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PLURAL MASTERSHIPS.

THERE was one opinion expressed by Brother A. F. Godson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, on the occasion of the presentation to him of his portrait, at Kidderminster, as reported in our last issue, which calls for more than passing notice at our hands. Brother Godson said he had always had one view—unless a Brother was called upon by stress of circumstances to aid a Brother in conducting a second chair, it was well that he should step aside and let those who wished for the high honour to be conferred upon them to have the opportunity. In other words this distinguished member of the Order considers that there should be some great necessity—beyond the question of mere vanity and love of show, which is so often a prominent factor in this direction—to allow of a Brother who has already passed the chair being installed as ruler in another Lodge, and we think Brother Godson has conferred a service on the whole body of the Craft in thus giving expression to a decided and authoritative ruling on so important a point—one which concerns young Masons in particular.

We have always felt, in regard to this subject, that the Brother who is continually pushing himself forward to the chair of his Lodge, or Lodges, when he has once discharged the duties of Worshipful Master, is displaying a spirit of selfishness far from what ought to be shown by a Brother so advanced in the science of Freemasonry, and Bro. Godson exactly expresses our opinion when he says that only “stress of circumstances to aid a Brother in conducting a second chair” should allow of any installed Master going forward into the chair of a Lodge, when there are other members able and willing to discharge the duties, waiting their turn, but lacking the opportunity to advance.

We are aware that the opinion expressed by Brother Godson, and that long entertained by ourselves, are not in accordance with the views of a considerable section of the Craft in this matter, for there are many Past Masters in our midst who are far more anxious to rise to the chair of a Lodge than is the case with the ordinary Craftsman, and we are convinced there are many among the quieter members of our Fraternity who are ruthlessly pushed aside, through the desire of these “enthusiasts” to add yet another title to their name and, probably, another Past Master’s jewel to their breast.

Grand Lodge has very wisely ordained that no Brother shall fill the chair in more than one Lodge at the same time, without a dispensation, and we would advocate a similar restriction in regard to Brethren who have already passed the chair. If a good and sufficient reason could be shown for “painting the lily, and refining pure gold,” well and good, then let the dispensation be issued, and let a Past Master be re-installed, but there should be strict

enquiry in each case, and unless some very good reason could be shown for passing over the Brethren already qualified, by service as Warden, we believe it would be far better to put forward a new Master, than re-appoint one who had already filled that much coveted office in the Craft.

To urge an alteration of the principle which has so long governed this subject is, we confess, somewhat of a thankless task; there are too many around us who are anxious to continue on the same lines as at present exist, and, moreover, they have the power to oppose legislation on the subject, of a prohibitive character, so that there is little prospect of an immediate change; but public opinion has before now accomplished much, and if there was anything like a strong expression of opinion in opposition to the existing arrangement there might be a chance of ultimately effecting a reform.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

A HUNDRED years ago Freemasonry was largely supported and cherished by the sea captains of England, by whom the Lodge of St. Andrew-in-the-east was rounded and carried on down Stepney way, and served as a pleasant and fraternal place of re-union to the old salts on their return from the long voyages of those days, says the “Daily Telegraph.” As time went on the Lodge, which has become famous for its liberal gifts to the Benevolent Institutions of the Craft, moved westerly, via Thames Street, Bishopsgate, and lastly to its present home at the Aldersgate Street Albion. It has now obtained from the Grand Master its Centenary Warrant, and has met to celebrate the venerable fact. Bro. Robert Grey Past Grand Warden, the “Father” of the Lodge, took the chair as W.M., and was supported by the following eminent members of the Order, with many others: The Earl of Donoughmore, Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., Sir John Monckton, Sir George D. Harris, Sir Thomas Boord, Messrs. J. C. Parkinson, T. Fenn, E. Letchworth, P. de L. Long, H. A. Hunt, Alfred Cooper, Clement Godson, Henry Grey, K. Faber, and A. N. Stenning. A brief but very interesting account of the Lodge’s history was given by the Master, after which the Centenary banquet was held.

THE centenary of the granting of the Warrant to the Chapter of Paradise, No. 139, was celebrated on Monday evening, in the Freemasons’ Hall, Sheffield. The interesting event attracted a large attendance of members, over whom presided the three Principals, Comps. Charles Stokes Z., M. J. Dodworth H., and A. E. Kirkham J.

The history of the Chapter and its development was the subject of a paper given by Comp. Charles Stokes, and subsequently portraits of the first three Principals were distributed. The evening was concluded with a banquet.

The sooner Lodges get rid of the notion that their business is to get candidates the better. That is very far from their mission; the true ideal of each Lodge ought to be to make Masons; that is not merely initiating them, it is making them into Masons after they are initiated. How far are we from the ideal? asks the writer of “Notes for Freemasons,” in the “Kilmarnock Herald.”

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge has been appointed by the Provincial Grand Master Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., for the Tuesday in Whit-week, 31st May, at Tewkesbury. The proceedings will include a special service in the Abbey, a building with the restoration of which Provincial Grand Lodge generously associated itself a few years ago.

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Winchester, on Friday, 1st April, when the Deputy Provincial Grand Master will propose that, in view of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., having undertaken a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a sum not exceeding 500 guineas be given from the Prov. Grand Lodge funds, and placed on his list.

The Provincial Grand Master having been initiated into Freemasonry fifty years, a movement is on foot to present him with an album, containing the portraits of the leading Office bearers of the Craft in the Province.

CORNWALL.

THE Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master has fixed Wednesday, 13th April, for the installation of the Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor, as Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, in succession to Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., who has been the local Mark chief since 1881, and resigned on account of age, much to the regret of all the Province.

Bro. W. J. Johns, of Truro, the esteemed Prov. Grand Mark Secretary, has issued a very full programme of the eventful proceedings, the Concert Hall, Truro, having been engaged for the purpose. The meeting is to commence precisely at 1.45 p.m., and the banquet is to be served at the Red Lion Hotel, at 4.15 p.m. As it is the first official visit of the Pro Grand Master to the county, a large attendance is expected.

Bro. P. Colville-Smith P.G.D. England, after the installation of Lord Halsbury, is to be invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He has held that office from 1896, and has also been in charge of the Province of late. The Provincial Grand Officers will be invested, and a Treasurer elected.

The Province was started in 1867, with Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P., as Prov. G.M., followed in 1879 by Colonel J. W. Peard. There have been three Deputy Prov. G. Masters, who died in office, viz., Bros. Reginald Rogers, William Tweedy, J.P., and Thomas Chirgwin, J.P.

There are eleven Lodges in the Province, numbering together several hundreds of members, and as the degree has long been popular in Cornwall, the new Provincial Grand Master will have no difficulty in ruling a united and appreciative Province.

The railway arrangements provide tickets at a fare and a quarter for the double journey, and it is hoped this favour will apply to Devon as well as to Cornwall, so that visitors may be induced to attend.

A very pleasing function prior to the close of the meeting will be the presentation of an illuminated address from the Prov. Grand Lodge to Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Past Prov. G.M., says the "Western Morning News."

DORIC LODGE.

AN interesting function took place at Harrogate on the 23rd inst., the event that brought together members of the Craft from all parts of the Province of West Yorkshire being the consecration of a new Lodge.

Only one Lodge—the Harrogate and Claro, No. 1001, which was founded in 1864—has hitherto existed in the popular watering-place. The need of another Lodge has long been felt, and attempts have been made from time to time to supply the want, but until now without success. The new Lodge is styled the Doric, being No. 2695 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and with Bro. Thomas Woods as its first Worshipful Master it enters upon its career under promising auspices. The regular meetings of the Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, but in order to

accommodate the large number of Brethren who assembled for the consecration, the proceedings took place at the Town Hall, which was lavishly yet tastefully decorated for the occasion.

In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., the ceremony was performed by his Deputy Bro. J. C. Malcolm, of Leeds, who was accompanied by several Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, while the company also included the Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brethren of many West Yorkshire Lodges.

The ceremony of Consecration and dedication, according to ancient usage, was of a very impressive character, and its effect was greatly heightened by the admirable rendering of the musical portion of the ritual by Bros. H. A. Holmes, T. Buckland, W. Riley, and W. H. Dawson, Bro. G. Musgrove officiating as Organist.

In the course of a brief address, Bro. Malcolm expressed regret that the Provincial Grand Master was unable, in consequence of other duties, to be present, but assured the Brethren that they had Brother Jackson's best wishes for the success of the day's ceremonial, and for the welfare of the new Lodge. Reviewing the circumstances under which the Lodge had been formed, he said there was no doubt as to its desirability, for the growing population of the town, and the increasing number of Masons who came from other places to take up their residence in Harrogate, fully justified the petitioners in their application. There was ample scope for the new Lodge in the town, and as the two Lodges would work together harmoniously under the same roof, there was every reason to hope that the Craft in Harrogate would extend, not only in numbers, but also in influence, and that it would be the means of doing a good work.

Bro. the Rev. H. R. Harrison Chaplain afterwards delivered an instructive oration, which he concluded by urging the Brethren to live transparent, pure, and holy lives, and so fulfil the pledges of their solemn obligation.

A number of valuable gifts to the Lodge by several of the Founders were announced.

Subsequently Bro. Thomas Woods was installed as first Worshipful Master. Bro. Woods is a Past Master of St. James's Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, and also a member of Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, Leeds. The following Officers were invested:—Bro. W. H. Wainhouse I.P.M., Walter Davey S.W., J. B. Griffiths J.W., S. H. Cliffe Treas., F. H. Ingle Sec., T. Hargreaves D.C., R. H. Walters S.D., J. M. R. Smetham J.D., Wesley Petty Chap., Max Blume Org., H. Marshall I.G., V. B. Reid and F. S. Paull Stewards.

In the evening the Worshipful Master and Founders of the Lodge entertained about a hundred Brethren to a banquet at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Brother Woods presided, and proposed the toasts of Grand Lodge, on behalf of which Bro. R. Wilson, of Leeds, and Bro. Cowper, of Middlesbrough, replied. The Provincial Grand Lodge toast was also submitted by the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Malcolm Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. G. H. Smith Provincial Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. Hind responded. The other toasts included the Worshipful Master of Doric Lodge, the Worshipful Masters of other Lodges, and the Masonic Charities.—"Yorkshire Daily Post."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of Bro. Henry Bishop Stark took place at Littleham, on the 21st inst. The deceased was a veteran Freemason. He had held the position of Organist of the Sun Lodge, No. 106, Exmouth, for many years, in which office he continued to the time of his death. He was also Organist of Topsham, Salterton, Tiverton, and other Lodges. For forty years he was Organist of Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth. In 1893 he celebrated his jubilee as a member of Sun Lodge, when he was presented with an enlarged photo of himself in Masonic regalia, together with a purse containing twenty guineas. In acknowledging these gifts he said he was initiated a Brother of the Sun Lodge in 1843, and had taken part in 800 initiations, passings, and raisings, and had presided at the organ at Exmouth, Salterton, Sidmouth, Newton, Honiton, Exeter, Starcross, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Kingsbridge, Plymouth, Newquay, Bodmin, Okehampton, Southmolton, Tiverton, and Bideford. The deceased was Provincial Grand Organist on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit to Plymouth, when the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral was laid. A large number of Brethren from all parts of Devon attended the funeral.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

WE are very pleased to learn that the unseemly differences which have so long existed between the Grand Lodge of England and a large number of Brethren of New Zealand have at last been adjusted, and that in future we may look for a return to true Masonic Brotherhood between the mother country and its far-off colony.

