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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE half yearly elections for the Educational Institutions took place on Thursday and Friday, and, as we anticipated would be the case, some very heavy polling was experienced on both occasions, but particularly so in connection with the Boys School, where more than half the successful candidates polled upwards of 5,000 votes each, the first on the list securing 6,227, the twelfth 5,212, the twentieth 4,020, and the lowest successful (the twenty-third) 2,958. In the case of the Girls election the totals polled on behalf of the successful candidates ranged from 5,799 to 4,140.

In our advertisement columns will be found full details in regard to those who were elected, the following were unsuccessful, the number of votes they polled being given :

R. M. I. GIRLS.

No. on Paper.	Name.	Forward	Votes Polled	Total.
3	Moore, Jane	3319	732	4051
11	Joseph, Hilda	2157	1880	4037
12	Hoad, Gladys Evelyn Ellen ...	514	2369	2883
7	Smith, Ida Angela	1592	593	2185
10	Shenton, Winifred Amelia ...	896	1263	2159
36	Gotch, Margaret Alice		1861	1861
1	Jacobs, Josephine Charlotte ...	1042	774	1816
32	Brooks, Edith Arbery		1432	1432
27	Gibsons, Janet Louisa		1072	1072
24	Green, Elsie Beatrice		546	546
21	Collins, Jessie Helen		221	221
22	Dodd, Amy Mina		218	218
20	Kay, Margery Mellin		185	185
31	Palmer, Dorothy May (last) ...		147	147
30	Delahaye, Josephine		108	108
34	Healey, Evangeline		23	23
16	Holloway, Florence Beatrice ...		8	8
23	Wright, Eleanor Elizabeth		5	5
26	Lerpiniere, Lillian Irene		2	2
17	Wise, Sarah Elisabeth (last) ...		Withdrawn.	

R. M. I. BOYS.

No. on paper	Name.	Forward	Votes Polled	Total.
17	Leech, Vincent Oliver		2143	2143
25	Tomlinson, John Sewell		2072	2072
37	Nutting, Walter Kennedy		2044	2044
14	Jones, John Bowen		1966	1990
15	Payne, Lionel George	883	1036	1919
10	Downing, Lewis Wilfrid	713	778	1491
2	Sherman, Harold Mackenzie ...	325	1122	1447
27	Baynes, Henry Robert Lambert Daores		1152	1152
36	Palk, Cyril Edwin		1076	1076
31	Carswell, Malcolm Shanks		400	400
21	Blair, Hubert		99	99
3	Hartley, Bernard	56	28	84
4	Broben, Gerald Grant (last) ...	13	66	79
12	Herapath, Cyril Alexander	8	1	9

Bro. Edward Terry has forwarded to the Home Secretary a memorial signed by the leading theatrical proprietors, lessees, and managers, praying that the Street Traffic Bill, now before Parliament, may be so modified that powers will not be given to alter the omnibus routes in the metropolis.

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The presence of ladies at the banquets held in connection with the Festival of the Durham Masonic Charities lent an acceptable air of picturesqueness to the gatherings. The arrangements were excellently carried out by the various Committees, and the result of the Festival was regarded as most satisfactory.

R. M. I. GIRLS.

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

The chairman announced the death of Colonel James Peters Past Grand Sword Bearer, Patron and one of the Trustees of the Institution, who had been a very energetic worker for it for a quarter of a century. On the Chairman's motion, seconded by Bro. Henry Smith Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, a vote of condolence with Colonel Peters's relatives was agreed to. Sir Reginald Hanson was re-elected Treasurer, after which sixteen girls were elected into the School, out of a list of thirty-six candidates.

SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, 8th inst., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent Comp. Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph.

The business included the appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Chapter having been closed the Companions sat down to a banquet supplied by Messrs. Booth and Sons, of East Street. The Provincial Grand Superintendent again presided, and the customary Loyal and Arch toasts were honoured.

A musical programme was sustained by Miss Bessie Woode, Miss Ella Leggatt, and Miss Mennick, the last named carrying out the duties of accompanist.

DURHAM CHARITY.

ONE of the biggest Masonic gatherings that ever met in the district took place on Wednesday, at Durham, when between 500 and 600 members of the Craft, belonging to the Province of Durham, came together in the ancient city, took part in an imposing procession to the Cathedral, were present at a memorable service within its ancient walls, and afterwards, in accordance with time-honoured precedent, dined sumptuously. The occasion was what was termed a Festival of the Durham Masonic Charities.

In connection with the Durham Province there are two funds—the Durham Masonic Fund and the Hudson Benevolent Fund. The Hudson Fund was established as a memorial of the services of Bro. R. Hudson Provincial Grand Secretary, and it amounted up to Wednesday to about £1,200, while the Durham Masonic Education Fund stood at some £2,400. It was hoped that by this week's effort to raise between £2,000 and £3,000, so as to raise the Education Fund permanently to £3,000, the balance to be devoted to augmenting the Hudson Benevolent Fund, and putting it on a more permanent footing.

Altogether there was a total of 538 Stewards, most of whom attended, and, in addition, ladies who were eligible to act as Stewards were present, while there was also a considerable contingent of Masonic Brethren who had not qualified as Stewards. The Provincial Grand Master Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., his Deputy, and many other Provincial Grand Officers were among the company.

At 2 o'clock Brethren acting as Stewards assembled in the Tunstall Gallery and adjoining rooms in the Castle, the Lecture Hall on the Palace Green being set aside for members of the Order, not serving as Stewards, who wished

to join in the procession. The Brethren wore full Craft clothing, and shortly after half past 2 the 500 or 600 Masons formed themselves into procession and crossed Palace Green into the Cathedral, where they filled a large portion of the seating space in the central aisle, the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge being accommodated with seats in the choir stalls.

The clergy present were the Dean of York (Dr. Purey Cust), the Rev. Canon Tristram, the Rev. G. W. Anson Firth (Sacrist), and Minor Canon Bennet. Canon Tristram read the lessons, and the anthem was "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah," very effectively rendered by the choir.

The Dean of York preached an instructive and eloquent sermon from Psalms cxxxiii, 1, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity."

He said the words of the text were no mere abstract thesis, which he was to endeavour to elaborate for the satisfaction of those present, no mere truism which all admitted, and which would become a mere platitude, but an existing and living reality which they were there to demonstrate by their presence and he by his words. In these days of division and unrest, when political, religious, and social discords seemed to be raging with unwonted fury, when all the conventional ties which united men to each other seemed strained nigh unto breaking, when old bonds appeared likely to be severed, and so many people associated together were at war amongst themselves, there was a ring of harmony in the words of the text which expressed the yearnings of their hearts, and, however impossible or however improbable it might seem to the world at large, the Masonic Brethren were the exponents at once of the existence and of the value of that dwelling together in unity.

His Brethren of the Craft were no mere gathering of men of like occupations or identical opinions. They were enrolled from no one particular class or nation. There were men of all ranks amongst them, from the immediate heir to the throne to the humblest member of some commercial calling. There were men of all professions amongst them—grave judges, learned lawyers, skilful artists, brilliant musicians, popular actors, keen financiers, brave sailors, gallant soldiers, noble lords, honourable councillors, reverend ministers—men, indeed, of every political, social, and religious complexion. Their ranks included men of almost every nationality. They had members of their body in every quarter of the world—men of wealth, men of poverty, men of business, men of pleasure, men of ease, and men of activity—an exceeding great multitude which no man can number. And it was a good and pleasant thing to behold them, for they dwelt together in unity. They had no parties or divisions, or schisms amongst them, no agitators endeavouring to upset the existing order of things, no reformers attempting to tamper with their ancient constitution.

Their unity was joyful because it had no settled element of discontent lurking within, no individuals envious of others' positions, no suspicions as to their purposes or intentions, no doubt as to the authority with which they might be invested, and no resentment as to the exercise of those powers. The discipline of the Lodges was almost, if not altogether, unblemished. The Worshipful Master commanded respect and obedience, which were cheerfully and readily accorded. The subordinate officers knew their duties and fulfilled them, and the members contentedly occupied the positions accorded them. The constitution of the central hierarchy, at which the Lodges had their representation, commanded the confidence of all, and its decisions and directions were accepted with no murmurings and little hesitation by anybody. There was no questioning of the authority there wielded, for it emanated from the body corporate and was representative rather than autocratic. The highest positions were conferred not by favour but by election. In more than fifty years' experience he had never heard any disloyal expression concerning the Grand Lodge, nor depreciatory imputations concerning those who constituted it, nor wishes that their places were occupied by others, nor a desire nor an attempt to make it other or different from what it is. Their object was two-fold. It was social and it was practical. It was social because they deemed it no matter of small importance that men should be brought into friendly and brotherly intercourse one with another. It was no trifling matter that men who occupied widely different positions, and cherished widely different sentiments and sympathies should be brought into close and harmonious contact; for the Lodge was neutral ground wherein the differences of the world could not enter, and where the only social distinctions recognised

were those conferred by the body corporate, and not those conferred by the powers that be outside. Divergencies of opinion in politics or in religion had no place in the Lodge. Prejudices or sentiments must there be kept in abeyance.

