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MASONIC PRECEDENCE.

HOW many quarrels—social, political, and national—have arisen from the infringement or disregard of the strict rules of precedence? Probably in the whole history of the world there is no more trivial matter that has caused more serious trouble, and probably there are few of us but have experienced, at one time or another, the eccentricities of the individual who, armed with an official or recognised position, was for ever forcing himself into the place to which he considered himself entitled by his distinction; and, more often than not, has made himself the laughing stock of his companions by his actions. But the good old adage is reversed in this connection, for might is right in so far as precedence is concerned, and he is a very bold man indeed who dares to oppose the dictum of the world in regard to this foible of humanity.

Freemasonry, however, should be above such nonsense. In Freemasonry we preach of equality; and we boast that Masonry is universal over the four quarters of the world. Doing so, it seems to us that to promulgate an official edict in regard to "precedence" is both undignified and unnecessary, although at the same time we can almost spare a tear of sympathy for the feelings of the English "big-wig" whose feelings have been outraged by the actions of a mere outsider.

Of course it must be fearfully galling to a Past Grand Sycophant, for instance, to have to play second fiddle to an honorary Past Grand Warden of the Cannibal Isles, or some other unknown corner of the earth; and it must take a little of the conceit out of a Past Grand Officer of England, who can only utter a few empty phrases in response to the toast of Grand Lodge, when the oratory of some "foreign" grandee puts his utterances in the shade; but it is the fortune of war—and love; and we can only feel sympathy for the men who, under such circumstances, feel so aggrieved as to bring the whole force of official machinery into play to secure them the position they are perhaps unable to maintain by personal acquirements.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies of England, however, has thought the matter so serious as to call for official action; and accordingly has addressed a letter to the President of the Board of General Purposes, who, in turn, has communicated it to the Craft; and as a consequence the office of Director of Ceremonies in a Lodge, which has been regarded as somewhat of a sinecure, will rise in importance—and anxiety—if the "strictest regard" ordered by Grand Lodge is to be paid to the contents of the communication.

Surely this is making a mountain out of a mole hill. How many of these Brethren "holding rank in Foreign or other Grand Lodges" are there among us? And how many of the small number assert themselves as the action of the authorities would seem to imply?

Surely if there happen to be one or two offenders they might have been dealt with privately, rather than with so public a display of ceremonial as is here exhibited, and such a course would have been more in accord with the principles of Freemasonry. What will a Foreign Grand Lodge, in friendly communication with our own, think, if one of its Past Grand Wardens, for instance, is to be stripped of his honoured regalia, merely to satisfy the whim of some dignitary of the older body who, having had honours thrust upon him, lacks either the ability or the tact to maintain them? Reciprocity is a fine thing in its way. We recommend Foreign Grand Lodges to copy the example of the English body, and give no precedence to its Grand Officers.

We, of course, recognise that the letter of the Grand Director of Ceremonies specially mentions "honorary" rank as being the foundation from which this trouble springs, but how is the ordinary individual among Masons to distinguish between honours conferred in the regular way and those of an "honorary" nature? Further, are we to consider honorary Grand Officers of our own Constitution as any way below their fellows of the same grade, who received their appointments at the usual Annual Installation meetings of Grand Lodge? We were always of opinion there was no difference between the two classes in our own case, why so in regard to other Constitutions?

FURTHER AID FOR WAR FUNDS.

AT the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 6th of December, the Brethren unanimously voted one thousand guineas to the Lord Mayor's Mansion House Relief Fund. Advantage will be taken of the Quarterly Communication to be held on the 7th prox., by the Prince of Wales, to forward a message to the Brethren assembled thereat with regard to assistance of members of the Craft in South Africa, and a motion will be made from the chair that Grand Lodge vote a thousand guineas to the South African Relief Fund.

On Wednesday evening there was a large assemblage at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, upon the occasion of unfurling a new banner, and a visit of the Provincial Grand Officers. The event had been looked forward to with considerable interest by many members in the Province for some time past, and the attendance was as representative as it was large. The new banner has been presented to the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, by Bro. W. Gray P.M. P.J.G.W., the Deputy Mayor of Durham, for some years Treasurer of the Lodge.

During the four and a half years that Bro. C. S. Stebbing has held the position of Charity Steward of the Harmony Lodge, No. 156, Plymouth, he has been able to hand over £760 to the Devon Charities, while if the London Charities are included his record for the period is £830—something to be proud of. It is a sign of the times, however, to note how large a proportion of the Lodge's benevolence is expended locally.

CORNWALL CHARITY.

THE fifteenth annual meeting of the Cornwall Charity Association was held at the Masonic Rooms, Truro, on Wednesday, 7th inst., when Bro. Bernard F. Edyvean Prov.G.Sec. Vice-President was in the chair.

