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OUR GRAND MASTER'S TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR.

THE Prince of Wales was re-installed on Wednesday as head of the English Craft, and to mark the fact that this was the twenty-fifth occasion on which he had been so honoured by the Masons of England His Royal Highness conferred Past rank on twenty-five Brethren, those selected for this special distinction being: Mr. Justice Bigham, Mr. Justice Bucknill, and Sir John Edge, Q.C. (late Chief Justice, North-West Provinces), Past Grand Wardens; the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Hereford; the Rev. R. Peek, M.A. (Newton Abbot), and the Rev. E. R. Parr, M.A., Past Grand Chaplains; Bros. George Pitt Lewis, Q.C., Edmund Owen, F.R.C.S., Captain Charles H. Garnett (Wryside, Lancashire), W. J. Walsham, F.R.C.S., C. A. Bathurst Bignold (Norwich), and J. Hepburn Handyside, Past Grand Deacons; F. B. Westlake (Plymouth), Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. F. Lamonby (the "Field" newspaper), C. F. Matier (Grand Secretary of Mark Masons), Imré Kiralfy, James Fernandez (the actor), and Thomas Catling (editor "Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper"), Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R. Gresley Hall, C. H. Hoblyn, and James Newton (East Lancashire), Past Grand Sword Bearers; V. C. L. Crump (Shrewsbury) and H. A. Tobias (late of Liverpool), Past Grand Standard Bearers; and Lionel Monckton ("Daily Telegraph") and Hermann Klein (dramatic critic), Past Grand Organists.

Grand Lodge was held under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master Earl Amherst, who was supported by Rear-Admiral A. Hastings Markham, who acted as Past Grand Master; General Wimburne Laurie, M.P., as Deputy Grand Master; Sir John Monckton P.G.W. as S.G.W., and Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. as J.G.W.

After the opening of Grand Lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the March meeting, so far as they related to the election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thomas Fenn, acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed the Prince of Wales duly re-installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Earl Amherst then informed the Brethren that the Prince of Wales had been pleased to re-appoint him Pro Grand Master. His lordship was then proclaimed, and duly saluted. Next his lordship announced that the Grand Master had been pleased to again appoint the Earl of Warwick as Deputy Grand Master, and the usual proclamation took place.

The other Brethren appointed as Grand Officers for the year were:

The Earl of Stradbroke	Senior Warden
Viscount Milton, M.P.	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Gardiner, B.D.	} Chaplains
Rev. F. B. N. Norman	
Alfred H. Bevan	Treasurer
John Strachan, Q.C.	Registrar
Sir Forrest Fulton, Q.C.	Deputy Registrar
R. Loveland-Loveland, Q.C.	Pres. Board Gen. Purp.
Edward Letchworth, F.S.A.	Secretary
James Henry Matthews	Pres. Board Benevl.
Capt. R. G. W. Chaloner, M.P.	} Senior Deacons
Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair	
P. Colville Smith	

Herbert Spencer Clutton	-	-	-	} Junior Deacons
T. Poultney Griffin	-	-	-	
J. H. Salter	-	-	-	
Henry L. Florence	-	-	-	Supt. of Works
Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Edmund Arthur Smith	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
G. W. E. Barnard	-	-	-	} Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
T. P. Baptie	-	-	-	
Henry Clarke	-	-	-	
Leit.-Col. George F. Parkyn	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Edward Roberts	-	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
John Kenyon	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
James Welford	-	-	-	
W. H. Cummings	-	-	-	Organist
William Lake	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
C. Kupferschmidt	-	-	-	Assist. Sec. Ger. Corres.
W. Wright	-	-	-	Pursuivant
W. Fisher	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Sadler	-	-	-	Tyler.

Earl Amherst announced that the Prince of Wales, at the express desire of Sir Albert Woods, had been pleased to appoint Bro. Frank Richardson, in the absence of Sir Albert Woods, to wear the clothing and discharge all the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies during the ensuing year. Bro. Frank Richardson was therefore invested, and acted for the rest of the evening.

THE NEW MARK PROVINCE.

AT the installation meeting of the Constantine Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 145, held at Colchester—when Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. J. P. Lewin P.M. P.G. Std.B. P.Prov. G: Treas.—the Secretary Bro. T. J. Ralling P.M. P.G.D. Eng. P.P.G.Treas. P.P.G.O. reported that the petition presented to H.R.H. the Grand Master in favour of forming the Mark Lodges of Essex into a separate Province had been granted, and the Earl of Warwick had been appointed Provincial Grand Master. His Lordship was to be installed at Colchester by the Earl of Euston (Pro Grand Master) on Wednesday, 24th May, on which occasion it was hoped there would be a large gathering of Mark Masons. Almost the first official act of Lord Warwick after his installation would be to preside at the annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Ralling made an earnest appeal to the Brethren to contribute to the fund. As a result nearly £30 was subscribed before the proceedings closed.

My Masonic readers will be greatly interested in the visit which is to be paid to Exeter in the middle of June by the famous Quatuor Coronati Lodge. This is a very exclusive body. There are but forty members. To gain membership a man must have literary, artistic, or scientific distinction. The present Master of the Lodge is Mr. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., the director of South Kensington. Beyond the forty there is a correspondence circle, and this numbers 2,800 members, who are spread over all parts of the world. The four Lodges in Exeter will give the members of the Quatuor Coronati a hearty reception, and the arrangements are being made by Messrs. J. Gould, C. R. M. Clapp, S. E. Marsh, and Dr. Russell Coombe, the Masters of the Lodges. The summer excursion of the Quatuor Coronati is always to a centre of historic, antiquarian, or Masonic interest. Exeter has claims on all three grounds. The city will be the headquarters of the visitors, but there will be excursions into the county, including a visit to Two Bridges. While the local Masons will entertain the visitors, the latter on their part propose to act as hosts on one night during their stay in Exeter. I am quite certain no effort will be wanting to make a pleasant impression upon the visitors, and I wish my Masonic Brethren well in the efforts they are making.—"Devon and Exeter Gazette."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ONCE more we are called upon to mourn the loss of a dear old friend, a Brother whose acquaintance we had enjoyed for the whole of the twenty-four years our paper has been in existence, and who at all times had a kindly word and a hearty greeting for us. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. has passed to his rest, full of years and distinctions, honoured and revered by all who knew him—a friend and Brother in the truest sense. Our late Brother received the honour of appointment as Junior Grand Deacon from the Earl of Zetland, as long back as 1867, and was one of the oldest Officers of Grand Lodge. He has been a warm supporter of the Institutions of the Craft, and for many years acted as Hon. Surgeon Oculist to the two Schools, and no more kind, tender, or patient practitioner could be desired. In regard to his career outside the Craft we can hardly do better than quote the following, which appeared in the "Daily Telegraph" of Thursday:—Popular science has lost an admirable expositor by the death of Mr. Jabez Hogg, M.R.C.S., which took place somewhat suddenly on Sunday, at his residence, Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington. It was only on the 16th inst. that the "Sunday Daily Telegraph" referred to his most recent publication, that of the fifteenth edition of his work on the "History, Construction, and Application of the Microscope," the first issue of which dates back to the year 1854. On that subject it has been for many years a recognised text-book, and by it probably Mr. Hogg will be best remembered. As science advances the importance of the unseen universe around us grows. It is now known that in former days the surgeon's knife carried with it the invisible germs that produced hospital fever, inflammation and gangrene, and the question was recently put to one of the bacteriologists of Guy's whether the microscope would have detected these bacteria. The answer was in the negative; the magnifying lens only reveals their existence after culture. Mr. Hogg, while always trying to peer deeper into the recesses of the infinitely little, was one of the first to recognise the principles of the germ theory of disease, on which he wrote a volume in 1873, and to insist that it was in the organic life of drinking water that its most dangerous pollution was to be feared. Microscopy, however, by no means exhausted his interests. His earliest publication was a "Manual of Photography," in 1843, followed some years later by the "Elements of Natural and Experimental Philosophy"; while in after years having obtained the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons, he wrote a number of treatises on ophthalmic surgery and the use of the ophthalmoscope for the exploration of the interior of the eye. He studied medicine at Charing Cross Hospital, and for a quarter of a century was one of the medical officers of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital. The wide range of topics in which he employed his pen was, in part, doubtless due to the manner of his education. His first school was that of Mr. Giles, the teacher of Charles Dickens, and when Jabez Hogg entered it he found the future novelist installed as one of the older boys. From thence Hogg was transferred to the Rochester Grammar School, leaving which he was apprenticed to a medical practitioner; but it was some years later, after having tried his hand at journalism on the "Illustrated London News," that he devoted himself to professional studies and secured his degree. He had quite early a great faith in the ultimate applications of photography to journalistic illustrations. For fifty-one years he edited the "Illustrated London Almanac." Possessing a facile pen and the gift of exposition, almost everything he wrote was a success. To the medical and scientific journals he was a voluminous contributor on nearly every topic concerning public health. For some years he co-operated with Lord Shaftesbury in the movement to secure better housing for the London poor, and these efforts assisted in the promotion of the Artisans' Dwellings Act. Mr. Hogg was well known in Freemasonry, and received from the Earl of Zetland many years ago the dignity of Grand Officer of Grand Lodge. Having been born on 4th April 1817, he had recently completed his eighty-second year. He was twice married; first to Mary Ann, daughter of the late Captain Davis; and secondly to the youngest daughter of the late Captain James Read, A.D.C. to the Marquis of Hastings, Viceroy of India.