One term was common to all—Brother—and social status or personal proclivities outside had no concern within. They asked only that each man should be honest and of good report. Surely this was of no little value in these distracted and divided times. It was something—nay it was very much—to be drawn from those outer circumstances which, by their very nature, rendered men strangers, if not antagonists. It was something to find that, without any compromise of opinion, they could meet together on common ground—on the common ground of humanity—and find causes for mutual respect, and then pass outside and express their beliefs, not less freely, nor less boldly, but without the leaven of bitterness or the dislike which so often aggravated and distorted them and rendered them injurious alike to themselves and the whole community. A community of one mind and one opinion did not and probably never would exist. But there were always some redeeming points even in those who differed the most widely. But the object of Masonry was not only social but practical. A mere interchange of amenities would come to nothing very soon. There must be a common object and a common motive, and a definite purpose for their meetings—and the best of all purposes—was benevolence. They were no mere benefit society, the members of which had an ulterior consideration for their own advantage. They did not ask themselves: "What can I gain for myself?" but "What can I do more for the welfare of those who need it?" The world in general was little aware of the amount that was done in that respect. In the Boys School and the Girls School hundreds of children were receiving instruction and the kind of nourishment of the body which they needed to render them capable citizens of the empire, while there were subordinate funds for the due preparation of those at present too young to enter therein, and whose parents were incapable of providing for them.

At one gathering in London, not long ago, no less than £150,000 was raised to provide a more suitable building for the accommodation of the boys. Then they provided for the relief of those bearing the burdens and heat of the day, in adversity and bereavement or in care by an active Board of Benevolence, which disbursed some £6,000 a year amongst the necessitous and indigent, while for those who were in the evening of their days, and who were exposed to the chilling influences of loneliness and poverty, there were almshouses, in which they might patiently and honourably await their call to the Grand Lodge above. He had no time to enter into figures, but it was difficult to exaggerate the amount that was spent on practical benevolence, which was the quiet and unostentatious outcome of the philanthropy and activity of those thus associated together. Finally, there was an element in their proceedings which was essential to their unity, which was often misrepresented and condemned—it was in a certain sense a secret society. But it was a society that was known by its fruits, and its loyalty was unimpeached and unimpeachable by anyone save that singularly misinformed person, the Pope. It was no mere childish game of mystery in any sense, but it was from a true knowledge of human nature that their proceedings were for the most part veiled in secrecy and took part principally among themselves. For the most part they paraded neither their sayings nor doings before the world. No doubt to many their dress appeared fantastic, their phraseology was archaic, and there were things which might arouse the criticism of superficial observers. But they were understood of the people. Freemasons knew the meaning and significance of them. They understood and appreciated them. They were precious to them from their origin, they were cordially approved and endorsed by all, and they forbore from allowing them to become the mere object of censorious observation to which mere idle curiosity might subject them. They asked no one to cast in his lot with them, but to all those who did those things were exhibited, explained, and justified, and were thereby understood and appreciated. To his Masonic Brethren he said, in conclusion, let them hand on to those who came after their inheritance, not diminished, but in increased efficiency. Let them remember the words which were written in the Word of God, which ever lay open in their Lodges, "It is God that maketh man." He it was who was the source, the guide, and the strength of their unity. Let them recognise and act up to His adoption of them as sons that they might realise, yea perpetuate, their fellowship as brothers one with

another. To his brethren of the faith who were also present he said they had there a lesson for the times. He had endeavoured to delineate shortly the principles of the union of Masonic Brethren. Was it presumptuous to suggest that the world would be more united if it took a leaf out of the book of Freemasons? He spoke as unto wise men. Judge they what he said.

The service lasted a little over an hour.

Afterwards the Brethren dined in two divisions—at the Castle and at the Town Hall—the former section being presided over by the Provincial Grand Master Sir Hedworth Williamson, and the latter by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Canon Tristram.

Sir Hedworth Williamson Prov.G.M. presiding over the meeting at the Castle, proposed the toast of the Queen, and that of the Prince of Wales and Officers of Grand Lodge present and past, to the latter of which Bro. the Hon. Victor Williamson P.G.W. responded.

The Prov.G.Sec. Bro. R. Hudson then read the list of donations secured by the Stewards, and their respective Lodges, as follow :

	No. of Stewards.	Amount of Donations.
Lodge 48 Industry, Gateshead ...	8	22 14 0
80 St. John, Sunderland ...	8	23 1 0
94 Phoenix, Sunderland ...	6	22 1 0
97 Palatine, Sunderland ...	12	30 13 0
111 Restoration, Darlington ...	29	52 0 0
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham ...	14	31 15 0
240 St. Hilda, South Shields ...	7	30 15 6
375 Lambton, Chester-le-Street ...	6	112 6 0
424 Borough, Gateshead ...	18	65 19 6
509 Tees, Stockton ...	18	25 14 0
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool ...	27	92 8 0
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour ...	2	4 14 0
764 Harbour of Refuge, West Hartlepool ...	35	112 17 6
940 Philanthropy, Stockton ...	31	29 8 0
949 Williamson, Sunderland ...	13	30 14 0
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow ...	13	45 10 6
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland ...	25	55 2 0
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle ...	6	32 9 0
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-Street ...	8	12 1 0
1334 Norman, Durham ...	17	32 15 0
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington ...	7	54 12 0
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland ...	12	17 19 6
1418 Fraternity, Stockton ...	24	48 2 6
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn ...	9	31 2 6
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop ...	21	33 9 0
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool ...	16	52 10 0
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor ...	4	25 4 0
1970 Hadrian, South Shields ...	7	125 3 6
2019 Crook, Crook ...	72	132 10 0
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland ...	8	45 10 0
2104 Whitwell, Stockton ...	9	36 10 0
2135 Constance, Consett ...	13	17 1 0
2352 Universities, Durham ...	1	1 19 0
2415 Tristram, Shildon ...	9	19 1 6
2418 Hedworth, South Shields ...	7	41 10 0
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool ...	16	61 8 0
2674 Ravensworth, Gateshead ...	10	15 6 6
Vigilance Chapter ...	1	11 11 0
Fawcett Chapter (764) ...	1	15 15 0
P.G. Lodge of Durham ...		210 0 0
P.G. Chapter of Durham ...		26 5 0
Visitors ...		9 5 6
The guineas of stewards ...		582 15 0
Total ...		£2,479 8 6
Donations ...		50 0 0
Collections at the Cathedral ...		29 10 2
Total ...		£2,558 18 8

The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing "Success to the Durham Masonic Charities," said the result, which was most satisfactory in every way, was that the Durham Masonic Education Fund was raised to £3,000 and the Hudson Benevolent Fund to £2,700 invested capital. He thanked all who had contributed to such a noble result, and referred very felicitously to the presence of the Lady Stewards.

Bro. R. Hudson Prov.G. Sec. suitably responded to the toast, and illustrated the value of the two Funds.

Lord Barnard P.G.W. proposed the toast of the Chairman, which was enthusiastically received.

Sir Hedworth Williamson replied, and referred to the Festival in most gratifying terms. He also expressed thanks to the Cathedral authorities, and the University Warden and Senate, who had so generously placed the Castle and its magnificent rooms at their disposal.

At the banquet at the Town Hall, the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., gave the toast of the Queen, and subsequently also submitted the Prince of Wales and Officers of Grand Lodge present and past, speaking of the great interest which Royalty had always taken in Freemasonry. The Dean of York responded to the toast.

The Chairman gave the toast of the Durham Masonic Charities, and Bro. Luck replied in an eloquent speech.

EAST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

THE 23rd annual report of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution has just been published for distribution among the donors and subscribers.

It shows that the donations and subscriptions received during the year ended 31st December last amounted to £1,079 19s, this amount being £350 less than was obtained during 1897. The decrease might have been greater, in the opinion of the Finance and Audit Committee, when it is remembered that nearly £5,800 was contributed by the Lodges and Brethren of the Province to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the Centenary Festival in June last.

The payments for relief, education, advancement in life, and annuities during the year amounted to £846 19s 6d, as against £948 os 3d, in the previous year; 32 children benefited by education grants during the year, and 10 annuitants through the Annuity Fund. An investment of £1,250 was made during the year, and a grant of £210 paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

In the Almoner Committee's report, which accompanies the general report, it is stated that the number of cases relieved during the year was 55, and 25 refused, as against 44 relieved in 1897, and 72 in 1896, the amount disbursed by the Committee being £94 7s, and a further sum of £6 3s paid to the Sub-Almoners.

No fewer than three impostors were detected by the Sub-Almoner at Ashton-under-Lyne, and each of them was convicted and imprisoned for obtaining relief under false pretences. Seeing that there are a great number of impostors and unworthy Brethren tramping the country, the Committee again strongly recommended the Sub-Almoners to refuse relief to any applicant not producing his Grand Lodge Certificate.

The total amount invested in the name of the Institution, after meeting all claims, amounted to £20,005.

WEST LONDON CHARITY.

WE were present at the meeting of the West London Masonic Election Association held at the Town Hall Tavern, Kensington, on Thursday, 6th inst., and were greatly pleased to notice it was so numerously attended.

The chair was taken by Brother W. Hillier P.M. President, and amongst those present we noticed Brother George Read P.M. P.G.S.B., who takes a very great interest in the work of the Association, and is the means of obtaining a vast amount of support from many of the notabilities of the Craft on its behalf.

The Association was established in 1894, and endeavours to prevent the waste of votes, by arranging for their systematic collection, defrays the heavy expenses of printing, postages, stationery, &c., besides securing the attendance of experienced Brethren at the Elections.

Every candidate that it has brought forward since its existence has been successful, the latest instance being the case of Marguerite Knott, returned No. 2 among the successful candidates on Thursday, at the election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

We wish the Association every prosperity in its meritorious work. The subscription is a mere trifle, and a post card sent to the Secretary will ensure a reply, with every information.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL be worked in the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Perseverance Hotel, Southgate Road, N., on Saturday next, 22nd inst., commencing at 6.30 p.m., by members of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349. The chair will be occupied by Bro. B. Da Costa P.M. 1349 as W.M., with D. Moss P.M. 1349 P.D.G.S.B. Transvaal as I.P.M., L. A. Da Costa P.M. 1349 S.W., J. Oxley P.M. 1306 J.W., N. Goldman J.D. 1349 S.D., J. Davis S.D. 1349 J.D., and F. Stallard P.M. 1613 Secretary. The following Brethren will work the different Sections:

First Lecture.—Bros. A. Schaverein 1349, S. Torlowsky 205, S. Emden 1349, I. Richmond S.D. 205, I. Goulston I.G. 1349, D. Moss P.M. 1349, and B. Stewart P.M. 2411.

