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OURSELVES.

IT is not alone because it is customary for us to address a few words to our readers at the commencement of each new volume that we devote our opening remarks this week to a personal chat. We are pleased to have completed the forty-seventh volume of *THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*, with every prospect of a more extended field of operation before us, and we gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of thanking our patrons for their support in the past, and invite them to extend their sympathies towards us with even greater zeal in the future.

We shall use every effort in our power to deserve the continued support of the Craft, and with that assurance we introduce our

FORTY-EIGHTH VOLUME.

MASONRY AND THE DEITY.

THE following extract from a special cablegram from Paris to one of the American papers will be read with interest by those who desire to see an end put to the unfortunate differences existing between the Masonic organisations of France and our own and other Grand Lodges:

PARIS, June 18.—The action of the Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in Great Britain in issuing last week a decree practically excommunicating the Grand Lodge of Peru, and strictly forbidding British Masons from holding any intercourse whatsoever with Peruvian members of the Craft, has created a considerable sensation here, not only because the decree is identical with the one issued just 20 years ago by the British Grand Lodge against the Grand Orient of France, but likewise because it has served to revive the bitter controversy here with regard to the causes which led the British Grand Lodge to adopt so radical and unfriendly a measure.

The reason for the attitude of the Grand Lodge in England toward the Grand Orient of France is identical with that of its stand in connection with the Grand Lodge at Peru. Twenty years ago M. Littré, the compiler of the celebrated French Dictionary, induced the Grand Orient of France to adopt a measure decreeing that from that time forth the mystic letters, "A. N. G. A. U.," should be obliterated from all Masonic documents and symbols and that the Bible or Volume of Sacred Law should be banished from the altars of all French Lodges. In fact, M. Littré objected to the name of the Divinity in any shape or form, and brought over a majority of the members of the Grand Orient of France to his way of thinking. The Grand Lodge of England, on the matter becoming known to them, passed a resolution deciding that English Lodges and English Masons should cut themselves entirely aloof from all Masonic bodies which had "departed from the fun-

damental basis of pure and ancient Masonry," and all intercourse with French Masons was strictly forbidden.

Inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Peru has recently followed the example of the Grand Orient of France, and has banished the name of the Divinity from the ritual of the Craft, the English Grand Lodge had no alternative but to adopt the same measures as those which exist with regard to French Masons, and there is no doubt that the decree will be followed, as in the case of France in 1878, by similar proclamations on the part of the Grand Masters of the Craft in Germany, Scandinavia, Holland, Austria, Spain, Portugal and the United States, none of which countries is at the present moment in Masonic intercourse with the Craft in France.

Ten years ago an effort was made by a number of prominent Masons here to repeal the unfortunate Littré resolution, and to restore the name of the Great Architect of the Universe to His place in the ritual, the leaders of the movement taking the ground that not only was the anti-religious feature of French Masonry foreign to the fundamental basis of the Craft, and kept out of the Order a number of men who would otherwise prove valuable acquisitions thereto, but that it had likewise become an overwhelming obstacle to the principal aim of Masonry which is the establishment of feelings of Brotherhood and Fraternity, not only between individuals, but also between nations. The project was defeated at the time by a narrow majority. The present action of the English Grand Lodge with regard to Peruvian Masons has now led to a revival of the movement here, with considerable prospects of a successful issue, and of the termination of the regrettable schism now prevailing between French and foreign Lodges.

We are very pleased to record that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master sent a letter to Bro. J. M. McLeod expressing his satisfaction with the arrangement and result of the Centenary Festival of the Boys School. We intended to publish a copy of the letter and other matters in relation to the Boys School this week but a mishap at our works has considerably upset our arrangements.

The annual sports of the pupils of the Boys School took place last Saturday, at the Institution at Wood Green, and were thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of Ladies and Brethren interested in the School. We are unable to give details this week.

The levelling influences of the colonies are marvellous, and far exceed anything achieved in Freemasonry, despite the fact that in the Craft all are regarded as equal. As an instance we may quote the experience of a Brother who, in this old country, would be ill at ease if not lording it over his fellows, but in the far off wilds of our newer possessions had to regard himself as a "tenderfoot," and acknowledge that, after all, there were a few who knew a trifle more than he. What would it cost to transplant a few of the "stars" of the Craft, so that they might be similarly convinced?

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL FREEMASONS' TOWER. INAUGURATION OF FUND.

THE Venerable Dean of Rochester Bro. S. J. Reynolds Hole has made the restoration of the Cathedral a work of love. The present incongruous tower has been a source of irritation to him, as it has been to everyone who has the love of the beautiful, together with the desire for regularity. With the consent and co-operation of the highest rulers in the Craft it was decided to inaugurate the fund for a "Freemasons' Tower," and a strong representative Committee, with Major Willis I.P.M. 1174 as Secretary, was formed. The complete success of the pageant on Saturday is probably the best comment that can be made on the thorough organisation. The actual arrangements were in the hands of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies Bro. Thos. Fenn Past Grand Warden, and consequently were perfect.

The weather had threatened to spoil everything, but good old Sol broke through the clouds and smiled upon the Brethren in their good work, encouraging them to go forward.

The quiet inhabitants were awakened by promise of a "Lord Mayor's Show," which by some wonderful accident got mixed up with the Masonic Celebration—to an old Craftsman this seemed hardly the right course of action, although the Lord Mayor of London is a Past Grand Officer, as well as Member of Parliament for Chatham. However, the civic element was in keeping with the general display, and, in spite of their uncomfortable uniform, the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and other dignitaries of the City of London tried to look happy.

Some of the London Brethren arrived early, and tried to "do" the place. In Chatham Dockyard they saw work going on in building a torpedo gunboat, and a third-class cruiser. The "Goliath" had been launched some time since.

At the Museum some interesting exhibits attracted attention. The Brethren were interested in "Rochester 1588" and in the iron fire-place back removed from the Mason's Arms.

The Castle, like the west door of the Cathedral, shows some capital specimens of the zigzag ornament characteristic of the Norman period.

It is only fair to the inhabitants to say that they were all most courteous, and seemed desirous of giving the Brethren a good time. It probably would have been better if the Reception Committee, all most energetic and able Craftsmen, had been a little more "in the know."

The Brethren assembled in the crypt of the Cathedral by a "special" door, clothed, and entered the sacred shrine in regular order, the ladies who had special tickets, and the massed bands of the Royal Engineers and Royal Marines being there before them.

The Brethren of Private Lodges, preceded by Worshipful Masters, made a capital display of "blue." Provincial Grand Officers followed, and took up their places in front of the "blues."

The Mayors of Rochester and Chatham, with Corporation officials and Councillors, preceded the Lord Mayor of London, who was accompanied by the Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and other Corporation officials.

The Grand Lodge procession was in its usual order, and made a good show. The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom appeared not entirely in perfect health, and was supported by the Deputy Grand Master Earl Amherst Prov.G.M. of Kent, and many distinguished Grand Officers, present and past.

The clerical procession, headed by the cross presented by the Freemasons of Rochester, U.S.A., entered, singing as processional hymn "O Lord how joyful 'tis to see the Brethren join in love to Thee."

The opening hymn used by the Pentangle Lodge followed; this was composed by the daughter of the Junior Provincial Grand Chaplain (Dora Robins), the music being in the Dorian mode, and composed by Bro. Rev. H. Hickin S.W. 1174:

"Grand Master Builder, Architect Divine;
Who guards the Craft, the Word, the Mystic Sign,
Guide Thou our steps through paths of Light and Love,
Send us, Thy servants, blessings from above.
O, Master, hear the Brethren's earnest plea,
May all our labours be begun with Thee.

S.M.I.B."

Minor Canon Nash intoned the service, while the special Psalms were xlvi. and cxxii. Canon Jelf read the special lesson I. Chron. xxii. to v. 17. The Magnificat was "Elvey in A," and the anthem Battishill's setting to "Behold how good and joyful."

The hymn before the sermon was "Through the night of doubt and sorrow."