The Hon. Treasurer and Secretary Bro. G. B. Pearce reported the receipt of subscriptions amounting to 284 guineas, an advance of twenty-nine guineas on last year, and making, with a balance of nine guineas brought forward from last year, 293 guineas. It was resolved to distribute a sum of 280 guineas, viz., 190 guineas to Class A subscribers, and ninety guineas to Class B subscribers. The ballot was taken accordingly, with the following results:—

Class A—Falmouth, H. J. Atwell, W. W. J. Sharpe; Penzance, Percy T. Chirgwin, Chas. Trevithick, F. W. Mitchell; Truro (Fortitude), Mrs. Rowe; Helston, A. E. Ratcliffe, Thomas B. James, B. C. Kendall, William Staple, Edward Quentall; Bodmin, B. F. Edyvean, Mrs. Winter, the Rev. W. Humphreys, Lieutenant E. J. Eary; Hayle, W. J. Hosken, W. Wagner, Francis Craze, J. V. Thomas, Thomas Wills, T. A. Taylor; St. Austell, Dr. Mason; Liskeard, Richard Faull, Dr. J. W. Gill; Redruth, W. Wales, S. M. Abbott, and E. W. Newton; Launceston, G. H. Trethewey; Millbrook, J. D. Pearn and J. W. Harris; Saltash, E. R. Heard, John Lander; St. Germans, Dr. Kerswill; Newquay, Colonel Parkyn, Mrs. Parkyn; Camborne, Stephen Williams; St. Ives, Dr. Staff; Calstock, Miss Shanks.

Class B—Falmouth, Love and Honour; Helston, True and Faithful (twenty guineas); Hayle, Cornubian; Liskeard, St. Martin Chapter; Chacewater, Boscawen; Lostwithiel, Restormel; Millbrook, Meridian; and Camborne, Mount Edgumbe.

Bro. P. Colville Smith Dep. Prov.G. Master was elected to succeed as Vice-President Bro. Sir Charles Graves Sawle, Bart., resigned; and the following were elected as Committee for the ensuing year: Bros. Faull, Vial, Willey, F. A. Rawling, G. B. Treverton, and J. C. R. Crewes. Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Pearce for his services, and to Bro. Edyvean for presiding.

LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

THE annual meeting of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held on Tuesday, 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, Bro. C. D. Cheetham in the chair, supported by Bros. Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Deputy Provincial Grand Master, T. J. Hooper, F. W. Lean, Fred Hilton, and others.

The chairman apologised for the absence of Bro. Lord Stanley Provincial Grand Master who, obeying his country's call, had gone to the front attached to the staff of General Lord Roberts. When told that the late Col. Starkie had not been absent from these meetings once during a period of twenty-eight years their Provincial Grand Master had expressed a desire to emulate his action in this respect, and, but for the war in the Transvaal, which demanded his services, would undoubtedly have been present that day. Bro. Cheetham spoke very enthusiastically of Lord Stanley, and sincerely hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him to return among them.

The agenda was a formidable one, containing a score of items, and included resolutions to adopt reports of the Finance and Audit and Almoners' Committees, the Treasurer's Accounts and Balance Sheet, and the Election of fifteen donors or subscribers upon the General Committee.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. William Jaffrey Treasurer, C. D. Cheetham Chairman, and T. J. Hooper Vice-Chairman, who were all re-elected, and who expressed their appreciation of the honour conferred upon them.

Bro. Jaffrey stated that he was always willing to place his services at the disposal of the Institution, and had endeavoured to please the Brethren. Bro. Cheetham, in acknowledging the vote of thanks for the third time, said it was gratifying to find their work in connection with the Institution was thus recognised; whilst Bro. Hooper admitted that he was satisfied to follow in the footsteps of the Chairman, whose full confidence he possessed.

On the motion of Bro. Hooper an alteration of Rule 41 was adopted, which will have an important bearing upon the age limit of candidates elected to the Institution.

A series of regulations as to Festival Stewardships, not

hitherto provided for in the general rules, was adopted, being a prelude to a suggestion made by Bro. Capt. Barlow, and seconded by Bro. W. Goldthorpe, "that in consequence of the absence from England of the Provincial Grand Master, and the claims made upon the members by the war and other circumstances, the Festival proposed to be held in May next be postponed for another year."

A very temperate discussion ensued, the general consensus of opinion being that it was advisable to forego the Festival, worthy though its object was, so that the patriotism of the Brethren might be allowed to override even their Masonic calls to duty, a decision which induced a gratefulness that the noble and excellent character of our ceremonials can thus teach Brethren not to be strangers to the exercise of resolute disinterestness. Bro. Cheetham, in putting the matter to the vote, explained that though the Festival might be deferred until 1901, the various arrangements already made would stand.

A vote of thanks to the Manchester Masonic Hall Co., Limited, and to the Freemasons' Club, for the use of the rooms for the general meetings of the Institution, brought the proceedings to a close.