The Grand Lodge of England has agreed to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and the latter body, on its side, has given its consent to the terms of "recognition" approved by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.

The following correspondence, which we extract from the "New Zealand Craftsman," gives full particulars of the case, and will doubtless be read by Brethren on this side as a satisfactory solution of what, for a very long time, was a grievous evil in the eyes of many of the most loyal members of the English Craft.

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United Grand Lodge of England,
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street,
London, November 30th, 1897.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Grand Master,—In reply to the application made by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to the Grand Lodge of England through a letter of the Most Worshipful Brother H. Dillon Bell (then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand) on February 25th, 1896, for recognition as a constituted Masonic authority, I have the honour to transmit to you the following copy of the resolution come to by the Grand Lodge of England at a special Grand Lodge held July 29th, 1896, and to inform you that the same was duly confirmed at the next meeting of Grand Lodge:—

"That, taking into consideration the message from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge requests that His Royal Highness will be pleased to take such steps for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and for the establishment of fraternal good feeling with our New Zealand Brethren as he may consider consistent with the honour of this Grand Lodge, and with just consideration for those Lodges which may desire to retain their connection with the Grand Lodge of England."

At the time of the confirmation of the resolution to which I have referred, certain alterations in, or, rather, additions to, the Book of Constitutions dealing with this same subject and intended to meet future cases were in contemplation, and, after much consideration and a reference to a strong committee, these proposals were adopted by Grand Lodge on March 3rd, 1897, and, having been duly confirmed, now form part of the general laws of the Craft.

For your information, I enclose you a copy.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master felt that, in view of these contemplated additions, it would be better to defer formulating the terms upon which he is, under the resolution of July 29th, 1896, prepared to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand until the outcome of the discussion was seen, and he could form a judgment how far either in principle or detail it would be desirable to proceed on similar lines.

I am now directed to state that, having regard to all the circumstances, the Most Worshipful Grand Master is prepared to accord the desired recognition upon the terms which I now enclose, and which it is believed will effectually carry out the intentions and wishes of both the Grand Lodges concerned, with due regard to the interests and self-respect of each, as well as ensuring those desirable objects of Masonic harmony and union so appropriately stated in the letter of your Past Grand Master.

I shall be glad to hear from you when you are in a position to reply to this communication, and when I hear that the terms are finally settled copies interchangeably signed will be exchanged with your Grand Lodge as a permanent record of the arrangement come to, and the District Grand Lodges will be officially communicated with.

Adverting to the request of your Past Grand Master that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, would become patron of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, I do not think there will be any obstacle so soon as the terms of recognition are arranged.

In conclusion, I would express regret at the delay that has

occurred, although it has been unavoidable, and the hope that these carefully considered terms will commend themselves to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and form the basis of enduring and honourable relations between the two Grand Sovereign Lodges.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary.

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Proposed Terms of Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, drafted by the Grand Registrar, and approved by His Royal Highness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Grand Lodge at its meeting on July 29th, 1896, having sanctioned the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on such terms as His Royal Highness may consider to be consistent with the honour of the Grand Lodge of England, and with just consideration for those Lodges which may desire to retain their connection with it, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to authorise a communication being made to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to the following effect:—

That he is prepared fully to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and to enter into full and fraternal relations with it as an Independent Sovereign Masonic Body, on the following understanding—

That the Grand Lodge of New Zealand shall in future be the recognised Grand Lodge for the colony, including all the five districts heretofore holding under the English Constitution, and all other parts of the colony.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will in future grant no warrant for a new Lodge within any of such districts or elsewhere within the colony of New Zealand.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand will not, nor will its Grand Master, grant any new warrant for any Lodge out of the five districts referred to, or the colony.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will give authority to all Lodges at present holding under the Grand Lodge of England to meet and decide in open Lodge whether or not they desire to tender their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand; such meeting to be specially convened on not less than 21 days' notice, for the purpose of determining this question; and no other business save that, and, if requisite, of disposing of the assets and property of the Lodge, shall be considered at the meeting.

A majority of two-thirds in number of the Brethren present shall be required to enable the Lodge to tender its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand; all other questions at the meeting shall be decided by a majority of the Brethren present in the usual way.

The result of the meeting, with copies of the resolutions passed thereat, shall be forthwith sent (in duplicate), verified by the signature of the Master in the chair, and countersigned by the Secretary, to the District Grand Secretary, and to the Grand Secretary at Freemasons' Hall, London.

In case the Lodge shall resolve to tender its adherence to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the Warrant of Constitution must be forthwith returned to the Grand Secretary for cancellation.

The Lodge has full power to dispose of its property and records as the majority decides, but the Most Worshipful the Grand Master strongly recommends that the Lodge minute-books and the Treasurer's books and accounts shall remain with the Lodge under whichever Sovereign Body it elects to continue, in order that the continuity of the Lodge and the rights of members dependent on their being subscribing members should not be imperilled for want of these records on any future occasion.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master will be prepared to consider with favour any application for the return of a cancelled warrant that the Lodge may wish to retain as a memorial of its former connection with the Grand Lodge of England.

No second meeting of a Lodge which has come to a resolution to continue under the Grand Lodge of England can be held without the special leave of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master will consider any district in which fewer than three Lodges may continue under their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, to be ipso facto dissolved; but, subject hereto, the Lodges under the English Constitution, both private and the District Grand

Lodges, will continue as at present, and remain unaffected by this recognition.

All Brethren who shall continue members of Lodges under the English Constitution shall be fully recognised by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and no Brother shall incur any Masonic censure by reason of his adhering to either allegiance, or of any part he may have taken on either side in the formation or establishment of the new Grand body.

(Signed) FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Grand Registrar.
E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL be worked on Monday next, 28th inst., at the Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 2663, at the Star and Garter, Arbour Square, E., commencing at 8 o'clock. Bro. Goulston will preside.

SYMBOLISM OF THE CORNER STONE.

THE symbolism of the corner stone teaches us that it is the particular stone on which the entire structure is supposed to rest, and is considered by Operative Masons as the most important stone in the edifice. It is laid with impressive ceremonies when important public buildings are erected, and the services are, therefore, not wholly of Masonic origin, although the assistance of Speculative Masons is nearly always invited to give dignity to the occasion: and for this purpose Freemasonry has an especial ritual, which governs the proper performance of that duty.

Among the ancients the corner stone of important edifices was also laid with impressive ceremonies. These are well described by Tacitus in the history of rebuilding the capitol.

The symbolism of the corner stone, when duly laid with Masonic rites, is full of significance, which refers to its form, to its situation, to its permanence, and to its consecration.

As to its form, it must be perfectly square on its surfaces, and in its solid contents a cube. The square is a symbol of morality, and the cube of truth. In its situation it lies between the north, the place of darkness, and the east, the place of light; and hence this position symbolises the Masonic progress from darkness to light, and from ignorance to knowledge. The permanence and durability of the corner stone, which lasts long after the building in whose foundation it was placed has fallen into decay, is intended to remind the Mason that when this earthly house of his tabernacle shall have passed away he has within him a sure foundation of eternal life—a corner stone of immortality—an emanation from that divine spirit which pervades all nature, and which therefore must survive the tomb and rise triumphant and eternal above the decaying dust of death and the grave.

The examination of the corner stone with the implements of Operative Masons teaches the Speculative Mason that his virtues are to be tested by temptation and trial, by suffering and adversity, before they can be pronounced by the Master Builder of souls to be materials worthy of the spiritual building of eternal life.

The application of the elements of consecration is emblematic of the nourishment, refreshment and joy which are to be the rewards of a faithful performance of duty.

The corner stone in the Old Testament seems always to have denoted a prince or high personage, and hence the evangelists constantly use it in reference to Christ, who is called the chief corner stone. In Masonic symbolism it signifies a true Mason, and therefore it is the first character which the Apprentice is made to represent after his initiation has been completed.—D. N. NICHOLSON G.M. Vt., in "Voice of Masonry."

The Trinity Lodge, No. 2595, of Buckfastleigh, has been presented, through the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. John Stocker, with a portrait, in Masonic robes, of the Provincial Grand Master of Devon Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., to be hung in their new Lodge Room. The presentation is made in commemoration of Sir Stafford's visit to Buckfastleigh on the occasion of the Consecration and dedication of the Lodge, which was the first Masonic function he was called upon to perform after his installation, and as an earnest of his good wishes for the welfare and success of Trinity Lodge, No. 2595.

We are pleased to learn that the result of this year's North London Masonic Ball has proved to be most satisfactory, the balance sheet showing a surplus which allowed of no less a sum than £99 15s being handed over to the Masonic Charities.

SOCIAL EVENING AT THE QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 2681.

THE first ladies' social in connection with this new Lodge was held in the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Tuesday, 15th inst., and proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable function, no pains having been spared by the Worshipful Master Bro. J. E. Williams and the Officers of the Lodge to make the most complete and elaborate arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the Ladies and Brethren.

Succeeding the ordinary business of the Lodge Bro. Williams and Mrs. Williams received the ladies and visiting Brethren, and at eight o'clock the company sat down to a banquet served in excellent style by Bro. Holmes, of the Metropole Café, to which ample justice was done, and during which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

The Worshipful Master proposed in a happy speech the health of the Ladies, to which Bro. Douglas J.W. suitably replied.

An excellent musical programme was provided, and at eleven o'clock a programme of some fourteen dances was entered upon, and continued with much spirit until the proceedings were ended by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," thus bringing to a close what many of those present expressed to be the most enjoyable and successful function of its kind within their experience.

During the evening Brother Barr S.S. presented a handsome bouquet to Mrs. Williams, on behalf of the members of the Lodge.

REVIEW.

Books, &c. intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor, Fleet Works, New Barnet.

