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AUCTIONS AT LODGE MEETINGS.

A PRACTICE has lately sprung up at some of our regular Lodges, and in an intensified form at Instruction meetings, which we think it will be advisable to check ere a scandal is created, or some of those who are at fault find themselves in trouble with the authorities. We allude to the holding of auctions in our midst—a practice which is widely extending, and which, to our mind, can have but one result, that of disaster—and in thus publicly drawing attention to it we feel we are but acting in the interests of the Craft in general, and particularly of those Brethren primarily concerned, and who probably err rather from want of thought or lack of knowledge, than from any desire to wilfully do wrong.

The popular course of procedure in this direction in our regular Lodges is to put up the contents of the Charity Box, after it has been passed round the table, to auction, the object being to increase the amount collected, by a system of what we regard as most unbecoming competition, and which is tolerated at the time, we think, only because it is for the good of a good cause! We remember when this practice first came under our notice, some twenty years ago, its desirability and even its legality were freely commented upon, and it was only because the Brother who carried the matter through was a really jovial fellow, and met the objectors in good natured style, by pointing out the good that it might possibly do to increase the charity collection by this means, that the event was allowed—for the time being—to pass. Later on, however, we believe the Lodge had a communication from the Inland Revenue authorities as to the holding of an auction under its auspices by a person not qualified with an auctioneer's license. As it happened, in this particular case, the Treasurer of the Lodge, who submitted the "desirable property" to public bidding, was an auctioneer, and after a little good tempered banter at the expense of the powers that be the matter naturally dropped. But do all our Lodges who act in this way take care that the "Auctioneer" of the occasion is duly licensed? It may be so, but we do not think the matter receives a moment's consideration.

Turning now to the Lodges of Instruction, we find it by no means a rarity to hear of one or other of the Masonic newspapers being paid for by the Lodge, or presented by one of the members, and put up to auction at the close of the meeting—for the benefit of the Charity Fund! And, in many cases, the result is highly satisfactory, from a mere financial point of view, copies of our paper or the "Freemason" generally fetching ten or twenty times their published price, and often realising as much as ten shillings or more. It is very gratifying to think our efforts in journalism are so highly appreciated, and it is perhaps ungenerous on our part to criticise the arrangement, but it is manifest that value is not the factor in these purchases—it is simply the excitement of competition among those

present and, if the buyers will excuse us saying so, it is a most unbecoming and un-Masonic practice in the great majority of cases; but besides all this, there is the actual legality of the proceeding to be taken into account, and we are much mistaken if those who put up the contents of a Lodge Charity box, or a copy of a Masonic Newspaper, to public auction—even though in the cause of benevolence—do not lay themselves open to a monetary penalty, beyond the fact of acting in an undignified manner, and running the risk of bringing Masonic meetings into disrepute. Is there any necessity to promote Masonic Charity by such means?

It is an old story that one has to go abroad to learn home news, and this has been exemplified during the week, when we have learnt that quite a business is done in phrenology at Masonic banquets. Says a contemporary: "An eminent phrenologist has found his profession seriously impaired by the war. When sued for non-payment of the balance of an hotel bill in the Westminster County Court he said that he had lately been going through a most disastrous period. No fewer than thirty of his engagements had been cancelled. People no longer seemed interested in their own bumps—they only cared for those in South Africa. Most of the engagements which had fallen through were for Masonic banquets. 'But surely,' said Judge Lumley Smith, 'they do not have their bumps felt at Masonic banquets?' The professor said they did, and some one at the back of the court murmured 'What ho!' An order to pay £2 a month was made." This is certainly news to us, and it appears to open up many possibilities for the future. It has often been suggested that Brethren should prove their fitness for office before being invested with a collar; the day may come when such an examination will include a learned disquisition on their bumps. "Bladders of lard," as the bald heads are sometimes irreverently called, may then have to give place to "swelled heads," of which English Freemasonry could easily provide a prolific supply.

The last of the Soirées Dansantes organised by the Mayor of Gravesend, Bro. J. N. Willis W.M. of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, for the purpose of helping the Transvaal War Funds, took place on Monday, at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, with remarkable success. The dance was under the patronage of the local Freemasons, and the members of the various Lodges and Chapters rallied round in strong force. There were in addition several Military and Naval Officers, who attended in uniform, and a very gay and pretty scene was presented when the dancing was going on. The Hall was brightly decorated with flags and festoons of flowers, while the beautiful banners of the Lodges came in for special admiration from the fair sex. Bro. Willis may be congratulated upon his happy idea, which will doubtless lead to an excellent addition being made to the Funds, as all the expenses have been defrayed by him.

A sum of £10 16s 6d was subscribed on behalf of the "Daily Telegraph" War Fund by a few supporters of the North London Masonic ball, held on Thursday, 25th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, in aid of the funds of the Masonic Institutions.

The Brethren of Walsall propose to form a Preceptory of Knights Templars in the town. The occasion is to be marked by a visit of the Earl of Euston Grand Master of the Order, and many other illustrious Knights.

NEW TEMPLE AT HORNSEA.

THE ceremony of dedicating the handsome new Masonic Temple of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, took place on the 17th ult., in the presence of a large assembly of Brethren from Hornsea and Hull, and district. Barely six months have elapsed since the foundation stone was laid with full Masonic honours, and during that period the building has been erected and thoroughly fitted for the important functions which will take place in its interior; and it will, in addition to being one of the public buildings of Hornsea, be a most acceptable home for the Masonic Fraternity of the town and district. The dedication ceremony was to have been performed by Lord Bolton P.G.W. Eng. D.P.G.M.; but his lordship had at the last moment to cancel his engagement. Under the circumstances the duty fell upon Bro. M. C. Peck P.G.St.B. Eng. and Prov. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Robert Manuel occupied the chair, with Bro. Harry Manfield Grand Treasurer-nominate as guest of the evening, at the annual banquet of the Logic Club, which was held on Sunday night at the Café Royal. The Club, which was founded nineteen years ago, meets on Sunday mornings for the study of the ritual of the Craft. During the past year thirty-six meetings have been held, with an average attendance of twenty-seven, and forty-nine new members have been elected. Donations have been made to the "Daily Telegraph" Shilling Fund, to the fund for equipment of the City Volunteers, to a fund raised by the District Grand Master of the Transvaal in aid of members in want in South Africa, and the Club has raised the amount given to the Masonic Charities since its inception to 2,773 guineas. In proposing "Success to the Club," the Chairman presented Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald with a gold watch and chain, suitably inscribed, and a gold bracelet for Mrs. Fitzgerald, in sincere and fraternal appreciation of his unremitting services as Secretary for nineteen years.

Alderman Harry Manfield, who has again been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer of England, is the second son of the late Sir Philip Manfield, who for some time was Mr. Labouchere's colleague in the representation of Northampton. Mr. Manfield's popularity with his brother Freemasons was abundantly testified last February, says the "Morning Leader," when he polled 1,026 votes for the office of Grand Treasurer, against 1,322 given for Mr. Bevan (of Messrs. Barclay, Perkins and Company), who was elected. On that occasion 189 Past Masters out of a possible 220 in the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire came up to London to record their votes in Mr. Manfield's favour. Mr. Manfield, though a comparatively young man, is an Alderman of the Northamptonshire County Council, and shares with his brother, Mr. James Manfield, the ownership of a gigantic boot manufacturing business.

The annual supper of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, will be held on Saturday next, 10th inst., at the Windsor Castle, 135 Lower Clapton Road, N.E., at 7 o'clock. Tickets and further information may be obtained from Bro. G. Edwards Preceptor (Town Hall, Hackney), A. Rusby P.M. Treasurer (51 Alkham Road, Stoke Newington), or H. R. Harding Secretary (9 Greenwood Road, Dalston).

The regular meetings of the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, will in future be held at the Clarence Hotel, 88 Aldersgate Street, E.C. (opposite Carthusian Street), on Monday evenings, at 7 o'clock. Having secured a suitable and comfortable room it is hoped many Brethren will make it convenient to support the Lodge by regular attendance.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE Craft of London in general, and of the South in particular, has suffered a severe loss by the death of Bro. Walter Martin P.A.G. Pursuivant of England, whose demise we briefly referred to in our last issue. Bro. Martin died in the early hours of Saturday, 20th ult., at his residence at New Cross, at the early age of 44, from pneumonia and influenza, and the tidings of his death created such a sensation in the ranks of London Brethren as rarely happens,

for, happily, it is seldom death overtakes one who has made such a name for himself as was the case with Bro. Martin, at so early an age. It was generally recognised among those who were acquainted with our deceased Brother that the honour of Assistant Grand Pursuivant of England, conferred upon him in 1897, and that of Assistant Grand D.C. in the Royal Arch the same year, were won by sterling work in the cause of Freemasonry, and so much was Bro. Martin appreciated that we do not believe a single Brother envied him his preferment—although many, as may be expected considering Bro. Martin's age, could boast longer periods of service. Bro. Martin was a Past Master of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879; the Chough Lodge, No. 2264; and the Old Boys Lodge, No. 2500; one of the Founders of the latter, and its first W.M. He was exalted in the Wellington Chapter, No. 548, rose to the dignity of Z. therein, and filled the office of its Scribe E. at the time of his death. He was a great worker in the cause of the Masonic Charities, both in obtaining subscriptions on their behalf, and in assisting candidates to secure their benefits. He was a most efficient Preceptor to both the Star and Duke of Cornwall Lodges of Instruction, and it was mainly through his instrumentality that some hundreds of pounds have been sent to the Charities through the Benevolent Fund of the latter Lodge. He was an Honorary Past Master of both the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, and the Chough Lodge, No. 2264. The funeral took place at Brockley Cemetery, on the 26th ult., and it is safe to say there were several hundred Brethren present on the occasion, to pay a last tribute of respect to their departed friend; the attendance at the funeral was, indeed, one of the most impressive ever witnessed in South London. The massive oaken coffin, which bore, besides a simple inscription, the square and compasses, was covered with wreaths, sent by Lodges, Brethren and friends, and many more of these were borne in a car behind the hearse. The service was taken by Bro. the Rev. W. Harrison Chaplain of Lodge 2410, and of the St. Olave's Union Infirmary, who, in the course of an address delivered in the chapel, said that as the deceased, who was a true man, had raised many to the third degree, on the Five Points of Fellowship, so they hoped that the Almighty would raise him to the Temple above. Whilst he was the representative of the brightest character the Craft had known, they knew that the Star of the East was shining down upon him, and hoped that he was in the presence of the Bright and Morning Star. At the head of the grave, which was lined throughout with evergreens, the Masons dropped their emblematic sprigs of acacia, and, the service concluded, sang the hymn "Abide with me." Besides the vast number of Masonic Brethren there were also present a large number of members of the Chough Musical Society, of which the deceased was a past President.