Second Lecture.—Bros. M. Moses D.C. 1349, J. Oxley P.M. 1306, S. B. Lotheim 205, N. Goldman J.D. 1349, and L. Simmons 2.

Third Lecture.—Bros. M. Corper W.M. 1349 L. A. Da Costa P.M. 1349, and H. Harris P.M. 1349.

HONOURS FOR NORFOLK.

THE Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, of Norwich, has been appointed by H.R.H. the Grand Master to the position of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Lodge. In thus honouring Bro. Barnard Grand Lodge honours Norfolk, and Brethren throughout the Province will heartily congratulate the Prov. Grand Secretary on a well-deserved compliment.—“Norfolk Standard.”

We are glad to announce that Freemasonry is in a very flourishing condition in Middlesbrough, and the large gatherings which have marked the festivals of the three Craft Lodges during recent years, and the great additions to the membership, must compel the proprietors of the present Masonic Hall to take under immediate consideration some prompt steps towards having a much needed enlargement made of the premises, to meet the growing demands upon the space, not only for the comfort of their own Lodge (the North York) but also for the convenience of the other Lodges meeting there, and being their tenants. The outlay involved is really only very inconsiderable when it is taken into consideration that the roll of the Lodges includes many of the most influential inhabitants of the town.—“Middlesbrough Telegraph.”

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

THE Province of East Lancashire has sustained a very severe loss in the death of its Masonic chief Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie P.G.W., who had occupied the position of Provincial Grand Master in this important Masonic district since 1870, he having stood sixth, in point of length of service, on the list of Provincial Grand Masters. He had also been at the head of the Royal Arch of East Lancashire for a similar period, and as a Provincial Grand Superintendent occupied the third place in point of seniority. Colonel Starkie's death, which occurred at his residence, Huntroyde, near Burnley, on Thursday morning, will be severely felt, as he was generally respected as one of the most popular of our Masonic rulers.

OUR readers will deeply regret to learn that on board the ill-fated “Stella” was Bro. Dr. Philip Howard Davis, F.R.G.S., F.R.H.S., F.S.A., F.S.C.I., &c., &c. The doctor was the principal of the East Hill Laboratories, Wandsworth, London, and was well-known as an expert adviser on the blending and perfuming of tobacco. He had made this question the study of his lifetime, and had gathered together a magnificent library of books relating to the subject. He was especially retained as analyst to the Confectioners Trades and other London Guilds. A lady with whom the Doctor was travelling, and to whom he supplied a life-belt, was among the saved, but, up to the time of writing, Dr. Davis's body had not been recovered—nor had any tidings been heard of him, so it is presumed that the hungry man of the great deep has claimed in him still another victim. Dr. Davis was an exceptionally prominent Freemason, a Past G. Deacon of England, Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer for Surrey, a Past Master and P.Z. of some half dozen Lodges and Chapters, a Past Mark Master, &c., &c. He was a founder and first Worshipful Master of the Bolingbroke Lodge, No. 2417, and during his year of office, in 1892, he initiated a well-known Masonic poet and historian Brother and Companion Dr. Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D., F.R.M.S., of Bradford. Dr. Davis also initiated into the Craft Sir Garnet (now Lord) Wolseley. Mrs. Aylett, of East Hill, New Wandsworth, one of the lady passengers, has made the following statement, which we reproduce verbatim. It is only just to our late Brother's memory to explain that his threat of “I'll put my fist into your face if you stir from this seat” was evidently his *fortiter in re* manner of impressing upon her the advisability of not giving way to hysterics, and thus throwing her fellow passengers into a state of confusion. “When we started, soon after eleven, from Southampton, I felt to want some lunch, and said so to my friend Dr. Davis. He remarked that there was only cold meat to be had then, but if I could wait till one o'clock he might be able to get me into the captain's cabin, so as to share the captain's hot lunch. Dr. Davis soon managed it for me. So at once we sat down and had some hot mutton. The captain was a perfect gentleman,

and he and the mate were saying how nice it was to get a holiday. Well, when the captain and mate had left the cabin, I said to Dr. Davis, ‘What a fine stout man the captain is, and how thin you are. That comes of you always smoking.’ Just then the captain came in smoking a pipe, so I laughed and told him I was sorry to see him smoking, because I had been holding him up as an example. He then began to talk about the voyage to Dr. Davis, and ended up by saying ‘I'll be there in time. I'll get there by five o'clock if I break my neck for it.’ After this Dr. Davis asked me if I would have some tea. I said, ‘No, thank you,’ but he got a cup for himself, and he was just standing with the cup and saucer in his hands when he cried out, ‘Look there: we've just missed it.’ I looked, and there was a great rock seemingly as near to me as that chair, and the next moment there came a great crunching sound. Dr. Davis put his fist in my face and said, ‘I'll put my fist in your face if you stir from this seat!’ So he went and got a lifebelt for me and another for himself, and I helped a girl to put one on. Then Dr. Davis threw me into one of the boats, saying, ‘I'll follow you.’ But he did not.” The doctor was an up-to-date journalist in every respect, and during the existence of his weekly journal, “The Smoker” (1892) conducted it in a most capable manner. He also edited and published numerous other works. Bro. Dr. Forshaw dedicated to him his well-known Masonic Song “The Mystic Tie,” which our late Brother Stocks Hammond, Mus. Doc., set to music. The words of this song first appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, in May 1892, and speedily became popular. There were numerous parodies on it, one of the best known of which we give, along with a copy of Dr. Forshaw's original lines.

THE MISSING TIE.

AN UN-MASONIC SONG (with apologies to Bro. Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D., 2417).

THERE is a Tie that binds my throat,
That white as snow should be;
A Tie that oftentimes makes me swear,
Aye, use a big, big “D,”
A Tie I never can keep straight,
And very seldom clean,
A Tie that in the morn doth show,
That out at night I've been.
This festive Tie is ever fresh,
And yet it seems to me,
Try as I may, that wretched Tie
Is never fit to see.
It hides itself behind my ear,
It cocks itself askew,
It is the most infernal Tie,
That mankind ever knew.
A Tie once tied, a saintly man,
In rending it apart,
May language use and—you'll excuse—
Might break his bleeding heart!
A Tie from the great Hope Brothers,
At trivial cost—don't laugh—
Within the reach of everyone,
At Six D. and a half!

[We rather think that Dr. Davis wrote the above, but are not certain.]

THE MYSTIC TIE.

THERE is a tie that binds us close—
In unity and love;
A tie that bids us firmly trust,
The Architect above.
A tie that others wot not of—
A tie both staunch and true—
That bids us ever steadfast be,
As life we journey through.
This mystic tie is broad and long,
And yet, withal, so free,
It speaks of peace, and hope, and joy,
And tender amity.
It tells of bosoms fraught with bliss,
It whispers soft and low,
Of souls that will together cling
In pleasure and in woe.
It is a tie that the strongest,
Can never rend apart,
It is a tie that's deep engraven,
In each Masonic heart.
A tie of the great hereafter—
A bond of quaint design—
An emblem of power and beauty—
A token, and a sign.

BRADFORD.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

Dr. Davis was about fifty years of age. He leaves a widow to lament his loss, but no family. We hardly dare hope that after such a lapse of time his body will be recovered, but his thoughts will live in many a memory, even though we may not drop on his grave the hallowed Acacia.

CATHOLICS AND MASONRY.

THE following letters have appeared in the "Catholic Times," in answer to the letter inserted therein, and reproduced in our columns last week:

SIR,—In your last issue a "London Catholic" complains that he is unable to obtain Catholic literature on the above subject.

I beg to recommend him to peruse Monsignor George F. Dillon's lectures which were delivered in Edinburgh in October 1884, and which are published in book form under the title of "The War of Anti-Christ with the Church and Christian Civilisation." The book can be had from Messrs. Gill and Son, Dublin; or Messrs. Burns and Oates, London.

Yours, etc.,

WALTER HAYES.

SIR,—Is it not rather that the principal objection of the Papal Bulls against Masonry is on the score of the Continental Craft having a tendency to run towards Atheism, and not so much to the fact of its being a secret society? In the Foresters, Oddfellows, Druids, and other societies, Catholics abound, yet they all come under the head of "secret" in the sense that they exclude all outsiders from their ritual. Are they equally condemned with Masonry? If not, why not? I cannot see that Catholicism and Masonry are opposed to each other in principle. One deals with the natural or secular, and the other with the supernatural and spiritual. The large number of books published openly regarding the objects, aims, and principles of the Order do not, so far as I can read, state any opposition, enmity, or antagonism to Catholicism. In fact there seems to be a great affinity between these two forces in humanity—both are Universal, both misunderstood and subject to misrepresentation, and both calumniated by ignorant persons. In fact, the average Protestant is as stupidly prejudiced against Catholicism as the average Catholic is against Masonry.

It seems to me, however, from intimate acquaintanceship with Catholics, that there is plenty of scope for the exercise of mutual charity and forbearance and brotherly love between Catholics and Masons. If both systems are placed in their proper order and viewed impartially with respect to their aims and principles it is quite clear that there is nothing really at variance between them; both are in perfect harmony in their due perspectives. And lastly both systems are one in universal tolerance, and by their impregnable foundation on nature and tradition of necessity vastly more tolerant and less bigoted than sectarians, who build on their own false and shifty assumptions of what individuals think to be truth.