Bro. the Dean of Rochester took as his text I Cor. viii. 1, "Charity edifieth," or more truly to the original Greek "Love buildeth."

The usual buoyancy of our respected Brother seems not to have been able to break through his serious anxiety for his

beloved Cathedral, and the consequence was a really eloquent, thoughtful sermon, that must have deeply affected the assembly. The preacher said:

Charity edifieth—so, Brethren, here we have Freemasonry in two words, and in the original language the text is nearer to it still—"love buildeth"—love builds the house. And whether we associate Masonry with the ancient operative Masons, and go back to the building of King Solomon's Temple, or consider it from its splendid gifts of charity, here we have it in two words—we have the principles, the history, and the work of Freemasonry. We may well be proud of association with the great builders—the guilds of religious workmen, consisting of Worshipful Masters, Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices, who not only in this country, but throughout northern Europe, went about in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, supporting, planning, and taking an active part in erecting such buildings as this in our town. Again we can go to St. Paul's and see the magnificent work of Bro. Christopher Wren, or the exquisite church of St. Saviour's. Of the generous help given by the Masons of England as showing the principles of the Craft in material evidences—the outward visible sign of the inward spiritual grace—or of the acts to give relief to the suffering of widows and orphans—towards whose education no less than £130,000 was given in one year—in whatever aspect considered, everywhere, and by all it must be admitted that Charity edifieth—that love builds the house. The same spirit possesses your and my hearts, Brethren, when we meet in this church. Religion broadly is the love of God and man. Those who had this love desired to raise some proper house to the G.A.O.T.U., and when we open the Volume of the Sacred Law—and my Brethren we love to open it—we find that there were always places of special worship to the Almighty builder of the world. Abel brought of his best to God, was accepted, and became the first of that noble army of martyrs. Noah's bow, after his offering, is a sign of the eternal promise that summer and winter, springtime and harvest, cold and heat shall continue while the world lasts. Abraham built an altar to God, and was called the father of the faithful and the friend of God. Jacob, when he awoke from his sleep, said "How dreadful is this place, it is none other than the house of God." He built an altar, called it Bethel (the house of God) and vowed that he would give the tenth part of whatever possessions he obtained unto God. David, when he was penitent, and consequently had been forgiven, was proud of what he was allowed to do for God—he loved his house, and when he was offered a site for nothing said he would not give that which had cost him nothing. Solomon, who had everything that this world could give, a splendid intellect, money, houses, goods, singing men and singing women, said that all was vanity—but for one house he was thankful—thankful that he had been able to build a Temple to the honour of Almighty God. So it goes on through all ages.

In the New Testament we read of love of the Sanctuary. The Centurion, whom the Master loved, had the true Masonic spirit. He was a Roman, brought up in a pagan religion, yet the Jews crowded round the Master, and said "He is worthy, he loveth our nation, and has built us a synagogue." This received the Divine approbation.

So the Master showed that he approved of the giving towards the cost of the Temple's services—for He specially drew attention to the widow's mite.

The Craft showed the same spirit. This work was dear to the highest and the lowest. The other day he received two letters, one contained £100 towards this fund, and a promise of another £100, the other contained a postal order for half-a-crown, from a working man to buy a bit of mortar. He did not know which would be the most valued.

After the Gospel dispensation they got these great buildings. See how they were built. There was no advertising for contractors, and giving it to those who would do it at the lowest price—no scamped work—no lath or plaster. All was most beautifully done. The architecture that was viewed by the birds only was splendid, as the Craftmen desired their work to rise up with their glorious anthems before the throne of grace.

Charity edifieth—love builds—go through the world, and the right hand of a Mason is always ready by word and deed to prove this. That cross—and I am proud of that cross—is a gift that came over the Atlantic from the Masons of the City of Rochester, U.S.A. So it was with all. The quality of mercy is not strained, it falleth as the gentle dew from heaven: it is twice blessed, for it blesses him who gives as well as him who receives. Mercy equally becomes the monarch on his throne, where mercy seasons justice.

Love builds. Giving is joy both to the wealthy and to the poor. No one enjoys the good things of this world more than do the Masons, so no one has more thought for others in distress.

Love builds the house. Walk round its walls. Tell the towers thereof. There was a time when the beauty of this house was forgotten. Then that incongruous tower, which was a deformity to the building, was put up. He hoped the time

of rebuilding was not far off, when something not offensive, but beautiful, should take its place. He asked their help, knowing their generosity—also something else to remember the blessings of Almighty God, the G.A.O.T.U., who had laid the foundations of the earth, and given it so beautiful a roof. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Their offerings would rise up to God, swifter than telegrams or telephone. We are told how Cornelius heard that his prayers and his alms were heard and accepted. Angels were ready, and in a second they ascended the golden ladder with the prayers and alms. God sees what you give and what you keep back. What is given honestly—they could go home with the confidence that it is given to God. History will be proud of the men who build a city. They could trust to heaven with confidence for its recognition.

He urged that a great sum was needed to beautify this church. The world knew the great sum that had been spent, thousands of pounds, and now over £4,000 was needed. He trusted such a foundation to that sum would be laid as would justify them in commencing the work. Many would come back to Rochester and see the completed work, although he might not be there. He desired the Tower to be called the Freemasons' Tower, so that those who pass by to and from the continent, and from all parts of the world could see something worthy of this church, and say "That is the Freemasons' Tower."

We lose what on ourselves we spend,
We have as treasure without end
Whatever, Lord, to thee we lend,
Who givest all.

The collection was taken during the time that the hymns "Now thank we all our God" and "All people that on earth do dwell" were being heartily sung.

The Dean pronounced the Benediction, after which the closing hymn of the Pentangle Lodge was sung:

"Father of mercies, ere we part this day,
Grant us thy peace, and guide us on our way,
And when the shadows fall and work is done,
Lead us through darkness till the Light be won,
O Master, hear the Brethren's earnest plea,
May labours here begun be blessed by Thee.

S.M.I.B."

After the national anthem the procession returned, the order being the reverse of that at the beginning.

The music played by the bands included:—Priest's War March (Mendelssohn), March Russian, Fest. March (Wagner), Coronation March (Meyerbeer), March Scipio (Handel), March of Israelites (Costa).

After the service a reception and garden party was held in the grounds of the Deanery.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

ON Friday morning, 24th ult., an especial Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, under the banner of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, followed by a service in the Parish Church and the laying, with Masonic ceremonial, of the foundation stone of All Saints' Church.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 11.45, the Provincial Grand Master Viscount Dungarvan being supported by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else P.G. Deacon of England, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain Bro. Dr. Kennion, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

After the Lodge had been duly opened, a procession was formed outside the Masonic Hall, and slowly wended its way during a shower of rain (necessitating the use of umbrellas) to the Parish Church, which was fairly well filled.

After the Service the Bishop ascended the pulpit and delivered the following address:—Brethren, we are gathered together in the House of God that we may invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon the operations which to-day we are about to perform in His sight, and, as we trust, to His glory. You are aware that we are about to lay the foundation stone of a church for which there is great need, for there is a need—I say it with all the emphasis I can—of considerable extension of the church in this place. And we are about to take our part in that service that will be offered at the laying of that foundation stone with all such ceremony, with all such—I hope—reverence, as we think may in any way affect our minds with a due apprehension of the greatness of God, and of the importance of the work which we are doing.

There will be those who will be likely to say "Surely such doings as those which we perceive to-day can hardly be consonant with the simplicity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." And they will compare that manner of great simplicity with which you might say prayer was wont to be made by the reversion to which St. Paul and his earliest converts in Europe would repair. They would

compare such simplicity of worship with the acts which we to-day perform, and would say, "How can you reconcile these with the teachings of the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?" And my answer would be, "Do not think that we suppose for one instant that in what we are doing we are ourselves adding to the glory of God." That is impossible for us to be doing in whatever actions we may perform in this manner. But we do believe that we impress upon our own minds, and that we impress upon the minds of those who are with us, a deeper sense of the inner meaning of it all; of the greatness of the majesty of our God, of the necessity of our thinking of Him in all reverence, and of our doing our utmost to make men share in the knowledge of His greatness and His goodness.

