIV.; and

Bro. Edwin Baldwin, of Lodges Walpole, No. 92, and Royal Sussex, No. 75, has been elected on the Annuity Fund, without proceeding to a formal poll.

The following cases have been relieved:

- Bro. J. H. S., Lodge No. 22, £15.
- Bro. J. W., Lodge No. 226, £15.
- Mrs. M. E. (Widow of a Bro. of Lodge No. 451) £5.
- Bro. E. T., Lodge No. 370, £10.

(Signed),

R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, Grand Secretary.

6th February 1898.

5. A Motion will be made that the Report be taken as read.

6. A Motion will be made that the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.

7. A Motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.

8. To consider the case of a Brother who has been summoned to show cause why he should not be deprived by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of his rank as a Past Grand Officer, and why he should not be expelled from the degree of Mark Master Mason.

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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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THERE was a brilliant assembly of Brethren at Bro. Clemow's well known Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Monday, to witness the working of Bro. Pennock Worshipful Master, who presided for the first time since his installation (reported in our issue of the 15th ult.).

The Worshipful Master was supported by the following Officers: T. Kington I.P.M., J. K. Pitt acting S.W., I. W. Simeons J.W., W. D. Kershaw P.M. Treas., E. J. Davey P.M. Sec., M. Baillie S.D., S. W. Fells J.D., C. H. Ash I.G., E. H. Lough Org., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler; Past Masters F. S. Plowright, G. Smith, W. A. Cubitt, James Smith, F. Haines, J. E. Fells, and others, with the following Brethren: G. T. Baker, M. Madders, W. Haughton, H. Jones, J. C. Browne, C. H. Ash, J. Staal, G. F. Bushell, C. Way, S. C. Forman, G. Barlow, T. Wiffen, C. Cornish, E. Davy, G. Barrett, F. Baker, J. Westley, J. Brooke, and others.

Visitors: Bros. Henry Woodcock 2417, J. K. Pitt P.M. 463 P.P.G.S.B., S. Jacobs P.M. 2396 P.P.G.P. Herts, John Packer 347, W. Bowles 144, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes were submitted and confirmed, after which the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. Browne, Staal, and Haughton were introduced to the W.M. as Fellow Crafts, and were duly examined. Having answered the questions satisfactorily they were entrusted and retired.

The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the same Brethren were then raised as Master Masons, and regularly received into the Lodge as such.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Bros. H. Jones, S. C. Forman and G. Barrett were examined and subsequently passed as Fellow Crafts.

We gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of here congratulating the Worshipful Master on the excellent way in which he worked the different ceremonies, his performances fully justifying his recent promotion to the highest office in the Lodge.

The report of the Auditors was submitted and agreed to, with acclamation. A proposal brought forward by Bro. Kington I.P.M. was carried unanimously. Bro. J. E. Fells P.M. proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds, to be placed on the list of Bro. Simeons J.W., for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was unanimously agreed to.

After a few more transactions, and well earned and hearty good wishes to the W.M., the Lodge was regularly closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, which reflected the greatest credit on the establishment, and was admirably served, under the personal supervision of Bro. A. Clemow.

On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts, which were well received.

Bro. Kington I.P.M. in able manner submitted the health of the W.M., which was justly honoured, and cordially acknowledged.

Several of the Brethren added to the enjoyment of the evening by displays of their musical ability.

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NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

THE installation of Bro. Wilhelm Menninger as Master of this Lodge took place on the 11th inst., at the Cecil Hotel, by Bro. James D. Graham P.M. The principal Officers who were invested were Bros. J. S. Targett I.P.M., Eugenio Peroni S.W., Thomas Richard Busby J.W., E. H. Thielay P.M. P.G.S.B. Middx. Treasurer, Thomas Grummant P.M. Sec., A. Bonold S.D., Samuel Firminger J.D., A. Peria I.G., J. Li Calsi Organist, and J. Whiteman Tyler.

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HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

A MEETING of this prosperous Poor Law Service Lodge was held at the Frascati, Oxford Street, on the 14th ult., when the W.M. Bro. H. G. Holland P.M. presided, assisted by the following Officers and Brethren: J. H. Rutherglen I.P.M., R. H. Nicholls S.W., J. W. Hunt J.W., Rev. F. G. Greenwood Chaplain, Dr. W. C. Greigg P.M. Treasurer, H. Roberts Sec., H. Ramsbottom S.D., C. J. Ridgway J.D., Edwd. A. Frith I.G., T. Willis A.D.C., J. B. Schrader Organist, A. E. Lee Assistant Steward, W. B. Nevill P.M., J. B. Warwick, J. G. Swinton, T. Badcock, Alfred A. Burden, F. Wilmott, E. Burgess, W. M. Ball, Robt. Brown, James Barnett, H. Spencer, H. T. Kobelt, Chas. Spencer, T. A. Marsh, J. Lamb, M. F. Cadman, A. A. Hunt.