AS supplementing our brief notice of the death of the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, we quote the following, in regard to the late Colonel Starkie's Masonic career, from one of the principal papers of his Province: Outside the range of politics and agriculture Colonel Starkie was one of the best know men in this county and adjacent counties, by virtue of his high position in the

Masonic Order. Since 1870 he had ruled over the Province of East Lancashire as Provincial Grand Master, and under his sway the ranks of the Fraternity were increased and strengthened. He was initiated in a Liverpool Lodge of the West Lancashire Province, when a young man. Afterwards he joined the Silent Temple Lodge, at Burnley, No. 126, and since then he was a member of many Lodges, and in a large proportion of them ranked as Past Master. He was the first Worshipful Master of the East Lancashire Centurion Lodge, where he was installed in the Ardwick Volunteer Drill Hall, after one of the most remarkable Lodge Consecration services that Manchester had hitherto witnessed, the late Colonel Shadwell Clerke and Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., being among the representatives from Grand Lodge who took part in it. The Abbey Lodge, Whalley, is another of which he was the first Master. In 1863, Colonel Starkie was invested as Provincial Senior Grand Warden of West Lancashire; in May 1866, he obtained equal distinction in the Eastern Province of the county, and in 1868 was appointed Junior Grand Warden of England. In May 1870 he was installed Prov.G.M. of East Lancashire by the late Earl of Carnarvon, who was then M.W.Pro G. Master of England. Colonel Starkie was a lover of Masonry, not for its mysteries, its ritual, and its festivals alone. He was devoted to the Order on the ground of charity more than for any other reason, and he had no sympathy with anything which tended to make membership subservient to personal ambitions or individual gain. The Systematic Education and Benevolent Institution of the Province may be said to owe its existence to his exertions. It was always highly favoured at his hands. He liberally contributed to and incessantly appealed on behalf of its funds, with excellent results, and he missed but one of its annual meetings—though illness just recently. In the Royal Jubilee year, 1887, the Brethren of East Lancashire presented to their Provincial Grand Master an oil portrait of himself, painted by Brother S. Hodges, of London, at a Provincial Grand Lodge held in the Free Trade Hall in Manchester. An illuminated address accompanying it spoke of their grateful appreciation of the admirable, firm, and judicious manner in which he had discharged the onerous duties of his high office during seventeen years. It assured him that his fostering care had augmented the power of the Systematic Benevolent Institution, and increased the influence of the Province on the Metropolitan Masonic Institutions to such an extent as to fulfil a desire he had himself expressed some years before, "That no child of a Freemason in this Province need experience the want of a good education, and that generous relief can be administered in all cases of distress or affliction." Colonel Starkie did not confine his Masonic career to the Craft. He was installed Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in the Province in 1871, in succession to Bro. Stephen Blair, who had also preceded him as Provincial Grand Master. He was Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of Lancashire for many years under the late Earl of Lathom, and was a Grand Officer of England in Mark Masonry. He reached high office in Knight Templary, and on the death of Lord Lathom was raised to membership of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree Ancient and Accepted Rite.

THE funeral of the late Bro. E. W. Archer took place on Friday afternoon, 21st inst., at Hadleigh, with every manifestation of respect from the parishioners, who, with many others from the neighbourhood, assembled in large numbers in the Parish Church. At the conclusion of service in the church, a procession was formed from the sacred building to the cemetery. First came the Urban District Council; a large body of personal friends, tradesmen, and others walked next; then followed the Foresters, and members of the Virtue and Silence Lodge of Freemasons, of which the deceased was S.W.; immediately afterwards came the officiating clergy, and the principal mourners.

M. Lemaitre has sounded the tocsin against Freemasonry. He considers the existence of this association—*qui professe la plus brutale intolerance*—is a standing menace to the country's institutions. French Freemasons number something slightly under 30,000. M. Loubet, M. Charles Dupuy, and certainly half the present Cabinet belong to the Brotherhood. Consequently M. Lemaitre is indignant at the cynicism of the Premier in instituting proceedings against the free and open League of the French Fatherland whilst himself a member of a secret illegal association.—Paris Correspondent of the "Sunday Special."

CHURCH SERVICE.

ON Sunday afternoon there was a special Masonic Service at the Moravian Chapel, Dukinfield, under the auspices of Endeavour Lodge, No. 830, Dukinfield, and Waverley Lodge, No. 1322, Ashton-under-Lyne. There was a large and representative assembly of the Craft, and the sacred edifice was well filled by Brethren and members of the congregation and friends, many being doubtless attracted by the special musical service which had been arranged. The organists were Bros. H. Blocksage and A. Chapman.

The Masonic Brethren, by special dispensation, assembled in the schoolroom, Old Road, and there clothed, and formed a procession to the chapel. The Volume of the Sacred Law was borne in front of the procession by four Lewises, Masters Charles Grundy, Herbert Lawton, Sam Bennison, and Harry Drury; and four others, W. L. Lawton, Arthur Grundy, Fred Lawton, and F. B. Jones, carried the Deacons wands.

As the Brethren entered the church "The glorious universe around" was sung, followed by the opening organ voluntary, "Dead march," as a tribute of respect to the memory of Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie the late Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire. The voluntary was finely played by Bro. Chapman, the congregation upstanding. Mr. Walter Scholes sang Mendelssohn's solo "It is enough," in a powerful voice.

The Scripture lessons were taken from I Kings vii, 13-22 and I Corinthians xiii. Clarke Wakefield's anthem "Behold how good" was sung by the choir, and Miss Thorpe rendered the solo "There is a green hill far away," with tuneful voice and clearness of enunciation. Mr. Charles Saunders sang Owen Wynne's sacred composition, "Hosanna," in splendid voice. This was followed by the sermon, taken from St. Mark ii 3. The preacher said:

The miracle of which our text contains a graphic picture was wrought on a public occasion. The house where Jesus was, was crammed with people. It seems to have been somewhat more than a casual gathering, for there were Pharisees and doctors of the law present out of every town of Galilee and Judea, and Jerusalem. It was, therefore, like the present, a representative assembly. It is not, however, my intention this afternoon to deal with the substance of the miracle, but simply with the introductory action which is recorded in the words before us. The first three Evangelists speak of the fact that the man had to be carried into the presence of Jesus, but St. Mark, with his eye for detail, adds, that he was borne of four. This touch brings the scene vividly before our imagination. Four neighbours or friends, or acquaintances, carried the palsied sufferer through the streets of Capernaum, and, not to be baffled or thwarted in their purposes by the presence of an unsympathetic crowd—for crowds as a rule are intensely selfish—they took their charge up the outer steps that led to the roof, and then, removing the flimsy covering, let him down into the midst, to the feet of the Divine Healer. After careful consideration this subject seemed to me an exceedingly appropriate one as the basis of our thought and words on the present occasion. Permit me to express my sense of the honour you have conferred upon me in agreeing to my wish to hold this Service. I cordially thank all those who are giving their valuable and highly appreciated help in the musical part of our worship, and also, all those, my Brethren, who have laboured with heart and hand to ensure the success of our unique gathering. I believe it is without precedent in the history of local Freemasonry for a Service such as this to be held in a Nonconformist place of worship.

The main purpose of our assembly this afternoon seems to me parallel with the action of the four men mentioned in our text. They performed a kindly act of brotherly help and charity for one who was not able to help himself. And our object is to do something similar. The two charities which we have promoted this Service to benefit, seek to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and afflicted in our town, in the first instance; and to help those who through old age or misfortune or bereavement are no longer able to work for their living. And objects so worthy appeal not only to the generous public, but also with peculiar force to the members of that ancient and honourable Fraternity so largely represented here, whose distinguishing ornaments have ever been Benevolence and Charity.

In seeking to further such objects as these I think we shall discover the secret of true greatness. To be really great is an aim, an ambition of which every man who is worthy of the name, is at least sometimes conscious. Our ideas as to what we should make for may be very wide of the mark, in

fact, quite wrong, but every morally healthy man has some ideal to which he would attain, and which, he thinks, would bring him happiness and contentment—ideals of wealth, of strength, of honour, of knowledge, of fame. Now our great exemplar—The Son of Man—did not find His ideal of true greatness in any of these. Where, then, did he find it? He found it in the service of man, in helping those who were without strength to help themselves. "He came not to be served, but to serve." He revealed a new ideal, of which He was Himself the model—the example—that of loving service of others. Sorrow, sickness, bereavement, death, were opportunities of service of which He readily and willingly availed Himself. And no man can read the fragmentary biography of Christ contained in the four Gospels without admiring His matchless unselfishness, and being fascinated by His pure and perfect example. The laborious physical service which these four men performed for the man who was palsied, to say nothing of the inward virtue which prompted it, was a service which had the stamp of true greatness impressed upon it. For works of mercy are corporal as well as spiritual, and corporal works of mercy appear, according to the description of Christ Himself, to occupy a leading position in the account of the last judgment; and care for the sick is one of these. "I was sick and ye visited me." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

The principle which actuated these four men in taking so much trouble for the man sick of the palsy is the same which has led to the erection and endowment of hospitals, and to the founding of institutions and associations for the relief of suffering, and care of the aged and infirm. There can be no true love for God where there is no true love for our fellow man. "If a man love not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." Love for God and love for man are but two tongues of flame out of the same fire. "The first and great commandment is—'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and soul and mind and strength.'" "And the second is like unto it, namely this—'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.'" And He who spake as never man spake has told us, in His incomparable parable of the Good Samaritan, who our neighbour is. Tribal and racial distinctions are not to enter into our thoughts when distress calls for help.