WE regret to announce the decease of Bro. James Strong Past Master of the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, which occurred a few days ago. Bro. Strong had been ailing for some time, but his decease will come as a great blow to the many members of the Craft who had the privilege of meeting him in Masonic circles. The deceased took great interest in the work of the Craft, and gave freely of his time and money. He was well known as an ardent and enthusiastic worker, paying particular attention to his Mother Lodge and the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction. Deceased was interred on Monday, at St. Mary's Parochial Cemetery, Battersea, S.W., there being present something like sixty Brethren, including Bros. A. C. A. Higerty P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.W. Berks, Kingston W.M. 1044, Kingston P.M. 1044, Hudson P.M. 141, H. Hudson S.W. 141, Casey J.D. 2417, Tarrant P.P.G.W. Wilts, Jesseman P.M. 1044, Welch P.M. 141, Clarke S.D. 2699, Tidyman Treasurer 2699, C. W. Cornish Organist 1044, Judd Steward 1044, &c. The funeral ceremony was impressively given, and was most touching, Bro. Canon Clarke undertaking the first portion. Bro. Chambers 1044, vicar of Brockenhurst, read the lesson, and Bro. the Rev. Gordon Chaplain 1044 undertook the service at the graveside. Amongst others, wreaths were sent from the Wandsworth Lodge, the Wandle Lodge, and the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction. At a meeting of the latter, held on Tuesday evening, in St. Mark's Schools, Battersea, touching reference was made to the loss the Lodge had sustained in particular, and Freemasonry in general, by the untimely death of so old and valued a Mason as Bro. Strong. On the motion of Bro. Kingston W.M. 1044, seconded by Bro. Bray S.W. 1044, a vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow and family was ordered to be sent by the Secretary.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF CANON AND MRS. TRISTRAM.

BROTHER the Rev. Henry Baker Tristram, M.A. (Oxon), D.D. (Durham), LL.D. (Edin), F.R.S., Canon of Durham, and Mrs. Tristram attain the jubilee of their wedding day on the 5th of the present month. Preparations are going forward for a fitting celebration of the happy event, and no doubt our Rev. Brother and his good lady will be made the recipients of many congratulations and pleasing tokens of the esteem and regard in which they are both held by a large circle of relatives and friends.

The Mark Masons of Northumberland and Durham, of which the Canon is Provincial Grand Master, will to-day, through their representatives, present him, as a memento of the occasion, with an exquisite set of silver articles. They consist of a fine antique two-handled silver-gilt loving cup, bearing the date 1800, with rich leaf chasing, and godroon edge; also a pair of fine antique silver-gilt Twirley fruit bowls—date 1789—with pierced and chased handles and alternate chased and plain flutes. In addition there will be presented to Mrs. Tristram a diamond brooch. The cup bears the following inscription:—

Presented to
THE REV. HENRY BAKER TRISTRAM, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S., &c.,
Canon of Durham,
Provincial Grand Mark Master of Northumberland and Durham, and to
MRS. TRISTRAM,
on the occasion of their golden wedding, with the love and esteem of the
Brethren of the Province.
5th February 1900.

The Craft Masons of the Province of Durham have arranged to make a handsome presentation to Canon Tristram, who is their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, also this afternoon in the Masonic Hall, Durham. The presentation consists of a solid silver tea and coffee service, and a large silver tray, bearing a suitable inscription, and also a gold bracelet for Mrs. Tristram.

On Monday afternoon there will be a special thanksgiving service in Durham Cathedral, to be succeeded by an "At Home" in the Canon's residence.

The Canon has had a very distinguished Masonic career. He joined the Craft in 1844 and was advanced to the rank of Mark Mason in 1846, while he was in Bermuda. In 1861 he joined the Eclectic Lodge, at West Hartlepool, when there were only three Mark Provinces in England. After passing the chair of the Eclectic Lodge, his name was submitted by Lord Percy to the Prince of Wales, and in the course of time (in 1873) he became the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Northumberland and Durham. He is a Past Grand Chaplain of England in the Craft degree, his appointment dating back to 1884, and as already mentioned is Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Durham.

In 1894 his Brother Masons, in recognition of the completion of his majority in the position of Provincial Grand Mark Mason, presented him with an illuminated address of congratulation and a portrait of himself in oils by Mr. C. Kay Robertson, of Newcastle.

The Canon, although he has passed "the allotted span" by some seven years, is still a man of great intellectual and physical vigour. He has a family of one son and five daughters, his son being Mr. H. B. Tristram, the once famous Rugby football player, and now head master of Merchiston College, Edinburgh, and one of his daughters is a medical missionary in Japan.

MASONIC AID FOR WAR VICTIMS.

SPLENDID tribute to the philanthropic spirit which animates Freemasonry was afforded at the gathering of local Craftsmen in the Midland Hotel, Bradford, on Monday evening. The function was uniquely interesting in the enthusiasm which characterised the proceedings, and in the practical patriotism which was so munificently realised.

The gathering was held in honour of the Mayor of Bradford Brother W. C. Lupton, a distinguished member of the Craft, Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire; and to the guest was presented a cheque for £605 in aid of his Reservists Fund. A company of 140 Brethren were present at the complimentary banquet, and afterwards some excellent speeches were made, alternated by entertaining items. A feature of the latter contributions was the singing of "The Absent-Minded Beggar" by Bro. J. W. Calverley.

The chair was occupied by Bro. J. S. Colefax I.P.M.

Hope Lodge, and among those who supported him were Bros. Richard Wilson D.P.G.M., Francis Willey P.M. Pentalfa, Rev. E. M. Young Chaplain Hope Lodge, Dr. Mossop P.P.G.D., and the following W.Ms. of Bradford Lodges:—Bros. H. Telford, A. Sharp, J. E. Fawcett, J. W. Monckman, T. Denbigh, J. Foy, and St. Clair Tilley. Bro. A. W. Sonnenthal P.M. was in the vice-chair, Bro. G. E. Rawnsley P.M. acted as Hon. Treasurer, and Bro. H. Holland P.M. was the Hon. Secretary.

The usual Loyal toasts were honoured with great heartiness, on the proposition of the Chairman. Bro. Wilson offered the toast of the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces, to which Bro. Francis Willey responded.

The Chairman gave the toast of the evening, "Our Guest, Bro. Lupton." He paid the highest tribute to Bro. Lupton's personal character, and expressed the opinion that he was an ideal Mayor of the city. They of the household of Freemasonry knew of his large-hearted charity, and it was due to Bro. White that the happy suggestion had been made that as Freemasons they should contribute substantially to the Mayor of Bradford's Fund for the relief of the wives and families and dependents of the reservists now fighting in the Transvaal. The Chairman also spoke in complimentary terms of Bro. Rawnsley and Bro. Holland. On behalf of the Freemasons of Bradford the Chairman then handed to Bro. Lupton a cheque for £605 for the Fund. This sum had been contributed by 260 of the Brethren. Together with the cheque he handed a handsome album, containing the signatures of the subscribers.

The Mayor, after great cheering had subsided and "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow" had been sung, prefaced his remarks by a quotation from Rudyard Kipling's popular verses—"Duke's son, cook's son, son of a belted earl, son of Lambeth publican!" making a pause here with a quiet and pointed humour, which the company quickly understood and appreciated. He went on to say they could only do their best for the country. He said no tribute could have pleased him more as Mayor, or could have been more gratifying to the Mayoress than that great occasion of the gathering of Freemasons. Replying to the compliments to himself he remarked that as a Freemason he had simply endeavoured in his life as a Craftsman during the last twenty-six years to carry out those principles of Freemasonry which he had always advocated and preached, "Love God, honour the King, love your brother, and do unto others as you would they should do to you." Those tenets were the solution of all religious and social problems. They had testified their esteem for him in a way for which he was most sincerely and deeply grateful.

Among other toasts was "the Chairman," proposed by Bro. Isaac Mossop.

During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. James Tilley, Oliver Lumb, and J. W. Calverley. Bros. Whitley Norton, St. Clair Tilley, and J. H. Earnshaw gave a trio for violin, 'cello, and piano, and Bro. T. Denbigh contributed a humorous recitation in capital style.

CHURCH SERVICE.

ON Sunday, 21st ult., St. David's Church, Holmbridge, was re-opened after a thorough renovation, and in the afternoon the members of the Holme Valley Lodge, No. 652, Holmfirth, attended service. The Brethren assembled in the National School Room, and there assumed their regalia. Owing to the heavy rain they had to cover up their "clothing" and jewels with their topcoats, and hence the public display was "off."

A special form of musical service was well rendered by a strong choir, and the anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful," was exceptionally well sung. Bro. Albert Tinker most ably officiated as Organist.