CHARITY CONCERT AT PLYMOUTH.

THE annual concert on behalf of the Aged Widows Annuity Fund, to be held in Plymouth Guildhall on Wednesday, 14th March, promises to be very successful, in spite of many counter attractions. On the eve of his departure for India, the Provincial Grand Master Lord Northcote of Exeter was waited upon, and consented to be patron of the concert. The Treasurer of the Fund Bro. F. B. Westlake has obtained promises from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Major G. C. Davie and the Provincial Grand Secretary that they will attend the concert, which, by dispensation, will be under the banner of the senior local Lodge, St. John, No. 70. The borough Organist Bro. H. Moreton, Mus. Bac., has placed his services at the disposal of the Concert Committee, and has been requested by them to arrange and conduct the whole of the musical programme. A rich musical treat may therefore be anticipated.

NEW TEMPLE AT ILFRACOMBE.

THE new Masonic Temple at Ilfracombe was dedicated on Wednesday, 14th inst., by Bro. G. C. Davie P.A.G.D.C. of England Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bros. F. B. Westlake P.S.G.W. P.D.G.D.C. England, Rev. T. Russell P.P.J.G.W., Rev. R. W. J. Smart P.P.G.Chap., and Jno. Stocker Prov. G. Secretary.

The Temple is situate in Northfield Road, and its front of Bath stone ashlar work is classic in design, with the five orders of architecture intermixed. The four main columns supporting the entablature are of the Tuscan and Doric orders, and the six smaller columns which flank the doorway and windows are of the Ionic, Corinthian, and composite orders. In the tympanum of the massive moulded pediment is carved the emblem of the square and compass, with date of erection. The Lodge is entered by a lobby with black and white tessellated pavement. A large ante-room is inside the front hall, from which the Lodge is entered by two elaborately decorated doors, whose top panels contain in faithful colours the coats of arms of Devon and Ilfracombe. The ceiling, which is arched and divided into panels, is of a pretty shade of sky blue, on which are represented the constellations of the Zodiac, while in the triangular panels near the dome are the northern crown, Herschell's telescope, Medusa's head, and the Dolphin constellation. In the east end of the Lodge is depicted Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, and Mercury. The walls are surmounted by a large cornice neatly painted in cream, blue, and salmon. The frieze underneath is ornamented with various Masonic emblems. Around the Lodge is a dado in red, with black panel lines and fluted uprights dividing same. In the centre of each panel, in blue and black, are tastefully painted the insignia of the respective Offices. In the east of the handsome hall is an elaborate representation in gold of the rising sun, while in the south it is at its meridian, and setting in the west. The decorations of the Temple, which are of a high order, were designed and executed by Bro. J. C. Clarke, and the whole work reflects on him the greatest credit. He has exhibited in it much skill and ability. The portraits of the Past Masters hung around the walls are the gift of Bro. E. D. Percival. The beautiful

carving of the front is the work of Bro. J. P. Huxtable I.G., and the richly-ornamented capitals are evidence of his delicate and expert workmanship. The Temple cost about £1,500.

After the dedication a banquet took place at the Ilfracombe Hotel, where Bro. H. R. Grover P.P.G.D. catered. The foundation-stone of the Temple bears the inscription that it was laid by Bro. G. C. Davie P.M. P.A.G.D.C. England, on 10th May 1899, during the office of Bro. A. H. Fisher W.M.

Colour-Sergeant Hill, of the East Lancashire Regiment, who has been recruiting officer in Accrington many years, having been ordered to join his regiment at Curragh, Ireland, was the principal guest at a gathering of Masons held at Richmond Hotel, Accrington, on Monday evening, 22nd ult., which was organised to give him a formal farewell before departure for the war. The chair was occupied by I.P.M. Clough. It was peculiarly fitting that advantage should be taken of the occasion to present the gallant sergeant with some tangible token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by many friends, and accordingly he was the recipient of a silver mounted pipe and a pound of tobacco, which were handed to him by Bro. Slinger, a lieutenant in the local Volunteers. A short address was made by Councillor Dewhurst, who stated that they were expecting him to do good service in South Africa; indeed, there was little doubt that if the opportunity was afforded him he would do. In the Lodge he had rendered valuable service, and every member thoroughly respected him. If he rendered similar service out in South Africa he would come back with honour and glory enshrined around him. His object in desiring to say a few words was to add another small present to those already given him, and he had therefore great pleasure in asking him to accept a box of cigars. On the top of the box were the words "Honest Tom," and although Bro. Hill's name was John, it made little difference to the meaning conveyed. They said "Honest Tom" in Lancashire, and they all knew what it meant. Bro. Jack Duckworth also presented a box of cigars to Bro. Hill and remarked that it was a singular thing that a councillor and a guardian should both have the same kind of boxes to present quite unknown to each other. He had given to several Reservists who had gone out similar presents, but to no more worthy a man than Bro. Hill had he had the gratification of ever making a similar gift.