You might say, "What a contrast between the simplicity of that character St. John the Baptist, whose festival is to-day kept throughout the Christian Church, with the very actions which we are performing." But I would again remind you that while it is right that in our corporate actions we should take pains to show our reverence by the very majesty of the ways we adopt, and by the solemnity of the service which we offer; yet the simplicity of character which St. John the Baptist exhibited and which we may well take to ourselves as the absolute necessity for the life of everyone of us, are by no means things that are out of keeping the one with the other. Individually let us strive to cultivate in all ways that we can that self-denial, that self-abnegation, that self-effacement, that simplicity—nay, I had almost said that severity, character which marks his life. But let us remember that when, joined together as a great Brotherhood we have to think of the needs of others; we have to think of the good of others; we have to think how we can help one another in realising the greatness, the love, spirit and the goodness of our God, who honours us by tabernacling among us. And it is just because our blessed Lord has found His Church and has gathered us into it that we may in it realise His presence and that He is one with His people: it is just because of that that we desire to do everything we can do with dignity, to show forth our sense of His majesty and greatness.

Therefore we are gathered in the manner in which we are gathered together, here in this holy House of God, and therefore we proceed to lay the foundation stone in the manner that is prescribed for this occasion. Do not let us forget that that which the Brethren of the Craft are ever aiming after, that rectitude of character and conduct, that charity of disposition, which everyone of us must set before himself as what he must aim at, what he must strive to promote, is in the deepest sense the teaching that our God would have us learn in His Church. And as we learn it, as here in God's presence—for He is of a truth where two or three are gathered together in His name—let us strive to know Him better; to understand Him better; to grow more after the likeness of His dear Son. If this be our aim then in our church extension we shall not strive for vain glory, we shall not strive for our own advantage, but we should be striving to promote the glory of our God, the good of our fellow men who may be gathered together into His Church, and may learn the love of God which passeth, as doth His peace, all understanding. It is that we may impress these lessons upon ourselves, and to help others to realise them, that we are taking part in this good work to-day—a work on which we are about to implore the Divine blessing, and a work to which we are setting ourselves, I trust, just in the spirit of a desire to help our Brethren, which we have learned from our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

After the Bishop's address hymn 545, "Glorious things of Thee are spoken," was sung whilst a collection was being made in aid of the Building Fund.

At the conclusion of the service the procession was reformed, and was joined by the members of the choir, and a large number of clergy, wearing their surplices.

By the time all had assembled at the site and the ceremony was about to commence the rain descended in a heavy downpour. Happily, however, the storm was not of long duration, and it did not succeed in dispersing the large muster of spectators.

On the procession arriving at the entrance to the ground upon which the new building will be reared, the Brethren formed up on either side of the roadway, and the Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the other chief Officers proceeded to a platform surrounding the stone to be placed into position. A body of the local contingent of Engineers, under Capt. Cary, kept a space for the remaining Brethren.

After prayers by the Bishop, Bro. J. J. Lovell W.M. of St. Kew Lodge, requested the Provincial Grand Master to lay the stone. Before doing so he explained the object of the building. The foundation stone, he said, was intended as a corner stone for a church to be erected on it for the praise and worship of the Most High. The presence and co-operation of the Bishop of the Diocese at that ceremony was an earnest that the doctrine taught within the walls of that church should be in accordance with the doctrine of the Church of England. Bro. Lovell concluded:—

Right Worshipful Grand Master, I request you in the name of the Brethren assembled to lay this foundation stone, and we trust that the building hereafter to be erected on it shall continue until time shall be no more.

The stone having been duly laid, Viscount Dungarvan briefly addressed the assemblage, remarking that he desired it should be known unto them that they were true and lawful Masons, having honourable obligations and fearing God, the Great Architect of the Universe. They had secrets that no man could reveal and no one could discover, but those secrets were honourable and lawful, and not repugnant to the laws of either God or man. Unless those objects were good and honourable they would not have lasted for so many centuries, and neither should they have so many Brethren to promote their laws and to promote their interests. That day they were met in the presence of them all to lay the foundation stone of the building to be erected to the glory of the Most High. Might God prosper the building as it seemed fit to Him, and as it was the duty of all Freemasons on an occasion of that kind to begin by invoking a blessing from the Great Architect of the Universe, he asked them to unite with Provincial Grand Chaplain in a blessing to the Throne of Almighty God.

After prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain Dr. Kennion, the hymn, "O Lord of Hosts, whose glory fills," was sung.

The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. E. F. Wade then read the document which was to be placed in the stone, as follows:—"This foundation stone of the Church of All Saints", in the parish of Westbn-super-Mare, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, was laid by the Viscount Dungarvan P.G. Master Somerset, with Masonic ceremonies, and solemnly dedicated by the Right Rev. George Wyndham Lord Bishop of the Diocese, on the Feast of St. John Baptist, Anno Domini 1898; the Ven. Edward Arthur Salmon, Archdeacon of Wells, being rector; the Rev. Edmund James Morris being curate and vicar-designate; Thomas Mullins and James Partridge Capel churchwardens of the parish of St. John Baptist; Francis Blackmore, Thomas Cox, Henry William Marriott, Charles Besley, James Thomas Collis, William Hewett sidesmen of the temporary church of All Saints, erected A.D. 1871; the Archdeacon of Wells, the Rev. E. J. Morris, Ernest Edward Baker, Charles Edward Barry, Francis Blackmore, Thos. Cox, James Craik, Henry William Marriott, Charles Belsey, Thomas William Warry, James Thomas Collis, William Hewett, members of the Building Committee; George Frederick Bodley, A.R.A., F.S.A., Architect."

The Provincial Grand Master next adjusted the cement with a silver trowel, handsomely chased, with ivory handle, and which bore the following inscription:

Presented by
MISS BLACKMORE to VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN,
for laying the foundation stone of All Saint's Church, Weston-super-Mare,
24th June 1898,
Feast of John the Baptist.

The Provincial Grand Master having proved the stone, declared it to be well and truly laid, after which corn, wine and oil were poured upon the stone. The corn was, he observed, an emblem of the good seed of the Word sinking into the hearts of men; the wine was a symbol of strength and gladness; and the oil emblematic of peace, harmony and brotherly love.

After further prayers the Architect Mr. Bodley was presented to the Provincial Grand Master by the Vicar-Designate Bro. the Rev. E. J. Morris. The Provincial Grand Master examined the plans, after which some purses and other contributions were presented to the Provincial Grand Master, who placed them upon the stone. The Bishop, taking into his hand the pastoral staff, then pronounced the Benediction, after which "All people that on earth do dwell" was sung as the closing hymn.

The procession then re-formed, the Masonic Brethren returning to the Masonic Hall, and the ecclesiastical procession to the Parish Church.

A dinner afterwards took place in the Victoria Hall. The company, including several ladies (a rather new departure in connection with Masonic gatherings, which was evidently much appreciated by the fair sex) numbered nearly 300, and were presided over by Viscount Dungarvan.