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Willing's British and Irish Press Guide.—The twenty-fifth annual issue is before us, and appears to be as complete in its several sections as its predecessors. In addition to the alphabetical list of the newspapers and periodicals of the United Kingdom, the whole are classified under different headings in such a way as to be very useful to those who may desire to work up any special subject, trade or profession. In addition to all this there are lists of the principal papers of the Colonies, British India, and foreign parts.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Palace Theatre of Varieties.—On the occasion of our visit to this most elegant and comfortable place of amusement we regretted the absence of Bro. Charles Morton, the able manager, through indisposition, and we most heartily wish him a speedy recovery. At the same time we compliment him on the excellent and refined company he provides. Amongst others we may notice the Quartet Darto, including Mlle Aida, who are excellent Vocalists and Dancers; Miss Marie Dainton, a very clever mimic; Miss Blanche Leslie, a promising young artiste, who introduced a new song and dance (as a Vivandier)—she is exceedingly graceful, and sings and dances well; Grell and Gray, clever eccentric Comedians, &c. Hewell's Automatic Theatre is well worth seeing, while the American Biograph received its usual hearty applause. Miss Ruby Ray, Mignonette, Kokin, and the Burnells are individually and collectively successful.

We have had the opportunity on different occasions of inspecting some really handsome articles of furniture made by Bro. G. J. Argent (of 60 City Road, London, E.C.) for Masonic or general purposes, and can confidently recommend him to Brethren who may contemplate making a present to their Lodge of any particular item of furniture, or who desire to re-furnish their Lodge throughout with modern and artistic articles. Founders of new Lodges, too, would do well to consult him before placing their orders, and will certainly have no cause to regret doing so. Bro. Argent makes a special feature of lift-cages, upholstery and general fittings for restaurants, refreshment bars and buffets, and from what we know of his capabilities we recommend him for the general furnishing of Masonic Halls, Clubs, and other establishments of a like character, which appear to so much greater advantage when fitted in an artistic manner by those who are accustomed to this particular class of work. Bro. Argent has just secured the contract for another of "Ye Mecca" Restaurants, at 56 Ludgate Hill, and as this is the seventeenth or eighteenth of the depots belonging to this one Company that he has supplied here is direct evidence of excellence of work and careful supervision. Bro. Argent is also able to refer to some of the leading Masonic establishments of the metropolis, where Lodge chairs and other furniture have been supplied, notably the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, and elsewhere.

THE HUMOURS OF ADVERTISING.

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HERE are two advertisements from the "Mercurius Publicus," published shortly after the restoration, the second one supposed to have been written by King Charles II. :—

"A Smooth Black Dog, less than a Grey-hound, with white under his breast, belonging to the King's Majesty, was taken from Whitehall the eighteenth day of this instant June, or thereabout. If any one can give notice to John Ellis, one of his Majesties Servants, or to his Majesties Backstays, shall be well rewarded for their labour." June 21-28, 1660.

"We must call upon you again for a Black Dog, between a Greyhound and a Spaniel, no white about him, onely a streak on his Brest, and his Tayl a little bobbed. It is His Majesties own Dog, and doubtless was stoln, for the Dog was not born nor bred in England, and would never forsake His Master. Whosoever findes him may acquaint any at Weitehal, for the Dog was better known at Court, than those who stole him. Will they never leave robbing His Majesty? Must he not keep a Dog? This Dog's place (though better than some imagine) is the only place which nobody offers to beg." June 28-July 5, 1660.

The next is from the "Public Intelligencer," a contemporary of the "Mercurius." "Whitehall, May 14, 1664. His Sacred Majesty, having declared it to be his Royal will and purpose to continue the healing of his people for the Evil during the Month of May, and then to give over till Michaelmas next, I am commanded to give notice thereof, that the people may not come up to Town in the Interim and lose their labour."

The next, from the "Mercurius Politicus," Sept. 30, 1653, is said to be the first announcement of the sale of tea in England. "That Excellent and by all Physitians approved China Drink called by the Chineans Tcha, and by other nations Tay alias Tee is sold at the Sultane's Head Cophee-House, in Sweetings Rents, by the Royal Exchange, London."

"Any Ladies who have any particular stories of their acquaintance which they are willing privately to make public, may send 'em by the penny post* to Isaac Bickerstaffe, Esq.,† enclosed to Mr. John Morphew, near Stationers' Hall." "Tatler," May 8, 1709.

In a remarkable pamphlet, "A Modest Attempt to prove Dr. Hare not the author of the Bouchian Dialogue," (London, 1712) appear the following advertisements of "choice books now in the press,"—announced to be delivered to subscribers at the several coffee-houses appointed to take in subscriptions:—

No. 1. A Choice Collection of Lies first invented about the time of the Dissolution of the last Parliament, collected by Sir Gil—H—N.B. Several of these Lies have been of excellent use in foreign parts, and are to be had at a reasonable rate, at Messieurs J. P. and W. H. booksellers at the Hague.

No. VI. A full Proof that the Words Villian, Infamous Libeller, Rascally Prostitute, Notorious Lyar, with several other Words never yet made use of. By a true and modest Divine: But may be used by way of confuting a difficult Argument; and are only to be found in the Works of one Dr. Francis H—no Doctor of Physick nor Law—.

No. IX. A new Trip to the Moon, with an Account of several Curiosities never yet observ'd by Travellers to that Place. By William W—n, M.A. and dedicated to the Upper House of C—n.

No. XII. New Brooms better than Old; to be proved from an Observation that less Dirt and not so many venomous Creatures are now to be found in the several Palaces which belong to Her M—y as formerly.

In the "Daily Advertiser" of June 27, 1752, a penny wedding was advertised to be kept at a place of entertainment called Lambeth Wells, Lambeth. It was to be after the Scotch manner, and for the benefit of a young couple.

Another place of entertainment in Lambeth was originally the garden of Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel (circa 1636). The premises were afterwards rented by one Cuper, who had been the Earl's gardener, and from him obtained the name of Cuper's Gardens. They were opened as a place for public diversion, with music, fireworks, &c., about the middle of the last century, and were well frequented, being (according to the "Daily Advertiser" of Aug. 29, 1745) occasionally honoured with the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The gardens were subsequently kept by a widow, whose name was Evans. Here is one of her whimsical advertisements:—

"Cuper's Gardens.

This is to acquaint Ladies and Gentlemen, that this night will be burnt the Gorgon's head, or more properly, the head of Medusa, in history said to have snakes on her hair, and to kill men by her looks, such a thing as was never known to be done in England before."

The following handbill was once in circulation:—"Sturtevant, Surgeon, Apothecary, and Man-Midwife, at Brigg, in Lincolnshire, Has just entered upon the House, lately in the Occupation of Mr. Atkinson; and hopes by a diligent and faithful Discharge of the several Duties of his Profession, to merit the Encouragement of the Public. N.B.—Drugs sold wholesale, and retail upon the most reasonable terms. Oct. 25, 1777. Brigg, Printed by S. Scott."

This is from the "Hull Advertiser," Aug. 8, 1795:—

"Guild-hall, Kingston-upon-Hull, August 7, 1795. Wanted by the Corporation of this Town, a proper person for the office of Town's Husband,† or Common Officer. He must be well acquainted with accounts, capable of drawing Plans and Estimates for Buildings, and accustomed to inspect the Workmanship of Mechanics."

The young lady mentioned in the following advertisement was evidently anxious to emulate the Japanese, who have a penchant for adorning their houses with used postage stamps:—

"Postage Stamps. A young lady, being desirous of covering her dressing-room with cancelled Postage Stamps, has been so far encouraged in her wish by private friends as to have succeeded in collecting 16,000! these, however, being insufficient, she will be greatly obliged if any good natured persons who may have these (otherwise useless) little articles at their disposal would assist in her whimsical project." "Times," 1841.

The next appeared in the "Manchester Evening News," March 1, 1898, and is only eclipsed by that of the publican who advertised for "a barman well up in politics and religion." "Youth, smart, trustworthy, Wanted, to look after two horses, and play piano in evenings; must be used to horses; good home. Particulars, Royal Oak Hotel, Chapel-en-le-Frith."

Advertisements relating to matrimony often furnish an abundance of humour, but I fancy there was not much cause for jubilation at the wedding advertised in the "Monthly Mirror," June 1800. "Married. At Llangefni, Mr. H. Cecson, to Miss Lucy Fencoch (the rich heiress of the late J. Hughes, Esq., of Bowgddau-hall), a lady of much beauty, but deaf and dumb; who, on the evening of the marriage, slipped, in going down stairs, and fell with such violence against a chair, that her head was nearly severed from her body, and she instantly expired."

This is a newspaper advertisement of 1731. "The Rev. Mr. Roger Staines, of York, twenty-six years of age, to a Lincolnshire lady, upwards of eighty years of age, with whom he is to have £8,000, and £300 a year, and a coach-and-four during life only."

The following is from the "Oxford Magazine" (July 1770) "Wanted a middle-aged woman, as a partner for life; she must have some little dependence of her own, and be a sober christian woman, if a meatener or methodist the more agreeable. Neither the gay nor handsome, nor dress and showey woman is herein meant, nor will be regarded, but rather one whose beauty is holiness, adorned with christian virtues, as shall appear so upon enquiry. The person who puts in this advertisement is necessitated for a help-mate directly, and is settled in good business near London, having a

dependence besides, and free of all incumbrances, with character and other particulars answerable to the strictest enquiry; and his close confinement in business is the only motive for thus applying."

A man wanting a wife, thus advertises in "Bell's Weekly Messenger," May 23, 1797. "Matthew Dawson, in Bothwell, Cumberland, intends to be married at Holm Church, on the Thursday before Whitsuntide next, whenever that may happen, and return to Bothwell to dine. Mr. Reid give as turkey to be roasted; Ed. Clemenson gives a fat lamb to be roasted; William Elliott gives a hen to be roasted; John Gibson gives a fat calf to be roasted. And in order that all this roast meat may be well basted, do you see, Mary Pearson, Betty Hodgson, Mary Bushley, Molly Fisher, Sarah Briscoe, and Betty Porthouse give each of them a pound of butter. The advertiser will provide everything else for so festive an occasion. And he hereby gives notice to all young women desirous of changing their condition that he is at present disengaged, and advises them to consider that although there be luck in leisure, yet in this case delays are dangerous, for, with him, he is determined it shall be first come first served.

So come along lasses who wish to be married;

Mat Dawson is vexed that so long he has tarried."

A well-known farmer in Kentucky advertised for a wife as follows:—"To the girls between the ages of 16 and 21, whom it may concern, be it known: That I, Jarvis Pinner, whose post-office address is Pigeon Roost, Clay county, Ky., being of sound mind and capable of contracting and being contracted with, and possessed with an elegant farm of 150 acres, with an orchard of 300 bearing apple trees, and stocked with the latest improved Poland China hogs, and Spanish chickens, together with all necessary comforts of life, but, like Adam with an Eden, no helpmate, do hereby promise to will to any young woman of the ages referred to, who will be an Eve to me and share the comforts and joys of my home and fortune, all the realty and personal effects, and promise to be to her a kind and loving husband. But it is understood that no girl who is named Susie need apply. The girl in order to be accepted must be of good family and character, good form, and pretty face. No pug-nosed or cross-eyed woman need apply. This is a rare opportunity."