A Masonic gathering of considerable interest took place at the Royal Sportsman Hotel, Carnarvon, on Tuesday evening, 13th inst., when, under the auspices of the Segontium Lodge, No. 606, a complimentary banquet was given to Bro. Edward Roberts P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Prov.G.Sec., on the occasion of his elevation to the office of D.G. Sword Bearer of England. The Lodges represented were St. David and Royal Oak (Bangor), St. Tudno, St. Eleth, Anglesey, Madoc, St. Trillo, St. Cybi, and Rhyl. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. E. Greaves (lord-lieutenant) P.P.G.S.W. North Wales, and the vice-chair by Bro. E. Evans W.M. of the Segontium Lodge, and the company included, among others, Colonel H. Platt D.P.G.M. North Wales, and Bro. J. G. Tuxford Prov.G.Treasurer. Bro. R. J. Davids P.P.G.J. Warden delivered a speech eulogising the services rendered by the guest of the evening during a long and distinguished Masonic career, this being followed by the presentation by the Chairman of a handsome illuminated address to Bro. Edward Roberts. Bro. Caradoc Rowland was Master of the Ceremonies.

A very good idea in the direction of increasing the A.M.B. Fund was originated on the spur of the moment at the Portsmouth Freemasons Club the other evening, says the "Southampton Times." A ginger-beer bottle had become filled with coins in the shape of small fines for the absent-minded language even the most self-contained member of any Club will occasionally drop into when the white flag trick of the Boers is on the tapis. This bottle, instead of being handed over to the "Southern Daily Mail" Fund with its contents, was put up at auction, and some brisk bidding took place. It was ultimately knocked down to a small syndicate for the sum of 17s. When opened, the bottle was found to contain 14s 7d, so that the syndicate had the pleasure of making up the small deficiency, and would have been glad if there had been a heavier margin against them.

On Saturday afternoon, 17th inst., an informal gathering of members of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328, took place at York, for the purpose of making presentations to Officers of the Lodge who were en route for South Africa. The Worshipful Master Bro. W. D. Rudgard was present with several of his Officers and Brethren. The presentations were made by Bro. the Dean of York, the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, who, in a few well-chosen words, handed over to Bro. Captain Cecil E. Wood Junior Warden, who is going out in command of the detachment to serve with the 2nd West Yorkshire Regiment, a silver cigar case, and to Bro. T. B. Whytehead (on behalf of his son Bro. W. W. D. Whytehead, already on his way to the front) a silver flask. Each article was prettily engraved with the name of the recipient, and a record of the occasion of the gift, and was subscribed: "Hearty good wishes."

The ancestors of Bro. W. J. N. Burden, who was this week installed Worshipful Master of Benevolent Lodge, Teignmouth, did much to bring the Lodge up to its present position. In 1794 Bro. Burden's great grandfather was installed the first Master of the Lodge, and in 1817 his grandfather was honoured with the same position. Bro. Burden's father (who performed the installation ceremony this week) was elected Master for 1870-1 and at the beginning of the second century of the Lodge, in 1894, he was again installed W.M., and was honoured with the collar of Provincial Grand Warden. During that year he initiated the present W.M. into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

On Thursday, 15th inst., a meeting of members of the Edward Terry Lodge was held at the Bull's Head, Barnes, (Host, Bro. Garrett), to form a Lodge of Instruction for the district. Bro. Edward Terry presided, and it was decided to hold the Lodge at the Bull's Head Hotel on Monday nights at eight o'clock, every week from October to May. Bro. Barton was elected Treasurer, Bro. Hughes Secretary, and it was expected that Bro. Peat, who was unable to be present, would act as Preceptor. The hope was expressed that local Freemasons would take advantage of the institution of the Lodge and support it.

Bro. W. S. Penley has arranged to give performances at Caterham, Farnham, Surbiton, Godalming, Guildford, and other Surrey towns in support of any of the War Funds which the local Committees may select, while he himself undertakes to defray all expenses. In these circumstances "A Little Ray of Sunshine" was performed at Farnham on Wednesday evening last week; the Corn Exchange was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the satisfactory sum of £164 13s was handed over to the local Committee of the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association as the result.

The annual widgeon supper of the St. Peter's Lodge was held at the King's Head Hotel, Maldon, on Wednesday, 4th inst. Bro. the Rev. D. Gotto W.M. P.P.G.Chap. presided. A capital repast, including a good supply of birds, was served by Bro. J. H. Taylor. The usual toasts were proposed, interspersed with harmony; and a very pleasant time was spent.

The Brethren of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, celebrated the Festival of St. John on Thursday evening, 15th inst., when Bro. James Lemon, who filled the chair of the Lodge exactly thirty years ago, and has now come forward to fill a temporary gap in the order of succession of Officers, was installed as Master for the ensuing year in the presence of a numerous gathering.