Afer the toast of the Queen, the Chairman proposed the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, to whom he said they owed deep gratitude for coming there to take the prominent part he had in that day's ceremonial. He was very happy to be present because it had enabled him for the first time to make the Bishop's acquaintance. As head of the Freemasons in Somerset he might be allowed, on their behalf, to express their hearty and sincere thanks for the honour the Bishop had done them in accepting the collar of Provincial Grand Chaplain. The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, in acknowledging the toast, thanked the gathering for the warm reception accorded him. He supposed he was there in a sort of double capacity that day. He was there in the first place because he had the distinguished

honour, as he considered it to be, of holding the position of Provincial Grand Chaplain. He did not know whether either of his predecessors ever held that office; at any rate he was not aware that either of them had done so. It was a very great happiness to him to be allowed to occupy such a position, for he had been a Freemason long enough to know how very much good existed amongst the members of the Craft. He should not be betraying any secret when he said, and then in the most open manner, that the Craft aimed at some of the noblest and highest things to which any of them could possibly aspire. He also supposed they specially welcomed him as the Bishop of the Diocese. No one would deny that it was a very anxious time for Bishops of the Church of England, but he thought it ought to be the prayer and wish of every one of them, and of every Churchman throughout the land, that the Bishops might not be perturbed, and that they might not lose their heads in consequence of the difficulties the Church was now encountering in many parts of England, and in the House of Commons as well. No doubt a great deal had been said that was unnecessary, and that there had been some amount of exaggeration. There were, however, some things which naturally created a great amount of anxiety amongst those who were placed in such responsible positions as the Bishops of the Church of England, but he thought he might say of his brethren of the Episcopate that they were striving to deal with the difficulties he had referred to in a very sensible manner, though not, perhaps, in a manner that was calculated or intended to win popular applause. He thought that what they were aiming at was to do their duty, and to help all Churchmen to do their duty as well. Speaking for himself—he did not speak for his Brethren—he should like to reiterate what he had before said—and for which some persons had taken him severely to task—that whatever difficulties had been caused by the zeal, or what some might call extravagancies, of some men, he thought anything was better than stagnation. He thought one thing they ought to be thankful for in the present day amongst all others was that there was so much life in the Church. If they found that the zeal and eagerness of some men prompted them to lead in a direction that some others did not approve of, and considered foolish, perhaps, still, for all, let them be thankful that they moved at all. He thought nothing was more to be dreaded than that deadness, that slothfulness, that kind of dreaminess into which some might be lulled if there were no difficulties or troubles to be encountered. He did not see any reason for despair in the future. They must not think that every one of them must theologically be cut to exactly the same pattern, for if such a state of things as that existed they would have a rigid kind of uniformity that would be without life, and without that vigour and strength that took hold the hearts of the people ending by stirring them up to do that which was best and noble. The vicar to be appointed to All Saints' would, he hoped—and, in fact, he felt assured—realise that the Prayer Book of the Church of England was that by which everyone of them must hold most loyally and determinedly, and that they must not travel outside the limits of that Prayer Book. There was width enough between its covers to include persons of very different shades of opinion, and between those covers there was not the slightest doubt that Bro. Morris would invariably keep.

Bro. E. Rels submitted the toast of the Chairman, and Viscount Dungarvan duly acknowledged the compliment.

Other toasts followed.

Bro. Rev. E. G. Morris (Vicar-Designate) announced that the total offerings for the day had amounted to £278 13s 6d, including a donation of £100 from Mr. W. W. Beavan (London Hotel); Bro. J. P. Capell (St. Kew Lodge) £50; Mr. Ernest E. Baker £50; collections at the Parish Church, £23 4s; collection at Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony, £18 8s 8d.—"Devon Weekly News."

REVIEW.

Cassell's Magazine for July includes several articles of topical interest. An artillery officer gives a description of modern ordnance in an article on "Big Guns in action," which is illustrated by original photographs taken in various forts and batteries. Nor is this the only item in the number which bears upon the present war news. Miss Elizabeth L. Banks gives an illustrated account of "Public Receptions at the White House," and another article tells of "American Women in war time." A story of Henley Regatta under the title of "House-boat Isis" is another topical feature, while other stories are contributed by Mr. E. W. Hornung, Mr. D. H. Parry, Mr. Tighe Hopkins, and Miss Myra Hamilton, and the number also contains an instalment of Mr. Joseph Hocking's new serial, "Trevanion." "Clowns and the gentle art of Clowning" is the subject of an article which is illustrated by photographs specially taken at Barnum's and the Crystal Palace; and Mr. R. Kearton, F.Z.S., gives some idea of how he and his brother succeeded in photographing "Wild Birds at Home." Mr. Douglas Sladen contributes a sketch of travel in Japan, and "Tennis Twins" forms the subject of another paper, illustrated by portraits of famous players and pictures of championship games. An illustrated article on "Diamonds," a group of topical portraits under the title of "In the Arena," and a story for children, are among other features of the same number.

PERSONAL MASONIC BUILDING.

THE custom of celebrating with festivities and ceremonies a great act performed, an extraordinary work accomplished, is as old as is mankind. The crude records of savage life and the hieroglyphical archives of barbarous people and the history of more advanced civilisation alike demonstrate and attest this fact. They are all in this respect actuated by the same feelings and governed by the same impulses. It is most fitting and eminently proper that all public edifices, and more especially and particularly those designed for advance and continuing good, for the amelioration of the condition of man, for the promulgation of honour, truth, and justice, should have their dedication and their dedicatory ceremony; and although the ceremony may differ in act and speech, the spirit which prompts and underlies, and the motive which determines it, are alike unchanging and unchangeable.

My Brethren and friends, the history of Masonry in Ohio (to us the best in the increasing crowd of States) is co-extensive with the history of the commonwealth itself. Masonry is as old as is government; in fact, Masonry is government, and brings within its charmed circle, from its own power, order out of chaos, union from disruption, light from darkness, liberty and freedom out of slavery, structures upon ruins. In its origin, principles, organisation and likewise in its administration, are to be found obedience to the laws of God and man, loyalty to country, compliance with established usages and customs, hope of immortality, charity for all mankind, and love for Brothers and fellows. Without all of these attributes there cannot be Masonry.

Demonstrating then, the practicability and truthfulness of these principles, and in conformity with our duty as Masons, we are this day permitted to crown with fitting ceremonial the completion of part, at least, of the greatest work of practical Masonry in the history of Ohio. This day is a Masonic heirloom, and this event a rich Masonic legacy. Cherish and preserve it even as the Spartan cherished the olive-branch of the victor. No man, particularly a Mason, and surely no Ohio Mason can stand in the presence of his Grand Lodge, within the shade of this beautiful building, and not feel his heart grow more tender, and his breast fill and well up with sympathy, when he considers that within this structure will be fostered and perpetuated the beautiful truths of our profession; wherein brotherly love will prevail; wherein relief will be furnished; and above all these, wherein the highest type of Masonic manhood will be taught and inculcated; until the prattle of baby orphans becomes the stronger sense of maturer years.

Stop and realise what your enterprise has accomplished. Let the natural feeling assert itself and thereby consider the importance and magnitude of the results to be obtained: that here will old men be protected; prostrate old age, with usefulness all gone, be cheered and comforted; and you, in your home, surrounded with family and comforts, can have that pure and better feeling that you have lived the life of a true Mason, and have aided in smoothing the life of your fellow men. But, again, within these rooms will be provided comforts for the widow—your widow, perhaps—who can tell? And thus, as God's beautiful sun shall rise on each succeeding day, and with its warmth kiss the dew of night from grass and flowers, from turret and roof; at the hour when the pure air of morning is filled with the joyous songs of happy birds; from within these walls will come forth the happy prattle of little children, orphan children, your children, perhaps, you hope not, but who can tell?—as they again commence the round of the day's duty and pleasure.

Masonry has, in erecting this beautiful building, and again in its dedication with the presence of so many of the Craft from all parts of the State, demonstrated that its teachings are fraught with thoughts and deeds of love and kindness, and that to be a Mason one must be willing to aid and succour his fellow men.

And now, my friends and my Brethren, as members of this great Fraternity, as Free and Accepted Masons, and belonging to an Order emerging from the dim uncertainty of the past, as members of this great and honourable institution that was born in the shades of King Solomon's temple, bathed in the inspiration of his wisdom, it has come thundering down the ages, loaded with good deeds and crowned with the gem of universal charity; and as it has, in the light of good and generous deeds, walked hand in hand with the Christian Church, it has aided in teaching the lessons that the Master taught, inculcating charity, truth and justice.

As members, then, of such an Order, and with such a history, we complete this day, and at this time one of its most impressive ceremonials; and this completion of ceremonial work, this pageant, and this great intermingling of Masons, would be but an idle thing indeed did we draw no new lessons from it, or did we not anew become impressed with the many virtues our beloved Fraternity inculcates. When you stop to think that in the completion of this building you have finished the greatest single act of your history in the state, by dedicating this splendid building to its

practical uses, wherein may be fostered those twin agents of civilisation and progress—education and charity.