I must crave the indulgence of my Brethren while I state for the sake of the uninitiated that the whole tenets and system of our ancient Fraternity are in harmony with the principles illustrated by the four men in our text. Amongst other good things Freemasonry is the greatest charitable institution in the world. And when I speak of charity I do not mean alms-giving alone. It is not a Benefit Society. No man ought to become a Freemason at the solicitation of his friends, or for any mercenary motive. A desire to be more extensively useful to our brethren is declared to be the supreme motive which makes a man seek to be admitted to its ancient rights and privileges. We insist upon a belief in God as the Creator of all things visible and invisible, in whom we live and move and have our being, as also in the immortality of the soul, and a future state of rewards and punishments according to the deeds done in the body. It is evident, therefore, that an Atheist cannot be a Freemason. We base our principles and teaching on the Volume of the Sacred Law, and we hold that by regulating our lives according to the Divine precepts it contains we are thereby taught the important duties we owe to God, to our neighbour and to ourselves. We recognise the Supreme Ruler and Great Architect of the Universe in all our proceedings, and His blessing is invoked in every ceremony. Our principles inculcate the duties of brotherly love, relief, and truth. They teach the Brotherhood of Man, and the Fatherhood of God. They remind us that it is written—"One is your Master, and all ye are brethren." And now let me ask—How are these sublime principles, these noble sentiments, carried out into practice? I have just said that the basis of Freemasonry is the teaching of the Bible, and what says the Bible on this point? "If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is—To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Do the lofty principles of Freemasonry to which I have alluded produce such fruits? I answer unhesitatingly, yes, they do. Witness those princely charities the Boys and Girls Schools, for the education and maintenance of the children of deceased members, to say nothing of purely Provincial charities. Last year 280 boys, and 267 girls were being trained and educated in these Institutions, and thereby fitted to occupy honourable

positions in society when they grow up to man's and woman's estate. Many of these boys and girls would be badly equipped for the battle of life but for the help afforded by these charities. And I know from personal experience that the education given in these schools is the very best. A teacher who recently left our Day School for a training College, received her early education in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Colonel Sparkes, who led one of the Soudanese regiments at the battle of Omdurman, was educated in the Boys School. I could say much about these two charities to commend them to your continued and increased support, did time permit.

But on the present occasion I wish to appeal to your generosity on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, which, if I may say so, without making an invidious distinction, is the most worthy of all. This Institution was founded on 2nd March 1842, when the Grand Lodge of England voted £400 a year towards granting annuities to aged and distressed Freemasons. In 1843 the first election took place, and 15 Brethren were chosen to receive annuities, varying according to age, from £10 to £30 annually. As the Institution steadily progressed, it enlarged its sphere of usefulness by establishing, in 1849, a fund for the widows of Freemasons. In 1867 the earlier system of classifying the annuitants according to age was abolished, and all were made equal, so that the payment to a Brother is now £40 per annum, and to the widow of a Freemason £32 per annum. At one time a large portion of the receipts used to be invested, but now the Committee, desirous to effect the greatest amount of good, whilst being well assured of the permanence of the Institution, feel that subscriptions are intended to alleviate present wants, and, therefore, invest only the surplus income of each year, and such as accrue by testamentary bequests. Since the formation of the Institution 970 Brethren and 658 Widows have been elected annuitants. At the last election there were 202 Brethren, and 278 Widows on the funds, and amongst them these received a total of £16,592 for the year, from the sympathies and exertions of the Craft. At the election this year there are about 57 male candidates, and 14 vacancies only, and 62 female candidates and only 8 vacancies. These few facts tell their own tale. The Brethren nobly did their duty when they established this old age pension scheme. The generation that succeeded has cheerfully maintained it. The Craft of the present day is more munificent than its predecessors, but with the increasing struggle to live, and the great number of candidates for aid, it is necessary to leave no effort untried to bring home to every individual Freemason, supreme and subordinate, the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on his sympathies and means.

Moreover, I have to ask your assistance for a humble, but good and extremely useful work in our own town. Dukinfield Sick Nursing Association was founded in 1889. I am not quite sure, but I think the late Dr. Robinson had something to do with the inception of this work. Like all new philanthropic enterprises this Association had many liberal helpers and supporters in the first few years of its existence. But death has claimed several who were generous subscribers to its funds, others have removed from the district, and have ceased to subscribe; new contributors have not been found to take the place of them, so that now the Association maintains but a precarious existence, and even for this it is dependent mainly upon the self-denying efforts and unwearied perseverance of a few ladies. This work knows neither religion nor politics. It is entirely non-sectarian in its management, character, and operations. It is dependent for its existence entirely on voluntary aid. It lives to help those whom Christ loved to help when He was on earth, viz., the poor and the suffering. I believe we are acting in the Spirit of Christ in trying to help both these benevolent Institutions. And I believe too that objects so worthy will receive generous help to-day, not only from the Freemasons present, but also from this large and influential congregation. As the four men did not shrink from the physical labour and difficulty involved in bringing their friend or neighbour into the presence of Christ, so let us not shrink from the great privilege of doing what we can to make the declining years of some one or other bright, cheerful, and happy, and of providing skilled nursing for the poor and afflicted. Hereby we bring the ideal of life which Christ exemplified within our reach. Our lives will partake of the nobility, the dignity, the beauty and grandeur of Christ's if we seek to spend and be spent in disinterested, loving service of others.

It is fitting on this occasion when so many East Lancashire Masons are present that I should briefly refer to the

loss we have sustained in the death of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie. Colonel Starkie was a Freemason of long standing, and during his Masonic rule of nearly 30 years Freemasonry has made great strides in East Lancashire. He took a keen interest in the Charitable Institutions of the Order. All those I have referred to, as well as the Provincial Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, have benefited largely as the result of his generosity, and his advocacy of their claims amongst his Brethren. In his death Freemasonry in East Lancashire mourns a good man gone to rest.

And now may The Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless our ancient and honourable Fraternity by enriching and adorning it with every social and moral virtue.

Miss Ridgway sang "But the Lord is mindful," with much sweetness, and Mr. Saunders was exceptionally fine in the recit. and air, "To Arms" and "Sound an Alarm;" his powerful and high range of voice being effectively displayed. After the hymn "Lead, kindly Light," and the Benediction, Bro. Chapman played the organ voluntary "Oh, rest in the Lord."

The collection (including sale of programmes, donations of £1 from Bro. S. Lord P.G.O. East Lancashire, per Bro. A. Cooper W.M. Waverley Lodge; and 10s from his worship the Mayor of Ashton Bro. Walter Newton) amounted to £26 9s. After paying expenses this will be divided between the Dukinfield Sick Nursing Association and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows.

In our report of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, in our issue of the 15th inst., we spoke of the Worshipful Master as Bro. Walter Eddie; he should have been recorded as Bro. "Robert" Eddie.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has appointed Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire as his Deputy in the Mastership of the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Masons, the premier Lodge of the Degree.

By the death of Sir John Mowbray our esteemed and distinguished Brother William W. Bramston Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Hampshire and Isle of Wight, will now assume the position of "Father of the House of Commons," he being the senior member in point of uninterrupted service. Bro. Beach first entered Parliament in 1857, as Conservative member for North Hampshire (now styled the Andover Division), which constituency he has represented ever since. He was born in the county in the year 1826, and has presided as head of its Lodges since 1869. Bro. Beach has but four Provincial Grand Masters ahead of him in point of seniority—Lord Leigh, the Duke of Devonshire, Earl Amherst, and Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret—but we hope it will be many years ere he can claim the dignity of "Father" among our Provincial rulers, as he has just acquired it in the House of Commons.

Brother Alderman and Sheriff Alliston told a curious story last week at a dinner given by the Shipwrights' Company, at which ex-Sheriff Sir J. H. Johnson (the Master) presided. Everybody in the city knows that there is a striking resemblance between the two Sheriffs, and the fact was illustrated by the senior's story. Quite recently, he said, he and his colleague were invited to a Livery Company's dinner. He was received by the Master and the Wardens with all the courtesy and kindness invariably extended to the Sheriffs of the city. Bro. Sheriff Probyn was also invited to the banquet, and as he did not put in an appearance, Bro. Alliston went into one of the outside rooms in search of him. This proved fruitless, and he returned to the reception hall, where he was cordially greeted by the Master and the Wardens as the missing functionary. Not wishing to spoil a good joke, he remained silent for a few minutes, when a telegram was handed to the Master from Sheriff Probyn, expressing regret at his inability to attend the dinner. The Master then, to his astonishment, discovered that after all only one Sheriff was present. "But," as Bro. Alderman Alliston concluded, "that Master took his revenge, for he made me play the part of two Sheriffs by making me respond to two toasts."

ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday next, 3rd May, at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS.

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

Installation of Principals and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 18th January, to the 19th April 1899, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1,101 19 9		
„ „ Unappropriated Account	266 1 6		
„ „ Subsequent Receipts	692 13 7		
		£2,060	14 10
By Disbursements during the Quarter	368 2 11		
„ Balance	1,439 7 5		
„ „ Unappropriated Account	253 4 6		
		£2,060	14 10

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

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

1st. From Companions Meyer Seehoff as Z, Robert Francis Wallis as H, Charles Alexander as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal George Lodge, No. 2643, to be called "The Royal George Chapter," and to meet at Krugersdorp, Transvaal, South Africa.