Visitors:—Bros. Rev. J. F. Downes P.P.G.Chaplain Herts, Geo. L. Linnell, Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531.

It being the last meeting of the season, a large amount of work had to be accomplished, which was carried through with tact and ability. The Lodge being duly opened with solemn prayer and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the W.M. in a clear and impressive manner raised Bro. F. Wilmott to the degree of Master Mason, and invested him as such. He also passed Bro. W. M. Ball to the second degree. Bro. Edwin Candy, of the Bangalore Lodge, was unanimously elected a joining member.

The Bye-laws of the Lodge having been read, the election of the administrative for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the proclamation of the ballot being unanimous in favour of Bro. H. Nicholls as Worshipful Master-elect being received with very great pleasure. The much respected and highly appreciated Bro. Dr. Greigg P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. John Lee was elected Tyler. An Audit and General Purposes Committee were appointed, after which the Lodge was closed in due form and the Brethren proceeded to banquet.

After the Loyal toasts, Bro. J. H. Rutherglen I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., stated how proud he had been to witness the able manner in which the W.M. had performed the duties devolving upon the office of Master during the year, and at the manner in which he had occupied

the chair. This being the last time he would have to propose this toast he felt he must say that the W.M. had presided at the close—as he had at the start—with skill, ability and consideration. He had been informed by the W.M. he has had two previous experiences of leaving the Master's chair, but he never left it with greater regret than he should this time. He thanked the Brethren for the resolution to present their W.M. with a jewel, as it not only served to demonstrate that he had succeeded in his endeavours to discharge his duties, but at the same time showed he had retained their affections. He was bound to say it was a proud decoration, and being worn, as was the rule, at every Masonic meeting, proved to the Brotherhood the estimation in which the owner was held.

The W.M., in responding, thanked the Brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. It was not new, for it had been the same the whole period of his Mastership. They had not only been loyal to him, but he had experienced a large amount of affection, which only enhanced the regret with which he should leave the chair. He had ever endeavoured to strengthen the bonds of fraternity and equality, as he did not believe that any association built on the one man principle ever prospered. They were all members, and he was pleased to say that it was each one's pleasure to make each other happy, from Master to Initiate. All joined in the grand design of being happy, and communicating happiness to others.

The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. R. H. Nicholls S.W. Master-elect, eulogising him, not only as to his Masonic knowledge, but also as to his generous nature. He trusted that he would have a very prosperous year of office.

Bro. Nicholls replied in a few concise and well selected remarks.

The next toast was that of the Visitors, in reply to which Bro. Rev. J. F. Downes P.P.G.C. Herts stated it gave him peculiar pleasure to respond, inasmuch as for many years he had been associated with the W.M. in the Province of which he was a Past Officer, and also that the Treasurer was the W.M. of his mother Lodge. He was bound to admit, as a Poor Law Officer, that he always apprehended that the Lodge would have the taint of "shop," which was the one thing to be deplored, but he had learnt to know, like many more, that he had reckoned without his host. What he had seen that evening had dispelled any such notion. The working and musical portion of the ceremony were most impressive, and the hospitality was grand, so far so that even if the Röntgen Rays were employed it would be impossible to discover a skeleton at the feast. Bro. Linnell also suitably replied.

Bro. Rutherglen I.P.M., Dr. Greigg P.M. Treasurer, and Roberts Sec., responded, as also did the other Officers, to the toast proposed in their honour.

A collection on behalf of the Benevolent and Orphan Fund of the Poor Law Officers' Association was made, and produced £2, which, with the collection at the last Lodge meeting, made a total of £5.

A most satisfactory and enjoyable meeting was closed with the Tyler's toast.

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INSTRUCTION.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THIS well known—and one of the oldest—Lodge of Instruction, held its usual meeting on Wednesday, at Bro. G. Cooper's, the Globe Tavern, Fish Street Hill, London Bridge, when we had the pleasure of seeing Brother Belchamber P.M., the popular Preceptor of the Lodge, in the chair, supported by Bros. M. Baillie S.W., G. F. Bushell J.W., J. K. Pitt P.P.G.S.B. Secretary of the Lodge for nearly twenty-five years past, W. A. Way S.D., G. Barrett J.D., C. H. Ash I.G., H. Jones, James Fletcher, Cooper, Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Jones candidate. Bro. Pitt, with his usual ability worked the first section of the lecture.