More recently a lady advertises her desire to obtain a husband "with a Roman nose having strong religious tendencies," while a French gentleman advertiser seeks a young lady or widow with a very queer endowment, namely "without encumbrance of means and education."

The lady who thus alphabetically advertised her qualifications in "The Times" must indeed have been a charming specimen of womankind. "To Widowers and Single Gentlemen. Wanted by a lady, a situation to superintend the household and preside at table. She is agreeable, becoming, careful, desirable, English, facetious, generous, honest, industrious, judicious, keen, lively, merry, natty, obedient, philosophic, quiet, regular, sociable, tasteful, useful, vivacious, womanish, xantippish, youthful, zealous, &c."

The following advertisement, taken from a Border newspaper (June 9, 1871), is curious by reason of the recurrence of the words "Black" and "Steward." "At Blackburn, on the 2nd inst., Christina, eldest daughter of Mr. William Black, farm-steward, to William Stewart, farm steward, Blackerston."

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‡ A town's husband, according to Halliwell-Phillips in his Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words, is "an officer of a parish who collects the moneys from the parents of illegitimate children for the maintenance of the latter."

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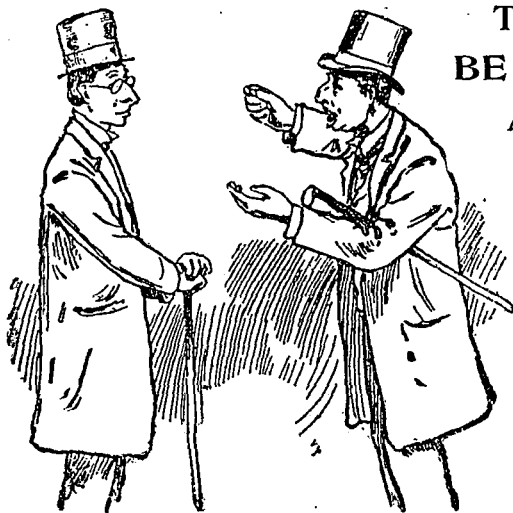
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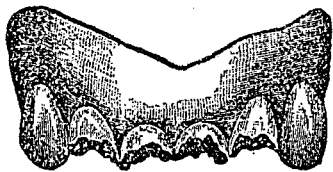
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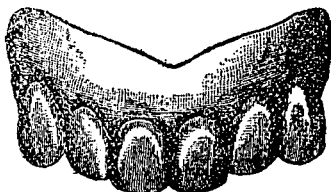
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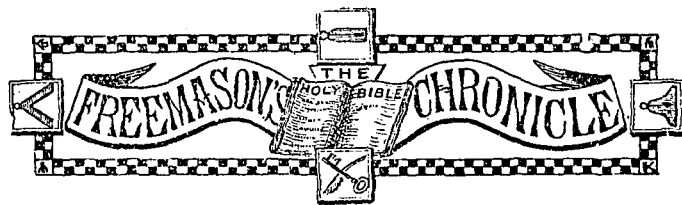
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MASONIC LECTURERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your article on this subject ought to find very many admirers beside myself. I have been a very welcome visitor at four Lodges in different parts of the country, and for some time back have gone to nearly every meeting of three of them, simply because of the new ideas and information I gain—it has been customary for some years to read a paper on some Masonic subject. The custom is doubtless spreading, but I agree with you that it is regrettable that time devoted to trivial common-places, may even wasted between the Lodge business and the "feed"—could not be employed, or at least half an hour of it, every meeting, in the reading of a paper prepared for the occasion and notified as it usually is on the Summons.

I must confess I think the W.M. is the proper person to give this enlightenment, and I am sure it is always highly appreciated; however, all are not cut out for this kind of work, and possibly in many Lodges this is the only reason why the practice is not general by this time throughout the kingdom.

You will pardon my venturing to point out that it is rather an innovation not to give Masonic lectures. My Lodge minutes record such lectures nearly every meeting for years prior to 1860, when the book I have seen ends, but I could never get an answer to the query "when did the custom end?" Published Lodge histories reveal the same custom in many old Lodges, and the sooner it is generally revived, the better.

Yours fraternally,

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think the suggestion you make that the Immediate Past Master of a Lodge should be also its Lecturer—either by actual appointment or by inference—is a good one, for the reason that it will remove a difficulty which I regard as the chief obstacle in the way of a general adoption of the principle you advocate.

I know that when I filled the chair of my Lodge my time was fully occupied, in preparing for the different ceremonies I had to confer, arranging minor details, and endeavouring to introduce a spice of originality into the after dinner speeches; and it would have been most unwise on my part to attempt anything further in the way of a Lecture. As you say, as soon as I had fairly settled down to my work, and was, in a manner of speaking, at home in the chair, I had to prepare myself for the installation of my successor.

But once having vacated the chair I felt "like a fish out of water." I had had a full amount of work to perform during my year of office, and being followed by an eminently capable man was virtually "out of work," and the sudden change was far from agreeable. Having acquired "the gift of the gab" during my Mastership, I really believe I should have made a good Lecturer at the next few meetings, but custom ordained that I was to suddenly fall from my high position to what I consider really the most subordinate one, that of "chief listener," for an Immediate Past Master to be any good at all must be constantly on the alert in order to help his successor should he pause for a word in any ceremony. The knowledge that I had to take some really live interest in the work on those occasions would have been a great relief to me, and probably there are many others who have passed through a similar experience who would gladly hail the introduction of Lecturing as a part of our regular Lodge work. I hope your article on the subject will lead to its being fully discussed.

Yours, &c.,

A PAST MASTER.

The fourth annual ball, arranged in connection with the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2408, took place at the Town Hall, Stratford, on Friday, 18th inst., the proceeds being devoted to the funds of the West Ham Hospital.

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We regret to hear that Bro. Charles Morton, the genial manager of the Palace Theatre, is seriously indisposed, and has been compelled, temporarily, we trust, to relinquish his more active duties.

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Bro. Dewar, who was the Conservative candidate at the last parliamentary election, has written to the Walthamstow Unionist Association informing them that he will not again offer himself as a candidate for that Division.

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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LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

THE installation meeting was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday, 10th inst., the only disappointment being the absence of the W.M. Bro. C. Garton, owing to the serious illness of his wife. Bro. F. Hughes P.M. filled the breach at very short notice, and installed Bro. William Baker, who then invested his Officers.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, 17th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Wortham W.M., C. T. Brown I.P.M., George Weaver S.W., C. E. Lilley J.W., J. Welford P.M. Treasurer, S. R. Walker P.M. Sec., W. Busby S.D., H. Bagnall J.D., E. Thomas I.G., Hopkins Organist, F. Beesley Steward, S. Ellis P.M. Tyler. Past Masters R. J. Rogers, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. W. Curtis, W. M. Roberts, &c., together with Bros. F. Brock, J. Woodford, M. Rockman, G. Butcher, T. Gale, Rolls, Unwin, Norris, G. Goddard, Williams, White, and others.

The Visitors included Bros. G. Mogford P.M. 2362, Wood P.M. 101, H. Rolls 1381, Stelling 2674, and several others.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Bros. Atherton, Tompkins, Matthews, Pemberton, and Gillings were examined, and having answered the questions in a satisfactory manner were entrusted for passing. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. T. Brown I.P.M., who opened the Lodge in the second degree, and these five Brethren were admitted, and in due course passed to the second degree in Freemasonry, the ceremony being rendered with Bro. Brown's usual ability.

The W.M. having again taken his chair, resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Mr. Joseph Joseph was presented as a candidate, the ballot having been taken and proved unanimous in his favour. This gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and some other transactions being disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was provided under the personal supervision of Bro. Hamp.

The cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were presented and honoured.

In proposing the toast of the initiate, the W.M. expressed his gratification that such a candidate should have been added to the Craft.

Bro. Joseph Joseph responded in an excellently conceived speech.

During the evening several Brethren added to the enjoyment of the company with their musical talent, Bro. Hopkins presiding at the piano.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE 35th installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge took place on Thursday, 17th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. John Ingram Moar W.M., who was supported by Bros. George Simpson W.M.-elect S.W., R. Clarke J.W., C. I. Stevens Chaplain, H. J. Gabb P.M. Treas., A. J. Potter P.M. Sec., J. J. Lewen S.D., W. M. Johnson J.D., E. Johnson Org., C. Weeden P.M. D.C., T. W. Couch I.G., T. Pelchell Steward; Past Masters H. D. Blake, C. H. Ockelford, H. Sprake, &c.; Bros. W. H. Angell, J. Howard, A. G. Denton, H. West, W. H. Carter, Britton, W. Mansell Stevens, Schlosshauer (Captain of s.s. Windward), C. Reed, I. Keiger, G. Lombardi, W. Healey, L. A. T. Margetts, Jos. Cox, A. Levesque, W. Hammond, M. Goldberg, E. Chubb, J. Bond, Van Helden, R. Fletcher, H. Millson, Thos. Brooks, F. M. Wenborn, J. P. A. Amedie, and H. Garrett.

The Visitors included Bros. W. M. Wills P.M. 34, H. J. Bennison 173, C. Smith P.M. 1328, H. C. Pegg 1903, R. G. Simpson 291, A. P. Lothian 1900, R. Stewart 2093, G. Maull J.D. 1297, C. R. Todd P.M. 27, R. M. Barber W.M. 198, C. H. Denny I.P.M. 1671, D. Medcalf P.M. 1327, C. Reeve P.M. 1816, H. S. Solomon 2396, S. Gabb P.M. 902, J. J. Gardener 1607, R. Tarrant S.D. 212, J. Atto J.D. 2467, W. T. Manger P.M. 1314, W. Rice 2374, H. Edwards 186, H. C. Todd P.M. 27, W. J. Millington P.M. 2241.

The Lodge having been opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and preliminary business disposed of, Bro. H. J. Gabb P.M., who acted as D.C., presented Bro. George Simpson for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. C. Weeden, and saluted.

The new W.M. then invested his Officers:—Bro. Clarke S.W., Lewen J.W., Stevens Chaplain, Gabb Treas., Potter Sec., W. M. Johnson S.D., Couch J.D., E. Johnson Organist, J. Howard I.G., C. Weeden D.C., A. T. Margetts A.D.C., T. Petchell, T. Kieser, and H. West Stewards.