2nd. From Companions the Rev. John Scott Ramsay as Z, Colonel Ponsonby William Watts as H, Thomas Martin as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Border Lodge, No. 2475, to be called "The Beach Chapter," and to meet at the White Hart Hotel, Blackwater, Hampshire.

3rd. From Companions William Briggs as Z, Joseph Reynolds Green as H, Cotterell Egerton Ward-Boughton-Lee as J, and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, to be called "The Strong Man Chapter," and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.

4th. From Companions Samuel Varren as Z, Simon Young as H, William Browne as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, to be called "The Triangle Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Park Road, New Brompton, Kent.

5th. From Companions David Rees Lewis as Z, Duncan Macdonald as H, Angus Macintosh as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, to be called "The Rees Lewis Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Merthyr Tydfil, Wales.

6th. From Companions Augustus Alfred Frigout as Z, William G. Simmons as H, Thomas Bugler as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, to be called "The Excelsior Chapter," and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.

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

"The Military Chapter," No. 2621, from the Trocadero Restaurant, to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.

"The St. Helen Chapter," No. 531, from the Masonic Hall, Hartlepool, to the Masonic Hall, Hart Road, West Hartlepool, Durham.

"The Brent Chapter," No. 1284, from the Masonic Hall, Topsham, to the Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, Devon.

"The Savage Club Chapter," No. 2190, from 33 Golden Square, to Mark Mason's Hall, London.

"The Prince Edwin Chapter," No. 128, from the Bridge Inn, to the Royal Hotel, Silver Street, Bury, Lancashire.

"The Montefiore Chapter," No. 1017, from the Trocadero Restaurant, to the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

A Memorial, with particulars, has been received from Companions Cyril Plummer as Z, Chatham Ellis as H, Henry John Gardiner as J, and the Members of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Chapter, No. 4, London, for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter having been lost.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the Charter of Confirmation be granted.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

19th April 1899.

NOTICE OF MOTION

By E. Companion Frank Richardson, P. Asst. G. Sojr., Grand Director of Ceremonies—

"That Rules 94, 95, and 96, Royal Arch Regulations, be altered to read as follows:—

Rule 94. The Jewel of Office of Present Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter shall be suspended from a chain of gold or metal gilt of the prescribed pattern, or from a collar four inches broad of three colours, viz.:—purple, crimson, and pale blue,—such last named collar to be worn on all occasions, except in Supreme Grand Chapter, and at Ceremonials and Festivals where the Grand Officers

appear in their official capacities, when Chains are to be worn. The Jewel of Office of Past Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter is to be suspended from a Collar of the same width and colours as that before described.

Rule 95. Grand Superintendents wear Chains or Collars similar to those of Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter; other Present and Past Officers of Provincial and District Grand Chapters also wear collars similar to those worn by the Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter; but such Collars are not to exceed two inches in width.

Rule 96. The Jewel of Office worn by the Principals and Officers is suspended from a crimson Collar four inches broad. Past First Principals, so long as they continue to subscribe to some Royal Arch Chapter, shall be entitled to wear on all occasions when Royal Arch Clothing may be worn, crimson Collars four inches wide with gold braid a quarter of an inch wide in the centre.

Election of Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

RHODESIA.

DURING the past week public interest has continued in the Rhodesian share market, and there has been a rise in the price of nearly everything Rhodesian. Mr. Cecil Rhodes has said that he is determined that the railway from Buluwayo northwards, to connect with the direct line to Cairo, shall go on, whatever happens. Cheap transport being thus assured in Rhodesia, there is every prospect of the shares of the Austen (Gwelo) Development Syndicate, Limited, advancing to a very considerable premium. The Austen (Gwelo) Development Syndicate, Limited, with a capital of only £50,000 in £1 fully-paid shares, owns a farm of 6,000 acres, and also 507 claims in the best known and most important gold mining districts of Rhodesia. A number of the claims contain ancient workings, and are close to some of the best proved gold mines in Rhodesia. One of the largest financial corporations in London has already placed the whole of the working capital, which is £20,000. The shares have been bought during the past week by some of the large firms, and at the present price of about £1 12s 6d per share, at which the £1 fully-paid shares are now dealt in on the London Stock Exchange, they ought to be well worth the attention of the speculative investor.

The London and North Western Railway Company have established direct representation on the continent of Europe, and have opened offices in Paris and in Brussels. Mr. Thomas F. Burke, for many years attached to the staff of the General Manager's Department at Euston, has been appointed the Company's continental representative, with his headquarters at Paris. At Brussels Mr. Francis J. Wright, formerly with the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company, will act as the agent of the London and North Western.

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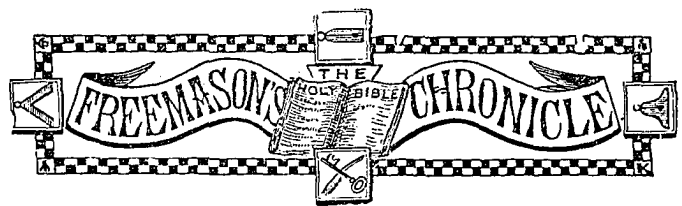
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SATURDAY, 29TH APRIL 1899.

NEW HALL AT BOMBAY.

THE house-warming ceremony of the new Masonic Hall, which
has just reached completion, and which was consecrated
on Saturday evening, 25th ult., by H. E. Lord Sandhurst as Pro
District Grand Master (E.C.) and Grand Master of All Scottish
Freemasonry in India, was performed after the native fashion the
same morning. A large number of European, Parsee and Hindu
ladies, who were members of the families of Freemasons, were
invited to witness the ceremony.

The ceremony was opened by a group of Parsee ladies
standing at the main door of the ground-floor of the building, and
singing a song composed for the occasion by Mr. Pheroze R.
Bottlewalla, a Parsee versifier, the burden of the song being the
invocation of the choicest blessings on H. E. Lord Sandhurst, the
head of Freemasonry in the Bombay Presidency, who had laid
the corner-stone of the building, and who was to consecrate and
dedicate the building to Freemasonry that evening. The main
entrance was then adorned with festoons of marigolds and

jessamine, similar festoons being hung on the three entrances to the banqueting hall, and rose water being copiously sprinkled from a silver receptacle. A choir of Parsee girls sang another song in Gujerati, complimenting his Lordship on the good work done by him in his capacity as Governor of Bombay, and congratulating him on the completion of the Temple, which would for ever stand as a monument of the deep and sympathetic interest he has taken in Freemasonry in India. They wished long life to H. E. Lord Sandhurst and his consort, and a happy Jamshedi Naoroz (spring time) to the distinguished couple. The ladies then proceeded to the banqueting hall, where a handful of wheat and rice was laid upon the carpet, and upon the corn was placed a silver vessel containing fresh water. A cocoanut painted with vermilion and yellow was placed on the mouth of the vessel, which was embellished with a garland of jessamine. Sandalwood and frankincense were burnt in a small silver censer, which was placed by the side of the silver vessel, and in a silver tray were arranged receptacles containing vermilion and yellow colours, sugar, salt, corn, and pure lucca oil, which are symbolic of plentifulness and fertility. The coloured paints were applied to the wooden frame-work of the main entrance, as well as the doors, the auspicious marks being allowed to remain until the consecration time. A string band, which was placed in the banqueting hall, played a few selections. The ladies were then invited to the main hall upstairs, where a few more songs were sung, Miss Aimai Darashah Chichgar presiding at the piano. As was the fashion amongst the ancient Persians, who presented coins on the Jamshedi Naoroz festival commemorative of the occasion, Mr. Darashah R. Chichgar presented all the ladies and gentlemen with brand new silver and copper coins as a remembrance of the auspicious occasion. The ladies were then treated to light refreshment, and the party broke up about 10 o'clock.

The ceremony of dedicating and consecrating the new Hall was performed by H. E. Lord Sandhurst, and it was pronounced on all hands to be a great success. It was, indeed, a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry in Bombay, since the Craft can now boast of a Temple of its own in the city. The Committee, consisting of Messrs. R. S. Brown, I. M. Shields, Alexander Mackenzie, J. W. Hepworth, C. D. Wise, E. J. Smith, C. D. Furdoonjee, Dinshaw D. Mistry, and D. R. Chichgar, had not left a stone unturned to make the occasion successful. The porch was illuminated with two triumphal arches of coloured lights, the building inside being lighted with incandescent gas lamps. There was a wealth of floral decorations all over the building, particularly on the grand staircase, which was lined on either side with pretty flowering plants. Shields of Masonic emblems added to the decorations of the grand staircase, which also bore a transparency of blue cloth displaying the announcement—"Freemasons' Hall, opened 25th March 1899, by His Excellency Lord Sandhurst, G.C.I.E."

Though the Lodge Room is one of the largest of its kind in Bombay, it was found inadequate to accommodate about five hundred members of the Craft, who were dressed in their regalia, and many of whom displayed Masonic jewels on their breasts. In the history of Freemasonry during the last half century such a large gathering of Freemasons had never before been witnessed. Invitations were issued by the Joint Hall Committee to high Freemasons in all parts of India, and though many of them were unable to attend on account of long distances, they wrote letters congratulating the Committee on their endeavours being at last crowned with success. Freemasons, however, came from some of the chief towns of Central India, Guzerat, and Kurrachee, representing the various Lodges to which they belonged. There was not a Lodge in the Presidency which was not represented at the meeting. The various English and Scotch Lodges working in Bombay mustered strong on the occasion.