Yours, etc.,

T. MAY.

40 Spondon Road, Tottenham,
Lady Day 1899.

[The Masonic Society differs from certain other societies in being oath-bound. The Church is opposed to secret oath-bound societies, and common sense teaches that she is rightly opposed to them, for no man should take an oath to obey orders that may direct the commission of acts the character of which he does not know at the time of taking the oath.—ED. C.T.]

SIR,—"London Catholic," if asked by a Freemason to state his reasons for objecting to join the Craft, finds himself unable to offer satisfactory motives for his refusal. Permit me then to inform him what would be my reply to such an invitation.

By the grace of God I am a member of that kingdom which the Only Begotten of the Father came down from Heaven to establish upon earth: a kingdom that, if propagated through all nations and through all hearts, would transform this present valley of tears into an earthly paradise. I, as a Catholic, am bound to pray that this may be accomplished.

What has Freemasonry in common with this heavenly kingdom? Is Freemasonry in opposition to the teaching of the Church? In a human organisation, exercising such a powerful sway in the modern world, we may, not unreasonably, expect to find a superficial likeness in some respects to the Church, of which it is in reality a rival; and this likeness I detect first in its striving after universality, and secondly in its claim to be the promoter of universal brotherhood. But the means adopted by Freemasonry to acquire universality differ altogether from the method of the Church. The latter seeks to include all as active members of Christ's kingdom—high and low, rich and poor.

Freemasonry, although it would have all mankind imbued with its principles, which it is specially careful to instil by means of the Press, seeks to enrol in the bonds of actual brotherhood only the rich, or at least the well-to-do citizen.

But to the second question, does Freemasonry oppose the Church's teaching? I answer yes, "For many seducers are gone out into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a seducer and an anti-Christ" (II. St. John, 7). The cardinal principle of Freemasonry is that it shall perforce include among its members those "who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh," as Jews, Mahometans, Parsees, and the like; and it hesitates not to admit into its highest offices even the pronounced atheist. The Catholic who is unhappily induced to become a Mason is in his Lodge distinctly forbidden to confess that Jesus is God. This prohibition, indeed, according to Masonic principles, is considered to indicate the existence of a real and true brotherhood. And let "London Catholic" reflect that in becoming a Freemason one does not attach himself to an organization established simply for the furtherance of the common good, for philanthropic purposes, the advancement of science, art, or literary pursuits, but that he is required absolutely to throw in his lot with his colleagues, and bind himself by a fearful oath not to disclose any of the secrets of the brotherhood.

"No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to the one and despise the other." These words appeal forcibly to the Catholic who is hesitating as to whether he may without sin become a Freemason. Our Blessed Lord, until He shall return in glory, has committed the care of his Church to the successors of St. Peter, and these, ever watchful for the flock committed to their charge, have always been mindful of the manifold dangers that lurk in all societies that presume to impose an oath of secrecy. Holy Church teaches us it is not permissible for any man, or any body of men, to administer an oath, saving those lawfully entitled to do so as the representatives either of the ecclesiastical or of the temporal power. "No man can serve two masters." "London Catholic" cannot serve both the Church of Christ and Masonry.

Redhill.

Yours, etc.,

A. C. S.

ROYAL ARCH.

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CHAPTER OF RECTITUDE, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 6th inst., Companion Robert Rudman M.E.Z.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. Elijah Turner J.W. Ardwick Lodge, No. 2185; Waltham Forrest, Strangeways Lodge, No. 1219; and William Lindop, Chaplain 2185, were successfully balloted for and afterwards exalted into the degree of the Holy Royal Arch by the M.E.Z., assisted by Companions T. C. Lilley J., and W. J. Melling P.Z. P.P.G.D.C.

Refreshments followed, being succeeded in turn by the festive board, where Loyal and Arch toasts were interspersed with songs, &c.

There were also present Comps. Walker S.E., Stokes S.N., Adshead P.S., Ostara Assist.S., Rostron Treas., Mowbray Org., Hy. B. Brown P.P.G.A.D.C., J. M. Frost P.Z., J. C. Brown, S. Andrew, J. E. Chapman, and others. Visitor, Comp. W. Fielding 323.

PHILBRICK CHAPTER, No. 1662.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on the 8th inst., at the Lord Brooke Hotel, Shernall Street, Walthamstow, when Bros. George Savory Fulford and Thomas Tonseth were regularly exalted to the supreme degree. The ceremony was very ably conducted by Comp. William Shurmur M.E.Z.

This being the election meeting according to the bye-laws, the Comps. proceeded to elect their Officers for the following year, with this result: Principals D. H. McGowen Z., James Speller H., and George Graveley J. James Clark Scribe E., W. Gower Scribe N., J. R. Carter P.S., J. C. Francis 1st Assist., Samuel Fortescue 2nd Assist., H. J. Hallows Treasurer, Amos Oakden D. of C., George Pizey, F. R. Peck, H. Papworth, and K. Yeoman Stewards, T. J. Maidwell Janitor, the elections in all cases being unanimous.

The Companions subsequently dined together and a pleasant evening was spent.

GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

AT a convocation of this Chapter, held on Saturday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., the following Principals and Officers for the ensuing year were elected: Comps. J. J. Fretwell M.E.Z., Orlton Cooper H., E. A. Peachey J., Herbert Wright Scribe E., the Rev. J. S. Barrass Scribe N., E. E. Peacock P.Z. Treasurer, George Tarran P.S., Cornwallis F. H. Smith First Assist., George H. Ribbons Second Assist., J. Sheppard Janitor.

It was arranged that each of the Principals should instal his successor, as used formerly to be the case.

A Committee was appointed for the purpose of finding other quarters for the Chapter and the Gallery Lodge. There being no further business the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned for refreshment.

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A T A GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 13th April 1899, ALDERMAN SIR REGINALD HANSON, BART., M.P., LL.D., P.G.W., PATRON in the Chair. After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION BY BALLOT of 16 GIRLS into the Institution, from a list of 36 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly ELECTED.

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	Name.	Votes.
1	6	Ellis, Florence (last)	5799
2	4	Knott, Marguerite (last)	5077
3	15	Green, Wilhelmine Theodora (last)	4875
4	2	Gifkins, Mabel	4795
5	29	Carswell, Winifred Ethel (last)	4780
6	18	Rodway, Gladys (last)	4740
7	28	Lockwood, Agnes Mildred	4710
8	8	Fielden, Bertha Matilda	4682
9	18	Sparks, Lucy Emmeline	4510
10	5	Clayton, Muriel	4473
11	14	Firth, Marjorie Louise	4466
12	35	Reddall, Dorothy Clara (last)	4339
13	19	Griffin, Phyllis	4281
14	25	Corble, Winifred Maud	4265
15	9	Green, Rosina Frances	4224
16	33	Sargent, Bessie Florence	4140

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

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
13th April 1899.

* * The 111th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place on Wednesday, 10th MAY next, under the distinguished Presidency of the R.R. HON. VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN, D.L., R.W. Prov. G.M. Somersetshire. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being greatly needed.

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A T A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 14th day of April 1899, the V.W. BROTHER RICHARD EVE, PATRON AND TRUSTEE (P.G. TREAS.) in the Chair, a ballot took place for the ELECTION of 23 BOYS from an approved list of 37 candidates, the following being declared SUCCESSFUL:

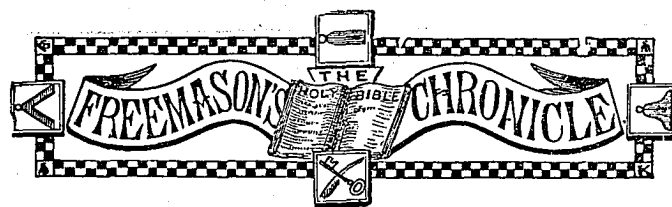
No.	Name.	Votes.	No.	Name.	Votes.
1	Miller, W. B.	6227	13	Carbert, G. G. M.	4989
2	Tucker, W. D.	6178	14	Forman, V. H.	4973
3	Foulds, R. E.	6161	15	Overend, H.	4850
4	Hayes, E. W.	6001	16	Baker, H.	4797
5	Wayman, F. J.	5937	17	Cox, R. C.	4723
6	Moir, S. H.	5527	18	Rees, L. S.	4720
7	Smallwood, G. H.	5460	19	Price, E. R.	4694
8	Hatchwell, L. D.	5443	20	McLeod, L. A. A.	4020
9	Tremearne, G. L. S.	5407	21	Jarman, M. W.	3575
10	Nichols, H. W.	5367	22	Dorrell, G. F.	3270
11	Chowne, H. T.	5280	23	Holdom, A. J. T.	2953
12	Slark, W. L. T.	5212			

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

J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

* * The 101st ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on 28th JUNE 1899, under the Presidency of W. Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., Past Grand Deacon, Treasurer and Patron of the Institution. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on the occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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NEW HALL AT BOMBAY.

AFTER nearly a quarter of a century of deliberation, discussion, and correspondence, the Freemasons of Bombay have been able to build a home for themselves in Home Street, Fort, where they will hold their meetings in the future. The new Masonic Hall, which is estimated to cost about a lakh and a half, was to be consecrated and dedicated for use by H. E. Lord Sandhurst in his dual capacity of Pro District Grand Master for Bombay, and Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, on Saturday evening, 25th ult.