The annual Masonic ball was held on the 4th, in the Masonic Hall, Crook. Upwards of sixty couples were present.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

IT is with great regret we announce the death of Mr. George Menninger, father of Bro. W. Menninger I.P.M. New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, at the age of 78 years. We tender our sympathy and sincere condolence to the aged widow, to Immediate Past Master Menninger, and the other members of the family.

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DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on Friday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby, and proved to be one of the largest and most successful gatherings since the constitution of the Province.

The Prov. G.M.M. Bro. A. Woodiwiss presided, and was supported by his Deputy Bro. J. H. Lawson and a large number of his present and past Officers, with Brethren from all parts of the Province; while among the visitors was the Pro Grand Master of England the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, and a number of other distinguished members of Grand Lodge.

After the customary routine work the Prov. Grand Master appointed the following as his assistant Officers for the year:

Bro. William Whittaker	-	-	Senior Warden
Holland Rowbottom	-	-	Junior Warden
Arthur W. Slack	-	-	Master Overseer
William H. Wright	-	-	Senior Overseer
William H. Slater	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. Charles Westley Groves	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. John Thwaites	-	-	
William Cooper	-	-	Treasurer
Thomas Bishop Cull	-	-	Registrar of Marks
Percy Wallis	-	-	Secretary
William H. Bass	-	-	Senior Deacon
Thomas Shipton	-	-	Junior Deacon
William Eaton	-	-	Inspector of Works
Frank Iliffe	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
John Burton Boycott	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Alfred Butterworth	-	-	Sword Bearer
William Oliver Plowright	-	-	Standard Bearer
Richard H. Higgitt	-	-	Organist
Wilfred H. Edmunds	-	-	Assistant Secretary
John Brex Starbuck	-	-	Inner Guard
William Reid	-	-	Stewards
Thomas Whittle	-	-	
George Samuel Smith	-	-	
George E. Carline	-	-	
Arthur Slinn	-	-	Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Master then delivered a brief address, in the course of which he congratulated the Brethren on the progress the Order was making in the county. Mark Masonry did not advance by leaps and bounds, but it was, nevertheless, steady and sure in its movements. Having made feeling allusion to the removal by death of Bro. Alfred Schofield, one of the founders of St. Martin's Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master alluded to the liberality with which the Brethren had supported the Mark Benevolent Fund, and mentioned that the Earl of Euston had intimated his willingness to preside at the next Festival of that Charity in July. When he remembered the great esteem in which Lord Euston was held by the Brethren of that Province, he entertained no doubt that they would make a special effort in order to assist those who wished to make the Anniversary a record in regard to the amount of the subscriptions to the Fund. He was glad to know that an increase had been made to the number of Mark Lodges in the Province, and he was convinced that the Scarsdale Lodge, which he had recently the satisfaction of consecrating at Chesterfield, was in the hands of worthy Brethren, who would conduct it honourably and successfully.

Subsequently the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, acknowledging the thanks of the Brethren for his attendance, said it was perfectly true that many calls were made upon his time, but he none the less experienced a distinct pleasure in attending that meeting, because he had had many proofs of the zeal and liberality of Derbyshire Brethren. The splendid gathering of Mark Masons he saw before him was a source of pride and encouragement to all who had the true interests of the Order at heart. He remembered when, upon the death of the venerable and respected Bro. Kelly Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutlandshire, Derbyshire was made a separate Province, he had the honour of installing Bro. Woodiwiss as the Provincial Grand Master. On that occasion he took the opportunity of saying that the right man had been put in the right place, and events had fully confirmed that opinion. In Bro. Woodiwiss they had a Brother of great ability, generosity, and tact, and one who did not count personal trouble whilst serving the interests of the Order. Whilst he congratulated the Provincial Grand Master upon being so loyally supported, he congratulated the Province upon having such an able chief. Incidentally referring to the Mark Benevolent Festival, the Earl of Euston remarked that many special calls were being made upon their purses just now; but so far as the war was

concerned, he reminded them that a number of their Brethren were at the front, and they hoped to be able to assist the families of any Mark Masons who fell, or who were disabled whilst serving their Queen and country.

At the conclusion of the business a very large company adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast was served. The customary Loyal and Mark toasts were honoured, those of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master being received with the greatest enthusiasm.

CONSECRATION.

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EMPRESS LODGE.

ON Thursday evening, the 1st instant, the Empress Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 533, was consecrated at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street.

A Lodge was opened by Bro. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary, who had Bros. Imre Kiralfy as P.M., R. Newton Crane as S.W., A. J. Thomas as J.W., and J. P. Dorman as I.G., and after the opening the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master, attended by numerous Grand Officers, entered. His Lordship then proceeded to consecrate the Lodge, assisted by Bros. R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C., P.G.W. Pres. Gen. Board as S.W., Sir Thomas Roe J.G.W. as J.W., Rev. W. Russell Finlay G.Chap. as Chaplain, H. E. Cousans G.D.C. as D.C., T. P. Dorman, and Charles Belton P.G.O. as Inner Guard. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. James Kift, who was assisted by Bros. Herbert Schartau and Franklin Clive.