The Vicar Bro. Rev. J. T. Wilkinson, M.A., P.Prov.G. Chaplain took his text from the 96th Psalm, part of the 6th verse: "Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary." These words show us what a power and treasure David thought the temple which he longed to build, but which God declined to let him build, would be. In the books of Kings and Chronicles we see how deeply his mind was impressed with the idea of building the temple. We see in the lavish provision of material which he made how much he desired to contribute to its strength, and how he had determined that it should be beautiful. That it would be a source of strength to his subjects and a treasure of untold value to them, we may gather from the earnest way in which he strove only a short

time before his death to create in the minds of his subjects an interest in the building of that temple, the plan of which he had worked out in its minutest detail. What a deep solemnity there is in the charge which the old man delivered to his son Solomon: "And thou Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thought; if thou seek Him He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him He will cast thee off for ever. Take heed now: for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it." How profoundly these words would impress the mind of the assembled multitude in whose hearing they were spoken? What a majestic grandeur there is in David's thanksgiving and prayer respecting the building of the temple which he breathed into the attentive ear of his God before his death? [See I. Chron. 29, verses 10 to 19.] How anxious he was that his subjects should be as eager to build and as thankful to God as he was?

David said to all the congregation, "Now, bless the Lord your God. And all the congregation blessed the Lord God of their fathers and bowed down their heads and worshipped the Lord and the King." The impression made at the time was such that Solomon felt his father had imposed on him a duty which he was bound to discharge. When it was built, what a blessing they found it to be to them! How eagerly they pressed within its sacred walls! In it was the throne of their great King; there He displayed His power and majesty; there His people were encouraged to worship and serve Him—therein they fled for refuge when they were in danger or difficulty. God was there enthroned in all His majesty. His presence was manifested, His power was experienced, and His protection was ensured in the temple. The true Israelite knew and felt that God was in the midst of their worshipping assemblies. What store our Lord Himself set upon the temple, using it when he was twelve years old; cleansing it on two occasions during His lifetime when He saw men putting it to improper uses; and using it on every occasion as "the house of prayer" whenever He had the chance.

The temple of Solomon is intensely interesting and instructive to every Freemason. He values at a very high price the teachings which it can give. "All the labours of operative or stone masonry, its tools, and its technical language have been seized by the Speculative Freemasons, and appropriated by them as symbols, each of which teaches some important moral or religious truth." He derives instruction from the study of its plan; he learns something from its structure; he finds sermons in its stones, whether they be rough or dressed ashlar. The strength and beauty of its pillars furnish him with food for thought, and before its altar he kneels impressed with a feeling of reverential awe. The tools which the working mason has, or is using in its construction teach him much. The twenty-four inch rule, the hammer, the chisel, the square, the level, and the plumb line, have each of them something to say to him, which, if attended to, will make him the wiser. The great object in view while we think of the structure, the furniture, and the mason's tools, should be to make the building up of the spiritual temple of the body the more easy.

It has been well said that to our Lord "The sole beauty of the Temple was the sincerity of its worshippers, and no gold or marble, no brilliant vermillion, or curiously carved cedar wood, no delicate sculpturing or votive gems" could satisfy Him when this was absent. No strength of structure or design could please Him unless it could be shown that it imparted strength to the one who was in search of it. Is this the object we have in view when we study the details of the glorious structure which King Solomon erected? Are we striving to have its teachings woven into the texture of our daily life? And do we find that it is a help to us in our growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? If so, we have to thank God that we have been induced to make a study of it. What a blessing it would be if we saw all men trying, while building up the temple of their spiritual life, to reproduce the care, the thought, and the labour which Solomon brought to bear on the raising of his temple. When we think of it, surely we must feel that we are engaged in a work far more important than his. He was building a structure which, however carefully put together, must sooner or later come to the ground. Our Lord's disciples drew his attention to the temple as they were passing it: "Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!" Our Lord answered them that every stone must sooner or later come down. We

on the other hand, are engaged in building for eternity. With what solemnity does this invest our work! How carefully we should watch, in order that we may be sure that we are doing it right. Every blow of our hammer should be well directed and carefully struck; every stone that we lay should be first measured correctly; with our chisel we should take care to smooth down any rough places we may find in our life, and we should at all times strive to use for their proper purpose all the tools which God has put into our hands, to be used whenever needed. What a position of honour we occupy as workmen! Our association with God should ennoble our work. St. Paul says "We are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy. Which temple are ye." Let us take care that our foundation be the Rock of Ages. Let us see to it that the stones are day by day laid in workmanlike fashion, and that the spiritual temple of our life has been reared after the plan drawn out by God Himself, in order that when it is exposed to the all-searching eye of the Great Architect of the Universe it may be found complete in its every detail, and as strong and beautiful as He would like it to be.

The Brethren reformed in procession, and in a blinding downpour of rain went to the School Room, where tea, provided by Messrs. C. Dawson and Sons, was very tastefully served by a number of ladies. The whole affair, so far as the public display, was spoilt, which was to be regretted, seeing it was at the laying of the foundation-stone of the Flood Memorial Almshouses that the Freemasons of Holmfirth last attended as a Lodge a public service, which is close on fifty years ago.—"Huddersfield Examiner."

LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL IMPROVEMENTS.

THE annual meeting of the members of the Masonic Hall Committee was held on the 26th ult., at the headquarters in Hope Street, the chair at the commencement of the proceedings being occupied by Bro. E. R. Latham P.P.G. Treasurer.

The report submitted showed that the receipts for the past twelve months, including a balance brought forward from the previous year of £342, had been £1,123, and that the payments for the same period amounted to £610, leaving a balance to be carried forward of about £513, the increased surplus for the year thus being upwards of £170. The balance carried forward, the report stated, would be available for the purpose of defraying the expenses in connection with the installation of the electric light in the buildings, which is now practically completed, at an outlay of about £500. The mortgage on the premises remains at £1,900, at 4 per cent. with the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Further borrowing powers, it was further stated, had been sanctioned by the Hall Committee to the extent of £500, with the view of carrying out a scheme for cleaning and decorating the whole of the building during the present year. The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

Bro. A. E. Povey was elected Chairman of the Hall Committee (after which he took his position), Bro. E. R. Latham was chosen Vice Chairman, Bro. J. Raymond was re-elected Honorary Treasurer, and Bro. Jarman Honorary Secretary. The Auditors were appointed, twenty-one members of the House Committee were elected, and it was resolved to give authority to this body to carry out the plan of re-decoration of the building without delay. Bro. T. J. Jarman was unanimously elected to fill the position of one of the Trustees of the building, in place of the late Bro. Dr. R. Robertson.

Thanks to the past Executive, to the Merchants Lodge for their beautifying of two of the chief chairs, and to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Sonnets of the Greek Mythology, No. 5.

TO EUTERPE.

THOU all sustaining ruler of the bard,
 Guide my numb hand and give it will and power
 To glide along. 'FRESHED by thy dewy shower
 Nought can its flowing suppleness retard.
 'Neath thy bewitching thralldom I would bend,
 So that my song can issue freely forth.
 Knowing no boundary, delay or end
 Throughout the wide expanse of all the earth.
 Prolong my verse to music silvery,
 Weed all its feebleness, and cast aside
 All that thou would'st not have with thee abide,
 All but the purest of my minstrelsy;
 So that though weak, I still have strength to stray
 Along the groves of each Parnassian way.

Bradford.

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Books of the Day.

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 Freemason's Chronicle, at Fleet Works, New Barnet.

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A History of Socialism. By Thomas Kirkup. New edition, revised and
 enlarged (7s 6d).—Adam and Charles Black.

WE commend this volume to many worthies who regard socialism as a
 minor movement brought forward from time to time by political fanatics.
 That the movement is pervasive and prominent is shown clearly in this work.
 Mr. Kirkup chose, we think wisely, to adopt what we may call the
 biographical method. After a carefully weighed introduction, which for
 breadth of treatment and critical acumen is worthy of Mr. Morley's
 introduction to his "Voltaire," Mr. Kirkup proceeds, *inter alia*, to narrate
 the leading incidents in the lives of St. Simon, Fourier, Louis Blanc,
 Proudhon, Lassalle, Rodbertus, and Karl Marx, and to estimate their
 influence upon the socialism of their respective eras. His paragraphs upon
 Lassalle and Karl Marx are masterly; and the chapters on "German
 Social Democracy" and "Anarchism" evince a grasp of subject only too
 rare in works on political science or economics. We do not see eye to eye
 with the author on many points, but will admit that his book has induced us
 to modify some of our opinions. We have noticed, too, remarks which
 suggest criticism; or rather, the general trend of Mr. Kirkup's summaries is,
 we think, open to some objection. For instance, it is now acknowledged that
 the world is governed by a law which asserts itself at all times and in all
 places—the law of the survival of the fittest. The very wording of the Duke
 of Argyle's substitutionary phrase "the survival of the fittest to survive" shows
 the plausibility of the law. But in face of this law how can it ever come
 about that man shall live otherwise than by strenuous competition with his
 fellow man? We fail to see that Mr. Kirkup or any other writer with
 whose works we are familiar has answered this question adequately. We
 suggest, too, as a corrective to certain doctrines touched upon in this book, a
 careful perusal of that able paper by Huxley, entitled "Capital, the mother
 of Labour." But we will not nullify our commendation. The "History of
 Socialism" is from the hand of an able exponent of the subject. We tender
 him our best thanks for this enlarged edition of his work.

The Sun-Children's Budget. Edited by Phoebe Allen and Dr. Henry W.
 Godfray (6d quarterly). Vol. I.—Wells Gardner, Barton and Co.