Bro. I. M. Shields Deputy District Grand Master opened the District Grand Lodge, and having transacted the usual business adjourned the Lodge for a time until H. E. Lord Sandhurst Grand Master arrived.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by General Sir Richard Westmacott, arrived at about 6.30 p.m., and was received at the porch by the members of the Joint Hall Committee. The Grand Lodge having resumed work, the Grand Master was received by the Brethren with honours befitting his high position. The Grand Master having opened the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, the ceremonial of the evening was proceeded with.

Bro. R. S. Brown, President of the Joint Hall Committee, in opening the proceedings, said:—In requesting your Excellency to declare this Masonic Hall open, the Committee desire to lay before you a concise statement of its history during the last twenty months. As was explained on the occasion when your Excellency laid the foundation-stone, in June 1897, the project of erecting a Masonic Hall for Bombay was initiated so long ago as 1877, but had to be put off, for various reasons, from time to time, until the advent of your Excellency amongst us, when at last it could be carried out. It was estimated that the

building would cost about Rs. 1,10,000, while for fittings and furniture a sum of Rs. 36,900 more would be required. The Committee proposed to cover this expenditure by means of donations and by borrowing money on debentures. It was found that, to ensure the successful termination of the scheme, it would be necessary to obtain at least Rs. 53,000 in the form of donations, and to secure the rest, about Rs. 94,000, by loans.

It is gratifying to state that in the matter of donations the expectations have been more than fully realised. The liberal response given to the appeal for donations by individual Masons and Masonic bodies, the timely assistance given by the Trustees of the N. N. Framjee Trust, by handing over to the Committee a fund at their disposal, the proverbial liberality of the Petit family, and the savings of the Joint Hall Committee, have placed to the credit of the Building Fund a total sum of Rs. 76,952-15-1. The Committee desire here to express their best thanks to Sir Dinshaw Maneckjee Petit, Bart, but for whose munificent donation their work would have been far more heavy than it has actually been. The work of collection was not easy. Poona, Admedabad, Surat Kurrachee, and other mofussil towns had to be visited, not to mention the influence that had to be exercised in Bombay itself. Bros. Dunn, Wadia, and Chichgar, who formed the Committee for collecting donations, deserve the best thanks of the Fraternity for their disinterested labours. Bro. Dunn has not been amongst us for some time. He had little time to work on the Donation Committee before his departure, but his signal services lay in formulating the donation scheme with his colleagues, and selecting, in concert with your Excellency, and helping us in the acquisition of the only possible site which was within the ways and means of the Hall Committee to secure. Another member of the Committee, Wor. Bro. Nowrojee N. Wadia, is also not amongst us to-day—he having proceeded to England in December last for the benefit of his health. It was Bro. Wadia who at an important juncture volunteered to acquire the site and pay the purchase money, and thus took upon himself the risk of the Masonic Committee failing to raise the fund necessary to complete their scheme. The absence of these Brethren threw the work of collection on the Honorary Secretary alone, and he has done it with the results that have been placed before you.

As in the case of donations so in that of debentures, the call, considering that the interest offered is only 4 per cent., has been very liberally responded to. Not only have the Rs. 94,000 proposed been taken up, but applications for further allotment have been received. The Trustees have so far found it necessary to call for Rs. 45,000 only, but, unless more donations are soon forthcoming, the full amount of debentures may have to be issued. Though the list of donations has been large, the Committee miss some prominent names which they expected to see on it. The Committee fully hope that they will soon be there. These further donations will be helpful in more ways than one. They will obviate the necessity for further loans, and will thus not only reduce loan charges, but will give additional guarantee for the repayment of the loans already contracted, and will save rents to be charged to bodies using the Hall being enhanced.

It will be remembered that the various schemes projected in the past were based upon an enhancement of nearly 55 per cent. in the rents to be paid by Lodges, and over 100 per cent. in those for Chapters using the Hall. The present scheme, with land taken up on a lease at favourable terms, involved at the outside an increase of only 11 per cent. The Committee hope that, impressed with the urgent necessity of donations, members and well-wishers of the Fraternity will keep the stream of liberality flowing for some time, and thus enable the scheme to be brought to a successful completion without the necessity of even the small enhancement in rents of 11 per cent. And now as to the building itself, it is a matter for gratification that, in spite of these days of scarcity of labour, the contractor, Mr. Nusserwanjee Dinshaw, has, under the able supervision of the architect, Mr. J. Campbell, been able to complete the work even earlier than contracted for, though some minor arrangements in the dining-hall and kitchen still remain to be finished. The Hall provides, in a central locality, airy and spacious accommodation for three bodies meeting the same night.

It is proposed to fit it up with the necessary fittings and furniture, of a standard design adopted by the Committee for the articles belonging to the various bodies. Uniformity will thus be secured, and it is hoped the arrangement will be found convenient. For the present the furniture in the Temple alone will be new, and additions will be made as funds permit. The Committee desire to express their heartfelt thanks to all the donors—names of the more prominent among whom will be inscribed in a marble tablet to be fixed in the Hall. As a special mark of their appreciation, the Committee have resolved to name one of the Banqueting Halls the Framjee Dinshawjee Petit Banqueting Hall, and the larger Hall the Framjee Cowasjee Banqueting Hall. The Committee feel that this is an unique period in the history of Freemasonry in India—inasmuch as the representative of her Most Gracious Majesty in this Presidency, your Excellency, rules over both the

English and Scotch Constitutions, and it is your Excellency who laid the foundation, and presides at the completion this day of the long-wished-for home for the Fraternity.

On behalf of the entire Masonic community the Committee, constituted as it is of members belonging to both the Grand Lodges, desire on this occasion to express their heartfelt gratitude for the deep interest your Excellency has taken in all that pertains to the good of the Fraternity. The Committee cannot allow this occasion to pass without an expression of their regret that two worthy Masons, Bros. Freeborn and Sorabjee N. Cooper, have passed away, who, being appointed along with Wor. Bros. W. C. Rowe, T. Counsell, K. R. Kama, and D. R. Chichgar members of the first Sub-Committee by both the Constitutions, happily brought about so far back as 1877 the union of the English and Scotch Constitutions under one roof, and they feel that the surviving members of that Committee, and particularly Wor. Bro. D. R. Chichgar, who, as the Honorary Secretary of the Hall, has zealously worked for twenty-two years to the satisfaction of both the Constitutions, will feel particular gratification in the completion of the long-wished-for Masonic Hall for the joint use of the bodies under the English and Scotch Constitutions, and in its opening to-day by the hand of your Excellency, who has graciously undertaken the offices of Grand Master of A.S.F. in I. and District Grand Master Bombay.

In conclusion Bro. Brown said that now that the duties of the Joint Hall Committee, so far as that body was concerned, would entirely cease, and the new building would pass into the hands of Trustees and other organisation for its use, he might be permitted to say that they had received fraternal good wishes from various bodies which were unable to be present that day.

He had the pleasing duty to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge the signal services rendered by Bro. Darashah R. Chichgar, Honorary Secretary of the Joint Hall Committee, to the Craft, and he was sure all present would agree with him that if it were not for the valuable assistance and zeal and energy displayed by that Brother, the work of the construction of the new Hall would scarcely have been finished in time. The main success was due to the self-devoted labours of Mr. Chichgar.

Mr. J. Campbell, the architect of the building, addressing the Grand Master, said:—Having been entrusted with the superintendence of the work during the erection of this edifice, and having performed the duties to the best of my knowledge and skill, I beg leave to surrender into your hands the plans which were committed to my care when the foundation-stone of this fabric was levelled, humbly hoping that my exertions will receive the reward of your approbation.

H. E. Lord Sandhurst, who was received with cheers, then addressed the assembly.

The ceremony of dedication and consecration was carried out by the Grand Master, assisted by Grand Lodge Officers. The ceremony was of an impressive character, and its beauty was much enhanced by the assistance of an able choir under the direction of Bro. R. N. Mant, who presided at the harmonium.

Bro. I. M. Shields Deputy District Grand Master, addressing the Grand Master, said:—The ceremony of consecration being finished, there is now another item which is not on the programme. A great deal has been said this evening about the energy displayed and the trouble taken and the success achieved by Bro. Darashah Chichgar. A large number of the Brethren thought that on an occasion like this, at the inauguration of this beautiful Hall, with which he has had so much to do, and which in fact would not have been finished so soon, they should in some limited measure show their mark of appreciation and the respect and esteem in which he is held by them, and open a subscription, limiting it only to one rupee each, which is not after all a heavy tax on the Brethren. The subscription was raised under the auspices of Mr. K. R. Kama and Mr. C. D. Furdoonjee, and the result was this magnificent vase and cup, which I have the pleasure to ask the Grand Master to present to Mr. Darashah Chichgar on behalf of and in the name of the two Constitutions.

Bro. C. D. Furdoonjee having presented Bro. Chichgar to the Grand Master, the latter said:—It affords me great pleasure, Bro. Darashah Chichgar, to hand you this silver bowl and cup. Small as this gift is, you must not think that it is the limit of our appreciation of your long and valuable services to the Craft and to your good qualities.