After the consecration and attendant ceremonies, Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. duly installed Bro. Imre Kiralfy as W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Thomson Lyon acting as D.C. Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale was appointed to act for the first year as I.P.M., but in his absence Bro. Matier was invested. The other Officers for the year were Bros. R. Newton Crane S.W., A. J. Thomas P.M. J.W., G. D. Coleman M.O., Lionel W. Harris S.O., Charles Imre Kiralfy J.O., Major C. W. Carrell G.M.O. Treasurer, G. R. Blades R.M., H. J. Homer S.D., Dr. W. H. Bourke J.D., Thomas Fraser Stwd., Harry Peck I.G., W. Singleton Hooper D.C., and E. J. Mills Tyler.

Afterwards the Brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern.

During the evening the Earl of Euston proposed the Worshipful Master, whom he congratulated most heartily on being chosen as the first Master of the Empress Lodge. He congratulated the Brethren also on the choice they had made. They had done the right thing, and put the right man in the right place. When Bro. Imre Kiralfy put his hand to anything he never turned back, but carried the matter out to the best of his ability and strength. He heartily wished him a happy and prosperous year, and long life to see the Lodge prosper.

Bro. Imre Kiralfy, in reply, said such a compliment would keep in his heart until the latest hour of his life. The compliment went beyond him—it went to every Founder and Officer of the Lodge. They had formed this Lodge in order to welcome every subject of Her Majesty's dominions. They would be all welcome in the Empress Lodge; it would be pleased to receive as members all good and worthy Masons of all climes and colours.

Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. G. Secretary replied to the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was proposed by Major C. W. Carrell G.M.O.

Bro. Luck Dep. Dist. G.M. Queensland responded to the toast of the Visitors, and Bros. Newton Crane and A. J. Thomas to that of the Officers.

Bro. Imre Kiralfy W.M. announced that his list as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund amounted at the end of the evening to 150 guineas.

The fifth of a series of Masonic "Cinderella" dances was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth. The Committee responsible for the arrangements, which gave every satisfaction, consisted of Bros. Captain T. Reynolds (chairman), G. F. Bromley, W. H. Dillon, J. H. Down, J. Endicott, J. R. Lord, S. S. Ritchie, A. Wilton, G. Woodgate, and G. Leach (Hon. Secretary). There was a very good attendance, and the Cinderella proved a marked success, dancing being kept up with great spirit.

Books of the Day.

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CAPTAIN YOUNGHUSBAND has written a book upon South African affairs which does not lack his customary skill, and certainly is not deficient in entertaining and instructive subject matter. His opportunities of becoming acquainted with the Boers and their country were exceptional; for as special correspondent to the "Times" he enjoyed many advantages denied to others. But we fear his book is hardly written in such manner as to convert those who do not wholly approve of our actions towards the people of the South African Republic. We desire to acknowledge how generous is the author's estimate of the Boer character in his early chapters; but must dissent very strongly from the tone of the latter portions of this book. As readers will naturally suppose, Captain Younghusband is sufficiently skilful so long as he confines himself to the narration of incidents, the compression of negotiations, and the description of the resources of Rhodesia. He is better at a thesis than at a synthesis. He can collect facts industriously and marshal them in a very imposing and efficient manner; but when he attempts to establish some political doctrine therefrom, or to advocate a particular policy, he seems, in our judgment, much less successful. We will not cavil over the blemishes of an unquestionably useful and timely volume, but may quote one instance of the author's method in argument, which shall serve to justify our strictures. On page 240 we read:—"The thousands of men and women flocking to South Africa from every part of crowded Europe in search of a livelihood are now beginning to ask whether all this wealth can be allowed to run to waste, whether the Boers are justified in keeping so rigorously in their own hands a country which, if properly administered, might afford a home and comfortable living to hundreds of thousands of the over-populated states of Europe, and whether they are really following out the precepts of their often-quoted Bible when they persist in wrapping up their talent in a napkin and making nothing further of it." Now, although the author is here speaking rather for a class than for himself, we may point out the radical sophistry that underlies the policy insinuated in the above paragraph. It is the policy of the older child who pleads that he would take superior care of his junior's toys if transferred to him. It is the language invariably employed by those who wish to render tuum and meum convertible terms. It is an argument which would have justified any of Alexander's incursions, any of Frederick's ambitions, any of Napoleon's conquests, any of our own former annexations. Indeed, the closer we examine the paragraph we have quoted the more objectionable it appears. It is ludicrous to imagine what would become of the balance of power in Europe if such notions were ever seriously entertained by responsible statesmen, to say nothing of one or two despots whom we could name. A great many intelligent persons have asked whether Russia is justified in retaining under her iron rule vast territories which if "properly administered" might be a boon and a blessing to an enormous number of contented inhabitants. But Russia is powerful and can guard her own. For that reason, if for no other, she is in no danger of being raided. With the Transvaal it is otherwise. Many persons like those of whom Capt. Younghusband speaks have observed that the land, if not everywhere well-watered, is, at least desirable; and such are more ready to emulate the conduct of Lot than that of Abraham. "We seek no territory" said Lord Salisbury. Nous verrons! This book is well printed and well illustrated, and should have a very large circulation.