To-day this structure has had to pass the inspection of us all. We have examined it to see if it is complete in all its parts; to see if it has been completed plan-like and workmanlike. Satisfied with our examination, we have retired; and, figuratively at least, we have met in the Hall of Assembly the Grand Master Architect, and grasping him by the right hand, in the joy of our hearts have exclaimed: "Hail Raboni!" which is, being interpreted, "Hail, Most Excellent Master!"

Masonry builds up character by the lessons taught from the Orders of Architecture. Let us see that these lessons may be exemplified in us. Masonry is what we make it, and we are no better as Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, or Consistories, than we are as individuals.

We may never witness again a Masonic spectacle so interesting; for the years of human life are few and short, and fast they are speeding away; and the most splendid scenes, and the most august ceremonies that ever call us together on this earth, may serve to convince us more surely that we are to be summoned to a Grand Lodge other than this; and let us hope that the result of the examination there will be, "Well done!"

The heat and burden of life's day of labour will be over, and we will be called upon to present our work. It will then be tested, and must stand the test of the Great Overseer's unerring square. Let us make for ourselves a history that we were ever faithful in the performance of work and duty. Let us here and now make the resolution that we will ever strive to brighten the endless chain of Masonry, link by link, as it girdles and encircles civilisation, and so pass it on and hand it down without blemish and unbroken, till time and Masonry shall perish together. Let us, in doing this, build a Masonic Home in our daily lives.

Let it be built broad and wide; let us build it strong, substantial. Let it be builded on an everlasting and eternal foundation, thorough and solid, magnificent, rearing its walls as we place one perfect aslar upon another, and placing keystone and copestone with deeds of honour and duty; and still more than these, let us adorn it with the pillars and pilasters of Brotherly love, of charity, and self-sacrifice; and this done, our personal building will be the light, the admiration and the blessing of mankind, even as this grand structure is now at once the gratification and admiration of the Masons of Ohio.—"Voice of Masonry."

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 8th day of July 1898, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By the W. Bro. William Russell P.A.G.D. of C. Vice-Patron of the Institution:

(A) "That in Law 79, line 3, the words 'Five hundred guineas' be struck out, and the words 'Nine hundred guineas' be substituted therefor."

(B) "That the Law become again operative."

2. By the W. Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough P.A.G.D. of C. Patron and Honorary Solicitor of the Institution:

"That in order to recognise the efforts made to elect Albert Victor Birt, an unsuccessful (last chance) case at the April Election in the Centenary year of this Institution, an allowance of £20 per annum be made to him towards his Education and Maintenance, provided he be educated at a School to be approved by the Board of Management, and be subject to the Rules applicable to Boys maintained and educated out of the Institution, and that such allowance commence from the date upon which he would, if elected, have been admitted into the School."

To consider and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the Council as to the number of Boys to be elected at the Quarterly Court on Friday, 14th October 1898, and to determine the List of Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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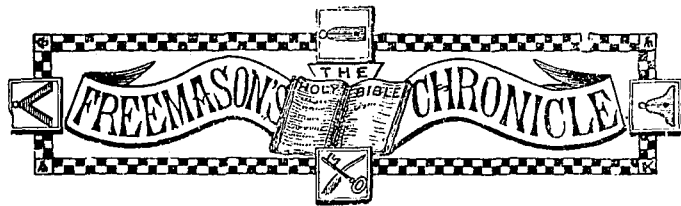
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• ESSEX.

WE are informed that, owing to his removal into Somersetshire, and his inability in consequence to keep in touch with Masonic work in the county, His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C. (the Recorder of Colchester), has resigned his Office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex, which he has held since December 1880, and that the Earl of Warwick has appointed Colonel Lockwood, M.P., to the vacant post.

Much regret will be felt throughout the county at the announcement of Bro. Philbrick's resignation, as he has ever shown a great interest in the Order, and his genial manner has won for him the affection of all with whom he has been brought into contact. At the same time no more popular successor could have been found than Col. Lockwood, who is a Past Master of two Lodges in the Province, and is a Past Grand Deacon of England.

We understand that Col. Lockwood is to be installed into his office by the Earl of Warwick Provincial G.M. at the forthcoming meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which is to be held at Brentwood, on the 26th inst.—"Essex County Standard."

CHESHIRE CHARITIES.

A MEETING of the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on the 29th ult., Colonel C. S. Dean presiding.

The Chairman said that since the last meeting they had been able to invest a sum of £1,300 in connection with the various Masonic Benevolent Institutions of the Province. They had also invested a sum of £1,000 in Mersey Dock Board bonds on behalf of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution. With regard to the Boys Centenary Festival, he thanked all, in the name of the Committee of Benevolence, for the magnificent way in which they had responded to their appeal for that great charity. The Province of Cheshire subscribed £3,000 recently to that Institution, and as a result their voting power would be largely increased. Cheshire now stood ninth on the list of Provinces, and he knew that the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Egerton was very proud of their position.

The Chairman explained the voting power of the Province in relation to the candidates for the Masonic Charities, and emphasised the necessity of votes being sent in to the Prov. G. Secretary to strengthen the position of the Committee in prosecuting the cases they took in hand rather than they should be used for individual cases.

The next Provincial Grand Lodge was fixed for Altrincham on the 28th September. The affairs of the Province were in a perfectly satisfactory condition, and their funds were in a better state than they had been. He thanked the Brethren for their loyalty to the Province and their generosity.

The case of Hannah Wadsworth was adopted for election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Hannah Green was accepted for the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. F. S. Stevenson Hon. Secretary of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution was appointed to attend meetings of the Committee of Benevolence.

On the motion of Bro. H. Jackson, the Prov. G. Secretary was instructed to write letters of condolence with the families of the late Bro. R. Finlow, of Elton, and Bro. Haywood.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

A SPECIAL meeting of the Egerton Lodge, No. 1030, was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, 20th ult., for the purpose of moving a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Brother Captain Edward George Lingard P.M. P.P.G.J.W. His death at the age of fifty-seven occurred on the 4th ult., at his residence, the Police Station, Beeley Street, Hyde, and was due to the effects of a tumour in the throat. The interment took place on Wednesday, 8th June, at Hyde Cemetery, his remains being followed to their last resting place by several Brother Freemasons. He had had a fairly checkered career, for as a young man he entered the army and was engaged in active service on several occasions. Eventually he was gazetted Captain of the 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers, at which time Colonel Murray, who commanded the Seaforth Highlanders, and was wounded in the battle of Atbara, was junior in rank to him and one of his most intimate friends. In 1878 Captain Lingard was appointed superintendent of the Macclesfield Constabulary Division, where he served for several years and then became superintendent of the Nantwich Division. Here he remained until the spring of 1881, and was then promoted superintendent of the Hyde Division, which is very extensive, including Hyde, Dukinfield, Mottram, Broadbottom, Compstall, Hollingworth, Tintwistle, and the villages up to Woodhead. This position he held up to the time of his death. Our late Brother was for many years a supporter of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and in recording our loss of an old acquaintance we desire to add our sympathy with his widow and family.

The identification of Freemasonry with religion is in this country pretty well understood. That English Freemasonry is still under the ban of the Pope, and no Roman Catholic can become a Freemason is true; and it is also noticeable that the religious acts of Freemasonry are almost entirely associated with the Church of England, partly, no doubt, because while the Church of England is Protestant it also provides a ritual very much in accord with Masonic functions. As a body, Freemasons have been associated with the erection of Truro Cathedral and other superb and stately edifices; and no doubt Masons have before now made individual gifts to their parish churches. One such gift has just been made to St. Clement's, Truro, by Bro. Edward Forbes Whitley P.M. 1529 and 831. It takes the form of a beautifully-carved oak faldstool, on the front and sides of which Masonic emblems are carved in regular sequence, representing the various degrees through which the donor has passed—Craft, Mark, Holy Royal Arch, and Rose Croix. The faldstool has also been beautifully carved by two Brother Masons at St. Germans, Bro. J. R. Hancock and his assistant. It bears a suitable inscription:—"To the glory of the Most High," and a second brass bears the text: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honour dwells."—"Western Morning News."