Bro. J. I. Moar delivered the addresses, with the greatest precision and impressiveness.

Other Masonic business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal supervision of Bro. J. W. Terry, the manager of the establishment.

After the Loyal toasts, Bro. Moar I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., referring to his past work as a criterion for the future conduct of the Lodge, to which Bro. Simpson suitably responded.

The toast of the Masonic Charities was given by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Moar, who said that he was going up as Steward for the Boys, and hoped that the Lodge and Brethren would help him; he was pleased to announce later that his list realised nearly £50.

The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was responded to by Bro. Potter, who gave a résumé of the year's successful work.

The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Simpson, father of the W.M., and others.

A very excellent programme of music was performed by Miss Beatrice Ashton, Bro. Harrison Brockbank (who was the same afternoon one of the jury in "Trial by Jury" at Nellie Farren's benefit), Bro. Fred Russell, Mr. A. J. Manyer, Miss May Potter (violin). Mr. Philip A. Henry was at the piano.

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WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

AN ordinary meeting was held on Monday, 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. H. Kemp presiding.

The Worshipful Master passed Bro. John Browning to the second degree, and afterwards initiated Mr. Richard Hawkins Wynne.

Later in the evening the Worshipful Master announced that he would hold an emergency meeting of the Lodge on the third Monday in April, for the purpose of raising Bro. Browning, and passing Bro. Wynne. There being no further business before the Brethren the Lodge was closed, and an adjournment took place to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a well appointed dinner was enjoyed. The usual toasts met with the customary loyal, hearty, and fraternal reception.

Bro. T. H. T. Jarvis Immediate Past Master proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, referring particularly to the fact that that was the last occasion but one on which Bro. Kemp would occupy the Master's chair at the banquet table of the Whittington Lodge. They all knew, he added, how admirably he had discharged his duties since he had occupied the dignified position of Master of the Lodge.

Bro. Kemp replied, thanking the Brethren for the support they had extended to him during the year.

The toast of the Initiate was responded to by Bro. Wynne, who expressed the hope that, having entered the Order, an honour to which he had always aspired, he should become a true Brother among Masons.

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LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

THE ladies' entertainment of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 12th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, under the Mastership of Bro. Harry Watts.

Everyone was presented with a beautiful button-hole of flowers, in addition to which each lady received a bottle of scent, enclosed in a pretty box, says the "City Press."

Following dinner a brief list of toasts were honoured. Bro. H. C. Lonsdale I.P.M. proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of the Worshipful Master, remarking that his able presidency caused them all to regret that his year of office would shortly draw to a close.

Bro. Watts W.M., in responding, said he felt he had not done so well as he ought to have done, but still he had done his best. That night was so successful that he felt very proud of being the W.M. of the Perseverance Lodge. He had had a most prosperous year, and every Brother of the Lodge had been most kind to him, while if it had not been for Bro. Lonsdale he believed that he should not have been able to do the work of the Lodge.

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DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THE members of this Lodge held their Annual Festival on Wednesday, 16th inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham, and scored an unqualified success. The ninth Master was duly installed with full honours, the large installing Board testifying to the popularity, kindness of heart, and good fellowship of Bro. T. Morris. There was absolute harmony, earnest sympathetic work, as well as quiet calmness in the whole event; everyone knowing that this Lodge, which has been so successful in the past, was again to be placed under the most skilled management.

Among those present were Bros. J. Mitchell W.M., C. Woods I.P.M., T. Morris S.W. Master-elect, A. Robertson J.W., R. Steele P.M. Treas., J. W. Folkard P.M. Sec., G. F. Winney S.D., H. Mitchell J.D., W. W. Westley P.M. D.C., Fitch, Machin, Taylor Stds., Patrick Tyler, Kidman, Baker, H. L. Mitchell, Kench, J. Wyer P.P.G.D.C. Kent, Beckwith, Merrett, Stracey, F. W. Sinclair, Brinkman, Gregory, Goldacker, C. Hearsey, C. Harrould.

Past Masters:—Bros. S. Cochrane P.G. Treas., E. Beaven, J. Langdon. Visitors:—Bros. E. Walker P.M. 72, Turner 902, Holmyard 2417, S. Rashleigh P.M. 902, S. Lucas P.M. J.D. 2395, H. Bond P.P.G.D.C. Kent, Page P.M. 1613, A. Calkin P.M. 1056, C. Gompertz P.M. 869, G. Reed P.M. 13, W. Bishop S.W. 975, H. J. Mitchell D.C. 1056, J. D. Small 1164, E. Watts 2319, A. Butt S.D. 753, W. H. Smith 1374, T. Nye 1693, F. Blake J.W. 2183, H. Edwards 186, J. Bartlett 2030, J. Shuttle 1329.

The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, when Bro. T. Morris was presented by Bro. Woods for the benefit of installation. Bro. John Mitchell then proceeded in a masterly manner with the ceremony. After the installation Bro. Morris invested the following Officers: Bros. Robertson S.W., Winney J.W., Steele P.M. Treas., Folkard P.M. Sec., Westley P.M. D.C., Mitchell S.D., C. J. Fitch J.D., A. Machin P.M. I.G., G. Taylor A.D.C., C. Woods P.M., F. J. Beckwith, and F. W. Sinclair Stewards, C. Patrick P.M. Tyler.

The Installing Master then delivered the addresses in a most touching and earnest manner.

Bro. H. L. Mitchell moved the adoption of the report of the Audit Committee, Bro. S. Cochrane P.G.T. seconded, and it was unanimously accepted.

On the motion of Bro. C. Woods P.M. Std., seconded by Bro. Westley P.M. D.C., it was unanimously resolved to place ten guineas on the list of Bro. Harvey P.M., who is a Steward for the Boys Festival.

Bro. Langdon P.M. gave a notice of motion, and three candidates were proposed.

All Masonic business being ended, and the Lodge closed, the Brethren enjoyed a capital dinner, under the presidency of the new Master. Having done justice to the good things provided by the host, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted by Bro. Morris, and were well received.

Bro. S. Cochrane P.G.T. made a most felicitous reply for the Grand Officers, pointing out the good work done by the Board of General Purposes, as well as the Grand Officers.

Bro. J. Mitchell I.P.M. proposed the W.M.—than whom no better Mason, nor better man could be found; he would do honour to the Lodge that had given him his high office. Courteous, able, genial, and generous, he would always live in their memories as "one of the best."

Bro. Morris W.M. suitably responded. He had learnt something already of the dignity and responsibility of his Office. He expected, with their generous support, a capital year.

The W.M. proposed the Installing Master, and in the name of the Lodge presented him a Past Master's jewel. Their eighth Master had been a complete success, his memory would ever live in their hearts.

Bro. John Mitchell I.P.M. responded.

The W.M. proposed the Visitors, many of whom were old friends, all of whom were welcome, and each highly esteemed among his Brethren and fellows.

Bro. Geo. Reed P.M. 13 was delighted to be present. All had been so well done that he was sure his Grace the Duke of Fife must be delighted to have his name associated with such an exemplary Lodge. As the Duke himself was a capital fellow, and thorough Mason, so those who worked under his name were equally a credit and success.

Bro. Lucas was among friends he had known so long that he hardly felt like a Visitor, but he congratulated them on their good fellowship.

Bro. Bond P.P.G.D.C. Kent wished them a most successful year, and hoped to see more of what the Master "could" do.

Bro. S. Rashleigh P.M. 902, as "the Father in Freemasonry" of the W.M., was most pleased to see him in his honourable position. He knew him as a man of business, as well as a Mason, and equally respected him. The Lodge could be certain that whatever he undertook would be well done.

The toasts of the Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, the Officers, and the Tyler's toast were duly received.

The harmony of the evening was greatly increased by the efforts of the following musical Brethren:—Bros. Winney J.W., A Calk P.M., J. Bartlett, W. Stracey, A. Machin P.M., Nye, and Edwards.

BOROUGH LODGE, No. 2589.

THE last meeting before the summer vacation was held in the Napoleon Room of the Bridge House Hotel, on Wednesday, 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. A. Atkin W.M.

After formal business Bro. Gorey was passed, which ceremony was followed by the raising of Bros. Copeland and Innocent, the ceremony again being performed in an impressive manner by the W.M.

Before the Lodge adjourned, on the motion of Bro. Roots I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Bulpitt S.W., it was resolved that the next meeting (in October) should be a ladies' night.

After the banquet the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. On that of the W.M. being proposed, Bro. Roots, who gave it, took the opportunity of assuring Bro. Atkin that the Lodge, having seen him reach the centre of the work of his year of office, congratulated itself on its choice. He was confident the Borough Lodge would be successfully and efficiently conducted till he vacated the chair. His knowledge of Masonry and excellence of working had satisfied all who had witnessed it.

The W.M., in responding, appealed for the most hearty support of the members when the ladies' night, in October, came round. For his own part, he undertook that the musical portion of the evening should be something with which everyone would be satisfied.

ENGINEER LODGE, No. 2599.

A MEETING was held at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 12th inst., when there were present Bros. E. S. Standing W.M., L. H. Coles P.M. as I.P.M., R. Urquhart P.M. S.W., W. F. Trydell P.M. as J.W., W. H. Coles P.M. Treas., J. P. White P.M. Sec., Jas. Law S.D., H. M. Carter J.D., Jas. Kearney I.G., C. B. Wasser Chaplain, A. Davis Organist, J. Duffy Tyler, J. W. Clemons, S. Chote, D. Ricketts, J. Fitch, R. Shambler, and C. J. Sleigh. Visitor: Bro. C. Lane I.G. 2402.

The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in favour of Bro. R. Urquhart P.M. 1424 S.W. Bro. Colonel W. H. Coles P.M. was re-elected Treasurer.

It was decided that the installation meeting and annual festival should be held on Wednesday, 6th April, and Bros. E. S. Standing, R. Urquhart, and J. P. White were appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

A foreign distressed Brother being in attendance and proved worthy was relieved from the Charity box fund.

The Secretary stated he was going to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and asked for individual subscriptions.

After receiving a proposition for a joining member, there being no further business, the Lodge was closed.

HOLLOWAY LODGE, No. 2601.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 16th inst., under the presidency of Brother F. Varley W.M., supported by Bros. James Terry P.G.Swordbearer Sec. R.M.B.Institution I.P.M., Jones S.W., Walkham J.W., Marfarlane P.P.G.O. Surrey P.M. and Secretary W.M.-elect, Kettle, Gordon, Lerner, Arthur Briscoe P.G.O. Surrey Organist, Grimwade, King, Burgess, Beale, Crisp, Herbert Clarke, Harris, Kirby, Mason, Brett, Midworth, Hughes, Erneston, Farrady, J. Edmonds P.M. P.Z. Tyler, and Maidwell P.M. Assist. Tyler.