Bro. Darashah R. Chichgar, who was accorded a warm reception, in reply, said that the token of their kind appreciation of his humble services came upon him as a surprise. In the fullness of his heart his mouth denied him the pleasure of giving vent to his innermost feelings. He considered that heart was speaking to heart that night, and it would be a want of sincerity on his part if he failed to acknowledge the proud satisfaction he felt at the bestowal of a gift which he need scarcely say he valued and appreciated so much. Much seemed to have been made of his humble services to the Craft, and with regard to that he might observe that when a gentleman occupying the high and responsible position of the Governor of Bombay, who had always his hands

full, undertook the hard and onerous duties of the Grand Master of the two Constitutions, which he discharged to the entire satisfaction of the Craft, he furnished an example to be profitably imitated by those who had the pleasure and privilege of working under him in the two Grand Lodges. The Loving Cup, which was presented to him, would stimulate his love to the Craft. He deeply appreciated and gratefully accepted the present, but it was his earnest wish and desire that both the bowl and the cup might be kept for use in the Hall. In conclusion, he thanked H. E. Lord Sandhurst for making the presentation, and the Brethren for subscribing to the gift, and also the numerous donors, especially the Petit family, who responded to his request and contributed so generously towards the cost of constructing the new Hall.

The two Grand Lodges were then duly closed, and the proceedings terminated at about 8:30 p.m.—“Times of India.”

PROMULGATE MASONIC PRINCIPLES.

THE sublime principles of Freemasonry promulgate one pure, living, lasting sentiment—“The fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.” These dual relations are inseparable. We cannot accept the one and reject the other; in the full enjoyment of either we are perfect in both. In God is our trust, and we who have made that solemn avowal should set a guard upon our lips, that the sacred name be never taken in vain. The Great Light upon our holy altar is the sheet anchor of our faith. Its precepts should be our guide, and its solemn injunctions should govern us. Freemasons should be ever mindful of the words which fell from the lips of Him who spake as never man spake: “A new commandment give I unto you that ye love one another.” Charity, which is the great central thought of a Mason's creed, in its truest interpretation, is Love, and without it a Freemason's most earnest professions would be as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. Masons are teachers, for upon them devolves the duty of giving instruction to the Craft. They should attend Lodge with an abiding purpose to inculcate in the minds of the Brethren a strict adherence to the tenets of Freemasonry, and to inspire their hearts with true devotion to the pure principles propagated in its symbolic lore.—“Masonic Sun.”

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, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
 Comedy.—8, Great Caesar.
 Court.—8:15, For Love of Prim. 9, A Court Scandal.
 Covent Garden.—Monday, 8th May, Grand Opera Season.
 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, Change Alley. Matinée, Wednesday.
 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.—8:30, Carnac Sahib. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30.
 Lyceum.—8, Robespierre. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
 Lyric.—8, L'amour Mouillé. Matinée, Thursday, 2:30.
 Opera Comique.—8:15, A Good Time. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
 Prince of Wales's.—8:15, The Only Way. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 2:15.
 Princess's.—7:45, Woman and Wine. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
 Royalty.—8:15, Mr. Cynic. 9, A Little Ray of Sunshine. Matinée, Wednesday and 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.—8:15, In Days of Old. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.
 Strand.—Monday, 1st May, Why Smith Left Home.
 Terry's.—8:30, Sweet Lavender. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 2:30.
 Vaudeville.—8, A Woman's Love. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
 Alexandra.—Next week, Charley's Aunt.
 Dalston.—7:45, The Leap for Life.
 Grand.—7:30, The Elder Miss Blossom.
 Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, On the Continent.
 Alhambra.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. Jack Ashore, Red Shoes, &c.
 Aquarium.—The World's Great Show. The Great Fight. Varied Performances, &c., twice daily.
 Empire.—7:50, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet, Alaska, &c.
 London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.
 Oxford.—7:30, Variety Entertainment. On the Roofs. Saturday, 2:30 also.
 Palace.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 2 also.
 Royal.—7:30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2:30 also.
 Tivoli.—7:30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2:15 also.
 Alexandra Palace.—Varied attractions daily.
 Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.
 Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
 Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Fuller particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

- 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
256 Union, Freemasons'-hall
1321 Emblematic, Criterion
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
1924 Wickham, Brockley
1996 Priory of Acton, Acton
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen-Amhurst, Stoke Newing.
2535 Fellowship, Frascati
- 53 Royal Sussex, Bath
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
323 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
395 Guy, Leamington
422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'
431 St. George, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge
478 Churchill, Oxford
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundolph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kington
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2525 Thurston, Coniston
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

- 18 Old Dundee, Cannon St. Ho.
171 Amity, Ship and Turtle
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons'-hall
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Htl
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1662 Berconsfield, Walthamstow
N. Counties, Inns of Crt, Htl
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2524 Train Bands, Finsbury Barr'ks.
- 47 Newstead, Nottingham
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
615 St. John & St. Paul, Erith
673 St. John, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
847 Fortesque, Honiton

- 948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1310 Harrow, Harrow
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
1981 Arnold, East Molesey
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avn
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Cleeve
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2490 Amptill, Amptill

Wednesday.

- Grand Chapter, at 6.
- 1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn
2032 Richmond, Richmond
74 Athol, Birmingham
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariner, Guernsey
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Boston
929 Waveley, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Looe
992 St. Thomas, Manchester
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsey, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Lougheat, Warminster
1532 Beotie, Carlisle
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampt'n Ct.
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

Thursday.

- 10 W'minster & Keystons, F.M.H.
27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall
1216 Macdonald, Camberwell

- 1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury
1361 United Service, Café Royal
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
1724 Kaisar-i-Hind, Café Royal
1765 Trinity Col., 13, Mandeville Pl.
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway

- 24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
110 Loyal 'Brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengis, Pournemouth
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariner, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Beverley
295 Cumbermere Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester
360 Pomfret, Northampton
362 Doric, Granttham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
446 Benevolent, Wells
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
509 Tees, Stockton
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Walsall
633 Yarborough, Manchester
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
792 Peilham Pillar, Grimsby
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1231 Savile, Elland
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge
1500 Walpole, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lancaster, Padilun
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere V'Int'r, Balsall H'th
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst

- 2169 Osborne, East Cowes
2255 Philbrick, Chingford
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

Friday.

- 554 Yarborough, Fenchurch Street
2076 Quator Coronati, F'masons'-h.
2233 Old Westminster, Café Royal
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge
306 Alfred, Leeds
521 Truth, Huddersfield
574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury
698 Ryde, Ryde
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1458 Truth, Manchester
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1725 Douglas, Maidstone
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton
1993 Wolseley, Manchester
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

Saturday.

- 142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle
1928 Gallery, Anderton's
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell
1223 Amherst, Riverhead
1388 Canynges, Bristol
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1494 Felix, Hampton Court
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
1567 Elliot, Feltham
1929 Mozart, Croydon
2077 Epping, Chingford
2148 Walsingham, Wilmington
2205 Pegasus, Gravesend
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey
2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet
2442 St. Clement, Leigh
2473 Molesey, East Molesey
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

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REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE last regular meeting of this Lodge for the season took place on Thursday, 20th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant.

There being a full agenda of business the Lodge was called for 4.30, and at that time Bro. George Weaver W.M. took the chair, being supported by Bros. F. Wortham I.P.M., C. E. Lilly S.W., W. Busby J.W., J. Welford P.M. Treas., S. R. Walker Sec., H. H. Bagnall S.D., E. Thomas J.D., F. Beesley I.G., G. Goddard and C. Halston Stewards, R. B. Hopkins Org., S. Ellis P.M. Tyler; Past Masters T. Allen, J. W. Curtis, R. J. Rogers, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., C. T. Brown, W. Roberts; Bros. G. Walker, Martin, Bell, Smith, Norris, Williams, Ison, J. White, Gale, Stroud, Shields, Meeks, Graham, Kilvert, &c.

Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Jackson Crow J.W. of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, Barker, and others.

The usual formalities having been observed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. W. Smith was examined and entrusted previous to advancement to the superior rank. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Smith was raised as a Master Mason, and took his seat in the Lodge.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. J. White, who was initiated at the previous meeting, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the candidate was passed as a Fellow Craft.

The Lodge being again resumed in the first degree Mr. James Such was introduced as a candidate for Freemasonry, and the ballot having been proved to be in his favour he was regularly initiated as a member of the Craft.

This concluded the labours of the evening, and the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge, hearty good wishes being tendered by the Brethren, who afterwards repaired to the Queen's Hall, where an excellent dinner was provided.

After grace, the W.M. gave the Loyal toast of the Queen, following on with the customary congratulatory speeches.

Several Brethren added to the enjoyment of the evening by displays of musical ability. In this direction we may specially mention the appearance of the daughter of the W.M., Miss Annie Weaver, whose efforts elicited the hearty applause of the company, her excellent delivery of some capital songs being highly appreciated. Bro. R. B. Hopkins officiated at the piano in his usual capable manner.

The closing toast by Bro. Ellis P.M. Tyler brought to a conclusion one of the most enjoyable evenings ever experienced at the Westbourne Lodge.

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CLISSOLD LODGE, No. 2551.