Before the new structure is described, a brief history of the movement of a Joint Hall for the Masonic bodies in Bombay may be given. The Lodges and other Masonic bodies belonging to the English and the Scottish Constitutions in Bombay had separate meeting places for a number of years. Efforts were made from time to time to locate all these Masonic bodies under one common roof, but failed for various reasons. At last a further effort was made in the year 1877, when English Freemasonry was under the regime of the late Hon. Mr. Gibbs District Grand Master, and Scottish Freemasonry under that of the late Sir Henry Morland Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. A small sub-committee of three expert Freemasons from each side

was appointed to arrange the basis on which both Constitutions could meet in one building. A happy solution was brought about by these members, with great tact and judgment, which resulted in the laying of the foundation-stone of the new building on the 5th June 1897. The Hall Committee selected Mr. Darasha R. Chichgar as their Honorary Secretary, and he has acted in that capacity for a period of twenty years, conducting his duties to the entire satisfaction of both Constitutions. Since October 1891 Mr. R. S. Brown has been President of the Joint Hall Committee. He has rendered exceptional service to the Hall Committee during his presidency, and particularly in inducing the District Grand Lodge to pass a very practical and comprehensive resolution, which enabled them to solve the most difficult problem of how to acquire a Hall. A sub-committee, consisting of Mr. G. Owen Dunn, Mr. N. N. Wadia, C.I.E., and Mr. Darasha R. Chichgar put forth their best exertions to obtain donations, and they succeeded in a great measure in their efforts.

In the matter of donations the Committee's expectations have been more than fully realised. The liberal response given to the appeal for donations has placed to the credit of the Building Fund a total sum of Rs. 76,952. Of this sum Rs. 7,000 were contributed by the Hall Committee, Rs. 8,850 by Lodges under the English and Scotch Constitutions, Rs. 2,225 by Chapters, Rs. 17,535 by individual members of Lodges, Rs. 19,000 by the Petit family, Rs. 14,936 by the N. N. Framjee Trust Fund, Rs. 6,281 by Mofussil Lodges and their members, and Rs. 1,050 by members of the Fraternity for the purposes of furniture and fittings.

H. E. Lord Sandhurst, who takes a deep interest in Freemasonry, will, with the assistance and co-operation of his Grand Lodge Officers, consecrate the new Hall.

The new building is situated on the east side of the Government Stables and the Novelty Theatre, and on the south side of the new Scotch Church. The superficial area of the land is 1,081 square yards, which was bought from the Government at one rupee per square yard, Rs. 4,000 being paid as initial "fine." The new building occupies almost the whole of the ground on which it is built, and it fronts north and west.

The building is in the Italian style and has brick walls faced on the west and north sides with Coorla stone, fair dressed and pointed in black mortar, with Porebunder stone window dressings on both the ground and first floors, and with bold Porebunder stone rusticated quoins at the corners of the building. On the first floor level there is a Porebunder stone string course on which a Greek fret is boldly cut, and all round the top of outer walls of the Grand Hall there is a handsome Porebunder stone entablature with carved enriched double consoles to friezes.

The centre or main part of the building, consisting of the Banqueting Hall and Grand Hall, is over 62 ft. high from the ground level to the top of the cornice, and the height of parts of the building at the east and west ends is 48 ft. A Porebunder stone entablature is also carried round the outer walls of the east and west ends, with a plain moulded architrave and cornice without ornamental consoles. The whole of the Porebunder stone has been painted with three coats of Porebunder stone colour to preserve it against the monsoon, as Porebunder stone if left unprotected by any covering becomes black in a very short time from the effect thereof.

The portico at the north-west corner is entirely of Porebunder stone, with pilasters and arched openings between, with two large openings on the north and south sides for carriages. The portico has an Ionic entablature all round in Porebunder stone with a dentil course in the cornice, and is crowned by a Porebunder stone balustrade, with sunk panelled piers and turned moulded balusters between the same, and a flat roof covers the whole portico.

The outer walls of parts of the building on the east and south sides are of brickwork, faced on the outer sides with table-moulded bricks painted three coats of a light stone colour and pointed in white mortar. There are clear-story windows round the Entrance Hall and Banqueting Hall on the ground-floor, and round the Grand Hall on the upper floor and outside there are fitted small ornamental teak weather-shades, so that all through the monsoon these windows can be kept open for ventilation. The building was commenced in October 1897, and the contract time for completion was the 1st May 1899. The contractor is Mr. Nusserwanjee Dinshaw, and the estimated cost of the building, including the water supply and drainage, was Rs. 1,10,000. The architect is Mr. John Campbell, F.R.I.B.A. and M.S.A.—"The Times of India."

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Monday.

- 1 Grand Masters, F.T.
- 8 British, Freemasons'-hall
- 21 Emulation, Albion
- 185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern
- 907 Royal Albert, Freemasons'-hall
- 1506 White Horse o' K't., Hlbrn V.Hl.
- 1694 Imperial, Westminster
- 2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.
- 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
- 77 Freedom, Gravesend
- 148 Lights, Warrington
- 236 York, York
- 248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
- 312 Lion, Whitby
- 359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
- 377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
- 424 Borough, Gateshead
- 455 Perseverance, Katering
- 466 Merit, Stamford Baron
- 872 Lewis, Whitehaven
- 925 Bedford, Birmingham
- 949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
- 986 Hesketh, Croston
- 1030 Egerton, Eaton Norris
- 1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
- 1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
- 1146 De Moulham, Swanage
- 1170 St. George, Manchester
- 1199 Ariculture, Yatton
- 1208 Corinthian, Dover
- 1238 Gooch, Twickenham
- 1255 Dundas, Plymouth
- 1337 Anchor, Northallerton
- 1443 Salem, Dawlish
- 1502 Israel, Liverpool
- 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
- 1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
- 1814 Worsley, Worsley
- 1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
- 1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
- 2049 Eilan Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.
- 2069 Prudence, Leeds
- 2074 St. Clare, Landport
- 2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
- 2086 Dacre, Stevenage
- 2114 Prudence, Liverpool
- 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
- 2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
- 2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
- 2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
- 2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
- 2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
- 2482 Duchess of York, Manchester
- 2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, F.M.H. at 5.
- 30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.
- 95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
- 162 Cadogan, Freemasons'-hall
- 194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
- 435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
- 1339 Stockwell, Camberwell
- 1695 New Finsbury Park, Via. H'tl.
- 2022 Haven, Ealing
- 2045 Wharton, Willesden
- 2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
- 213 Perseverance, Norwich
- 223 Charity, Plymouth
- 366 St. David, Milford
- 384 St. David, Bangor
- 402 Royal Sussex, Nottingham
- 414 Union, Reading
- 418 Menturia, Hanley
- 432 Abbey, Nuneaton
- 468 Light, Birmingham
- 476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
- 551 Yarroworth, Ventnor
- 560 Vernon, Stourport
- 660 Camalodunum, New Malton
- 667 Alliance, Lr. pool
- 681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
- 814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
- 830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
- 958 St. Aubin, Jersey
- 960 Bute, Cardiff
- 990 Neyland, Neyland
- 1006 Tregullow, St. Day
- 1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
- 1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
- 1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
- 1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1276 Warren, Seacombe
- 1410 S. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell
- 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton

- 1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1551 Charity, Birmingham
- 1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
- 1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
- 1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
- 1787 Grenville, Buckingham
- 1893 Lumley, Skegness
- 1894 Hershel, Slough
- 1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
- 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
- 2001 Narberth, Narberth
- 2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
- 2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
- 2316 Princes, Liverpool
- 2360 Victoria, Southampton
- 2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
- 2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
- 2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

- Gen. Committee, Grand Chapter, 4.
- Board of Benevolence, F.M.H., 5.
- Grand Stewards, Freemasons'-hall.
- 7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion
- 169 Temperance, Deptford
- 174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
- 190 Oak, Freemasons'-hall
- 969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
- 1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
- 1150 Buckingham & Chandos, F.M.H.
- 1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle
- 1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
- 1673 Welcome, Holborn Viaduct H'tl.
- 1681 Londesborough, Café Royal
- 2266 Cator, Beckenham
- 2272 Rye, Peckham
- 2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
- 2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
- 20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
- 121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
- 127 Union, Margate
- 137 Amity, Poole
- 175 East Medina, Ryde
- 178 Antiquity, Wigan
- 200 Old Globe, Scarborough
- 210 Duke of Athol, Denton
- 221 St. John, Bolton
- 243 Loyalty, Guernsey
- 246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
- 261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
- 285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
- 311 South Saxon, Lewes
- 325 St. John, Salford
- 342 Royal Sussex, Landport
- 376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
- 451 Sutherland, Burslem
- 537 Zetland, Birkenhead
- 581 Faith, Openshaw
- 592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
- 610 Colston, Bristol
- 662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
- 68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
- 726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
- 823 Everton, Liverpool
- 874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
- 934 Merit, Whitefield
- 938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
- 950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
- 962 Sun and Sector, Workington
- 972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
- 1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
- 1040 Sykes, Driffield
- 1086 Walton, Liverpool
- 1114 Joppa, Fakenham
- 1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
- 1136 Carew, Torpoint
- 1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
- 1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
- 1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
- 1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
- 1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
- 1323 Talbot, Swansea
- 1334 Norman, Durham
- 1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
- 1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
- 1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
- 1638 Brownrigg, K'gston-on-Thames
- 1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
- 1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
- 1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
- 2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
- 2135 Constance, Consett
- 2153 Hope, Gosport
- 2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
- 2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse

2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2502 Gatwick, Horley
2514 City, Liverpool

Thursday.

House Committee, Girls School, 4-30.

6 Friendship, Criterion
23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
55 Constitutional, Cannon St. Ho.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall
179 Manchester, Anderton's
657 Canonbury, Holborn Rest
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest
1320 Blackheath, Southwark
1475 Peckham, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1613 Cripplegate, Albion
1716 All Saints, Poplar
1901 Selwyn, Peckham
2551 Clissold,

42 Relief, Bury
56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
280 Worcester, Worcester
286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnworth
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
659 Blagdon, Blyth
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
900 St. George, Tewkesbury
939 Pelham, Workop
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds

1184 Abbey, Battle
1247 St. John, Plymouth
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1332 Unity, Crediton
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1432 Fitz-Allan, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca
1776 Landport, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
2226 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Southwell
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2352 Universities, Durham
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
2555 England Centre, Weedon
2570 Prince Llewellyn, Cardiff

Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School,
2-30

975 Rose of Denmark, Kennington
1962 London Rifle Brigade, And'tn's.
2157 St. Mark's College, H'lbom Rest
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons' Hall
152 Virtue, Manchester
155 Perseverance, Liverpool
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah Ark, Tipton
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth Priory, Cf'ct'n-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn
444 Union, Starcross
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court
2048 Henry Levander, Harrow St'n.
2353 Broxbourne, New Barnet
2421 Carrington, Amersham

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HONOUR AND GENEROSITY LODGE, No 165.