Bro. J. Fletcher, Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, was elected a member.

Bro. Baillie was chosen W.M. for next meeting. We strongly advise Brethren to visit this Lodge of Instruction, Past Master Belchamber is well known as an excellent Preceptor, and his efforts are admirably seconded by the genial Bro. J. K. Pitt Secretary.

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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 511.

THIS well known and flourishing Lodge of Instruction, whose meetings are held at the Falkland, Falkland Road, Kentish Town, N.W., held its annual supper in the Queen's Salon at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 31st ult., when the accomplished and much respected Preceptor Bro. John Thorn P.M. presided, and was supported by the highly esteemed Treasurer Bro. Herbert Bangs as S.W., and Bro. R. H. Nicholls as J.W.

There was a large attendance of the members, and among the visitors may be mentioned Bro. P.M. Heslop, New Finsbury Park Lodge; P.M. Glover, Crusaders and Hampden Lodges; and Bro. Smith, of the Temple Lodge, who acted as Organist for the evening.

After the supper, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the usual Loyal and complimentary toasts were honoured.

A very pleasing part of the programme was a presentation to Bro. Ernest Loder, the indefatigable Secretary who, by his assiduity and perseverance has materially aided in steering the Lodge through many vicissitudes during the four years that he has held the position. Its energy and growth had materially degenerated, the place of meeting had to be altered three times, first to the York and Albany, Regent's Park, then the City of London, York Road, and ultimately to the Falkland, where it appears to have found a suitable abode, and settled down. The want of satisfactory Preceptorship had been a great drawback, till by a happy coincidence Bro. P.M. Thorn was persuaded to undertake the position, since which arrangement the Lodge has been consistently and materially improving, till at the present time it is in a flourishing condition; in respect of which a very gratifying compliment was paid by the members present, to Bro. P.M. Thorn, as having been a material and necessary means to that end.

The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bros. Pocklington, Barnett, Henry Loder, Skinner, and Kobelt.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

TUESDAY'S meeting of this Lodge, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., being Officers' night, the chair was occupied by Bro. C. J. Brown W.M. of the Mother Lodge, with G. Weaver S.W., J. Bartlett P.M. J.W., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas. acting Preceptor, G. Mogford P.M. Sec., F. Beesley S.D., C. Halston J.D., H. Bagnall I.G., T.

Mogford I.P.M. 2362, G. Knight P.M., W. Handover, J. Smith, F. Block, M. Rockman, E. Thomas, T. Matthews, J. Crow, G. H. Nethercott, F. Wortham, J. Wynman, C. Marmeat.

The W.M. rehearsed the second degree, Bro. T. Mogford acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off and on, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Wortham W.M.-elect of the Westbourne Lodge being presented, obligated and placed in the chair. He was saluted by the Brethren and invested his Officers. The three addresses were given by Bro. Brown in a correct and effective manner.

Bro. G. H. Nethercote of Bangalore Lodge, No. 1043, Bangalore, and 1906, Madras, was elected a member, which compliment was duly acknowledged, and after a few more transactions Bro. Weaver was elected W.M. for next meeting.

The annual supper will take place on Tuesday, the 22nd of March.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON Monday, at the Prince of Wales, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, W., Bro. W. H. Handover W.M., Chubb S.W., Harris J.W. J. W. Ferguson P.M. 177 acting Prec. and Sec., G. Wedlake P.M. 121 S.D., Wynman J.D., Lambell I.G. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lambell acting as candidate. This was followed by the second degree, for which Bro. Wedlake offered himself as candidate. He was examined and entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony gone through.

Bro. Chubb was elected W.M. for next meeting, and, after hearty good wishes, the Lodge was closed.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E, on Wednesday, 16th inst., Bro. G. H. Fennell P.M. W.M., Bros. Butcher S.W., Soar J.W., W. Boyce P.M. S.D., Burdon I.G., Thornton Secretary, J. De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, Levy, Durrell.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of Initiation, Bro. Levy acting as candidate. Bro. Levy then answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Brethren assisted Bro. Boyce P.M. to work the first and second sections of the lecture.

Bros. Levy and Durrell became members of the Lodge. Bro. Butcher was elected to the chair for Wednesday next, to which date the Lodge adjourned.

The Annual Supper being fixed for the 2nd March there will be no ordinary meeting on that date.

TERRIERS LODGE, No. 2184.