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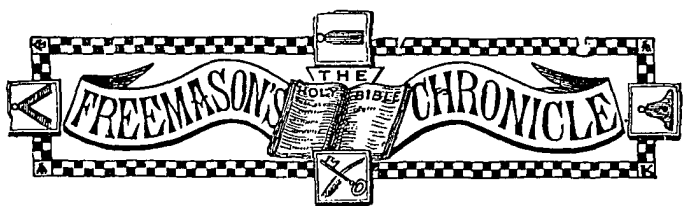
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GATHOLICS AND FREEMASONRY.

THE following further correspondence has appeared in the "Catholic Times":

SIR,—In answer to "Fredericus," I also state that Freemasonry has two lives, one in Italy and one in England. The Grand Master of all the Order at the present time is Nathan, who superseded Lemmi, who in his turn superseded Crispi, who in his turn superseded Mazzini. Here in England they do not attempt the things that they do in Italy, because we are cooler-headed than the Italians, and could see through them.

Yours, &c.,
GALLI.

SIR,—All who are familiar with Masons and Masonry will estimate at its true value Mr. May's letter. It is the usual jargon of the Sect, and bears out the assertion that it is too cunning to openly oppose Christianity, claiming credit at the same time for not doing so. But the sentence stands: "He who is not with Me is against Me." I take up the parable again to point out that the propagandist force of the last and most preposterous of all heresies having perished, the perennial strife betwixt good and evil must take another line,

and this at present is the Masonic. The proof is in the statement that the Church, which built up Christian civilisation, is now being persecuted—that is, deprived of the powers and franchises necessary for the success of her mission—by every government in Europe. Into this persecution there has entered in later days an element which must be considered if we are to discover the secret of its virulence and its continuity.

One of the strongest external proofs of the truth of Christianity is the existence of the Jewish people. Pervading Christendom they are not of it. No longer a nation, they have no national feelings or interests. Keeping, in a singular manner, all their characteristics, and even certain physical peculiarities by which they may always be known, they pursue with inexorable continuity their own ends. First, dominating the Exchanges of the world, they use their vast wealth to control the Press; and by this to seize the direction of public affairs. They obey the legendary command "Tarry thou till I come," but they use the intervening time in combining with all elements of evil in warring against Christianity; and in avenging on Christian nations the centuries of persecution they themselves have endured. Such is the Jew in the concrete. Often, in the particular, he is endowed with the natural virtues in a very high degree; and as a citizen is most amiable and beneficent. But the whole outcome of his public policy, of his action in the direction of affairs, is anti-national and anti-Christian.

For the operation of this policy the Masonic Sect is admirably fitted. Therefore the Jew and the Mason have coalesced, till they are practically one. The Jew-Mason, or Mason-Jew, rules in France, in Italy; has a "good look in" in Spain, Portugal, Austria, and Germany. His influence is not paramount in Russia, because the Czar is an autocrat and Christian. Nor in England, because of the robustness of the national character, of the strength of the Christian tradition created by the Church, and by the powerful, but little known and seen, influence of Ireland.

In this intimate alliance of Judaism and Masonry lies the real danger of civilisation. It knows neither truth, nor justice, nor nationality; nor can it, for it is filled with the spirit of its founder, Satan.

Yours, &c.,

CATHOLICUS.

P.S.—May not this union (Judaism and Masonry) be the cause of the anti-Jewish spirit manifested in France and elsewhere, which seems to us, who do not directly feel its effects, so violent and unjust? Witness the Dreyfus conflict.—C.

SIR,—It is almost incredible that, after the question of Freemasonry has been so admirably expounded in your columns, it should find an advocate in the person of a Catholic. "Fredericus" unquestionably rendered himself ludicrous in setting forth in print such arguments as are tantamount to 0 x 0 equals 0. What would the Catholic world take me for if I ventured to recommend Jansenism, on the plea that a scanty few of its ministers were sincere and zealous Christians? But Jansenism has never been branded so deeply nor condemned so rigorously by the Church as Freemasonry. Now, if the Church was not aware of what she was so harshly censuring, she doubtless acted harshly and mercilessly. I do not intend reconnoitering the views of Holy Church; neither does "Fredericus"—at least, theoretically; but he does so practically. With one breath he abhors, as a Catholic, the name and Sect of Freemasonry; with the next breath he fails to see, after he has recovered from his short emotion of horror, in what way Freemasonry is opposed at all to faith or morals. His vital reason is that a few persons—otherwise quite disinterested—who are branded with heresy and Freemasonry, can carry their course and smile in face of an unsuspecting world. Such arguments, in such a matter, are like many other articles made in that country in which "Frederic's" name is so familiar that it is become quite proverbial.