THIS is a delightful volume for a leisure hour. Though intended for
 young folk, many older ones might glean a rich harvest from its pages. It is
 indeed a botanical budget of conspicuous merit. Dr. Hugh Macmillan, whose
 name at the head of an article is always welcome, pleads eloquently for an
 adequate culture of the faculty of observation, and points out that a purely
 literary education is a very imperfect one. Miss Allen, in "The Elder-Tree
 Club," has given us a charming causerie on trees. She shows deep know-
 ledge both of the scientific and literary aspects of her subject. She may, we
 think, be justly described as a botanical Sainte Beuve. But perhaps most
 readers will regard the "Oak-tree's Story," from the pen of Mr. Argyll Saxby,
 as the best contribution to this volume. It is clever as a story by Mr. Lang;
 delightfully simple as Southey's tale of the three bears; suggestive as
 Addison's transformations of Pug the monkey, or adventures of a shilling.
 "A Yellow Primrose," by Dr. Eagar, is a careful study, and doubtless many
 Peter Bells who read it will learn as wholesome a lesson as did those gentle-
 men who listened, spell-bound, as Darwin read his paper on the primrose. This
 book deserves a large circulation, and we shall be much surprised if we do not
 see it in many hands. There are great difficulties to be overcome before such
 a work can be produced. It is one thing to write for students presumably
 interested in your subject; but to create an interest in a science by your
 presentation of its elements is quite another story. That the latter object has
 been achieved in this volume is abundantly evident; for the science of botany
 is here expounded from so many standpoints that readers who care not for
 any particular paper have only to follow Dan Chaucer's advice by turning
 the page and reading another tale. We have been amused by the quotations
 from the poets which are here set out, the reader being requested to state the
 author of each. No doubt even children very superficially acquainted with
 the English Poets could in some cases name the authors instantly; to name
 them all would tax the knowledge of Prof. Dowden, or the memory of Porson.
 We hope the second volume of the "Sun-Children's Budget" may be as
 good as the first.

Racing. By W. A. C. Blew, M.A. (3s 6d).—R. A. Everett and Co.

A PLEASANT, chatty book, dealing with a very popular subject. We will
 suggest as an alternative title "The Romance of the Turf." Here we read
 of many races, "classic" and otherwise, from the traditionary runs with
 real Arabs in Yorkshire, about 210 A.D., to the sensational defeat of "Robert
 the Devil," by "Bend Or," in 1880, and the victory of "Persimmon," in
 1896. Here, too, is much about that grand horse "Ormonde" whose tail,
 curiously enough, was placed some distance along his spine, and who was
 bought by a syndicate from M. Boreau for £30,000! Two anecdotes we will
 quote as exceptionally characteristic. We are told that Lord Glasgow offered
 to bet Lord Geo. Bentinck £30,000 to £30,000 against "Gaper" for the Derby

of 1843; the bet was not taken. Baron Hirsch, being a Jew, was black-
 balled for the French Jockey Club; but he subsequently bought the ground
 upon which the Club stands, and the members were told that they were only
 tenants at his will. We are prepared to back this book for a place in the
 "Success" Stakes.

Wireless Telegraphy popularly explained. By Richard Kerr, F.G.S.
 With a preface by Sir W. H. Preece, K.C.B., F.R.S. New and revised
 (fourth) edition (1s).—Seeley and Co., Limited.

WE are not surprised that this little book has reached a fourth edition.
 So many startling discoveries are announced from time to time that busy
 folk are glad to learn what is needful concerning them in as concise a manner
 as possible. This is particularly the case in regard to the subject of wireless
 telegraphy. At present in its tentative and experimental stage, it is im-
 possible to say much as to future developments. What is accurately known
 concerning wireless telegraphy is ably condensed in the chapter entitled
 "Hertzian Wave Experiments," and the perusal of this and of the short
 chapter on "Recent Achievements" suffices to show that this remarkable
 discovery has, at any rate, very far-reaching possibilities. Whether these
 possibilities can be fully realised depends upon contingencies which we will not
 attempt to discuss. The raising of the question, in the second chapter, as to
 whether there is "anything solid" will startle readers who are conversant
 only with the physics of even twenty years ago. Verily in science, as in
 literature, the prospect widens as we walk. "Hills peep o'er hills, and Alps
 on Alps arise."

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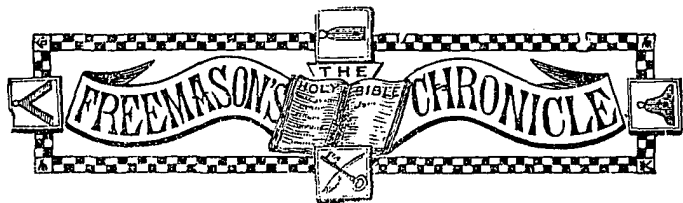
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SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 1900.

**THE ENGLISH EDUCATION EXHIBITION AND
"OUR BOYS."**

ON the 5th ult., our Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales opened an English Education Exhibition at the Imperial Institute. Among the bodies asked to exhibit was the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Exhibition had its origin in the desire of the Royal Commission for the Paris Exhibition of 1900 that English education should be properly represented in the educational section of the coming Paris Exhibition. It was decided that the best way of securing this was to organise a preliminary exhibition in London, from the exhibits at which a selection might be made to be sent to Paris, and we gather that some of the exhibits of the Boys School are among those selected to go.

The exhibition in London aimed at giving as complete a view as possible of the work of education in England. The spaces allotted to the various bodies invited to take part were so grouped that the exhibits of Institutions doing work of a similar character were to be found in close proximity to one another, e.g., the Universities, Public Schools, Girls Schools, Elementary Schools, Technical Boards. Among the Public School exhibits was that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The invitation to the School came somewhat late, but in the

few weeks given an attempt was made to show as clearly as possible the nature of the work done by it in all its aspects. On a table was a book containing the laws, &c., of the Institution, and its history from the foundation in 1798. A large framed diagram showing the internal organisation of the School at the present day was a prominent feature on the allotted wall-space. On this diagram were to be seen details of each form, such as the number of boys in it, their average age, and the programme of work for the term in the various subjects taken. It is generally agreed that a large school, especially a boarding school, should be divided up into separate houses, of not more than fifty boys each. With larger numbers than this boys, as it were, feel lost, and the evils of barrack life, so universally condemned, become apparent. Perhaps the gravest disadvantage of the present buildings, happily to be remedied at Bushey, is the absence of adequate provision for such separation. In the Main Building about two hundred boys live together. It might be seen from the diagram that an attempt has been made to obviate, as far as bricks and mortar will allow, this disadvantage by dividing up the senior boys into divisions called "houses," containing each thirty-five boys, under the charge of a house master.

Under the heading "Monitorial System" the same diagram shows that the elder boys have a share allotted to them in the discipline of the School. It will be pretty generally agreed that the Prefectorial system has excellent results in the development of character and self-reliance. The time-tables of three representative forms, coloured to show the number of hours allotted to each subject, were hung in another frame close by.

On the table lay three portfolios containing marked and annotated examination papers, selected from those done by boys in the same three forms, in the examination conducted by the Cambridge University Schools Examination Board last autumn. These papers were selected, not with a view to showing the best work done, but to show the sort of questions asked, the system of marking adopted, and the kind of notes and corrections inserted by those who marked the papers.

Of two albums one contained an account of the Athletic Life of the School, the second an account of other out-of-school occupations. In the former, by the Chairman of the Games Committee, we read how cricket, football, &c., are organised; how the services of the cricket professional are utilised, and under what conditions the inter-house competitions in cricket, football, fives and hockey (for the three former of which silver challenge cups have been given) are conducted. Gymnastics form part of the regular School course in every form. Mention is made, too, of cross-country runs, athletic sports, and swimming. It will be seen that, despite the fact that the extent of the playing fields at Wood Green is inadequate for the present needs of the School, yet its athletic life is in a flourishing condition.

In the second album we get an account, by the President of the Natural History Society, of the work in the carpentry, printing and bookbinding shops, of the "Masonian" (School Magazine), the Natural History Society, and the Photographic Club. The handicrafts mentioned are taken up by boys who volunteer to do so as out-of-school hobbies under the charge of skilled teachers and under strict regulation and supervision. On the diagram previously mentioned it might be seen that, in addition to these voluntary occupations, a system of class teaching in manual work has been introduced into one of the lower forms, and that it will be gradually extended throughout the greater part of the School.

Specimens of the kind of work done in out-of-school hours lay on the table: copies of the Masonian, largely printed by the boys; examples of printing and bookbinding; photographs printed from negatives taken in the School, for a series of lantern slides to illustrate lessons on English History; specimens of carpentry; and finally, the holiday collection of wild-flowers that won the first prize last year. The specimens of carpentry shown, viz.: a carved walnut cabinet, a carved reading desk, and some joints were, we think, of special excellence both in design and execution.

A third album contained photographs of the present buildings:—a general view, Big School, Dining Hall, a Dormitory, Class Rooms, Gymnasium, &c., while prominent features on the wall were a perspective drawing and ground plan of the new buildings now being erected at Bushey, together with a letter-press description of the same, and small scale drawings.

We feel sure that all educational experts who may have taken the trouble to make a detailed examination of the plans will have been struck with the extreme suitability of their arrangement for the life and work of a big school, and that those of them who are schoolmasters will, in most cases, have looked at them with feelings of envy.

A representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada recently attended the session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and presented to the Lodge a loving cup engraved with the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack. The British flag figured prominently in the decoration of the Hall.

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.

12 Fort & O. C'land, Ship & Turtle
25 Robert Burns, Freemasons'-hall
69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel
83 United Prudence, Albion
256 Union, Freemasons'-hall
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell
1731 Cholmeley, Café Royal
1853 Caxton, Freemasons'-hall
1996 Priory of Acton, Acton
2020 St. Botolph, Albion
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen-Amhurst, Stoke Newing.