AN exceedingly good meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Sir Sidney Smith, Chester Street, Kennington, when the chair was occupied by Bro. T. Holmes, with W. Almado S.W., B. Cohen J.W., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor, E. Sinclair P.M. Sec., F. Holden Treas., W. West S.D., C. Randall J.D., T. Janney P.M. I.G., Oliver P.M., C. Wetton P.M., Crabtree, Collins, Holland, Cecil Merrie, Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, when, by desire of the W.M., Bro. Sinclair took the chair, and resumed to the second degree. Brother Martyn offered himself as a candidate for raising, and that ceremony was rehearsed, in a manner which reflected great credit on Bro. Sinclair. The W.M. resumed his chair, and rehearsed an initiation, with Brother Crabtree acting as candidate, and that Brother afterwards answered the questions leading to the second degree.

This being the first occasion on which Bro. Holmes had fulfilled the duties of the chair in a Lodge of Instruction Bro. Darch Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him, the same to be entered on the minutes, as a record of his faultless working on the occasion. This was agreed to, and the compliment was duly acknowledged by Bro. Holmes.

Bros. E. Martin, Meridian Lodge, No. 893; B. T. Crabtree, Royal Jubilee Lodge; and T. Holmes and W. Oliver, Pimlico Lodge, were elected members, and suitably acknowledged their election.

Bro. Almado was elected W.M. for the 2nd March, next Wednesday being Preceptor's day, when Bro. A. Darch P.M. will rehearse the three degrees, and will doubtless attract a large attendance.

Bro. Darch made touching reference to the funeral of the late Bro. Charles Wise P.M. Assistant Preceptor of the Lodge, which had taken place the previous Monday, a wreath being sent by the members of the Lodge in memory of their departed friend.

PROVINCIAL.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 303.

AT the Masonic Hall, Teignmouth, on Monday, 14th inst., Bro. J. W. Finch was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. E. Silk W.M.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

ON Tuesday, 15th inst., the annual gathering was held at the Masonic Hall, Malton, when Bro. W. G. Thurley Rose was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, by Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Bolton P.G.W. of England Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire.

PHILANTHROPY LODGE, No. 940.

THE annual meeting was held on the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, when Bro. Charles T. Johnson, Borough Surveyor of Thornaby, who had been elected for the second year, was installed as W.M.

There was a large muster of Provincial Brethren from Durham and the surrounding Provinces, together with the Brethren of the Stockton Lodges.

Bro. Johnson, in his past year of office, has proved himself a very popular W.M., and has won the esteem and appreciation of all the members of the Lodge for his urbanity. He initiated rather unique experience for a Stockton Lodge, in that for his Office-Bearers for the ensuing year he only appointed Past Masters.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 1028.

THE anniversary was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at Alfreton, and was attended by a large number of Brethren from various parts of the

Province. One part of the Town Hall had been specially fitted up as a Lodge room, owing to the large attendance which was expected. The other part of the room was curtained off as a banqueting hall.

Bro. Wm. Peel was impressively installed Worshipful Master by Bro. Henry Hole the retiring Master.

The Brethren afterwards partook of the annual banquet, which had been prepared by Bro. Alfred Schofield, of the George Hotel.

ROWLEY LODGE, No. 1051.

ON Monday, 7th inst., the members held their annual installation meeting, in the Masonic Hall, Church-street, Lancaster, and there was a fair attendance of members. Bro. J. W. Wearing P.Pr.G.D. W.M. performed the installation ceremony, and inducted Bro. C. E. Barrow into the chair.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 4th inst., Bro. T. A. Holland W.M.

The principal business was that of balloting for Bro. Frumjee Dorabjee Panday, who was desirous of becoming a re-joining member. After the ballot, which was successful, the election of Officers took place, Bro. J. R. E. Birkett J.W. being unanimously chosen as W.M.-elect, and Bro. A. Redfearn S.W. as Treasurer.

At the festive board which followed, the notable feature was a very interesting account from the W.M. of a journey which was practically round the world, and from which he had recently returned. The usual toasts were honoured.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1380.

ON Monday, 14th inst., the annual meeting took place, Bro. Francis B. Hopkins being installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Arthur J. Lloyd, in a most impressive and efficient manner.

URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, 14th inst., Bro. James Ormrod Worshipful Master.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, and the election of three members on the Benevolent Committee, Bros. J. Smith, R. Appledore, and G. H. Barker were invested as Stewards. A successful ballot was then taken for Mr. Reuben Cochrane, Commercial Traveller, Urmston, who was afterwards initiated into ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Hedley Jones J.W., who delivered the charge. Bro. Francis Taylor was passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Walter Bowers P.M., assisted by the W.M., who presented and explained the working tools.