Visitors:—Bros. Wesche W.M. 1929, Hill S.W. 157, Lamigeon I.P.M. 2551, Barlow W.M. 180, Barnett P.M. 185, Norrington P.M. 619, Lane Org. 2432, Harry Willsmer 1567, Dickeson P.M. 179.

The Lodge having been opened the minutes were read and confirmed. The Report of the Audit Committee was received. Bros. W. H. Mason and W. H. Harris were raised to the degree of Master Mason.

Bro. H. J. Macfarlane was then installed into the chair by Bro. James Terry, who delivered the addresses in his well-known admirable manner.

After investing his Officers the W.M. proceeded to initiate Messrs. W. Farrady, and H. J. Emerton.

An excellent banquet was served by Bro. Beale, the arrangements being in the hands of Bro. Beale jun.

The harmony was supplied by Bro. Gould, Cockrell, Shiner, and Lewis Vincent, Bro. Arthur Briscoe P.G.O. Surrey Organist of the Lodge accompanying throughout.

INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

ON Wednesday, at Bro. Cooper's, Globe Tavern, Fish Street Hill, London Bridge, Bro. E. Pennock W.M., S. Forman S.W., G. Bushill J.W., J. K. Pitt P.M. Sec., I. W. Simeons S.D., C. H. Ash J.D., J. Wynman I.G., G. Barratt, E. Cooper, and others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. I. W. Simeons being the candidate. After this ceremony the W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour

of Bro. Simeons, who advanced the Lodge to the third degree, when Bro. Pitt, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. S. Forman will preside next Wednesday.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday afternoon, at 8 p.m., Bro. J. E. Culverhouse W.M., J. H. Warwick S.W., A. Espezel J.W., A. Menn S.D., A. W. Musk J.D., H. J. Rose I.G., P.M. Woodrow Preceptor, I. W. Simeons Secretary, Rudderforth P.M., A. Cassagnol, R. A. Calot, A. Butcher, J. Ollington, H. Williamson, W. Morant, and others, with Bro. G. Renant P.M. 1623 Visitor.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. A. Calot candidate. The charge after the initiation was well rendered by Bro. Warwick S.W. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Renant P.M. candidate, both ceremonies being well done by Bro. J. E. Culverhouse W.M.

Bro. W. Morant, of the Eccleston Lodge, 1624, and Bro. R. A. Calot, of the New Cross Lodge, 1559, were elected members. Bro. J. H. Warwick was chosen W.M. for next meeting.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E., on Wednesday, Bro. G. H. Holmes W.M., G. H. Fennell P.M. S.W., H. Soar J.W., Moffatt S.D., H. Cuthbertson I.G., Thornton Sec., J. DeCasseres P.M. Preceptor, D. Cuthbertson, and Butcher.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Butcher answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Thornton answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed.

Bro. Fennell was elected to the chair for Wednesday, 3rd inst., on which date Bro. DeCasseres P.M. will rehearse the ceremony of installation.

PROVINCIAL.

DOBIE LODGE, No. 889.

THE installation was held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Wednesday, 16th inst., when Bro. W. H. Gaze was placed in the chair, in the presence of a large number of members and visitors.

ST. JOHN LODGE No. 1343.

THERE was a good amount of Masonic work gone through at the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex, on Wednesday. Bro. Edwin Ayres W.M. presided, assisted by Bros. J. Weymouth S.W., Chas. Westwood P.P.G.D.C. as J.W., F. W. Pelling Prov. G. Steward I.P.M., H. C. Borradaile P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, Charles Asplin S.D., R. Atkins P.M. J.D., Robt. Walker I.G., Robert Matthews Organist.

There were also present Bros. F. S. Guy P.P.G.J.W., W. B. Heagerty P.P.G.R., M. T. Tuck P.P.G.S.B., J. C. Wingrove P.P.G.O., A. C. James, W. H. Brough, J. W. Rowton, W. Brown, D. Pean, G. H. Jones, Robt. Rinton, G. E. Gilbert, Frank Spurr, W. Griffiths.

Visitors:—Bros. John Spencer W.M. 1437, W. H. Palmer 1437, J. Watkins 901, &c.

The Lodge was duly opened by Bro. Ayres, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Thomas Frederick Ashdown, Alfd. Woolings, and Percy William Wilson, which proved in their favour, and being in attendance they were admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, by the W.M.

Bro. H. W. P. Hunt, a candidate to be passed to the second degree, answered the usual questions and was subsequently advanced as a Craftman. There were two candidates for the third degree, but owing to the nature of their avocations at sea, they were unable to be present on this occasion.

Both the ceremonies were admirably rendered by Bro. Ayres, and evidently made a great impression on the candidates.

The Bye-laws were read in open Lodge by the Secretary, one of which provides that at the meeting in March the Brethren shall proceed to elect a Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. The choice of the Lodge fell upon Bros. Joseph Weymouth, Charles Westwood, and George Martin to fill those respective offices, for which they returned thanks. Bros. Hunt, Ashdown, Woolings, and Wilson were appointed as Auditors of the Lodge.

Bro. Weymouth proposed "That a hearty vote of thanks, together with a Past Master's collar and jewel, be accorded to Bro. Ayres, for his able conduct in the chair during his year of office, and his general services to the Lodge." This was seconded by Bro. Borradaile, and carried with acclamation.

Bro. Ayres expressed his thanks to the Brethren for the compliment conferred.

The Brethren decided to support the application of the daughter of a deceased Past Master of the Lodge, who is a candidate for election to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, all votes to be sent to the Charity Representative.

There being no other business, the Master received the good wishes of the Brethren, and the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, after which the Brethren adjourned to supper, and a pleasant convivial evening was spent.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

"This is a good gentle audience."

Jack Drum's Entertainment, 1601.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John in connection with the above Lodge, took place at the Palatine Hotel, Hunt's Bank, Manchester, on Thursday, 10th inst., Bro. Clement John Hall W.M.

There was a capital attendance of members and Visitors, principal among the latter being Bros. Peter Jackson P.M. 368 P.G.J.D. Cheshire, John Chadwick P.M. 277, W. Skilling W.M. 1565, R. H. Ibbotson W.M. 1588, W. E. Hand S.D. 1134, and W. H. Jones Org. 2447.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the installation of Bro. John Kinsey J.W. Worshipful Master-elect took place, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Hall, the retiring Master,

who was assisted by Bro. T. T. Hardicker P.M. Prov. Grand Swd. Br., who rendered the address to the W.M.; Bro. S. Mamelok P.M., who presented the working tools in the three degrees, and also addressed the Wardens; Bro. Wm. Boden P.M., who invested and addressed the Officers; and Bro. W. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.J.D., who addressed the Brethren generally.

The Installed Board consisted of Bro. Hall W.M., Geo. Bingham S.W., J. Chadwick J.W., W. Skilling I.G., and W. Boden Deacon.

Appended is a list of the new Officers invested, viz., Bros. A. G. Bryce S.W., Oates Rushton J.W., T. H. Stott Chap., S. Mamelok P.M. Treas., S. Kew J.D., W. Boden P.M. Dir. of Cer., R. H. Whatham, J. H. Crowther, W. Greenhalgh and W. Simpson Stewards. Bro. Boden was again appointed Charity Representative.

After the business of the Lodge had been concluded the Brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Henry Logan (the new host), late Manager of the Hotel Victoria, London.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were agreeably varied by the efforts of a musical septet, consisting of Bros. Meade, Maltby, Blacow, Stott, Rushton, Seymour Jackson, and Pennington, the accompanist being Bro. Cole P.M. P.P.G.Org. West Lanes. A recitation by Bro. Rushton, and two humorous songs capably rendered by Bro. Stott, added a spice of variety to the proceedings, and were well received.

The opening toasts were given by Bro. Kinsey W.M., and duly honoured.

That of the newly-installed Master was proposed by Bro. Hall I.P.M., who said that as Installing Master he felt delighted that the duty had fallen upon him of placing such a worthy follower in the chair of K.S., and one whom, it went without saying, the Brethren would honour as he deserved. That he had been permitted to perform the ceremony of that day, and in connection with so worthy a Brother, had conferred upon him one of the greatest treats of his life. In Bro. Kinsey they had an Officer who was thoroughly alive to all the duties and responsibilities of his exalted position, and who would fearlessly and faithfully perform them, however exacting they might be. There was a certain amount of regret which must naturally follow the vacation of a chair, where as Worshipful Master he had governed the Lodge for twelve months, but on the other hand that regret was tinged with pleasure and satisfaction, by the knowledge that so estimable a successor had been provided to fill his place. He hoped the Brethren would respond most enthusiastically to the toast which it was his pride and his pleasure to propose to them—that of Brother Kinsey's health.

Bro. Kinsey W.M., in reply, said he thought Bro. Hall had rather over-estimated his abilities. As a Freemason he had endeavoured to do all that it was possible to perform for the welfare of those around him, and in the future he would try, by the assistance of the Officers appointed that day, to do what he could to still further their interests. He had been immensely pleased by the ceremony as performed by Bro. Hall, which reflected great credit upon him, for he had really excelled himself. He thanked the Brethren for drinking his health so heartily, and hoped that the anticipations of the proposer of the toast would be realised, and that he might leave that chair as unsullied as he had found it.

The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. Hall, Immediate Past Master, who, he hoped, would get a bumper. Before closing his remarks there was one duty which he must not forget. The members of the Lodge, with their usual appreciation of faithful services, were not unmindful of those which had been rendered during the year by the I.P.M., and he had great pleasure in presenting to Bro. Hall, on their behalf, a very handsome Past Master's jewel. The gift was only a just reward for merit, and the recipient thoroughly deserved all the praise which could be uttered about him. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

W. BRO. CLEMENT JOHN HALL, P.M.,

by the Brethren of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449, for services as W.M. 1897-8.

Bro. Hall responded, saying he was afraid they had heard his voice too often that day. At the present time he was under the care of a medical man, his complaint being catarrh of the throat, and he had been advised to use his voice as little as possible. As the outgoing Worshipful Master, he might say that after a twelve months' occupancy of the chair of King Solomon, it was somewhat hard to emancipate himself from the slight bondage and restraints which the position naturally induced. He had got so used to the various duties of his office that they would believe him when he stated he entered the Lodge that day with full confidence; and in performing the ceremony of installation he hoped he had given entire satisfaction, as he had certainly aimed for that end. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received his name, and also for the handsome jewel which they had presented him. It would be a source of joy and happiness to him in the days to come, and he hoped he should be among them for many years, capable of performing other important duties in connection with the Lodge. Whatever work was imposed upon him he would perform with alacrity and pleasure.