THE Great Western Railway Company announce a number of additional weekly excursions from Paddington for July. On Wednesdays, excursions will be run to Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, North and South Wales, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, &c. On Thursdays, to Newbury, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, &c. On Thursdays and Saturdays, to the West of England. On Fridays, to Yeovil, Weymouth, the West of England and the Scilly Isles. On Fridays and Saturdays, to the Isle of Man; and on Saturdays to Guernsey and Jersey by special day and night Services, via Weymouth, the shortest sea route. Periodical excursions will run to Ireland via Waterford, Cork and Belfast. On Monday next, 4th inst., a cheap day excursion to Newbury, Winchester and Southampton will leave Paddington at 7.0 a.m., and tickets will be issued to include a Steamboat Trip round the Isle of Wight.

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REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATED considerably over a century ago, when the "Mystic Craft" was in the nature of a sealed book to the great proportion of the population, the Merchants has always had a position of pre-eminence in the charitable and Masonic records of the Province of West Lancashire. Its records of deeds of benevolence is highly honourable, its members have included many names which are warmly cherished and will long be remembered, and its position to-day is recognised as the first of the 120 Lodges in the Province, with over 8,000 members, over which the Earl of Lathom, K.C.B., Pro Grand Master of England and Prov. G.M. presides with so much geniality and earnestness.

The yearly festival on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, was marked by the usual fraternal enthusiasm attaching to the Lodge, and the attendance was not only numerous, but thoroughly representative.

Bro. W. Jennings W.M. concluded a highly satisfactory year's labour by most efficiently installing Bro. John Laughton as his successor in the chair. In the course of the evening, as a mark of respect and recognition of valuable services, Bro. Jennings I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel and gold watch, as well as a diamond and ruby ring for Mrs. Jennings.

An excellent banquet was served by Messrs. Galt and Capper, and as a pleasant break in the routine of the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, musical numbers were given by Bros. West, Platt, Ewart, Haddock, Fairfield, C. Jones, Brown, and the Lyric Glee Singers.

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PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 388.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting on Monday, 27th ult., at Hales' worth, when the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke as Worshipful Master took place. The ceremony was performed at the Court House, which had been converted into a Lodge Room.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. George Andrews P.M. 388 whose admirable working and eloquent rendering of the impressive ceremonial evoked the admiration of all present. The newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers.

The annual banquet took place at the Corn Hall, the chair being occupied by the Earl of Stradbroke, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 497.

A MEETING of this Lodge, which is one of the few "Military Lodges," being attached to the Royal Irish Fusiliers, was held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Tuesday, 21st ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year. The meeting was particularly interesting, Masonically, as there are only three Regimental Lodges left on the roll of the English Constitution, this being one of them. The first Warrant granted to the Regiment was in 1798, when one was issued by the Irish Grand Lodge, which was allowed to lapse in 1818. In 1836 a Warrant was applied for to the English Grand Lodge, and, being granted, it continued to work under the name Hibernia till 1844, when it also dropped. In the same year the 2nd Battalion (now stationed in Colchester) was granted a Warrant (E.C.) under which the Lodge is now working, named Social Friendship, and numbered 497.

The installation of the W.M.-elect, Major A. McD. Moore, was performed by Bro. H. E. Baker I.P.M. 697, who received the warm commendations of the Brethren for the ability with which he carried out the duties.

The Lodge furniture used on this occasion was lent by the United Lodge, No. 697. It may be mentioned that this is the second time members of 697 have befriended a Military Lodge, the former being in 1874, when the 5th Dragoon Guards' Lodge (I.C.) was in Colchester, their Colonel being the W.M.

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STANLEY LODGE, No. 1325.

AT the annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, 27th ult., Bro. G. Barrett was installed W.M. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and Visitors, the Provincial Grand Lodge being represented by several Brethren.

The installing officers were Bros. T. J. Jarman and T. Guile P.M., who performed their task in a dignified and impressive manner. At the subsequent banquet the usual Masonic toasts were enthusiastically received, and a pleasing musical programme was provided.

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STARKIE LODGE, No. 1634.

ON Wednesday, 22nd ult., the members held their annual picnic, the rendezvous being Lathom Park (by the kind permission of the Earl of Lathom Pro G.M.) The company included a number of ladies, and the party was driven from Ramsbottom to Lathom. After spending a few hours in the park the company was driven through Newburgh and Rufford towards Ormskirk, the journey being thoroughly enjoyed.

An excellent dinner was served by Mrs. Taylor, at the Wheat Sheaf. The W.M. Bro. J. Harrison presided, Bro. Hardman J.W. occupying the vice-chair. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a well-deserved compliment was paid to Past Master Ellison for the admirable arrangements he had made for the day's outing.

BROXBOURNE LODGE, No. 2353.

THERE was a large assembly of Brethren on the occasion of the annual festival, which took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Saturday, 25th ult., when Bro. E. J. Gittens P.M. P.P.G.Std.B. and a founder of the Lodge was installed as Worshipful Master, and a presentation was made to Bro. E. C. Mulvey P.M. Past Grand Pursuivant of England Prov. A.G.D. of C. Herts, &c., the father of the Lodge.

The Chair was occupied by Bro. O. P. T. Newman W.M., who was supported by Bros. E. J. Gittens S.W., J. W. Hunt J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M. P.G.P. Treas., S. Lichtenfeld P.M. P.P.G.S. Sec., T. J. Phillips S.D., J. Heilbrun J.D., C. A. H. Hempel A.D.C., T. J. Patrick I.G., R. H. Nicholls W.M. 2593 Steward, and Henry Evenden P.M. Tyler.

Among others present were Bros. C. Bullock Prov.G.Sec. Herts, H. Monson P.M., F. J. Crowther, J. Wright, W. Windsor, R. Ridgway, W. Staples, A. D. Essien, W. C. Mannering, C. E. Greening, H. Passenger, W. H. Watson, W. Hall, E. Ratcliffe, Max Hummel, G. Angold, H. T. Kobelt, G. Buchner, &c.

The Visitors included Bros. J. Hamilton Craig A.D.C. 188, C. T. W. Drake 65, W. Harper P.M. 2182, James Watts P.M. 179, W. Stracey 2345, G. Grant 1765, G. Evans 1297, C. H. Bestow P.M. P.G.P. Essex, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, whereupon the important and interesting ceremony of Installation was proceeded with, Bro. E. J. Gittens S.W. being presented by Bro. H. P. Holland P.M. to Bro. E. C. Mulvey, who acted as Installing Officer. The ancient charges and regulations were read by Bro. S. Lichtenfeld P.M. Sec., and agreed to in regular form by Bro. Gittens, who was thereupon obligated. A strong board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M.-elect was placed in the chair of K.S. according to the old rites and traditions, and was subsequently saluted in regular form.

The new Master then appointed and invested the following Assistant Officers: Bros. J. W. Hunt S.W., T. J. Phillips J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M., &c. Treas., S. Lichtenfeld P.M., &c. Sec., J. Heilbrun S.D., T. J. Patrick J.D., C. A. Hempel I.G., H. G. Holland P.M. D.C., G. E. L. Buchner A.D.C., R. H. Nicholls W.M. 2593 Musical Director, H. Ramsbottom and H. Saunton P.M. Stewards, H. Evenden P.M. Tyler.

The addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren were capitally delivered by Bro. Mulvey, to whom credit is due for his rendering of the ceremony throughout, in a really faultless and perfect manner, and he was warmly applauded on the completion of his duties.

The first act of the new Master, after the Installation, was the presentation to Bro. Newman of a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and in making the gift he expressed the hope that the recipient might live to wear it in good health for many years to come.