53 Royal Sussex, Bath
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteb'v'n
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
328 St. John, Torquay
351 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
395 Guy, Leamington
422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'
428 Sincerity, Northwich
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
1070 Starkie, Southport
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry
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
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kington
2322 East Lanc. Cent'rion, M'chester.
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2525 Thurston, Coniston
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall
18 Old Dundee, Cannon St. Ho.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
166 Union, Criterion
172 Old Concord, F.M.H.
217 Stability, Anderton's
765 St. James, Southwark
1159 M'quis Dalhousie, 33, Golden Sq.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hl
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal
1381 Kennington, Kennington Park
1397 Anerley, Anerley
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly
U. N. Counties, Inns of Crt. Htl
2150 Tivoli, Frascati
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2398 Holborn, Holborn Restaurant
2469 Hortus, Freemasons'-hall
2524 Train Bands, Finsbury Barr'ks.
47 Newstead, Nottingham
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness

209 Etonian, Windsor
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
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.
702 Sherborne, Stroud
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
304 Carnarvon, Havant
847 Fortesque, Honiton
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
960 Bute, Cardiff
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
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham
1488 St. Eleth, Alnwich
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1736 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Bulih
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avn
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2490 Ampthill, Ampthill
2561 West Essex, Buckhurst Hill

Wednesday.

Grand Chapter, at 6.
511 Zetland, Anderton's
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn
1610 Northern Bar, Café Royal
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 Waveney, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Loos
992 St. Thomas, Manchester
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1063 Malling Abbey, West Malling
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 Bective, Carlisle
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

Thursday.

19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho.
91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall
263 Bank of England, Albion
534 Polish National, F.M.H.
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
879 Southwark, Southwark
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1471 Islington, Highbury
1558 Duke of Connaught, C'mbr'well
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
1708 Plucknet, North Finchley
1791 Creaton, Freemasons'-hall
1804 Coborn, Bow
1987 Strand, Piccadilly
2047 Beckenham, Beckenham

35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
71 Unity, Lowestoft
97 Palatine, Sunderland
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
112 St. George, Exeter
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
191 St. John, Bury
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
318 True and Faithful, Helston
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
333 Royal Preston, Preston
337 Candour, Uppermill
344 Faith, Radcliffe
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
442 St. Peter, Peterboro'
477 Mersey, Birkenhead
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Gnisborough
585 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
710 Pleiades, Totnes
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Deal
816 Royd, Littleboro'
945 Abbey, Abingdon
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lancaster
1098 St. George, Tredegar
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1164 Eliot, St. Germaus
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1587 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk

1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1515 Bertie, Oxford
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Tynemouth
1911 De la Pré, Northampton
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2016 Shaldon, Alton
2028 Granite, Narborough
2038 Portcullis, Langport
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'rth
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2285 Eden, Workington
2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitchurch
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
2449 Duke of York, Manchester
2468 St. John, Douglas, Isle of Man
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
2529 Abbey, Whalley
2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Friday.

33 Britannic, Freemasons'-hall
134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle
157 Bedford, Freemasons'-hall
177 Domestic, Anderton's
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons'-hall
1559 New Cross, Greenwich
1704 Anchor, Café Royal
1997 John Carpenter, Albion
2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
2552 Stoke Newington, Stoke N'gton
36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
445 Fidelity, Towcester
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, Selby
680 Sefton, Liverpool
712 Lindsey, Louth
786 Croxeth United Service, L'pool
815 Blair, Manchester
916 Hartington, Eastbourne
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-Wold
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Har'wg'te
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1289 Rock, Birkenhead
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De la Pole, Hull
1661 Newton, Newark-on-Trent
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney
2554 Manchester, Manchester
2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

108 London, Ship and Turtle
173 Phoenix, Freemasons'-hall
1328 Granite, Holborn Restaurant
1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel
1446 Mount Edgcombe, Southwark
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern
1612 West Middlesex, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's
1839 Duke of Cornwall, F'masons'-h.
2369 Cornish, Markmasons'-hall
2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham
308 Prince George, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Marple
1347 Lorne, Sutton
1755 Eldon, Portishead
1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't.
2359 Doric, Didsbury

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday next, 7th February, at six o'clock in the evening, *punctually*.

BUSINESS.

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

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 October 1899, to the 17th January 1900, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	-	-	£1,633	3	9
" " Unappropriated Account	-	-	248	16	0
" " Subsequent Receipts	-	-	504	18	7
					£2,386 18 4
By Disbursements during the Quarter	-	-	£419	6	4
" " Balance	-	-	1,711	19	0
" " Unappropriated Account	-	-	255	13	0
					£2,386 18 4

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 William Norwood Cheesman as Z, Thomas George Pursey Barlow as H, Joseph Frederick Watson as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566, to be called "The Salebeia Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, The Crescent, Selby, Yorkshire.

2nd. From Companions John Kilham as Z, John Bowen Owen Evans as H, John Whiteley as J, and twenty others for a Chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1315, to be called "The Southern Cross Chapter," and to meet at Toowoomba, Queensland.

3rd. From Companions William Hayman Cummings as Z, William Henry Thomas as H, William John Batho as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454, to be called "The Guildhall School of Music Chapter," and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, London.

4th. From Companions The Right Honourable The Earl of Euston as Z, The Right Honourable The Viscount Dungarvan as H, Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347, to be called "The Grafton Chapter," and to meet at the Mark Masons' Hall, London.

The foregoing Petitions being regular, the Committee recommended that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a Memorial from Companions William Gayton Z, William Francis Darnell H, Percy Fletcher Holmden J, and the Members of "The Chapter of Hope and Unity," No. 214, Chingford, for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter having been lost.

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

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

"The Eliot Chapter," No. 1164, from the Masonic Hall, St. Germain's, to the Masonic Hall, Millbrook, Cornwall.

"The Chaucer Chapter," No. 1540, from the Bridge House Hotel, to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

"The Derby Chapter," No. 1055, from the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, to Chester Bank, Prestwich.

The Committee being satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

A Memorial having been received from the Principals and Companions of "The Andrew Chapter," No. 834, London, requesting that the name be altered to "The Ranelagh Chapter," your Committee recommend that the request be acceded to, and the name of the Chapter altered accordingly.

Your Committee have also received a Memorial from "The Phoenix Chapter," No. 914, Jamaica, ordered by the last Grand Chapter to be removed from the Roll of Chapters, stating that the Chapter had been resuscitated, prior to the action of Grand Chapter coming to their knowledge, that Principals had been installed and several Candidates Exalted, for whom fees have been remitted, and praying that the Chapter may be restored to its position, and your Committee having fully considered the explanations given by the Chapter, recommend that under the peculiar circumstances of the case the Chapter be restored to its position on the Roll.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
17th October 1900.

Bro. G. Mackenzie, the Bard of the Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73 (S.C.) having written a poem of half-a-dozen verses on "Christmas 1900," sent a copy to Her Majesty the Queen, which has been graciously acknowledged. The verses and facsimile of the note of thanks from Buckingham Palace have been neatly printed on card for circulation, and may be had for one shilling from Bro. A. Mackenzie, 134 Buccleuch Street, or Messrs. Coutts and Gilfillan, Candleriggs, says the "Glasgow Evening News." The printing is a contribution by the latter firm, and the money produced by the sale of the cards will be handed over to the Lord Provost's War Fund. Already some ninety shillings have been secured in return for the cards.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John in connection with this Lodge took place at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Saturday, 13th ult., Brother James Shaw Whitley Worshipful Master. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, proceedings commencing at the early hour of 3 o'clock.

As the date of meeting had been changed a dispensation was necessary, and this was duly read, Bro. Whitley afterwards installing his successor Bro. Hedley Herbert Jones S.W. into the chair of K.S. The willing services of several Past Masters had been enlisted, who rendered Bro. Whitley very valuable assistance, and the ceremony was performed without a hitch.

The following is a list of Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Arthur Hawkins S.W., W. H. Ashworth J.W., Edwd. L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., R. Swindells P.M. Sec., J. F. Mends S.D., A. Edwards J.D., Geo. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.O. D.C., John Bowers P.M. P.P.G.P. Organist, J. Goodwin I.G., R. Appledore, W. Proudfoot, F. Taylor, R. Cochrane, G. Franklin, R. L. Hattersley Stewards.

Bro. John Slyman P.M. P.P.G.S.D. still retains his position as Charity Representative.

The festival of St. John took place in the large room of the Hotel, which had been specially decorated for the occasion. It was a most successful function, and the banquet reflected the greatest credit upon the host Bro. John Walton P.M. and his large and efficient staff of assistants. Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, these being interspersed with songs, recitations, &c., the contributors being Bros. J. H. Marsh P.M. P.P.S.G.D., J. S. Whitley I.P.M., Walter Bowers P.M., W. Brocklehurst W.M. 317, Thos. Sewart W.M. 1814, Alfred Hibbert P.M. 325, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, John Adey 1166, Reuben Cochrane, and others. Brother John Bowers P.M. P.P.G.P. was the Musical Director.

The outgoing Master proposed the health of Bro. Jones W.M., paying a high tribute to his worth. The speaker did not think there was anyone in the room so well qualified as himself to propose this toast, seeing that the whole of their Masonic life had been spent side by side. His successor was initiated, passed, and raised on the same evenings as himself. The Brethren would find him earnest and sincere in all he undertook, and he thought he was voicing the feeling of the Lodge when he wished him a happy and successful year. He did this with the conviction that the post which Bro. Jones now occupied would lose none of its lustre at his hands.

Bro. Jones W.M. responded, expressing his gratitude for the kindly remarks made about him, and also for the honour which the Brethren had conferred upon him, hoping at the same time that he might prove to be an efficient follower of Bro. Whitley, and make himself thoroughly agreeable to the Brethren.

Bro. Jones proposed the health of the retiring Master, and, in the course of a very excellent speech, referred to the finished way in which the ceremony of installation had been performed. Bro. Whitley had been an exemplary Master, and none of the Brethren could possibly find fault with him, indeed, it would be difficult for them to say too much or think too much of his merits. He was glad in having a pleasing duty to perform, that of presenting to Bro. Whitley, on behalf of the members of the Urmston Lodge, a Past Master's collar and jewel, gifts which were fully deserved. The jewel bore an inscription as follows:—

Presented by the Brethren
to BRO. JAMES SHAW WHITLEY P.M.,
as a mark of their esteem.
13th January 1900.