A MEETING of this ancient and well-known Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel, at which a large number of Brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. A. P. Crabb W.M., F. E. Rosher I.P.M., F. Howard Rosher S.W., J. Woodhouse J.W., Henry Times P.M. Sec., Godfrey Sykes S.D., W. de B. Herbert J.D., H. W. Clarkson Org., W. M. Thompson I.G., G. E. Wainwright P.M., J. R. Drake P.M., Frank Baggallay P.M., F. S. Gaylor, Harry Bearman, C. J. Andrews, W. H. Burt, J. W. Ellis, A. S. Ellam, and W. C. Hulbert.

Amongst the distinguished Visitors were Bros. Henry Neville A.G.D.C., W. L. Florence G. Supt. of Works, J. B. Phillips, T. W. Torckler 2234, W. H. Anns 1146, J. F. Beck 1853, M. P. Robinson 15, A. R. Upjohn 2033, J. White jun. I.P.M. 176, J. A. Hamilton 1319, H. Wharton Wells W.M. 946, Templer Saxe 2190, Reg. Groome 1929, F. H. Cheesewright P.M. 907.

A large amount of Masonic business was transacted, including the first and second ceremonies, which were given by the W.M. in accordance with Emulation working. After the election of the Officers for the ensuing year it was announced that Bro. F. Howard Rosher S.W. would represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on his list. Other business having been transacted the Brethren adjourned to a well served banquet.

The usual Loyal toasts were given by the W.M. and duly honoured.

Bro. Henry Times, in proposing the toast of the Grand Officers present and past, said this was a toast that required no eloquence from him, as it was well-known to all present the good work that was done by the Grand Officers. Unfortunately Bros. Eve P.G.T., and Belton P.G.A.D.C., both shining lights in Freemasonry and Past Masters of the Lodge, were unable to be present, but they were fortunate in having among their guests two present Grand Officers, Bro. Henry Neville A.G.D.C., whose fame had spread throughout the land, not only as an ornament to the profession which he adorned, but as a worker of the Masonic ritual, who had been travelling since the early morning from Ireland on purpose to be present with them that evening; and Bro. W. L. Florence G. Supt. of Works.

Bro. Henry Neville A.G.D.C., in responding, said it was a great pleasure to be present and a guest in a Lodge where the work was so well done, and where Honour and Generosity predominated. He concluded his speech with an intimation that if it were desired he would give a recitation, which was received with prolonged applause by all present.

Bro. F. E. Rosher I.P.M. gave the toast of the Worshipful Master, whose work in the Lodge could not but be fully appreciated by the Brethren. Although his years were not many he had proved himself thoroughly conversant with the work of the Lodge, and had fulfilled the arduous duties which had devolved upon him in a masterful manner.

The W.M. Bro. A. P. Crabb briefly responded, and thanked the Brethren for their support during the past year. His duties had fallen lightly upon him, from the fact that although there had been a large amount of work to do, he had been supported so loyally by the I.P.M., who had always been close at hand to render any assistance should it be required.

Before resuming his seat the W.M. gave the toast of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Drake P.M. responded.

The toast of the Initiate was entrusted by the W.M. to Bro. G. E. Wainwright P.M., who said that as a rule it was the custom to deliver to the Initiate a long lecture on the importance and dignity of the Order into which he had been admitted, but he proposed to break away from that rule on this occasion, more especially as an excellent musical programme was before them, and the W.M. had set an excellent example of curtailing all the speeches as much as possible. He would, therefore, simply welcome the initiate into the Order of Ancient Freemasonry.

Bro. W. H. Burt, in responding, said he felt he had been admitted into a society of men who were Brothers indeed, that he had been deeply impressed by what he had heard that evening, and that he trusted he would in due time make a good Mason. He was grateful for the honour that had been done him, by being admitted a member of the Institution, and having been elected a member of such a distinguished Lodge as Honour and Generosity.

Bro. W. L. Florence G. Supt. of Works responded to the toast of the visitors, proposed by Bro. W. M. Thompson, and complimented the Brethren on the excellent working he had witnessed.

Bro. F. Howard Rosher S.W. replied on behalf of the Officers, and the Tyler's toast brought a most successful evening to a close.

During the evening Bro. Henry Neville recited, with his well known dramatic force, "Roger and I" and for an encore delighted his audience with "If we only knew." Bro. Templer Saxe, Bro. Reg. Groom, and Bro. Fred. Cheesewright sang, and in each case an additional song was demanded and generously given by the artistes. The instrumental part of the programme was supplied by Bro. James A. Hamilton (flute) and Bro. Wharton Wells (piano).

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CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE annual election meeting took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of Bro. Walter Eddie W.M., supported by W. Wilkinson S.W., C. H. Lawrence J.W., F. Purkiss P.M. Treas., C. J. Grove P.M. Sec., J. Beynon S.D., H. Tull J.D., E. Paxton I.G., H. Wootton Stewd., S. Smith Org., Past Masters J. Blundell, Larkin, and others; Bros. E. Tallen, John Taft, George Miller, F. Blundell, H. Haylock, A. Henderson, &c.

After the opening of the Lodge the minutes were read and confirmed, and then the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. John Taft was presented as a Fellow Craft to be raised. Having answered the questions in a satisfactory manner he was entrusted, the Lodge was opened up, and the candidate was regularly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for Mr. John Bull, and proved unanimous in his favour, after which he

was regularly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. Both the ceremonies were rendered in a perfect and impressive manner.

The next item on the programme was the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and this not only resulted in the unanimous selection of Bro. Wilkinson S.W., but his very hearty congratulation on rising to the dignity of W.M.-elect. Bro. F. Purkiss P.M. was re-elected to the office of Treasurer.

Bro. Wilkinson thanked the Brethren for their unanimous vote in electing him to the dignity of Worshipful Master of the Crystal Palace Lodge. He was fully conscious of what was required of him to fulfil the duties of the position, and hoped to conduct the affairs of the Lodge to the entire satisfaction of the Brethren.

Bro. Purkiss also acknowledged his re-election, in a few well-chosen words.

It was proposed that in recognition of the excellent working of the W.M. during his year of office, a Past Master's jewel be provided from the funds of the Lodge, to be presented to him on his retirement from the chair.

This concluded the business of the evening, and the Lodge was thereupon closed, the company adjourning to the banquet room, where, later on, the customary toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with an excellent musical entertainment, under the direction of the popular Organist of the Lodge Bro. S. Smith.

INSTRUCTION.

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RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 7th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. J. Worth W.M., Robert Reid S.W., H. J. Cousens J.W., A. Williams P.M. Prec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., H. Stokes S.D., M. F. Wilkins J.D., G. White I.G., S. J. Parker P.M., K. M. Ross, J. King, A. King, J. H. Cumming P.M., G. T. Meek, J. R. Ingram, J. Stewart, W. P. Cockburn P.M.

The W.M. went through the ceremony of investiture of Officers. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. King acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree and resumed to the first, when Bro. J. H. King answered the necessary questions, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. W. Hinds P.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, presented his portrait to the Lodge of Instruction, and it was gratefully accepted and ordered to be hung in the Portrait Gallery, which is one of the largest and best in the West End of London.

PROVINCIAL.

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LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, when Bro. Alfred J. Walklin W.M. presided.

In the unavoidable absence of the Wardens Bro. Henry Forss P.M. acted as S.W., and Bro. Orton Cooper P.M. as J.W. There were also present Bros. T. T. Hogg Past Prov. G.S. Bearer Treasurer, Arthur Ronaldson P. Prov. A.G.S. Secretary, Robert J. Beamish P. Prov. A.G.D.C. acting as I.P.M., E. Ingman S.D., J. A. Gillett J.D., Thomas Smith I.G., L. J. Axcell D.C., C. P. Bowen, T. A. Mummery, G. A. Grant and J. Hewson Stewards. There was a large attendance of the members, and the following visitors: W. C. Barnes, of the Royal Athelstan Lodge; and William Thornton, of the Lodge of Freedom.

The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M. Bro. Walklin, the opening hymn and the rest of the music being sung by the Brethren, unaccompanied by the organ, under the leadership of Bro. Beamish, who made an admirable precentor.

After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. J. A. Smith and A. Tulk answered the usual questions and were subsequently raised to the rank of Master Mason, were invested, and took their seats in the Lodge. After the traditional history had been given by the W.M. the Lodge was called off for a short time; and, upon the return of the Brethren, was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Alfred Watkins, having proved his proficiency, was passed as a Craftsman. Both the ceremonies were perfectly performed by Bro. Walklin, who was ably assisted by the Officers, especially the Deacons, Bros. Ingman and Gillett.

Upon the W.M. rising to inquire whether any Brother had aught to propose for the good of Freemasonry, Bro. Hogg said he desired to protest against the large number of votes that were now required to obtain the admission of a child into either of the Masonic Schools. He was informed that between 4,000 and 5,000 votes were now necessary, and it became almost impossible for any ordinary person to obtain the privilege. He also considered that the education given at the Schools was far superior to that which the Masons of the middle class were able to give their own children, and the Brethren would have to take the subject into their serious deliberation in the future.