Bro. Newman returned thanks for the presentation, and expressed his gratitude to the W.M. and Brethren for their kindness and consideration during his term of office, and especially for the beautiful jewel, which would ever remind him of one of the happiest times in his life—his year of presidency in the Broxbourne Lodge.

The Auditors' report was presented and showed a substantial balance to the credit of the Lodge. It was formally adopted by the members.

The ballot was taken for Rev. J. C. B. Wilson (Native Minister, Buqumia, New Calabar, W.C.A.), Mr. William Henry De Maid, and Mr. David Stobo Aston, and proving unanimous in their favour they were regularly admitted to a participation in Masonic Light, this early work of the W.M. being well performed.

Following this the Worshipful Master said he had a most pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present, on behalf of the Lodge, Bro. Mulvey with his portrait, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge, and in commemoration of his year of office as Grand Pursuivant of England.

The inscription on the picture was as follows:

Presented

by the Brethren of the Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353

to

Worshipful BRO. E. C. MULVEY P.M. P.G.P. G.A.D.C. Herts,

A Founder and first Worshipful Master of this Lodge, in commemoration of his year of Office as Grand Pursuivant of England.

1897-98.

Bro. Mulvey in a most eloquent speech acknowledged his indebtedness to the Worshipful Master and Brethren. He felt it was through Bro. Holland he had to thank them for the very handsome present they had made him, and which he so greatly appreciated. With their kind permission he would esteem it a great favour if the Broxbourne Lodge would accept the portrait and retain it as part of the furniture of their Lodge room.

The W.M. in turn thanked Bro. Mulvey on behalf of the Lodge, and felt sure he was expressing the feelings of the members when he said they were very proud to accept it.

Bro. Holland informed the W.M. and Brethren of the severe illness of a highly esteemed Brother of the Lodge, who, by the Doctor's advice, must reside abroad. Through the Brother's illness funds were somewhat short, and Bro. Holland therefore asked the Brethren to do what lay in their power on behalf of their absent companion.

Bro. Nicholls W.M. of the Hugh Owen Lodge—who is so well known for his charitable disposition—endorsed the remarks of Bro. Holland, and was pleased to say the Hugh Owen Lodge had already acted in a liberal way in this case, and he would be delighted to see the members of the Broxbourne Lodge following in the same direction.

We are pleased to say that during the evening a most satisfactory response was made to Bro. Holland's request, coupled with the very best wishes of the members for the Brother's speedy recovery.

A gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation, and the proceedings of the Lodge were brought to a conclusion in the regular way.

Previous to the banquet the members and visitors were photographed, and at its conclusion the W.M. proceeded with the toasts customary on such occasions.

With the toast of the Grand Officers was coupled the name of Bro. Mulvey Past Grand Pursuivant, while Bros. C. Bullock Prov.G.Sec. Herts, and S. Lichtenfeld P.P.G.S. were associated, as representatives of Provincial Grand Lodge. The W.M. spoke of all three as hard-working Brethren, who had won distinction by their devotion to the interests of the Craft. The Broxbourne Lodge was very proud of having them as members.

Bro. Mulvey P.G.P. most sincerely thanked the W.M. for having toasted him with the Grand Officers of England. He was very pleased to see that the Grand Officers as a body were always ready and willing to give all the assistance that was required of them, and did everything they could to advance the welfare of Freemasonry. For his own part he could promise to second their efforts. The other Brethren included in the toast also responded.

Bro. Mulvey now assumed the gavel, and proceeded to give the toast of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He had had the honour that day of placing in the chair a Brother well worthy of the preferment, one who had assisted as a Founder of their Lodge, and had won the distinction of Provincial Office. Bro. Mulvey knew the ability of the Master, and knowing that he understood the duties of his office, felt that at the termination of his year in the chair the members would be bound to admit that the prestige of the Broxbourne Lodge had not suffered at his hands, but rather had increased under the rule of Bro. Gittins.

The toast was heartily received, as was the Worshipful Master on his rising to respond. He first thanked Bro. Mulvey for the more than kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the Brethren for the heartiness with which they had supported the remarks of Bro. Mulvey. He felt very proud indeed of the position the Brethren had placed him in. He was a founder of the Lodge, and the last of the number to be elected to its chair, but as they knew, he had for some time discharged the duties of Secretary. He had long looked forward to the honours of the chair of K.S., and would do his utmost to give satisfaction now that he had risen to occupy it. His main endeavours would be to make the members of the Lodge as happy as possible during his year of office, so that when the time came for him to leave the position he had now the honour of filling he would carry with him the knowledge that he had given satisfaction.

The toast of the initiates was next given from the chair, the W.M. according them a hearty welcome, and hoping they would derive pleasure and satisfaction from their association with the Craft.

Bro. William De Maid said he was very pleased with the ceremony through which he had been conducted, and thanked the W.M. for having initiated him into Freemasonry. In time to come he hoped to be able to prove to the Brethren that they had not misplaced confidence in having elected him as a Brother of the Lodge.

Bro. David Aston endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker, and promised to do all that lay in his power to become a good Mason, and a credit to the Lodge and Brethren who had received him as a member.

Bro. Rev. J. C. B. Wilson said he also had been very much impressed with the ceremony of his initiation, and should never forget the great and solemn obligation to which he had pledged himself. He most sincerely thanked the W.M. and members for receiving him into the Craft, and for the cordial reception personally given. When he received the light of Freemasonry and saw the Holy Bible before him, he felt that Freemasonry was founded on religious principles. When he returned to South Africa his spirit would remain with the Lodge which had received him into its midst.

The next toast was the Visitors, proposed by the Worshipful Master in the most hearty manner. The members of the Lodge were very pleased in being honoured by the presence of so many guests, and were proud of the opportunity of entertaining them.

Bro. James Watts, in reply, said that was the third occasion on which he had visited the Broxbourne Lodge, where he had found the working always good. That night the members had excelled themselves. He especially congratulated Bro. Mulvey on the perfect way in which he had installed the Master.

Bro. C. H. Bestow P.M. P.P.G.P. Essex said it was the first time he had visited the Lodge, and he was very pleased with what he had seen. He could fully endorse the remarks of Bro. Watts, as the working of the W.M. and of Bro. Mulvey was of the highest quality. He had thoroughly enjoyed himself, both in the Lodge and at the festive board.

Bro. J. H. Craig also thanked the Worshipful Master for his hospitality, and expressed his indebtedness to Bro. Mulvey for his cordial invitation. Other visitors also responded.

The next toast was that of the Installing Master, and in proposing it the W.M. said the working of Bro. Mulvey that evening had been excellent. In fact it would be difficult for the ceremony to be performed in better style. The members were all proud of Bro. Mulvey, who had brought honour to the Lodge by his preferment at the hands of the Grand Master.

The remarks of the W.M. were received with hearty applause, as also was Bro. Mulvey, when he rose to respond. He said he highly appreciated the very kind words of the Worshipful Master, and at the same time thanked the members for their cordial reception. Whatever assistance he could give to the Lodge he should be very pleased to render.

The Worshipful Master gave the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, describing them as good fellows all. No words of his, indeed, were necessary to impress their good qualities on the minds of the Brethren who knew them. Suffice it to say they appeared to be always ready and willing to do anything that was required of them for the interest of the Lodge.

Bro. Mulvey, with all his well-known modesty, once again rose to reply, but being "a man of many parts" he found no difficulty in saying something fresh in answer to this, his latest call.

Bro. Holland followed, thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the Brethren for their appreciation on that and many previous occasions. He cordially wished the present Worshipful Master a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Monson also replied as a Past Master.

The Officers of the Lodge were now toasted, the W.M. expressing the pleasure he felt in having so efficient a body of Masons to assist him in the work of the Lodge.

Bro. Hunt S.W. responded, pledging himself to do everything in his power to give satisfaction. He was highly pleased to see Bro. Bullock, their Provincial Grand Secretary and an Honorary Member of the Lodge, once more among them, and hoped he would attend on many future occasions.