Bro. Whitley made a suitable reply, in which he thanked the Brethren for the present. He had listened to the eulogy from Bro. Jones W.M. and gave him credit for sincerity; judging also from the applause of the Brethren he felt he must have given satisfaction. He was glad of this—it was what he had aimed for, although business and other worries might have slightly interfered with his work. Taken altogether though, he had spent a very happy year in connection with his Masonic duties. He might be called away from them in the near future, but would visit the scene of his success as often as possible. When absent from them in the past his heart had been with them, and this would be so in the time to come. To the Past Masters and Officers, who had supported him most loyally, he tendered his sincere and heartfelt thanks. Bro. Whitley's remarks were received with the greatest enthusiasm. Other toasts followed.

Among the principal Visitors were Bros. W. Bowden P.M. P.P.G.Reg., Hy. Nall P.M. P.P.G.Treas., Wm. Woodson W.M. 1773, Rd. J. Brew 2554 I.P.M. 222, J. Boon I.P.M. 104, Wm. Mosley P.M. 1773, John Lyness J.D. 941, C. Hattersley I.G. 2584, and others.

METROPOLITAN.

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UNITED MARINERS LODGE, No. 30.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Frascati, Oxford Street, on Tuesday, 16th ult., when Bro. George Fagg was placed in the chair as ruler for the year.

The ceremony of the day was performed by the W.M. Bro. Louis A. C. Steingraeber, who carried out the concluding work of his term of office in most praiseworthy manner, and was complimented on the completion of his year's presidency over the Lodge.

After the completion of the work in Lodge an adjournment was made to the banquet room, where the party, to the number of about forty, sat down to an excellent repast. Following this the usual toast list was honoured, the various sentiments being interspersed with vocal and instrumental selections.

The W.M. is working as a Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and during the evening an appeal was made to the Brethren in support of his list, with results which will enable Bro. Fagg to make a good show when the Festival takes place at the end of the month.

Among the Visitors were Bros. John Petch P.M. 2278, S. J. Peckham W.M. 1423, W. J. R. Littlewood S.W. 1602, C. F. Parsons I.G. 2041, F. H. Sewell I.G. 1339, H. Harse Steward 2105, F. G. Mussent 1922, W. H. J. Dixon 27, E. Nelson 200, W. S. Phelps 917, &c.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

Installation of Bro. James Bedford.

THIS Lodge has always been deservedly well known among Metropolitan Brethren, not alone for the example set by the Past Masters, Officers, and other members in the excellent rendering of the ritual, but for the hearty manner in which the Brethren are welcomed. Therefore it was with no surprise that we found a large number of members and visitors on the occasion of the annual meeting, held at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday, the 25th ult.

We may here say that under Bro. Edmund Frisby, the retiring Master, a most successful year has been brought to a termination, and if one may form an opinion from the manner in which the new Master commenced his duties, the year under his régime gives every promise of adding to the prestige of this well known and popular Lodge.

The agenda showed there was plenty of business to be transacted, and to deal with it the proceedings were commenced at three o'clock by Bro. E. Frisby W.M., who was supported during the meeting by the following Officers and Brethren: A. M. Archer I.P.M., H. B. Burgess S.W., J. Bedford J.W. W.M.-elect, C. Lorkin P.M. Secretary, F. Henderson J.D., W. D. H. Willis I.G., H. G. C. Hollinghurst Steward, H. Pearce P.M., W. T. Oakley P.M., E. J. Turnbull P.M., F. W. Rogers P.M., A. R. Olley P.M., A. Ferrar P.M., C. Ellidge, W. E. Collis, R. A. Hendrick, W. R. Francis, T. James, W. R. Hutton, S. A. East, C. E. Thompson, A. Wilson, W. J. Eadie, C. B. Since, W. Saunders, F. Ketch, Prof. Scriven, J. Watts, C. J. S. Jaques, L. A. Y. Schotel, G. T. Dobson, &c.

Among the visitors we had the pleasure of seeing may be mentioned Bros. P. Case I.G. 2722, E. G. Chapman J.D. 27, F. M. Case Steward 1828, E. E. Emmanuel W.M. 860, W. A. Abel W.M. 1901, Howard E. Mullins S.D. 211, G. H. W. Grace P.M. D.C. 73, G. Cumbe W.M. 1275, W. B. Hartnell W.M. 753, Wm. C. Elsdon J.D. 25, J. L. Silver 1668, J. Gouldon S.W. 2262 P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, &c., &c.

After the minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting, Emergency meeting, and Audit had been read and confirmed, the W.M. declared all Offices vacant, and appointed Brethren to assist him during the ceremony of installation, for which Bro. James Bedford was presented as W.M.-elect. Bro. Frisby addressed the incoming Master on the duties of the high office to which he had been unanimously elected, and Bro. Bedford signified his assent to the ancient charges, and took the customary obligation.

A Board of Installed Masters was declared, and Bro. Bedford was conducted to the chair in accordance with ancient custom. The Brethren were re-admitted, and the new Master proclaimed and saluted, the entire ceremony being impressively rendered.

The new Worshipful Master proceeded to appoint his Officers, as follow: Bros. H. B. Burgess S.W., A. Smith J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer (who was absent, though illness, Bro. Holdgate P.M. being invested pro. tem.), C. Lorkin P.M. Secretary, F. Henderson S.D., W. H. D. Willis J.D., H. G. C. Hollinghurst I.G., J. B. Welch D.C., H. R. Harding and L. G. Hammond Stewards, W. W. Robinson Organist, and E. Williams Tyler.

The Lodge Auditors' report was received and adopted, from which we notice that not only are the funds of the Lodge in a highly satisfactory state, but that the various Masonic and some other charities have been supported, and the Benevolent Fund increased during the year.

The W.M. then proceeded to initiate approved candidates, those on the agenda being Messrs. R. T. Chapman, H. C. Knight, Richard Bushell, Charles Cross, and Alfred J. Levy, three of whom, Messrs. Bushell, Knight and Levy, were present and were regularly admitted by the new ruler. That the Lodge was more than justified at the choice they had made of Bro. Bedford as the W.M. for the year was evidenced from the extremely fine and eloquent manner in which he delivered the obligation and charge. The impressive and solemn proceedings assuredly never received a finer or more eloquent interpretation than they did at the hands of the new Master.

The W.M. in a few well chosen sentences presented, on behalf of the Lodge, Bro. Edmund Frisby I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, which he said had been well earned, and Bro. Frisby acknowledged the gift in suitable terms.

The Installation Banquet was held immediately after the Lodge was closed.

With commendable promptitude Bro. Bedford sounded the gavel, and on his initiative the health of the Queen, and prosperity to the Craft, was heartily drank, the National Anthem being sung, the solo by Madame Alice Lovenez.

The next toast, also proposed from the chair, was the M.W. the G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and this was admirably submitted, and enthusiastically honoured, the solo "God bless the Prince of Wales" being sung by Bro. A. E. Webb.

The next toast the W.M. had the honour to propose was that of the ProG.M. and the Grand Officers present and past, which also was heartily drank.

Bro. Frisby I.P.M. now assumed the gavel, and in a most excellent speech proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Of Bro. Bedford, he said, they had all cherished high hopes for his year of office, and he was convinced that all who were present in the Lodge, and had listened to the opening ceremonies of his career, were more than satisfied. For his part, he had never heard a finer rendering of their ritual, and, so far from him being—as he was supposed to be—the tutor of Bro. Bedford, he thought rather that it was Bro. Bedford who should have been the tutor to him. He was convinced that Bro. Bedford had before him, as the W.M. of their Lodge, a prosperous and successful year of Office; he sincerely congratulated the Brethren on the choice they had made, and wished Bro. Bedford every prosperity during his term of Mastership. The toast was received in an enthusiastic manner, the "fire" being particularly hearty.

Bro. Bedford, on rising to respond was greeted with enthusiastic cheers, and in the course of his reply said he felt very deeply the honour and dignity conferred upon him by being installed Master of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. He would do everything in his power to further its interests. He thanked Bro. Frisby for the exceedingly kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the Brethren for the way in which they had received it. He would try and deserve the good opinion he was fortunate to find they had formed of him. To him it was a matter of no small satisfaction to find that many friends of his, members of the Craft, had come—some of them from long distances—to take part in the gathering of that evening. He was especially proud at having present so large a representation of the Craft from his native parish of Bethnal Green; among them Bro. T. W. Francis, the late Chairman of the Bethnal Green Board of Guardians; Bro. S. East, of the Bethnal Green Philanthropic Society; Bro. F. Case, late of the Excelsior Baths; Bro. Cumber, late master of the Well Street workhouse; Bro. Emmanuel, the present master of the Well Street workhouse; Bro. Bushell, the master of the Bethnal Green workhouse—whom he had had the

honour of initiating that evening—and Bro. J. L. Silver. But he was prouder still of the fact that he had as a visitor that evening Past Master Beasley, who had initiated him ten years ago. He promised them that he would do all in his power to make his year of office a successful and a memorable one.

The next toast was that of the Initiates, to which they respectively responded. Bro. R. Bushell, the master of the Bethnal Green workhouse, said he was extremely impressed with the magnificent ceremony of that evening, and promised that nothing would be wanting on his part to make him worthy of the Craft to which he now belonged.

The remaining toasts were the Immediate Past and Installing Master, the Visitors, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Past Masters, the Masonic Charities, the Officers, and the Tyler's toast.