THE Brethren of this excellent Lodge and their friends assembled at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., on Thursday of last week, to take part in the annual festival, and it was gratifying to see the amount of purple and gold and purple collars that graced the occasion. Bro. Alfred H. Cooper W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers and Bros. William Mason Stiles P.G. Trsas., John J. Thomas P.G.S.B., G. S. Elliott P.Prov.G.S.B. Surrey, W. Haynes Dunn P.Prov.G.S.Wks. Herts, Henry King P.Prov.G.D.C. Bucks, W. Maysell Stevens P.Prov.G.O.Surrey, J. Oppenheim P.M. 2060, H. C. Cooper P.M. 1298, W. H. Lowry P.M. 1839, Harry Townend P.M. 2265, J. J. Lamigeon P.M., Edwin A. Broad P.M., Walter Wasche P.M. 1929, Carl Ornstein 1614, Fred Elliott 749, D. Armstrong 1305, Saml. Wolfers, J. S. Keith, H. W. Batchelor, P. C. Cooper, M. Faulkner, B. R. Watkins, E. Le Bas, Victor M. Cooper, Hy. Hall, W. Whitehouse, H. W. Butcher, Robert Emery, E. Swiffen, W. R. Itter, Rev. T. H. Russell Chaplain 2408, &c.

The Lodge was formally opened by the Worshipful Master, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. John Henry Dickinson, but as that gentleman was unavoidably detained, the initiation was postponed until the October meeting. The Secretary read a dispensation from Grand Lodge, permitting the installation of Bro. George Samuel Elliott W.M.-elect, although he is already W.M. of another London Lodge, and the dispensation was ordered to be attached to the minutes.

Bro. Elliott was then regularly presented, and again took the necessary obligation with regard to the duties of Master. He was subsequently invested and placed in the chair by his predecessor, in accordance with the ancient tradition, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters. The ceremony was admirably conducted by Bro. Alfred H. Cooper, who likewise delivered the first address. The charge to the Wardens was given by Bro. Townend, after which Bro. Mason Stiles recited the ancient exhortation to the Brethren, thus making a pleasing innovation.

The following Brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:— Alfred H. Cooper I.P.M., Henry King S.W., H. A. Badman J.W., W. M. Stiles Treasurer, J. J. Lamigeon Secretary, Percie C. Cooper S.D., Edwin A. Broad J.D., J. S. Keith I.G., W. R. Itter D.C., Edward Le Bas and M. Faulkner Stewards, T. C. Edmonds Tyler.

The new Master said that a pleasant duty devolved upon him, and that was to present, in the name of the Lodge, the Past Master's jewel to Bro. Alfred H. Cooper, in recognition of his services during his year of office. He trusted he might long live to wear it in the Lodge, and that he would regard it as a token of the appreciation in which he was held by the Brethren.

Bro. Cooper briefly returned thanks for the handsome jewel, which would remind him of the many happy evenings he had spent with them in the Clissold Lodge. He should certainly consider it as a mark of esteem from the Brethren, and an assurance that they were satisfied with the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Bro. Cooper was also the recipient of a Past Master's collar and silver jewel attached, which was presented to him by some of the Brethren, to commemorate his passing through the Chair, and also the occasion of his fiftieth birthday. There were a few other items of business personal to the Lodge,

which, having been arranged, the Master received the hearty good wishes of those present, and this part of the proceedings terminated.

Bro. G. S. Elliott presided at the installation banquet, which was largely attended.

Grace was said by Rev. Bro. Russell at the termination of the repast, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted from the chair.

Bro. J. J. Thomas responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and bore testimony to the work accomplished by them, involving as it did so many intricate points in connection with the Craft.

In highly complimentary terms the I.P.M. proposed the health of his successor, saying that as Bro. Elliott had so many times occupied the chair the Brethren might look forward to an excellent rendering of the ritual.

Bro. Elliott modestly acknowledged the honour done him, and expressed the difficulty he felt to say anything new every time. He would therefore content himself by thanking them most heartily. He also paid a similar tribute to Brother Alfred Cooper, who had surprised them by the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge.

Bros. Thomas, Cooper, Russell, and Elliott replied for the Visitors; and the Officers were all duly honoured.

An interesting episode took place after the W.M. had proposed the Masonic Charities. The Charity Box was passed round, and then, after keen competition, was bought by Bro. Oppenheim, the amount of course being carried to the Lodge Benevolent Fund. Bro. Emery also contributed £10, as he declared himself to be a "sleeping" Mason, circumstances not permitting him to take an active part in the work.

A capital programme of music was given during the evening, the artistes being Miss Hettie Hills, Miss Eugenie Fox, Bro. Gurney Russell, Bro. Harry Hall, Messrs. Eric Farr, and Ernest Cherry.

INSTRUCTION.

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PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

BY special desire of the members of this Lodge the Brethren of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, paid them a visit and worked the Fifteen Sections on Saturday, at the house of Bro. A. T. Hollingbery, the Perseverance Hotel, Southgate Road, N., when the chair was taken by Bro. D. Moss P.M. 1349 P.D.G.S.E. Transvaal, in the temporary absence of Bro. B. DaCosta P.M. 1349. Others present included Bros. L. A. DaCosta P.M. S.W., J. Oxley P.M. J.W., N. Goldman S.D., J. Davis (Secretary of the Instruction Lodge) J.D., J. P. Torlowsky I.G., J. Jackson, C. Valentine, A. J. Davis, J. Halsey, B. Nichols, E. Williams, J. Knight, J. Brun, J. Carter, J. Powell, B. Barlow, E. G. Peats, W. Emerson, J. K. Pitt, Durell, Wynman, &c., the company numbering in all about sixty.

The Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the sections of the first degree were worked by Bros. J. P. Torlowsky, S. Emden, J. Richmond, J. Goulston, D. Moss (the acting president), and N. G. Goldman (who acted as substitute for Bro. B. Stewart).

At this part of the proceedings the appointed chairman, Bro. B. DaCosta arrived, and Bro. Moss vacated the chair in his favour.

The sections of the second degree were worked by Bros. M. Moses, J. Oxley, S. B. Lotheim, N. Goldman, and D. Moss (by special desire, in the absence of Bro. L. Simmons); and those of the third degree by Bros. M. Corper W.M. 1349, L. A. DaCosta, and J. Davis (who took the place of Bro. H. Harris P.M.), after which the W.M. resumed the Lodge in the first degree.

About twenty Brethren were duly proposed and elected as members of the Lodge, Bro. M. Corper, on behalf of himself and the others, acknowledging their unanimous admission in well chosen terms.

Bro. J. A. Powell Preceptor of the Lodge, in most complimentary manner proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed, and recorded on the minutes, for the very excellent working of the Worshipful Master and the Brethren who had assisted him that evening. The way in which Bros. B. DaCosta, D. Moss, L. A. DaCosta, J. Oxley and the other members of the Friars Lodge had gone through the ritual was indeed a credit to them and to the Lodge. The Brethren who had heard the Sections had, he was sure, enjoyed a rich Masonic treat; and he felt the Lodge which had been so honoured could not do less than ask the officiating Brethren to accept Honorary Membership of the Percy Lodge of Instruction. He had therefore the pleasure of proposing that such a compliment be paid them, and felt sure the Brethren would unanimously endorse his views, which they did, in regular order.

The acting Master rose, and tendered his thanks to Bro. Powell for his kind remarks, and to the Brethren generally for their kind reception that day. He and the other Brethren of the Friars Lodge of Instruction would at all times be pleased to render any assistance in their power. He sincerely thanked them for having conferred upon him the compliment of honorary membership.

Bro. L. A. DaCosta said he also was pleased to hear the kind remarks of Bro. Powell. He had been a member of the Percy Lodge of Instruction for the last twelve or fourteen years, but he nevertheless appreciated the compliment just paid him, and tendered his hearty thanks for it.

Bro. J. Oxley followed on, with his usual eloquent flow of language. It sounded well, he said, to hear the kind remarks of the Preceptor of the Percy Lodge, and it spoke well for the ability of the members of the Friars Lodge that such kindly utterances were offered them. He was personally obliged to them for conferring upon him the compliment of honorary membership.

Bro. D. Moss, whose response came last, although he was by no means regarded as the least, said he was glad to hear that the Brethren of the Friars Lodge had fulfilled what was expected of them. Whatever assistance they could give they would at all times be proud to render. It was their pleasure to help those who desired Masonic knowledge, and he strongly urged Brethren who were in search of such to regularly attend Lodges of Instruction, which, as he could personally testify, were of considerable benefit to all who desired to make progress in the science. When he was in Johannesburg he had assisted to found the Prosperity Lodge, and no matter where he was he made a point of attending Lodges of Instruction if there were any. Let Brethren acquire a knowledge of the ritual of Freemasonry and no matter in what part of the world they might find themselves they would be sure of being received with open arms. In conclusion he thanked the Preceptor of the Lodge for the kind remarks he had made in regard to him personally, and the Brethren for the way in which they had endorsed those remarks.

Bro. Powell said he had yet another very pleasant duty to discharge, and that was to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to the Brethren who had worked the different Sections that evening. More especially were they indebted to those who had come forward and filled the places of others who were on the programme, but were prevented from being present. The vote was passed and duly acknowledged.

Several communications were read by Bro. A. W. Fenner P.M., who acted as Secretary, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, many of the Brethren expressing the pleasure they had derived from the evening's work.

The Percy Lodge of Instruction meets every Saturday, at 8 o'clock, at the Perseverance Hotel, Southgate Road. The Preceptor Bro. J. A. Powell is a painstaking and efficient tutor, who at all times strives to impart knowledge of the ritual to those who attend the meetings of the Lodge. Bro. F. Stallard P.M. is the Secretary, and Bro. J. Any jun. the Treasurer.