Bro. Phillips J.W. followed in similar terms, and then Bro. Nicholls said his "professional" duties, after all, were not very onerous. He promised he would not give the Brethren the headache with displays of his musical abilities, but would be pleased to render all the assistance in his power to make the meetings enjoyable. The other Officers also replied.

We are almost afraid to refer to another toast submitted by the Worshipful Master, lest we call down upon ourselves the charge of copying the famous character of Dickens, who could not do anything without introducing the head of the unfortunate King Charles into his observations. The toast was the Secretary and Treasurer, with Bro. Mulvey in the title rôle. The members were not yet tired of showing their appreciation of that Brother, however, nor can we pause ere we complete the record of his popularity among the Brethren of the Broxbourne Lodge. The W.M. said as Treasurer and Father of their Lodge Bro. Mulvey was held in high esteem by every one of the members, and they all hoped he would continue in the office for many years yet to come. The Secretary, too, was well qualified for his office, and the members were all pleased that he had consented to retain the position.

The two Brethren duly responded, and the Tyler's toast concluded a grand evening.

Bro. R. H. Nicholls, as Musical Director, provided an enjoyable pro-

gramme, to which Bros. H. C. Holland P.M., Eric Parr, Wilfred Stracey, W. Hall, and others contributed. Bro. W. H. Harper P.M. presided in able manner at the piano.

The new Worshipful Master of the Lodge has commenced his reign in grand style, and while complimenting him on the excellence of the work he performed on the first night of his rule we tender him the best of good wishes for the future, and hope the Lodge may enjoy increased popularity as the result of his government of it during the ensuing year.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 27th ult., Brother Edwyn A. Smith W.M. After the confirmation of minutes, and the reading of an ancient charge, Bro. Sam Luke J.W., Secretary of the Pic-nic Committee, presented his report and explained the preparations which had been made for the visit to Stonyhurst and neighbourhood on Monday next, 4th July.

Bro. Seth Wrigley P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. afterwards rose to present to the Lodge, on behalf of its members, a handsome silver chain for the W.M.'s collar, which was introduced under the title of "The Martin Thomas Memorial Chain." Bro. Wrigley stated that he had been requested to undertake a duty in connection with the Lodge, which he now performed with mixed feelings of pleasure and sorrow—pleasure, that he had the honour of being singled out so prominently for the duty, and sorrow that the occasion for it had arisen; it was that of presenting to the Lodge a handsome silver collar—a chain—to perpetuate the name and services of the late Bro. Martin Thomas. After paying a very appropriate tribute to the memory of their deceased Brother, he reverted to the unwavering interest he had always taken in the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, and the various positions which he had successfully occupied in its management and career. He loved it (said the speaker with emotion), loved it like his own child, and if anything had gone wrong in its working it would have affected him equally as deeply as anything occurring in his own home. He was sure that if it were possible for the spirit of the departed to be hovering around them he would be satisfied with the action which they were taking on this occasion. The chain contained medallions to the number of thirty, and it would be an honour to those who occupied the principal chair for many years to come to have their names inscribed thereon. He read the inscription on the centre medallion, which was as follows:—

Presented
to the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, No. 2363,
by the Brethren,
in memory of the late
W. BRO. MARTIN THOMAS P.M. P.P.G.D.,
a Founder and the
First Worshipful Master of the Lodge,
who died 9th March 1898.

Bro. Wrigley also read out the following list of preceding Masters, after which he placed the chain around the neck of Bro. Smith, the present Worshipful Master:

M. Thomas	-	-	-	-	1890-91
S. Wrigley	-	-	-	-	1891-92
F. W. Wollaston	-	-	-	-	1892-93
W. A. Brabner	-	-	-	-	1893-94
C. H. Beever	-	-	-	-	1894-95
H. Nall P.P.G.Tr. (W.L.)	-	-	-	-	1895-96
F. Hilton P.P.G.D.C.	-	-	-	-	1896-97.

At the festive board which followed, the harmonious element was contributed by Bro. Sam Luke J.W., S. H. Stubbs S.D., F. Todd J.D., Geo. R. Ward, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, and John Wehrmann, St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, Glasgow.

THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

A N emergency meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday, 14th ult., Bro. William Charlton, J.P., Worshipful Master, there being a very good attendance.

After the dispensation had been read, and other minor business disposed of, a successful ballot was taken for Bro. Fred Eastwood, late of Hampden Lodge, No. 2427, St. Pancras, London, who was desirous of becoming a joining member. A ballot was also taken for Mr. James Alfred Kenyon, Buyer, Manchester, who was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Chas. Jordan was then raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. Edward Webb P.M. 1134 163 in a very careful manner.

The election of Officers took place, with the result that Bro. W. A. Boyer S.W. was unanimously chosen as W.M.-elect, and his installation will take place at the next meeting, to be held on Friday, 14th October.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly varied by songs, recitations, &c., members and visitors alike being brought under contribution.

In proposing the health of the W.M.-elect, Bro. Charlton W.M. referred in feeling terms to the recent serious illness of the former, and congratulated him upon his restoration to health and the duties of the Lodge. Bro. Boyer said in reply that the fact of having been unanimously elected to fill the position of their future W.M. was to him a source of great pleasure, evidencing as it did that he had their entire confidence. He had known cases where such elections had not been conducted with perfect unanimity, and in one instance to which he referred it had been necessary for the outgoing W.M. to give his casting vote. Such an election as this would not have satisfied him, and he was proud in the knowledge that he should enter upon his new duties with their entire approval. A Brother Mason, whose name he did not disclose, said he was getting too old to take upon himself the responsibilities of such an important position as that of principal Officer in the Lodge. His reply was couched in the question: What kind of Mason had he already made? The promise that he would not deviate from the direct lines of his former actions reminded one of Confucius, the Chinese historian and moralist, who

"With reverence would go
Where duty's path was plain."

Other toasts followed, a pleasant evening being spent.

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.

16 Royal Alpha, Metropole
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
1321 Emblematic, Criterion
1924 Wickham, Brockley
1996 Priory of Acton, Acton
2535 Fellowship, Frascati
2578 National Artillery, Criterion
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n
156 Harmony, Plymouth
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
388 Prudence, Halesworth
431 St. George, N. Shields
622 St. Cuthberta, Wimborne
699 Roscawea, Chacewater
827 St. John, Dewsbury
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1271 F'dship & Unity, Bradf'd-on-A'vn
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

171 Amity, Ship and Turtle
2524 Train Bands, Finsbury Barr'ks.
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
364 Cambrian, Neath
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock
386 Unity, Wareham
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
448 St. James, Halifax
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
804 Carnarvon, Havant
847 Fortesque, Honiton
960 Bute, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1310 Harrow, Harrow
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1981 Arnold, East Molesey
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2490 Amphthill, Amphthill

Wednesday.

74 Athol, Birmingham
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
168 Mariner, Guernsey

282 Bedford, Tavistock
298 Harmony, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
387 Airedale, Shipley
406 N'thera Counties, N'castle-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
838 Franklin, Boston
970 St. Anne, East Looe
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1544 Mount Edgcombe, Camborne
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampt'n Ct.
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

Gen. Court Girls School, F.M.H. 12.
10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury
1383 Friends in C'ncil, 33, G'den Sq.
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
1724 Kaiser-i-Hind, Café Royal
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
110 Loyal O'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
123 Lennoi, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengis, Pournemouth
215 Commerce, Haslingden
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariner, Liverpool
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Leeds

294 Constitutional, Beverley
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
317 Affability, Manchester
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
509 Tees, Stockton
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
703 Clifton, Blackpool
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
1231 Savile, Elland
1284 Brent, Topsham
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1384 Equity, Widnes
1500 Walpole, Norwich
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2255 Philbrick, Chingford
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

Friday.

Quarterly Court Boys School F.M.H. 4.
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington
81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De la Pole, Hull
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1826 Parthenon, Croydon
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2554 Manchester, Manchester
2558 Furnival, Sheffield

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