One of the best musical programmes for several years past, arranged by Bro. Leslie Williams, materially contributed to the enjoyment of the Brethren. In addition to the two solos already named the company enjoyed a part song, "The Minstrel Boy," by Miss Kelleway, Madame Alice Lovenez, Bros. Webb and Williams, which was capitally rendered. Madame Alice Lovenez sang "At my window" and "Poor Wandering One," Miss Theresa Kelleway (Medallist Guildhall School of Music) "Kathleen Mavourneen" and the "Gleaner's Slumber Song," Bro. McCall Chambers (humorous) "Everybody wondered how he knew" and "The Bassoon," Bro. A. E. Webb "The Sailor's Grave" and "Oh like a Queen," and Bro. Leslie Williams "The Diver." Where all the artistes acquitted themselves so well it would not be fair to particularise.

One of the brightest and best Festivals held by the Duke of Connaught Lodge was brought to a happy termination, and Bro. Bedford is to be heartily congratulated on the splendid inauguration of his year of office.

There have been fewer hard working or more esteemed members of the Duke of Connaught Lodge than its present W.M. Bro. James Bedford—so well known in Bethnal Green as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Guardians, and one of its most popular public men. From the time of his initiation into the Craft, some ten years ago, Bro. Bedford set himself steadily to work in Masonry, as in public life, to get to the top of the tree. We wish him every success in his high Masonic position, as ruler of one of the largest and most popular Lodges of the metropolis.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

THE annual Ladies' banquet and ball of this very prosperous Lodge took place on Thursday, 25th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

The unbounded hospitality of the Worshipful Master Bro. William Croxson is widely known, and there was an exceptional and magnificent gathering of Brethren, with their Ladies and friends, on the occasion, which proved one of the most charming and pleasant gatherings we have had the pleasure of participating in. Bro. Croxson, as the ruler of the Lodge, the Past Masters and Brethren, all seemed to have but one aim in view—to devote their whole attention to the numerous guests who assembled to participate in the enjoyment and pleasure of the Lodge entertainment, and they fully succeeded in their endeavours.

The Lodge was formally opened, to receive a few propositions, and then closed, whereupon the W.M., with his charming wife, received the company in the Masonic Temple, and after a social and pleasant chat, the W.M. with Mrs. Croxson led the way to the large Hall, where the company, numbering 220, sat down to the dinner. The tables were most beautifully decorated with flowers, ornaments and choice button holes for the gentlemen. The dinner was all that could be desired, and reflected great credit on the caterer Mrs. Venables.

After ample justice had been done to the excellent repast, the W.M. in an eloquent speech gave the toast of the Queen and the Royal family, with the Craft. The Queen was the great patroness of the Order, and they trusted God might bless her for many years to come. The toast was received with musical honours, in which the company most heartily joined.

The next toast the W.M. had very much pleasure in bringing forward as the toast of the evening. It was that of the Ladies. In submitting this he felt rather shy, yet he was delighted to see so many ladies present. It was one of the chief ambitions of the Masters of that Lodge to have an annual gathering like the present, and he was pleased to think that this year's was one of the most successful of all the Ladies' nights they had ever had. That was the last time he would have the pleasure of proposing a toast as the Worshipful Master of the Skelmersdale Lodge, because he had to hand over the reins to his successor, Bro. R. Cabell Worshipful Master-elect. He was proud of the progress of the Lodge, which was now one of the biggest in South London; if they continued to be as prosperous as at present no Hall in Camberwell could hold them, especially on their Ladies' nights. He and the Brethren of the Lodge gave the Ladies a most hearty welcome. He would not make long speeches, as after the banquet the company were to retire to attend a concert which would be held in the Pillar Hall, while in the meantime the banqueting room would be transformed into a ball room. He concluded by wishing the Ladies a most enjoyable evening.

By desire of the W.M. Bro. Buckridge P.M. responded on behalf of the Ladies. He said he felt it a pleasure to do so. Some time ago a bird had whispered to him that the Ladies were looking forward to the annual treat, and he felt they were enjoying themselves as much as they anticipated doing. Still, they hoped to do so even more in the ball room. The Ladies had told him to compliment the Worshipful Master on the very excellent arrangements he had made for their entertainment. Their only regret was that they could not be further initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. He again thanked the W.M. for his very kind reception.

Bro. Earle Douglas Side I.P.M. now sounded the gavel, and gave the toast of the Host the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was proud of him, and what was more they had reason to be. That was the most successful meeting the Lodge had ever had; and the W.M. had had the most splendid year of Office in its history. He had initiated twice as many candidates as any other Master of the Lodge, in fact the Lodge had been so prosperous during his year of office that they have been building a new Bank next door. He might tell the Ladies that the W.M. was a good dancer, therefore he advised the Ladies to hand their programmes up to the chair. With the toast he had the pleasure to couple the name of his dear wife Mrs. Croxson, and all the little Croxsons.

The Worshipful Master on rising received quite an ovation, and it was some moments before Bro. Croxson had the opportunity of responding. He thanked Bro. Side for the flattering terms in which he had given the toast, and on behalf of his wife and for himself thanked the Brethren and the Ladies and gentlemen for having received it in such a truly cordial manner. No doubt the Ladies wished to proceed to the ball room, but he could not let the opportunity pass without thanking the Stewards and Bro. Frank Lloyd for their excellent assistance. He also cordially thanked Mrs. Venables for putting the large Hall at his disposal.

During and after dinner some talented artistes rendered several beautiful songs, whilst Bro. Hopkins the "Silver Bell King" gave some excellent pieces, for which he was deservedly several times encored. Some fine selections were also played by Mr. J. Carrington's Band.

In the Pillar Hall an excellent concert was given. Mr. Bob Dredge, from the Mohawk Minstrels, sang the Blind Boy, and Come back to Erin, in magnificent form. Bros. Frank Lloyd, H. Cohen, W. Perrin and others rendered also some pleasing songs, whilst the Misses Ethel Hunt and Kate Temple were in perfect voice. Messrs. Jackson, Robens, and other gentlemen added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

In the banquet room, which had been transformed into a magnificent ball room, decorated with various plants and ferns, the excellent band of Mr. Carrington played some cheerful dance music. The ball was opened by the W.M. Bro. Croxson and his wife (who was most charmingly dressed), the good example being soon followed by scores of couples.

The party separated at an early hour in the morning, to retire to their homesteads and no doubt to dream of the very pleasant and enjoyable time they had spent among the members of the Skelmersdale Lodge.

Great compliment is due to Bro. J. Thorneloe, the I.G. of the Lodge, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, for the ability he displayed in securing partners for the fair sex, also to the undermentioned Brethren for the able manner they acted as Stewards and Committee: J. Cox P.M., H. Cohen P.M., J. Letchford P.M., R. Rowlands P.M., H. Buckridge P.M., J. Farmer S.D., S. E. Rice J.D., J. B. Thorneloe I.G., W. Bennett D.C., A. Logette A.D.C., J. Sandell and Frank Lloyd Stewards, W. J. Perrin, H. Briggs, Frank Nilen, B. Cohen, W. Biles, J. Hammerston, S. Morris, J. Gibbs and F. Marlow, and J. Davies.

Amongst the numerous party we had the pleasure of seeing were Bro. William Croxson the W.M. of the Lodge, in company with Mrs. Croxson, Mrs. Croxson jun., Master Croxson, and Miss A. Croxson; G. White P.M., Mrs. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Woolwich, Mr. and Mrs. C. White, Mr. Riley, Misses A. and E. Cox, Mrs. H. Cox, Mrs. Harris, Bro. R. Cabell W.M.-elect and Mrs. Cabell, Bro. T. J. Rawlings J.W. and Mrs. Rawlings, Bro. W. Perrin, Bro. and Mrs. Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Charles Cook, Bro. and Mrs. Penny, Bro. Cobley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rose, Miss Day, Bro. Frank Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lloyd, Bro. and Mrs. J. Gibbs, Miss Gussie Scarlett, Bro. and Mrs. J. George, Bro. W. M. Foster, the Misses M. and A. Foster, Mr. A. T. Foster, Bro. and Mrs. J. Farmer, Bro. and Mrs. Frank Nilen, Bro. and Miss Buckridge, the Secretary Bro. H. Boys P.M. with his wife and daughter, Bro. E. D. Side I.P.M. and Mrs. Side, Bro. A. O. Side P.M. and Mrs. Side, Mr. R. H. Side, Mrs. Louis Side, the Misses A. and F. Side, Bro. and Mrs. Humphrey Cohen, Bro. and Mrs. Hammerston and daughter, Bro. Butler, Bro. and Mrs. Logette, Bro. H. Ledy, Bro. and Mrs. Williams, Bro. and Mrs. Coleman, Bro. Howlett P.M. and Mrs. Howlett, Bro. and Mrs. Shaum, Bro. and Mrs. Rawlings, Bro. and Mrs. Knapman, Bro. and Mrs. Lubbock, Bro. and Mrs. Perrin, Bro. J. C. Davids, Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Papworth, Bro. and Mrs. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, Bro. R. B. Hopkins, Mr. Riley, Bro. D. Gunton, Bro. Kipps, Bro. W. E. Bennett, Mr. G. A. Hurst, Mr. H. Hurst, Bro. Mark Attwood, Bro., Mrs. and Miss Biles, Bro. Danson and brother, Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Newstead, Bro. I. Morris and friends, Bro. and Mrs. Bradford, Bro. J. Hibble, Bro. A. Davis and Miss Cuming, Bro. J. Cockerill and brother, Bro. D. Shaul, Bro. G. Tavener, Bro. G. Emmett, Bro. W. H. Greenfield, Bro. L. G. Bell jun., Bro. G. Bell sen., Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Croxson jun., Bro. J. Wynman.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Kipps Organist of the Lodge.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

QUITE a large muster attended the weekly meeting at the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, on Wednesday evening. Bro. P. M. Davey was in the chair, with Bros. Baillie S.W., Goodchild J.W., Haughton S.D., Done J.D., Owen I.G., J. K. Pitt P.M. Secretary, Metcalf Baillie Assist. Secretary, Spice I.P.M. Preceptor, J. W. Simeons, Elvin Treasurer, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Green as the candidate. The ritual was eloquently expounded by Bro. Davey, who made the ceremony very impressive. Bro. Green afterwards answered the questions leading to the second degree.