As announced by notice of motion, Bro. John Slyman, J.P., P.M. P.P.S.G.D. proposed "that a sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge funds to the Lathom Address and Memorial Fund," which was carried.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly varied by songs, recitations, &c., the contributors being Bros. J. H. Marsh P.M. P.G.S., Walter Bowers P.M., J. Goodwin, F. Ridsdale Bowley P.M. 1213, E. P. Woodhouse J.D. 1387, and others.

The health of the newly-initiated Brother, proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Cochrane, who said that he had not seen sufficient of the working of the Lodge to say very much about it, but he hoped he would be able by his conduct to uphold the ancient traditions, or so much of them as had been expounded to him so far.

Bro. Jones proposed the health of the newly-passed Brother, to which Bro. Taylor replied.

The toast of the Past Masters was in the able hands of Bro. J. S. Whitley S.W., being responded to by Past Masters Walter Bowers and E. L. Littler P.P.G.P. Treasurer.

Bro. Geo. R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.Treas. Secretary, proposed the health of the visitors.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 9th inst., Bro. Bernhard Steel W.M.

Four ceremonies were performed: the initiation of Messrs. Nathan Robinson, Traveller; Jacques Bernard Levy, Wine Merchant; Hyman Barnet Morris, Tailor; and the passing into the degree of F.C. of Bro. Louis Mistovski. The W.M. took three ceremonies, being assisted in the other by Bro. S. Mamelok P.M. The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. Mark Steel J.W.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and other toasts were honoured.

DE TATTON LODGE, No. 2144.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Wednesday, 9th inst., Bro. Charles Kenworthy W.M.

The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and after confirmation of the minutes of the previous regular meeting, and the transaction of other business, was closed in peace and harmony at 6.45 p.m.

In addition to the I.P.M. Bro. Gregg, the Officers present were Bros. J. A. Lord S.W., M. A. Wells J.W., E. G. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, W. Mood P.M. Sec., H. Lord S.D., F. Krausse J.D., J. T. Appleton I.G., J. T. Goulding P.M. P.P.G.Std.B. Charity Representative, John Lewis P.M., P.P.G.D.D.C. Dir. Cers.

The labours of the evening being ended, the W.M., Officers, and a large number of Brethren, including Visitors, accompanied by several of their lady friends, enjoyed an excellent dinner, the remainder of the evening being devoted to vocal and instrumental music.

Mrs. Newman (Halle's Concerts) sang two songs, "The Swallows" and "Needles and Pins," which were highly applauded. She was accompanied by Bro. H. Stevens, Mus.Bac., of the Philharmonic Society. Bro. Geo. Birch acquitted himself well on the pianoforte in a well-chosen selection. Brother Whiteside, the well-known tenor, sang with his usual good taste "The Heavenly Song" and "Queen of the Earth," in the former of which Bro. Geo. Sowerbutts (Halle's Concerts) played the violin obligato, following which Brother Sowerbutts gave an excellent selection on the violin, accompanied by Bro. Geo. Birch on the piano, which was rendered in a masterly style. Bro. A. Jacobson showed himself in excellent form in singing his favourite song,

"In Cellar Cool." In addition to these items Bro. J. H. Greenwood, the popular entertainer, gave his humorous songs "The Showman" and "The Cobby," which created an unusual amount of merriment.

The musical arrangements were under the direction Bro. H. S. Stevens. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and enthusiastically received.

Bro. Richard Newhouse P.M. Grand Sword Bearer of England and Provincial Grand Secretary, responding for the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, referred to the coming Centenary of the Boys School, and urged upon the Brethren the importance of enabling (by their liberal contributions) Brother Earl of Egerton Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire to represent the Province with £3,000.

The health of the Ladies was proposed in a very suitable manner by Bro. John Lewis, and was responded to by Bro. E. G. Simpson in his usual humorous manner.

Bro. E. G. Simpson proposed the toast of the W.M. Bro. Charles Kenworthy, who, in responding, alluded to the observations of Bro. Newhouse in the matter of the Centenary of the Boys School, and said, although taking into consideration the fact that the De Tatton Lodge had only been in existence for a few years, he ventured to say it would not be second to any other Lodge in the Province.

The Tyler's toast, and the singing of the National Anthem, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

ADUR LODGE, No. 2187.