Other brethren expressed their opinions in a similar strain, but a Past Master thought that it was inexpedient to pursue the matter further at the present time, and the subject dropped.

The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and the Brethren afterwards partook of supper.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 7th inst., Bro. John Mann Crone Worshipful Master.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. G. Hy. Smith was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Hugh W. Bloomer S.W., and William Rushton J.W.

This was Bro. Crone's initial effort in the chair, and he is to be congratulated upon the excellent way in which he acquitted himself. The usual festive board followed.

Besides those already mentioned, there were present Bros. A. Redfearn Treasurer, Wm. Thos. Hosketh P.M. Secretary, Henry Nall P.M. P.P.G.Tr., Cyril H. Beever P.M. Dir. of Cers., Alfred Pickford P.M. Char. Rep., I. R. E.

Birkett I.P.M., Wm. Lea S.D., Dr. Andrew Denholm J.D., T. C. Tallent-Bateman Organist, A. V. Sharratt Std., Wm. C. Flint, J. Webster, and others. Visitor: Bro. J. W. Gomersall Organist Mellor Lodge, No. 1774.

URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, 10th inst., Bro. Jas. Shaw Whitley W.M., there being an attendance of over 30 members and visitors.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. Robt. Lund Hattersley and John Charles Ratcliffe were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. J. H. Marsh P.M. P.P.S.G.D., the working tools of the degree being presented and explained by Bro. H. Jones S.W.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Marsh, John Goodwin, B. Cochrane, Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, &c. Among the visitors were Bros. A. E. Wilson P.M. Sec. 633, Wm. Mosley P.M. 1733, R. J. Brew W.M. 222, Surg.-Lieut. John Turville Smith I.G. 2322, Chas. A. Toyn 581, and R. M. Roberts 606.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 12th inst., Bro. Mark Steel W.M.

Four ceremonies confronted the Officers, viz., two passings and two raisings, all of which were performed. In the first instance, Bro. W. G. Lamb was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., Bro. Bernhard Steel I.P.M. undertaking a similar duty with respect to Bro. Arthur Eppinger, the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. W. Dagnall J.W. Bros. Henry Jacobson and Wm. Chas. Benson were afterwards raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the first by the W.M., and the second by Bro. Simon Mamelok P.M. Prov. G.J.D., who also presented the working tools of the degree. The usual festive board followed.

Besides those already mentioned, there were present Bros. Philip Joseph S.W., J. H. Phillips Sec., Hy. Norris S.D., L. Mistovski I.G., George Rideal P.M., Nathan Robinson, J. B. Levey, and others. Visitors:—Bros. J. W. Whitworth 2701, and M. Goldman 815.

CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, 4th inst., Brother Surg.-Capt. J. J. Kent Fairclough Worshipful Master.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes Bros. Alic Phillips (Surg. Lieut.), and Ernest Alfred Simmons (Capt.) were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Brother Fairclough, assisted by Brother Rev. John W. Challoner P.P.G.C. S.W., and Capt. Peter Nightingale J.W.

There were also present Bros. Major Fred Pratt P.M. Sec., Lieut. Geo. Heys S.D., Surg.-Lieut. J. Turville Smith I.G., Capt. F. J. Bentley, and others.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Albion Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, on Thursday, 13th inst., Bro. A. G. Bryce Worshipful Master, there being a good attendance.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. A. Yates, Worsley Lodge, No. 1814, and Wm. Morecroft P.M. Fernor Lodge, No. 1313, were successfully balloted for as joining members, and were heartily congratulated upon entering the Lodge.

The usual festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being interspersed with songs, recitations, &c., the contributors being Bros. Roland H. Whatham Treasurer, Saml. Kew S.D., A. Sutcliffe J.D., A. Yates, W. Morecroft P.M., Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459; accompanist Bro. Bridge Hopkinson P.M. 993.

THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 14th inst., Bro. William Alderley Boyer W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Bro. Albert Francis Thomas, Commercial Traveller, Ardwick, Manchester, late of St. George's Lodge, No. 440 (E.C.) Montreal, now of the Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, Canada, who was desirous of becoming a joining member.

The festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being introduced, and heartily acknowledged.

A very excellent musical quintette, comprising Bros. Wm. Booth P.M. 104 2156 P.P.G.D.C., Nathaniel Dumville P.M. 2156 P.P.G.S., William Dumville P.M. 2156, Mark Stafford P.M. 2156 P.P.G.S., and W. D. Booth Org. 104, rendered several glees and other enjoyable numbers, Bros. Samuel Moore P.M. 992 P.P.G.S. of W., and Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459 also adding their quota to the evening's entertainment by songs and recitations.

Nearly all the Officers were present, as also Bros. A. W. Bentham, F. Eastwood, and W. H. Crawford.

RHODESIAN GOLD TRUST.

INTEREST during the past week has largely centred in the Rhodesian share market. The declaration of substantial dividends by three of the companies carrying on gold mining operations in Rhodesia, and the rise in the price of Chartered shares to over £4, has drawn considerable attention to everything Rhodesian. The leading Berlin bankers are already largely interested in the success of many of the Rhodesian gold mines. It is said that Mr. Cecil Rhodes has had substantial assurances from the German Emperor and the English Colonial Office that his scheme for the continuation of the Railway from Bulawayo northward, to connect with the direct line to Cairo, will be assisted by the guarantees of the German and British Governments. Mr. Cecil Rhodes has said, however, that he is determined that the Railway shall go on in any case. With cheap transportation thus assured in Rhodesia there is every probability of the shares of the Rhodesian Gold Trust going to a very considerable premium. The Rhodesian Gold Trust owns 2,157 claims in the best known and most important parts of Matabeleland and Rhodesia. There have been large dealings in these shares during the last account, and at about the price of 8/- per share, at which the £1 shares are now dealt in on the London Stock Exchange, they are certainly worth the attention of the speculative investor.

UNIVERSALITY OF MASONRY.

“**M**ASONRY unites men of every country, sect, and opinion.” This constitutes its universality, and makes the Institution a most potent factor in promoting the world's welfare, and the upbuilding of human character.

Knowing nothing of sects in religion or of parties political, it accepts alike him who offers his devotions in the Synagogue and him who bows reverently in the Sanctuary of the Gentile. The follower of Mahomet, who with face toward the East offers his adorations and supplications to Allah, or the most devoted of the worshippers of the G.A.O.T.U.; he whose prayer is the silent, unspoken aspiration of a sincere heart ascending from the chamber of the meek and lowly, together with the one who in gorgeous robes and magnificent church sounds praises and defines the powers and purposes of the God whom he adores. All, from whatever clime and country, can unite around the altar of Freemasonry; each is free to formulate his own opinions of the powers, attributes and personality of that Supreme Intelligence we must all alike acknowledge and reverence.

In every nation and among all peoples where civilisation and its influences have extended, our altar has been erected.

Upon it may be found burning the benevolent and ennobling principles of our Order, sending therefrom the incense of Fraternal affection, of that genuine brotherly love which, pervading and being accepted by all, touches a chord implanted in every human breast, which will vibrate, not only throughout his own being, animating and elevating to higher life and purposes, but which reaches out to the suffering and the sorrowful with true Masonic sympathy, binding soul to soul, and prompting to noblest deeds—“A holy fire that cannot with life expire.”

While ignoring the scoffer and accepting only the believer, yet Masonry leaves to each the liberty of conscience and of opinion upon all those matters which in the ages past have been formulated into creeds and made the basis of the innumerable sects of to-day. In religion, equally tolerant in regard to our belief in and acceptance of revelation, we accept as such all that is good and pure. All becomes to us a moral, spiritual and Masonic Trestle Board.

Being thus broad and tolerant, yet united, Masonry forms a common centre around which all may gather, and from which emanate, like rays from the sun, the pure principles and teachings it inculcates. It would not encroach upon the prerogatives assumed by the church and its various organisations to define the nature, character and will of the Infinite, nor of the qualification necessary for admission within the portals of the Celestial Lodge; contenting itself with so educating its members as to fit them to properly meet the cares, the duties and responsibilities of this life; to make them better men and better Masons here below, trusting that by so doing and so living that may not be denied admission into the Grand Lodge above. Inculcating the necessity of a change of purpose rather than of heart, it says to all, cease to do evil, learn to do well.

It makes Charity—Love—the greatest of her virtues, and says, “if you love not your Brother whom you have seen, how can you love Him whom you hath not seen.” It would have us do good unto all, remembering especially the household of the faithful. This is our religion. Upon this, all from every clime and country, of every sect and opinion, can harmonise.—“Freemasons' Chronicle of Australasia.”

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

IT is surprising that so many Masters of Lodges seem to be satisfied with the duty of presiding over their Lodges while at labour. That finished, they feel discharged from all responsibility to the Lodge and to the general Craft. It does not occur to them that the interests of Freemasonry, the observance of the regulations, Masonic usages and customs, the restraint of all novelties and innovations into the laws of the Fraternity, are duties enjoined upon them.

The ceremonies of their installation as Worshipful Masters places on them special and general responsibilities. That the Worshipful Master of a Lodge has assumed the performance of many obligations that he cannot ignore is beyond question.

Whatever tends to bring the Lodge, or the Craft, into adverse criticism, is a matter of serious import. If such proceedings are attempted, or if efforts are made to introduce such proceedings into notice in the Lodge by any of its members, the Worshipful Master is bound to investigate them.

If they are found to exist, he is required to know if there is any truth in the report. It will be no justification to the Worshipful Master to say he has no official knowledge of these things. It is his duty to oversee the workmen as well as the work, to learn if the Lodge or any of its members are in any sense violating the regulations of Freemasonry.

It is reported by lawful Masonic authority that some violations of these regulations exist.

It is the subject of serious concern to reflecting and earnest Masons. Yet the Lodges which are concerned in this disregard of standing rules of the Grand Lodge are continuing this infraction of those rules.