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ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE members of this Lodge arranged a specially interesting meeting for Sunday last, at the Rising Sun, Globe Road, E., when Bro. Robert Bowers P.M. 15 W.M. 1921 M.E.Z. 2191, F.R.H.S., delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on "King Solomon's Temple; its Builders and Destroyers," with some notes on the Temples of Zerubbabel and Herod, and the destruction of Jerusalem. Bro. Walter Clement Tyler W.M. 862 and 1567 J.W. 2579 P.S. 862 kindly illustrated the Lecture by Oxy-Hydrogen limelight views, and thereby added considerably to the general effect.

The chair was taken by Bro. H. J. Phillips P.M. and Sec. 205, who was supported by a very large assemblage of Brethren, the capacious quarters occupied by the Lodge being crowded to their fullest extent, while upwards of fifty other visitors were unable to gain admittance.

At the conclusion of the most interesting lecture the W.M. invited discussion, and among those who responded thereto was Bro. G. W. Speth P.G.A.D.C. Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, who said he had desired to form a company of about 150 Brethren to pay a visit and see Palestine, but unfortunately he was unable to get that number together, and a smaller number would not have paid expenses. But thanks to Bro. Bowers they had been able that evening to spend a pleasant couple of hours in Palestine, and failing an actual visit it was almost as good as having paid a tourist agent for the journey. Bro. Speth then touched upon several points in the lecture, and other Brethren joined in a discussion which formed a pleasant and instructive adjunct to the event of the evening.

Bros. Bowers and Tyler were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge, and wishes were expressed that they might give the lecture again, and in other parts of the Metropolis. A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to the Brother who had acted as W.M. on the occasion.

Several Brethren were elected members, and altogether we think those who are at the head of affairs in the Israel Instruction Lodge have reason to congratulate themselves on the result of their latest efforts to promote the interests of their own members and of the Craft in general.

As we have already said, Bro. H. J. Phillips P.M. Sec. 205 occupied the chair, others taking an important share in the meeting included Bros. George Graveley G.P. England as S.W., D. Moss P.D.G.S.B. Transvaal as J.W., H. Harris P.M. Sec., B. Stewart P.M., &c., &c.

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WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 548.

MONDAY, at New Cross House, New Cross Road, S.E., was Officers' night. Bro. George Freame W.M. of the Mother Lodge took the chair, and was supported by Bros. Harris S.W., J. Timms J.W., E. W. Hathersich P.M. Acting Preceptor, F. T. Adam Secretary, A. Martin S.D., W. Newell J.D., J. Lexion I.G., B. Riminton P.M., H. Wybourn P.M., J. Welch, W. Neill, T. Humms, E. Wilmot, W. Oltoway, J. Wynman, H. Olney, &c.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Welch was examined and entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. By desire of the Preceptor the Brethren then went through that very important portion of our ceremonial, which may justly be described as "drill," in the different degrees. The W.M. then resumed the Lodge to the first degree. We congratulate the presiding Officer on the ability he displayed in the chair—his working was excellent.

Bro. T. J. Peckham was elected to preside the following Monday.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., when there were present: Bros. Andover W.M., Weaver S.W., Llewellyn J.W., Matthews S.D., Graham J.D., Dehane P.M. Prec., Whiteway I.G., Mogford P.M., Rogers P.M., Halston, White, Gilling, Busby.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White acting as candidate, after which the same Brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. opened in the second degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Busby acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bros. White and Gilling were elected members of the Lodge, Bro. Llewellyn was elected to preside that day fortnight, the following meeting being Officers' night.

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RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

AT the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, on Friday, 21st inst., Bros. M. F. Wilkins W.M., H. J. Couzens S.W., J. H. Cumming P.M. J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. Acting Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Secretary, W. Hinds P.M. Treasurer, R. Reid S.D., J. Bratt J.D., G. T. Meek I.G., W. J. Copelstone P.M., J. Banks P.M., J. Worth (W.M. of the Mother Lodge). G. White, W. G. Palmer, J. J. Lewin, K. M. Ross, W. Atkinson, and many others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Atkinson acting as candidate. This was executed in a first class manner, and the Lodge was called off and on, after which Bro. Ross was duly examined and entrusted, and the Lodge being opened in the second degree the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the first section was worked by the Brethren, under the direction of the Acting Preceptor.

Bro. Couzens was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting.

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KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

AT the Town Hall Tavern, Kensington, on Tuesday, 18th inst., Bros. E. G. Easton W.M., W. B. Neville P.M. S.W., W. G. Cave J.W., W. Hillier P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Secretary, R. Cawley S.D., W. Drisden J.D., A. J. Bengie I.G., J. H. Cumming P.M., Williams, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cumming acting as

candidate. The charge was given in an excellent manner. Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Cumming answered the questions, was entrusted, and subsequently the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. Neville was elected to the chair for the next weekly meeting.

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CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

AT the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on Saturday, 22nd inst., Bros. K. M. Ross W.M., W. Atkinson S.W., W. T. Ridgway J.W., W. Hillier P.M. Acting Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Treasurer, R. Josey P.M. Secretary, W. Handover S.D., M. F. Wilkins J.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. I.G.; Past Masters S. W. Keene, W. Flack, W. Hyde, R. H. Williams P.P.G.J.D. Middx.; Bros. J. Wood, Anthony sen., R. Reid, H. J. Couzens, G. T. Meek, H. T. Johnson, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Anthony acting as candidate. Bro. Meek was examined and entrusted, the Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed.

As the next meeting was the Preceptors' night, it was expected that, as usual, the number of Brethren who came from all parts would be very large.

Bro. Atkinson S.W. was elected to preside on 6th May.

Hearty congratulations were given to Bro. Craggs, on the occasion of the success of the candidate of the West London Masonic Election Association at the late election, which was greatly due to his exertions.

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ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

(LATE TERRIERS.)

ON Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Dover Castle Hotel and Restaurant, Westminster Bridge Road (of which Bro. E. Voigt is the manager), a meeting took place under the presidency of Bro. B. Cohen, who was supported by Bros. T. Holmes as S.W., E. Voigt J.W., A. Darch P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. S.D., J. Wynman J.D., W. Newstead I.G., and others.

After formalities Bro. Wynman offered himself as a candidate for the second degree, and in due course that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Newstead was then examined as a candidate for the third degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony was gone through, the working of Bro. Cohen giving satisfaction throughout.

Bro. T. Holmes was elected to preside at the next meeting.

We take the opportunity of again drawing the attention of professional and other Brethren to the meetings of this Instruction Lodge, held on Wednesday afternoons, at 3 o'clock. In Bro. A. Darch the Lodge has an able Preceptor, and in other ways the Lodge is deserving of support.

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ALFRED NEWTON LODGE, No. 2686.

BEING Officers' night a very good meeting took place on Tuesday, at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, W. The Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge Bro. J. Naughton was ably supported by Bro. H. Redgrave S.W., W. R. Thompson J.W., W. F. Flack P.M. Dep. Prec., W. B. Abbott P.M. Sec. 2686 acting Sec., E. Vernon S.D., A. F. McNeil J.D., W. C. Freeman I.G., J. W. Jupe, G. Hinds, A. Swann, A. Catlin, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being formed the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Flack being the candidate. This being ended the Lodge was called off. Resuming, the W.M. announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of passing, for which Bro. A. Swann offered himself as candidate. Having answered the questions he was entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony gone through. Both ceremonies were perfectly rendered.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and complimented Bros. E. Vernon S.D. and W. C. Freeman I.G. on the able manner in which they had fulfilled their duties for the first time in their respective offices.

Bro. W. R. Thompson will preside on Tuesday next.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, 21st inst., Brother W. Thomas Blease W.M., there being a very good attendance of members and visitors.

There was no Lodge business of special importance, and an early adjournment was made to the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly varied by songs and recitations, rendered by Bros. J. Harold Burton, J. Horricks, Fred Daniels, J. Hart, Rev. W. G. Edwards Rees, M.A., Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, J. Harrison Hill, Affability, No. 317, &c. The latter Brother, who had been performing at Buxton on the previous day, gave several songs and sketches from a wonderfully clever and refined programme. Bro. Hill is one of our newest drawing-room entertainers, whose remarkable and versatile abilities will, we anticipate, not be long in placing him in the front rank of author-humorists. His pianoforte imitations of such widely different styles of composition as that of Bach, Chopin, Handel, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Schubert, &c., all based upon the simple air of "Three blind mice," was only equalled by an original song, descriptive of his extraordinary resemblance to the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary, and entitled "If I were only Joseph, and Joseph only me."

The following very good story was related of Bro. Hill in one of the Manchester papers dated Saturday, 21st January 1899: "Mr. Harrison Hill, of this city, gave selections from his repertory of recitals on Thursday, in the drawing-room of Kensington Palace, London, before Princess Louise and a select party. Much amusement was caused by one incident. In the course of his song, 'My Juliet,' a line, 'O! ladies, never call your daughters by the name of Juliet!' caused an unusual amount of merriment, which was laughingly explained to Mr. Hill by Princess Louise herself. 'There were,' she said, 'two ladies amongst the company, mother and daughter, who were both called Juliet.'"

Garrick.—Bro. Brickwell, profiting by the press criticisms on the first performance of "Change Alley," has induced the authors to make certain and important changes in the play, which will be presented to the public in its new form this (Saturday) evening.