At the assembly Rooms, Henfield, on Monday, 14th inst., the annual installation took place, Bro. C. A. Milnes being installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. W. Hillman, in the presence of a large company. Subsequently some seventy Brethren sat down to a capital banquet.

CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 7th inst., Bro. Capt. T. W. Ashworth W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a ballot, which was successful, was taken for Bro. William Humphreys, Bowdon, Captain 3rd V.B. Lancashire Fusiliers, I.P.M. Friendship Lodge, No. 44, who was desirous of becoming a joining member. After this, Bro. Lieut. Arthur Samuel Pearse was passed to the degree of F.C.

At the festive board which followed, a very pleasant evening was spent.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 10th instant, Bro. Clement John Hall W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes Bro. Arthur Hudson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. William Boden P.M., assisted by Bro. S. Mamelok P.M., the latter presenting the working tools. The election of Officers then took place, with the result that Bro. John Kinsey J.W. was unanimously adopted as W.M.-elect, the position of Treasurer falling to Bro. Mamelok. Other business was transacted and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

At the festive board, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, these being pleasantly relieved by songs, &c., given by the W.M., Bros. T. H. Stott Sec., S. Kew I.G., and others.

Bro. Boden proposed the health of the W.M., to which Bro. Hall replied, saying that in relinquishing his position of W.M. it was not from his own free will, for had he bent towards the promptings of his heart he would have liked to extend his services for another term, but he had to exercise that generosity to Bro. Kinsey that had been extended to him by his predecessor, and would say that although he had been tempted to join other Lodges, his mind was made up that whatever might befall the career of the Duke of York, he would remain a member so long as The Great Architect of the Universe decreed he should be able to attend the meetings.

Bro. Stott, in proposing the toast of the Past Masters, stated that as Secretary he could, better perhaps than many members, appreciate the value of the assistance given by Past Masters, and he had pleasure in testifying to the ability of those belonging to the Duke of York Lodge. Adverting to the well-timed remarks of Bro. Hall W.M., he would say that out of gratitude to the Past Masters, if for no other reason, he would always desire to remain a member among them.

Bro. T. T. Hardiker I.P.M. P.G.Swd.B. and Bro. Boden responded, the latter affirming that he, as a Mason in both the Provinces of East and West Lancashire, knew of no other Lodge which he had visited (and they were many) where, considering the comparative newness of the Lodge, they could boast of better work.

The toast of the Officers was responded to by Bros. R. H. Whatham, and J. T. Whittle, the former indulging in several apt illustrations by way of suggesting the inadvisability of an Officer considering his work of too perfect a character, remarks which Bro. Whittle heartily endorsed.

WIRRAL LODGE, No. 2496.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the Brethren of this Lodge assembled on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Claughton Road, Birkenhead, to celebrate their annual festival and installation, under the presidency of Bro. George Proudman P.M. 1013 Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. E. G. Mason (Mayor of Wirral) P.M. 1276 P.P.G.D., Alderman Thomas Shaw P.M. P.P.G.W. J.W., Councillor James Gamlin P.M. P.P.G.D. I.G., and the other Officers of the Lodge.

The W.M.-elect Bro. Councillor Alfd. H. Rigmaiden S.W. was presented by Bros. P. Duff P.M. P.P.G.D. and A. E. Coveney P.M. P.P.G.D., and was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. George Proudman.

The following Officers were appointed, invested and addressed by the W.M.:—Bros. Proudman I.P.M., Alderman James Woodcock S.W., James Smith J.W., J. Millward Hughes P.P.G.O. Secretary, Councillor J. T. Thompson P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer, R. Powell P.P.G.S. Assistant Treasurer, John Carter S.D., J. J. Elliott J.D., Councillor R. Rowland Hughes I.G., H. G. Baty, W. Cannon, J. T. Morgan, and F. R. Wilson Stewards, and W. A. Weston Organist.

Among the Visitors were Bros. Captain Macnab P.P.G.W., W. Davidson P.M. 1276 P.G.S. Works, F. R. Stevenson P.M. P.P.G.D., F. S. Moore P.M. 1289, Owen Jones P.M. P.P.G.S.E., George Wild P.M. 537, Alec. Moore P.M. P.G.D., W. H. Jones W.M. 605, W. Darby W.M. 1276, J. Watt P.M. 605, R.

Parry P.M. 1276, Dr. Brewer W.M. 2433, John Lusty P.M. Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, London, F. Minshall S.D. 1893.

The business of the Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by Bro. D. Baker.