Bro. Whatham, who proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, advocated the choosing of good and capable men to fill important positions in Lodges, and eulogised the choice of that day, saying he was confident a judicious selection had been made.

Other toasts followed, notably the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Hall I.P.M., who made an appeal to the Brethren on behalf of those deserving Institutions. The proceedings did not terminate until a late hour.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE WESTBOURNE INSTRUCTION LODGE, No. 733.

THE annual meeting of this well-known Lodge took place on Tuesday, at Bro. E. Stevens's, Prince of Wales, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, the chair being occupied by Bro. J. Welford P.M. and Treasurer of the Mother Lodge.

Amongst those present were Bros. R. J. Rogers P.M. 733 Treasurer, H. Dehane P.P.G.D.C. Essex Preceptor, and Geo. Mogford P.M. 2362 Secretary of the Westbourne Instruction Lodge; F. Wortham W.M. 733, C. T. Brown I.P.M. 733, W. M. Roberts P.M. 733, J. W. Curtis P.M., J. Mason P.G.D. Surrey, G. Weaver S.W. 733, L. E. Lilley J.W. 733, T. Mogford W.M. 2362, M. Rockman, F. Brock, J. Woodford, J. Harris, C. Marmeat, A. Jones, H. Bagnall, G. Goddard, White, W. Handover, Young, Potter, Matthews, Medland, Wynman, and several others.

After a well served supper the Chairman proposed the usual Loyal toasts, and then gave "Prosperity to the Mother Lodge."

Bro. Walker Sec. 733, in replying, said he had to thank the company—and that very much—for the kind proposition and reception of the toast. He scarcely liked to apologise for being called upon to reply, but it appeared

to him he was the wrong man, as there were more worthy and far abler members of the Lodge present. Bro. Past Master Welford had been pleased to refer in flattering terms to the Mother Lodge; those present who were members were proud to belong to it, while those who were not were proud to associate with its Brethren. The Westbourne Lodge was known in far off countries—some of its members being in India, Australia, New Zealand, and elsewhere. In regard to the Lodge of Instruction; the Mother Lodge was very pleased with its work, and the instruction it was able to impart to members. Personally he was the second oldest member of the Lodge of Instruction, and had filled the office of its Secretary for some time. It was not then so successful as it appeared to be now, when its prosperity was matter for general congratulation. He concluded with sincere thanks for the generous and hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and a wish that the Instruction Lodge might go on and prosper until time should be no more.

Bro. Mason, in proposing the toast of success to the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, and its executive, said he and Bro. Walker were the victims of circumstances. He was certainly proud of being a member of the Lodge of Instruction. The meeting that evening brought to his mind many very pleasant associations. In Bro. Dehane they had a Preceptor second to none, both in imparting instruction and in gaining friends; in Bro. Rogers a Treasurer who carefully looked after the finances; and in Bro. Mogford—an old friend—a model Secretary. He hoped the Lodge of Instruction would continue to retain the proud position it at present held, and coupled with the toast the names of the three executive Officers he had spoken of.

Bro. Dehane said he was very proud of the position he held as Preceptor of the Lodge. He congratulated Bro. Mason on his recovery from his serious illness, and was pleased, as he knew all the other Brethren were, to see him present. He would go further, and add that he was welcome not only at every Masonic function he attended, but also outside Freemasonry in his private capacity. The remarks which had been made by the proposer of the toast were gratifying to him, as it showed that his teaching was approved of. With regard to the remark of Bro. Walker that he was one of the oldest members of the Lodge, and for some time its Secretary—his attendances then might have been regular, but now they were few and far between, which was a matter he regretted, as he liked to see some of the executive of the Mother Lodge at their weekly meetings, as it encouraged others. At the same time he might mention that the other Officers were, as a rule, very regular.

Bro. Rogers also thanked Bro. Mason, congratulated him on his recovery, and expressed the pleasure all felt at seeing him once more among them. With regard to the finances of the Lodge—he must indeed congratulate the members on the success of the last two years working. At the commencement of that period the Lodge was in debt, now there was a balance in hand of over £15, after paying all expenses, and he hoped this would be increased by June next to twenty guineas, so that the four Brethren they had in the Lodge who were going up as Stewards for the Boys School Centenary might each have a vote of five guineas from the Lodge on his list.

Bro. Mogford followed, adding his congratulations. He was very glad to hear from the Treasurer that the finances of the Lodge were in a healthy state. His own duties were but light, and he looked forward to their Tuesday evening meetings with pleasure, attending with the best feelings Masonically to help. It would take a long time to make him tired of taking down the names of those who attended. He was pleased he had suggested that Bro. Welford—an old member of the Lodge—should preside on this festive occasion, and concluded by thanking all the members for the confidence they had placed in him.

Bro. Welford proposed the toast of the Visitors. On this occasion he believed there was but one or two guests among the sixty or seventy Brethren round him, which afforded direct evidence of the strength of their Lodge.

Bro. Flack, replying, said he was proud of the way the visitors had been received. It was the first opportunity he had had of attending, and he readily inferred, from what he had seen, that the work in the Lodge was as entertaining and as well carried out as it possibly could be. He should take the earliest opportunity of becoming enrolled amongst the members.

Bro. Young also replied, testifying to the popularity of the Lodge, and its well known excellence of work.

Bro. Brown I.P.M. 733 proposed the health of the chairman. He was pleased the executive had placed this matter in his hands, but felt it might have been in better, although no one could say more kinder things of Bro. Welford than he wished to do, did he but possess the power. Bro. Welford was well known all over London, and seemed pleased at all times to do what he could for the welfare of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Welford returned thanks. It gave him great pleasure to come amongst them. His knowledge of Freemasonry had been gained in their Lodge of Instruction, which he thought was the best of its kind in London. Getting instruction in his day was not what it was at the present time, when there were many efficient tutors.

Bro. Curtis proposed the health of the W.M. of the Westbourne Lodge Bro. Wortham, whose modesty and quietness were, he said, his great points. Bro. Wortham had been a member of their Lodge for many years, during which time he had faithfully discharged the duties of the various offices he had held, and was well worthy of all confidence and support.

Bro. Wortham returned thanks for the toast. He had been one of the executive of the Lodge, in fact, its Secretary, and really resuscitated it some years back. He regretted to say he left the office with the Lodge in debt, but then it must be borne in mind that the attendances at the time were some three or four at a meeting at the Swiss Cottage. He was glad the Lodge was now so successful. It was through its instrumentality he held the proud position he now occupied, and he hoped it would continue to prosper.

Bro. Rogers proposed the toast of the host and hostess. He knew as a fact that both had taken great trouble to make the dinner a success, but did not think it was necessary to praise Bro. Stevens, as all who knew him were aware of his good qualities. Personally he had to thank Bro. Stevens for introducing him to Freemasonry, and it afforded him much pleasure to now propose this toast.

Bro. Stevens responded, expressing his thanks for the approval of the Brethren, and hoping that he might have the opportunity on many future occasions of catering for their comfort. He might assure them that both his wife and he would spare no trouble to give satisfaction.

Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, those contributing to the harmony being Bros. T. W. Turner, W. Llewellyn 766, White, Goddard, Halston, Knight P.M., G. Mogford P.M., and Hallett P.M.

SITUATION wanted by a Brother. An experienced Engineer of good standing, and Colonial experience. Highest references. Address: G.N., 62 Hampden Street, Harrow Road, W.

GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Annual Communication was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 21st inst., the Depute First Grand Principal Comp. C. C. Nisbet, W.S., presiding. The Earl of Haddington was elected and installed First Grand Principal, Lord Saltoun Past First Grand Principal, C. C. Nisbet Depute First Grand Principal, William Black Second Grand Principal, James A. S. Kerr Third Grand Principal.

After the business meeting the Companions celebrated the Festival of the Vernal Equinox—First Grand Principal the Earl of Haddington presiding.

Major Woodall, representative from the Supreme Chapter of England, proposed the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and expressed the best wishes for its prosperity, and the hope that its members would on an early occasion Masonically invade England and Ireland.

The Chairman, in replying, referred to the enthusiastic reception which had been accorded to Scottish Masons in the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. He was glad to say that whether they looked to the position of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland from a financial or a numerical point of view, they could congratulate themselves on a great increase during the past seven years. In 1891 there were 766 new members registered, the income was £742, and the total estate £5,825. There had been an increase on each

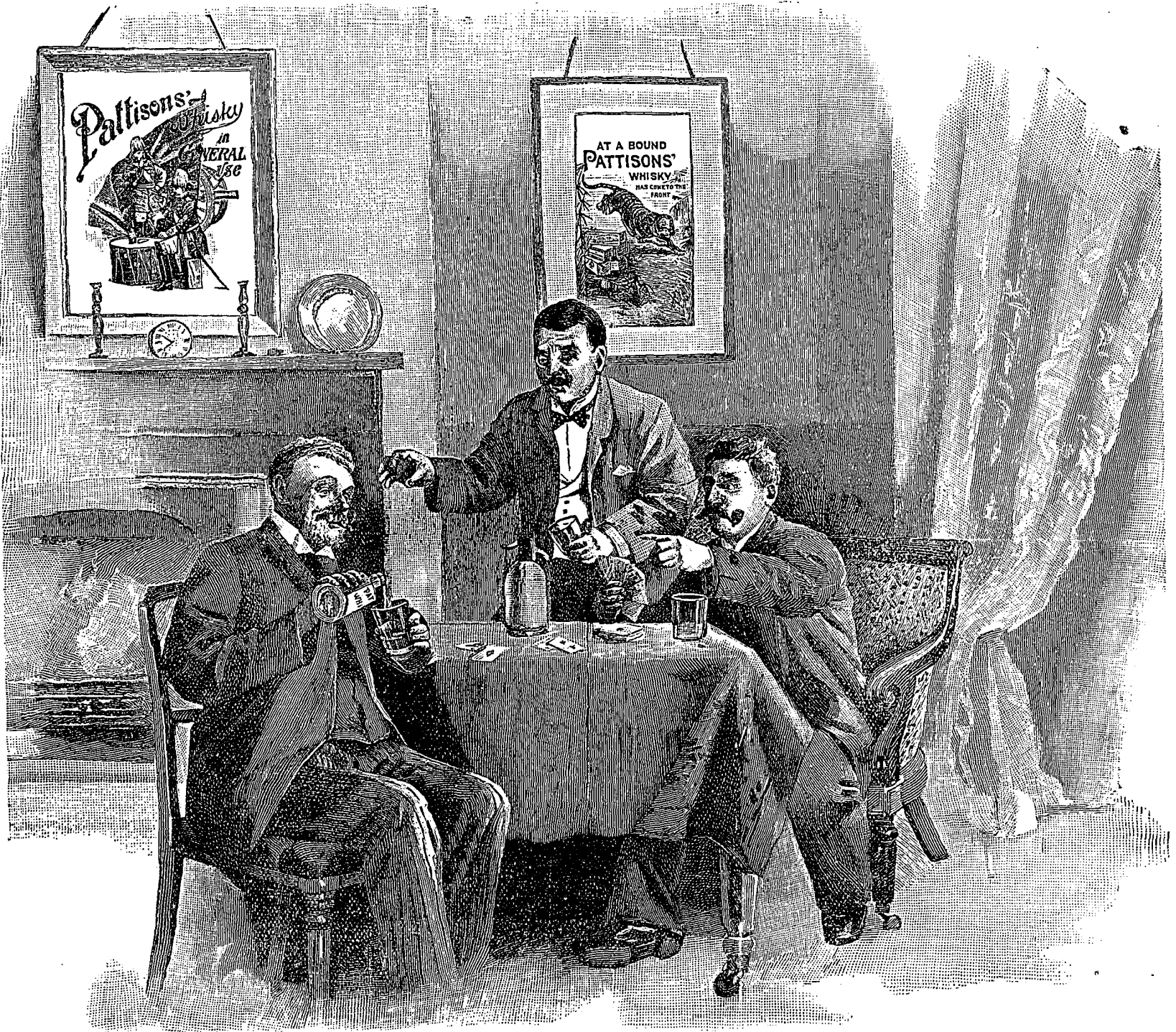
figure till 1898, when the registrations were 1,244, the income £1,020, and the total estate £8,870. Then in 1892 there was £653 paid into the Benevolent Fund, and in 1898 £1,322. This showed the true spirit of Masonry—that it was not simply for enjoyment or fraternal pleasant meetings. These figures proved not only that much greater interest must have been taken in Arch Masonry within these seven years, but that his predecessors in office had done their best to promote the interests of the Order, and that the Supreme Grand Chapter was now in a flourishing condition.