Secrecy is the fundamental law as to Lodge action. It is forbidden, and ever has been in this Jurisdiction, to publish to the world what are the proceedings of Lodges. It is a direct violation of this principle to publish in profane newspapers invitations to or from Lodges to participate in schemes to obtain Lodge members, or to suggest a method of securing applicants for membership. Could there be a more indecent violation of this regulation than to publish or print notices that so many additional applications for membership are expected at the coming Lodge meeting?

Could there be any more indecent act than to put into print in profane newspapers notices of schemes that tend to this end? What must be the understanding of the Worshipful Master of any such Lodge of his official as well as Masonic duty, if he permits this to be done? If he needs any information on these matters he can find it in print, or he can obtain the information by simply making inquiry of the members, or some of them, of his Lodge. It is this neglect of an imperative duty on the part of the Worshipful Master that brings trouble, serious trouble, to the Craft, because the neglect of one duty encourages acts of like character, under the impression that no proper notice will be taken of them.

In no spirit of censure, but in devotion to Masonry, we thus offer these suggestions for the earnest consideration of Lodges, Lodge Officers, and members of Lodges, in the hope this will be appreciated.

At all events, such conditions, if they are found to exist, merit condemnation.—“Keystone.”

WOMAN AND MASONRY.

“**T**HE new woman is not wholly absent from Freemasonry. In the north-west especially is her voice heard in the Lodge room, not merely as a quartet singer, but as a solo speaker. The Eastern Star is shining forth, and the wives, sisters and daughters of Masons, being organised into Lodges, are becoming familiar with affairs belonging only to men. Many Brethren and Companions in some states are encouraging this new departure. It is a passing show of course. And when the craze is over, when the epidemic ceases, we shall be, if not we, our children will be, what we are and our parents before us. The men will grow beards and sing bass, and win bread and be fathers and wear pants, and fight the battle of life in field and farm; and the women, God bless them, will be mothers and wives and sisters and daughters of men, queens of home, ruling there by right divine, and making it like heaven, dispensing love and joy in human hearts, and being happiest of human mortals from making others happy; in their own sphere will they rule and shine a little lower than the angels. Let us not encourage their mania for clubs and circles and Lodges and Chapter, or anything that tends to lower them in our esteem, weaken the home tie, destroy their holy influence, or bring them to our level.”

There is one thing I like about the above, and that is the reverence the writer has for women. His wife and daughters, if he has wife and daughter, are all in all to him, but with all his respect and reverence he is not, to use an expression that may be a little slangy, “up to date.” In other words, I fear that Mr. Ingersoll is something of a “back number.” He does not understand the woman of to-day. She has no objection whatever to men “growing beards,” wearing “pants,” or singing “bass.” What makes the woman of to-day weary is that there are so many men that want to “sing bass” all the time. That is not literally, but figuratively. No woman cares to look upon a man simply because he can “sing bass,” wear “pants,” or grow a “beard.” What the woman of to-day wants is companionship. She does not care to be made a “queen of the home” and dispense love, joy and happiness about a husband, unless there is also some happiness scattered about her pathway. “A little lower than the angels” is very nice indeed, but she wants her husband to come up to her level, not remain below it. Wearing “pants,” growing a “beard,” and singing “bass” will not do unless he executes a bass solo once in a while that will show that he appreciates the fact that he is subject to the queen who rules the home. To go away and set up business as a king on his own account and leave the poor queen alone six nights in the week while he attends a Lodge meeting or the Chapter or Commandery, or meets a committee, or “sees a man,” is exercising his prerogative to court around in “pants” and sing “bass,” and he thinks the oft-repeated music will not cloy upon the sensitive ear of the “queen,” made more sensitive by the cries of the little

ones and to childish tales of woe and the anxious questioning of the juvenile mind.

I do not know that I care to be catalogued "Class A, No. 1, New Woman," but I plead guilty to riding a bicycle and being able to swim and fish, and walk ten miles and feel no evil effects. Such exercise is good for young men, and why should it not be for young women? The woman of to-day, by reason of her advanced ideas and her manner of living, is more robust and healthy than at any period of the world's history. She is strong limbed, deep chested, bright eyed, and when she is called upon to assume the holy function of motherhood her children will be strong and healthy and well developed, mentally and physically. Mr. Ingersoll and good old Mr. Carson are of the class though, who would have her sitting around playing at being "a little below the angels" and men would sing "bass," wear "pants," win bread" and "fight the battle of life." A woman wants to be good friends with her husband. They ought to be "chums," and if one looks about at the coming man and sees the miserable, pin-headed, cigarette-smoking, cane-sucking specimen, she is entitled to entertain a serious doubt as to whether, all things considered, in future such beings will be "fathers," and sing "bass." She sees a very poor field, indeed, from which is to come one who is to be friend, adviser, lover, companion, and the father of her children. She knows she is intellectually the superior of the "new man," and to support this it is only necessary to cite the fact that graduating classes composed wholly of young women are in the majority.

Mr. Ingersoll says, "the Eastern Star is shining forth," but concludes that it is a "passing show," and refers to the time when the "craze" will have passed. This brings me to the first conclusion, that he a "back number." Let us see about the craze and how it is dying out. In 1850 it had its commencement, but not until 1868 or 1870 was the Order perfected. I am sorry that I have not at hand ample statistics, but from what I have we will examine a little as to how rapidly the craze is passing. In 1870 in twenty-three states and territories we find forty-seven chapters bearing an aggregate membership of 1,910; 1875, 223 chapters, 12,046 members; 1880, 311 chapters, 16,246 members; 1885, 458 chapters, 24,693 members; 1890, 874 chapters, 45,541 members. This is in but twenty-three states and territories. It is not confined to the north-west, either, for New York in 1890 had forty-two chapters with a membership of 2,448. From this it will be readily seen how the craze is dying.

Mr. Ingersoll does not want us encouraged in the work, and intimates that it might bring us to the level of the men. Oh, dear me! A beautiful course of reasoning, truly. He would not have us engage in work which has for its object the lifting up of the fallen, the relief of distress, and the widened teachings of the One whose "star we have seen in the east." He would reserve that for those who wear "pants" and sing "bass," while those "a little below the angels" sit on the fence and applaud.

What harm can there be in female relatives of Masons assembling themselves in Chapters of the Eastern Star in company with their fathers, brothers and sons? There is no claim made that it is Masonry, or that any part of its ritual is Masonic. Then, is it any business of Mr. Ingersoll or any other outsider, for that matter? Do not be fearful that we will want to be Masons, or that we will take to the Order the title "Masonic," for we will do neither the one nor the other. Do not be alarmed about the "craze," or figure about its "passing." Just get down to your books and study of it; watch its work and you will be so impressed with its good that you will take your wife and daughters and with them knock for admission to some Chapter.—"Edith," in "Kansas Freemason."

MASONRY BY PHONOGRAPH.

INNOVATIONS multiply, and the tendency of the enterprising seekers after novelty is startlingly indicated by the following from the "Illinois Freemason":

Ques. A Brother of our Lodge owns a phonograph and has made some records of our Masonic work, which are standard. Can there be any objection to their use in conferring the degrees?

Ans. No Brother has any right to allow any part of the work to go into a phonograph. It is as much subject to discipline as though written on paper. A degree conferred by phonograph would hardly be satisfactory to the candidate or to the Lodge.

We hear a great deal about Masonry as a progressive institution, but we do not see how those earnest souls who are wrestling with the problem of "how to make Lodge meetings interesting" can improve on the preposterous phonograph proposition in their search for "something different."

The restless spirit of the age is apparent in many of the "improvements" which have lately been attempted in Lodge work. But the innovations are of no effect. No new wrinkles are needed where the proper fraternal feeling prevails. Good and

true work, Brotherly love, relief and truth, are all that is necessary to make Lodge meetings interesting.

At any rate, there is no such thing as Masonry by phonograph. We may hear famous preachers, singers and speakers at home, but the day will never come when we can sit snugly by our fire-side on stormy nights, set the phonograph agoing and listen to a sonorous discourse by a famous Senior Deacon, or a scholarly rendition of the historical lecture by a well-known Craftsman.—"Masonic Standard."

The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—8, A Kiss in the Dark. 8-30, The Man in the Iron Mask. Matinée Saturday, 2-30.
Avenue.—8-15, The Rift within the Lute. 8-50, The Cuckoo. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Court.—8-15, For Love of Prim. 9, A Court Scandal. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Criterion.—8-20, The Tyranny of Tears. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Daly's.—8-15, A Greek Slave. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Duke of York's.—8, Chums. 8-45, The Adventure of Lady Ursula. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Gaiety.—8-15, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8, The Three Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-15.
Globe.—8, The Gay Lord Quex. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Haymarket.—8-10, A Golden Wedding. 9, The Manceuvres of Jane. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-15.
Her Majesty's.—8, Matinée, Wednesday, Carnac Sahib.
Lyceum.—Saturday, 15th April, Robespierre.
Lyric.—8, L'amour Mouillé. Matinée, Thursday, 2-30.
Prince of Wales.—8, The Only Way. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 2.
Princess's.—7-45, Woman and Wine. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Royalty.—8-15, Confederates. 9, A Little Ray of Sunshine. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Savoy.—8-15, The Lucky Star. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
St. James's.—8, The Ambassador. A Repentance.
Strand.—8-15, Jerry and a Sunbeam. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Terry's.—8-20, Sweet Lavender. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 2-30.
Alexandra.—Next week, The Moody Manners Opera Company.
Vaudeville.—8, A Woman's Love. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Dalston.—7-45, The French Maid.
Grand.—Next week, Miss Wallis's Company.
Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, Pot Pourri.
Alhambra.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. Jack Ashore, Red Shoes, &c.
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