The W.M. gave the first toast, that of the Queen. A toast that, wherever Britons met or Masons gathered, was received with a kind of sacred enthusiasm. It was that of the noble lady who ruled the destinies of their great Empire, whose dominion was more extended than the wildest dream of the greatest Caesar ever traversed, and withal a woman whose kind sympathy beats in unison with the hearts of her poorest subjects, and in whose diadem sparkles the Masonic jewels of love, virtue and charity.

Bro. George Proudman had the honour and privilege of submitting the health of the Worshipful Master Bro. Rigmaiden, which afforded him great pleasure, although no words of his were necessary to recommend the toast. The able manner in which the W.M. had invested and addressed his Officers would give them some idea what to expect in the work of the Lodge. The W.M. was a man of culture and high intelligence, and an earnest Mason, one who would "find tongues in trees, books in the running brook, sermons in stones and good in everything," and he ventured to say the Wirral Lodge would prosper under the guidance of such a Brother.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He thanked the I.P.M. for the pleasing terms in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the Brethren for the great cordiality with which the toast had been received; he would do his best to ensure the success of the Lodge during the coming year, and trusted he would have the co-operation of the Officers in the work.

The health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master was proposed by Bro. J. T. Thompson, who said it was a great pleasure to him to be entrusted with this important toast. He referred in eulogistic terms to the excellent work performed during the past year; the Immediate Past Master had indeed, in the twelve months that had ended that evening, enjoyed a very brilliant reign. To begin with he had occupied the chair for the second time; next he performed all the ceremonies, and to complete the duties had installed his successor in a most efficient manner.

The Mayor at this stage rose and said he had been requested, on behalf of the Brethren, to present the retiring Worshipful Master with the valuable case containing cutlery and silver table requisites, numbering 100 pieces, which were exhibited before them, and which bore the following inscription:

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BRO. GEORGE PROUDMAN,

by the members of the Wirral Lodge, 2496,

on his retiring from the chair, to mark the high esteem in which he is held by all the Brethren.

Birkenhead, 3rd February 1898.

In an eloquent speech he congratulated the recipient on the excellent manner the duties of Master had been performed during the year, duties which he had crowned that night by installing his successor; and wished him and his wife health and long life to enjoy the useful articles he had much pleasure in presenting.

In responding, Bro. Proudman said he was placed in a very difficult position. History recorded that the great Caesar referred to by the W.M. sighed for new worlds to conquer, but he sighed that night for words to express his thanks for the kindness and forbearance received during the past year, and the honour done him that day. To Bro. Thompson he expressed his sincere thanks for the kind words used towards him in proposing the toast of his health, and to the Brethren for the reception they had given the toast. To the Mayor he also had to express his grateful thanks for the compliment paid to him in presenting him with the valuable and useful present. A great writer had said the greatest trust between man and man was the trust of giving counsel, and he had to thank the Past Masters of the Lodge for the very able counsel he had received from them, which, with their assistance, had enabled him to perform the duties of his office, which he had done to the best of his power. The kindness and valuable present received at the hands of the Brethren told him his efforts had met with their approbation. He was conscious of having made mistakes and errors of judgment, but he consoled himself with the reflection that the man who never made a mistake or error of judgment never made anything at all. He thanked them most sincerely for the handsome gift, and concluded, "may such be given unto you, good measure, pressed down and running over."

Bro. Shaw submitted the toast of the Visitors, which was responded to by Bros. Macnab, F. K. Stevenson, and George Brown.

The proceedings were enlivened by a musical quartette, consisting of Bros. Walter Baker, Richard Parry, S. J. Carr, and J. J. Hewson.

NEW BRIGHTON LODGE, No. 2619.

THE second installation of Worshipful Master of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 12th ult., at the Victoria Hotel, New Brighton, when Col. Dean P.P.S.G.W. P.M. 1289 2133 2375 and 2619, first W.M. of the Lodge, installed Bro. Joseph Roby as his successor.

In the course of the evening Col. Dean was presented with a Past Master's jewel and a valuable silver salad bowl, the latter bearing an inscription testifying to the esteem in which he is held by the Brethren.

ROYAL ARCH.

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DOWNSHIRE CHAPTER, No. 594.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors.

The new Principals installed were Comps. F. Wilkinson Z., W. H. Veevers H., and W. H. Parkinson J.

TRUTH INSTRUCTION CHAPTER, No. 1458.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, on Tuesday, 8th inst., Comp. Arthur H. Jefferis P.Z. 645 P.P.G.J. Preceptor, assisted by Comps. Buckley Carr P.Z. 993 P.P.G.D.C.; Fletcher Armstrong P.Z. 935 P.P.G.A.D.C., C. W. Godby P.Z. 325 P.P.G. First Assistant Soj., and others.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a ceremony of exaltation

was rehearsed by Comp. Godby, the candidate being Comp. W. Goodman. A pleasant discussion followed, upon the working in this and adjoining Provinces, a general desire being expressed that, if possible, uniformity should be observed in the ceremonial.