Comp. C. C. Nisbet proposed the Supreme Grand Chapters of England and Ireland, and Major J. W. Woodall replied.

Captain Hope Grand Sword Bearer proposed the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and referred to its progress and present flourishing condition, much of which he attributed to the earnest and energetic work of the Grand Secretary, who last Saturday attained his majority as Grand Secretary.

Comp. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary replied, and said he had devoted himself rigorously to his duties, and had the consolation of having the entire confidence of the whole Craft of Scotland.

The third dance of the series arranged for the season by the St. James Lodge, Halifax, took place at the Masonic Hall, and was a brilliant success in every way.



BROWN AND JONES: "Steady there with the PATTISONS', old chap!"

ROBINSON: "All right, there's plenty for all of us, and not a headache in the whole bottle."

At a Bound Pattisons' Whisky has come to the front, and is now in General Use as the Glass of Fashion, being recognised Here, There, and Everywhere, as Scotland's Best.

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.

- 4 Rl. Som. Ho. & Fness, F.M.H.
- 26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel
- 28 Old King Arms, F.H.
- 79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
- 183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
- 222 St. Andrew, Albion
- 706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.
- 902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
- 905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
- 1540 Chaucer, Southwark
- 1632 Stuart, Camberwell
- 1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
- 1745 Farringdon (Without), Via. H'tl
- 1828 Shepherd's Bush, S'pherd's B'sh
- 1910 Shadwell Clerke, M'kmasons'-h.
- 2396 Bishopgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
- 43 St. Paul, Birmingham
- 48 Industry, Gateshead
- 62 Social, Manchester
- 491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
- 557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
- 1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
- 1177 Tenby, Tenby
- 1218 Prince Alfred, Mossley
- 1258 Kennard, Pontypool
- 1325 Stanley, Liverpool
- 1688 Buxton, Buxton
- 1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
- 1753 Obedience, Okehampton
- 1991 Agricola, York
- 2042 Apollo, Liverpool
- 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.
- 2257 Powell, Bristol
- 2279 Thornham, Thornham
- 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.
- 2429 Research, Leicester
- 2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
- 2553 Rufford, Nottingham
- 2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

- 299 Emulation, Dartford
- 310 Union, Carlisle
- 597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
- 1353 Torbay, Paignton
- 1479 Halsey, St. Albans
- 1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
- 1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
- 1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
- 1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
- 1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
- 1942 Minerva, Fenton
- 2351 Ermine, Lincoln
- 2358 Mona, Castletown

Wednesday.

- 822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall
- 898 Temperance in East, Poplar
- 1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall
- 76 Economy, Winchester
- 86 Loyalty, Prescott
- 163 Integrity, Manchester
- 187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
- 304 Philanthropic, Leeds
- 321 Unity, Crewe
- 439 Scientific, Bingley
- 461 Fortitude, Newton
- 464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
- 540 Stuart, Bedford
- 651 Brecknock, Brecon
- 818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
- 996 Soudes, East Dereham
- 1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
- 1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
- 1219 Strangeways, Manchester
- 1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
- 1663 Hartismere, Eye
- 1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown
- 1775 Leopold, Church
- 1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
- 1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington
- 1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard
- 1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
- 2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
- 2186 Strigull, Chepstow
- 2283 Euston, St. Neots
- 2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Thursday.

- General Committee Girls School, Freemasons, Hall, at 5.
- 22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern

- 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
- 2192 Highbury, Highbury
- 2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel

- 39 St. John Baptist, Exeter
- 71 Unity, Lowestoft
- 111 Restoration, Darlington
- 116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
- 129 Union, Kendal
- 208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
- 275 Harmony, Huddersfield
- 276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
- 283 Amity, Haslingden
- 318 True and Faithful, Helston
- 332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
- 337 Candour, Uppermill
- 475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
- 590 La Cesaree, Jersey
- 630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
- 636 De Ogle, Morpeth
- 707 St. Mary, Bridport
- 710 Pleiades, Totnes
- 772 Pilgrim, Glastonbury
- 807 Cabbell, Norwich
- 904 Phoenix, Rotherham
- 966 St. Edward, Leek
- 998 Welchpool, Welchpool
- 1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
- 1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
- 1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
- 1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
- 1164 Elliot, St. Germans
- 1166 Clarendon, Hyde
- 1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
- 1313 Fermor, Southport
- 1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1519 Albert Edward, Clayt'n-le-Moors
- 1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
- 1630 St. Michael, Coventry
- 1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
- 1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
- 2028 Granite, Narborough
- 2091 Castleberg, Settle
- 2269 Peace, Wigan
- 2418 Hedworth, South Shields

Friday.

- 90 St. John, Albion
- 554 Yarborough, Fenchurch Street
- 890 Hornsey, Anderton's
- 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Highbury
- 1627 Royal Kensington, F'masons'-h.
- 2488 Eccentric, Criterion
- 2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
- 44 Friendship, Manchester
- 242 St. George, Doncaster
- 291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge
- 306 Alfred, Leeds
- 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
- 712 Lindsey, Louth
- 751 Eastnor, Ledbury
- 837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
- 936 Adair, Aldeburgh
- 951 Prince of Wales, Stow on Wold
- 1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
- 1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
- 1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
- 1232 Hereward, Bourn
- 1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
- 1405 Southwell, Nottingham
- 1458 Truth, Manchester
- 1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
- 1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
- 1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
- 1754 Windsor, Penarth
- 1838 Tudor Rifle Vnt'rs., W'v'h'pton
- 1993 Wolseley, Manchester
- 2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
- 2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield
- 2494 Hummer Installed Masters', Hull
- 2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

Saturday.

- 1622 Rose, Camberwell
- 1949 Brixton, Kennington
- 308 Prince George, Eastwood
- 336 Benevolence, Marple

- 1223 Amherst, Riverhead
- 1388 Canynge, Bristol
- 1460 Thames Valley, Hampton Ct.
- 1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
- 1494 Felix, Hampton Court
- 1550 Prudence, Plymouth

- 1929 Mozart, Croydon
- 2054 Wilson Iles, Rickmansworth
- 2096 George Price, Croydon
- 2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby
- 2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath
- 2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

As the guest of my excellent friend and journalistic compatriot, Bro. Isaac Seaman, I had the privilege of breaking new Masonic ground at the Hampden Lodge, which is held at Hampden House, just over the border of Islington, Phoenix Street way, and which has the distinction of being the only Lodge in London that has a Masonic Temple, expressly designed for the work. And a very pretty temple it is, the most elegant I have seen. Moreover, the Lodge is a good Lodge, presided over by a capital Master in Bro. Thomas J. Mercer, and having a thoroughly good Senior Warden in Bro. Thomas Moss, B.A., who will be remembered as sometime Deputy Superintendent Registrar of Islington. Hampden House is a unique institution, built by the late Eccleston Gibb, as an Institute for the cultivation of arts and literature, and combining a first-rate residential club for gentlemen. It is a remarkable establishment in its way, and is important enough to run a Freemasons' Lodge of its own. The Lodge was very busy on Tuesday, 8th inst., there being four initiations, and the work was done in an unimpeachable manner. At the succeeding banquet—modestly termed a "supper"—there was a joyous assembly, who not only did honour to the Masonic toasts, but provided, under the superintendence of Bro. Organist W. G. Smith, a really superior and amusing Bohemian concert. The guests were not only hospitably treated, but well toasted, the chief respondents for the visitors being Bro. Major Linsey, R.A., and Bro. H. Passmore Edwards, son of that good man who once offered Islington a free library, and will do again, I hope, when Islington gets wiser. Hearty good wishes to the Hampden Lodge. It is young, but evidently flourishing. —The "Merrie Villager," in "Islington Gazette."

The Theatres, &c.

Covent Garden.—Tuesday, 5th April, Fancy Dress Ball.
Lyceum.—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, The Merchant of Venice; Wednesday and Saturday evenings, Waterloo, and The Bells.
Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Caesar. 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.
Savoy.—7.45, Old Sarah. 8.30, The Gondoliers. 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.
Gaiety.—8, The Circus Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8.15, The Muff of the Regiment. 9, A Brace of Partridges. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Criterion.—8.15, The Liars. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
St. James's.—8, Much Ado about Nothing. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Terry's.—8.10, The Eternal Masculine. 8.45, The White Knight. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Globe.—7.45, Comedietta. 8.20, A Bachelor's Romance. Matinée, Saturday, 2. On Wednesday next at 2.30 only.
Duke of York's.—8, Musical Comedietta. 8.45, The Dove-Cote. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Court.—8.30, Trelawny of the "Wells." Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Princess's.—8, How London lives.
Parkhurst.—Next week, Hans the Boatman.
Grand.—Next week, The Gay Parisienne.
Alexandra.—Next week, The Shop Girl.
Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, Sweet Nancy.
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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