Bros. Spice P.M. Preceptor, and Baillie Assistant Secretary were unanimously elected Honorary Members. Bro. Green was elected an ordinary member.

The new bye-laws were read and finally approved. General business relating to the welfare of the Lodge Benevolent Fund—for which a dozen members were enrolled and Officers appointed—with other matters kept the meeting beyond the usual time.

Next Wednesday being Officers' night a very large attendance is anticipated. Members are reminded that the Lodge will open punctually at seven o'clock.

The Brethren adjourned to the little social supper which has now become an institution in connection with this Lodge.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. F. M. Ridley W.M., E. Wilcox S.W., Justin Allen W.M. of the Mother Lodge J.W., H. R. Williams P.M. Prec., F. Larkman P.M. Treas., A. H. Bridger Sec., G. Cursons S.D., E. C. St. Aubyn J.D., C. E. Dowling I.G., D. Heath W.M. Chiswick Lodge Steward, H. R. Worth, J. Wynman, Fisher P.M., Dr. Fincham.

Bro. Heath answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced and the third ceremony was gone through. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Williams worked the first section.

Bro. E. Wilcox was elected W.M. for Thursday next.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

ON Saturday, 27th ult., the Fifteen Sections were worked by the members of this well known Lodge, at Bro. C. Sisman's, the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E.

Bro. Charles Johnson J.W. 2206 Preceptor of several Lodges and Secretary of the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, acted as Worshipful Master, and received the assistance of Bros. W. S. Whitaker P.M. Preceptor of the Lodge as I.P.M., C. L. Plant P.M. S.W., T. W. Trotter J.W., W. Hill S.D.

1502 Sec., W. C. Hurley S.D., W. Willshire J.W. 1602 J.D., F. G. Macgregor I.G., C. Sisman Steward, &c.

Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. P.G. Treas. England honoured the W.M. and Brethren with his company, as also did Bros. Walter Downing P.M. 20, Herbert Frank Singer, J. Wynman, and several others.

The Lodge being duly formed was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first, when the Sections of that degree were worked by Bros. L. Shipton (in the absence of Bro. C. Randall S.W. 72), F. C. Macgregor, W. Willshire, F. W. Trotter, W. C. Hurley, R. Whiting, and C. L. Plant.

Those Sections being ended the Lodge was called off. On resuming, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the Sections worked by Bros. C. H. Randall, M. McVey W.M. 1310, W. Hill, W. S. Whitaker, and J. Hooper.

The remaining Sections—those of the third degree—were rendered by Bros. E. J. S. Ware W.M. 1922, W. Hill (in the absence of Bro. I. R. Cass), and T. H. Hobbs P.M. 177.

The working of the different Brethren was all that could be desired, and was highly appreciated by the assembled company.

The W.M. having resumed the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. Whitaker P.M. Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which Bro. Johnson had fulfilled the duties of the chair, which vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Plant as S.W. announced the same to the W.M., and also congratulated him on his perfect working.

Bro. Johnson said he was very pleased, and proud of having occupied the honourable position of Master that evening. He most sincerely thanked the Brethren for the compliments paid him, and also those Brethren who had worked with him in such an able manner in rendering the Sections. More especially was he indebted to those who had been called upon unexpectedly to fill the places of Brethren who were absent. He also thanked the Officers for their excellent assistance.

Bro. Johnson also thanked Bro. W. M. Stiles Past Grand Treasurer of England, in the name of the Lodge, for having honoured them with his presence. The W.M. was deeply indebted to Bro. Stiles, because what he knew of Freemasonry he had to thank that worthy Brother for. He proposed that the compliment of honorary membership should be conferred on Bro. Stiles, and at the same time hoped the Lodge would be favoured with his company as often as his Masonic duties would allow him. The vote was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Stiles in his usual eloquent manner thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the compliment paid him. It afforded him a great amount of pleasure to accept the honour they had offered him, as it also did to see Bro. Johnson in the chair. He was only a young Mason, but his working had been perfection. Bro. Johnson had worked very hard, and his performance was a great credit to him. He (Bro. Stiles) would do himself the pleasure of attending as often as opportunity offered.

Bro. Plant, on behalf of himself and the other Officers, thanked the W.M. for the compliment paid them, and also sincerely congratulated the W.M. on his really perfect working.

Bro. Walter Downing P.M. 20 and Herbert Frank Singer were elected members.

WARNER LODGE, No. 2256.

ON Friday, 26th ult., this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, reached its 100th meeting.

The chair was occupied by Bro. T. Stacey W.M. 2472, with Bros. F. Small S.W., S. Fortescue J.W., S. C. Rhodes Preceptor, C. T. Papworth Sec., A. Oakden S.D., J. P. Watts J.D., G. R. Brown P.M. 2467 I.G., L. Hayden, F. C. Gooding, and Ives P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hayden acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Gooding candidate.

Bro. Small S.W. was elected to preside at the succeeding meeting, to be held yesterday (Friday).

ROYAL ARCH.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 603.

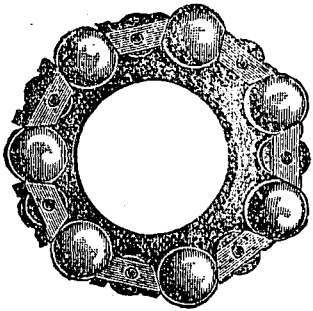
THE festival meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton, on Friday, 26th ult., when the following Companions attended: J. T. Last M.E.Z., S. Law H., J. Clough J., H. E. Hodgson S.N., Dr. Parke Treas., Sydney Mortimer P.S., Dr. Chas. F. Forshaw (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE) First Assist., W. Parker Second Assist., Stocks P.Z., Sharpe P.Z., Powell, Shelley, and Blackburn.

Visiting Companions Butterworth P.Z., Wilson P.Z., Matthewman P.Z., Monckman P.Z., Walker Dyson P.Z., Hird, and others.

The Principals and Officers for the year were installed, viz: Comps. S. Law Z., James Clough H., Sydney Mortimer J., John Thos. Last P.Z. S.E., George Blackburn S.N., S. Halliday Treas., Dr. Chas. F. Forshaw P.S., Robert F. Rogerson Assist. Soj., Jas. H. Shelley Assist. Soj., W. H. Hudson Janitor.

After the business of the Chapter had been concluded the Companions sat down to a sumptuous dinner, and later the usual waist list was gone through. Songs and recitations concluded a most enjoyable gathering.

Garrick.—In consequence of arrangements that were completed some time ago the successful pantomime of "Puss in Boots" must now necessarily enter into the last weeks of its run at this Theatre. To-day (Saturday) several new features, including new songs, new dances and fresh imitations will be introduced, that will have the effect of making the pantomime quite a revised edition of "Puss in Boots." Miss Ethel Sydney has been making studies of some very popular artistes of whom she intends to give imitations. She has made a wonderful hit on these lines, and her dainty good natured illustrations of the methods peculiar to some of her fellow actors and actresses have pleased the Garrick audiences. Mr. George Gray and Mr. Robb Harwood have also been making notes, and will from this evening right on to the end of the run of the pantomime give yet more of their hugely funny imitations. Bellonini, who plays the International juggling waiter, will, in addition to fresh juggling feats, introduce in the Palace scene his celebrated troupe of trained dogs and cats, and Mr. Edward Lauri has a new song as well as "Dame Elastique." Mr. Charles Lauri, who plays the cat, will give another of his extraordinary animal types—the black poodle, and Miss Florence Lloyd has been provided with two new and charming songs. In fact the pantomime of "Puss in Boots," that is universally admitted to be a huge success, will under these elaborate conditions take a new lease of life, strong enough to carry it for weeks beyond the time that it can remain at the Garrick.



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Adelphi.—8, The better Life.
Avenue.—8, An old Admirer. 8.45, A message from Mars. Matinée, Wed-
nesday and Saturday, 3.
Comedy.—2.30, In spite of all. 8, The School for Scandal.
Court.—8.30, A Royal Family. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Criterion.—8.15, A pretty piece of business. 8.50, The Masked Ball.
Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Drury Lane.—1.30 and 7.30, Jack and the Beanstalk.
Duke of York's.—8, A bad Penny. 8.30, Miss Hobbs. Matinée, Wednes-
day and Saturday, 2.30.
Gaiety.—The messenger Boy.
Garrick.—7.30, Puss in Boots. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
and Saturday, 1.30.
Globe.—8, The Gay Lord Quex. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Haymarket.—8, The Bugle Call. 8.50, She stoops to conquer. Matinée,
Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.
Her Majesty's.—8, A midsummer night's dream. Matinée, Monday,
Wednesday, and Saturday, 2.
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Prince of Wales's.—8, The Only Way. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Princess's.—8, How London lives.
Royalty.—8.15, The Sacrament of Judas. 9.15, The Canary.
Savoy.—8.15, The Rose of Persia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Shaftesbury.—8.15, The Mystical Miss. Matinée, Wednesday, and Satur-
day, 2.15.
St. James's.—8.15, Rupert of Hentzau. Wednesday and Saturday, The
prisoner of Zenda.
Strand.—8.15, The Grey Parrot. 9, The wrong Mr. Wright. Matinée,
Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Terry's.—8.15, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday,
3.
Wyndham's.—8.15, Dr. Johnson. 9, David Garrick. Matinée, Wednesday,
3. Thursday, 8th February, Dandy Dick.
Alexandra.—7.30, Sinbad the Sailor. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 1.30.
Grand.—7.30, The Forty Thieves. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, and
Saturday, 1.30.
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, The Belle of New York.
Surrey.—7.45, Little Goody Two Shoes. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday
Saturday, 1.30.
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Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Satur-
day, 2 also.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. La Belle Siffouse, &c. Saturday,
2.15 also.
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