ST. LEONARD CHAPTER, No. 1766.

THIS happy and cosy Chapter of excellent Companions met at the Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate Street, E.C., on Wednesday, to celebrate the annual festival. Comp. S. C. Kaufman M.E.Z. presided, and was supported by his Officers and the members of the Chapter.

There were four Candidates for exaltation, but owing to various circumstances neither of them was able to be present. The only business therefore was the installation of the new Principals, but the Companions elected being all P.Z.'s the ceremony was obviated. Comp. Kaufman therefore formally placed them in their several chairs, viz. Comp. James Speller as Z., James Boulton P.A.G.D.C. Eng. as H., and William Gower Provincial Grand Treasurer of Essex as J. Owing to the fact that Comp. Speller has not yet terminated his year of office as Z. of the Crusaders Chapter a dispensation was obtained from Grand Chapter, which was read after the minutes had been confirmed.

The following Officers were appointed: Comps. G. H. Clark W.M. of the St. Leonard Lodge Scribe E., Arthur Cunningham Scribe N., William Shurmur P.Z. P.G.S.B. Eng. Treasurer, A. A. Barnes P.S., J. Tollworthy First A.S., A. Greenwood Second A.S., D. E. Lemon D.C., H. Prenton Organist, A. Preager and S. Batchelor Stewards, and J. Ives Janitor.

A very handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring First Principal by the M.E.Z., in the name of the Chapter, for which Comp. Kaufman pleasantly returned thanks.

Comp. James Stephens sent in his resignation from the Chapter, in consequence of his multifarious duties, which quite precluded his attendance. His letter was received with much regret.

The sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the Chapter to the Girls School, to be placed on Comp. Kaufman's list, as he will represent the Chapter at the forthcoming Festival. The business of the evening being finished

the Chapter was closed in due form, and the Companions adjourned to a choice banquet, prepared by Comp. Baeker.

The customary complimentary speeches followed, and the evening was enlivened by a capital musical programme arranged by Comp. Henry Prenton, who was assisted by Miss Mary Spicer, Miss Wilmot Briggs, Comp. E. Delevanti, and Bro. W. H. Noel.

WILLESDEN CHAPTER, No. 2489.

AT a convocation of this Chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on the 16th inst., Comps. Herbert Colquhoun Borradaile, Charles Butler, and Charles J. Marrian were elected to the chairs of Z., H., and J., respectively, for the ensuing year. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. Comp. E. R. Bartley Dennis.

Comp. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G. Scribe N. was elected an honorary member of the Chapter.

MARK MASONRY.

OLD YORK LODGE, T.I.

THE installation meeting was held at York, on the 18th ult., when Bro. T. S. Brogden P.G.D. was installed W.M.

The annual supper was subsequently held at the North Eastern Hotel.

A ball was held at the Castle Hotel, Tredegar, on Thursday, 3rd inst., by the St. George's Lodge, No. 1098, under the patronage of Lord Llangattock Prov.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales, and others.



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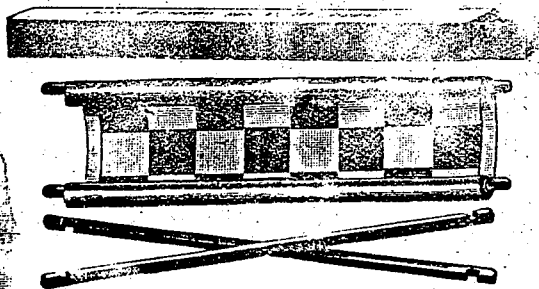
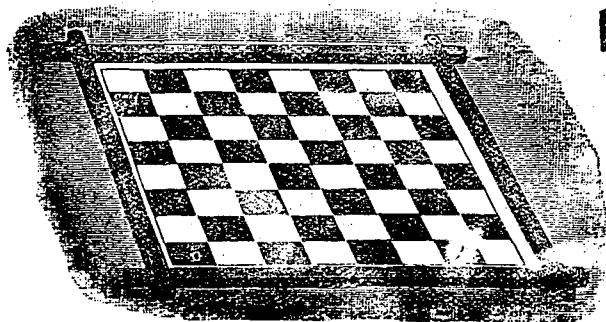
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