"Frederic" sets forward such views as can be gathered exteriorly. I might venture to do the same, and see what conclusion I hence can draw. I only know one gentleman personally who was sincerely converted from Freemasonry.

"Fredericus" sets forward such views and imprecations uttered by very initiates as would chill your blood and make your publication unfit to be read, where they to be published in its columns. With regard to a more advanced adept, he had the audacity to ascribe to Satan, in my presence, his success and temporal prosperity, and gave, moreover, unmistakable insinuations of his worship of diabolical spirits. The only sincere Freemason I ever became acquainted with was a gentleman of foreign extraction. His only son conceived the idea of joining the ranks of his father's Society, and forthwith approached him on the subject. Strange to say, he met with a repulse. He insisted. Then for once the evil spirit of secrecy yielded to the more noble spirit of truth and sincerity, and the paternal affection transcended the cool-blooded imprecations of former days, so often reiterated. With a sincerity to which his sobs and tears sufficiently attested he besought his son never to enter in communion with a secret sect, when the most merciful Church severed severely from her communion those who sought that fatal membership. Without entering into further detail, I may add that my experience is almost exclusively a confirmation of your correspondent of the 5th ult., with one or two exceptions. But I cannot get over the fact that a Catholic can conscientiously use commendatory words of a sect branded again and again with the ban of excommunication, when the interested ones have wriggled to repel the blow and failed—especially when he abhors what he defends.

Yours, &c.,

A. NORBRECHTZOON.

SIR,—A public discussion in the Press on this subject must be profitless. The only real and effective answer "apropos" to the "parable" that "Catholicus" favours us with is to be found in the following quotation from the letter of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. on 17th December 1888, as given "in extenso" in your columns last week:

"It is certainly an intolerable thing for laymen who profess themselves Catholics publicly in the pages of newspapers to claim and exercise the liberty of pronouncing judgment in all freedom on every sort of persons; thinking as they like and acting every man at his own discretion on all points that do not involve matters of Divine faith."

When Rome speaks, the case is settled; to the Holy Father's judgment I will bow, and again ask if "Catholicus" or any other reader can give me the actual words of the Holy Father's Bull, or any book in which I can read the same, condemning this sect.

Yours, etc.,

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IV.—THE GREAT EASTERN HOTEL.

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As a Home of Freemasonry, the Great Eastern has not that long and eventful history which appertains to others. It dates back some fifteen or twenty years. How it came to be used as a Home of Freemasonry is a forgotten story, but it is not difficult to imagine. So commodious an hotel, famed as it has always been for the way in which it treated its guests, was not likely to be overlooked by the Masonic body. It is conveniently situated, too, for many of them, and so when the management consented to establish a Temple here, in which meetings could be held, it quickly grew into favour. Twelve Lodges and five Chapters now hold their meetings regularly, in a Temple which is very comfortably furnished and which is very conveniently arranged. The large hall, which has been fitted up for the purpose does not leave much to be desired; and the ante-rooms, and banqueting rooms are all sufficient. But the mutual appreciation is bearing very practical fruit. Freemasons like the Great Eastern; and the Great Eastern likes Freemasons. So it has opened wide its purse strings; and visitors to the hotel just now will see emerging from its foundations a colossal structure, destined to make the Great Eastern one of the chief of the Homes of Freemasonry of the future. In a few months time, when the additions are completed, there will be no fewer than three new and splendid Temples, specially adapted for the purpose; and capable of accommodating a very large number of Lodges. With the Temples there will be ante-rooms and banqueting rooms *en suite*; and we may expect the Great Eastern to grow abundantly in favour, as indeed it well deserves to do.

The prospect of so much splendour tends to make the present accommodation rather mean. But in reality that is not so. We paid a visit to the hotel a day or two ago, and Bro. H. C. Amendt, the courteous manager, took us on a tour of inspection of the establishment. We were exceedingly struck with the convenience of the present arrangements; and especially with the system on which the hotel is constructed, which seems to be an adaption of the good old plan of giving the greatest satisfaction to the greatest number. Bro. Amendt was, however, very anxious we should understand that the hotel is in a transition state. He has great

ideas for the future; and before the year is out is counting upon the Great Eastern vieing with any of the modern hotels which are springing up mushroom-like all over the metropolis. There is to be a new large hall 100ft by 44ft by 22ft; various grill and dining rooms; and halls and saloons for every conceivable business and social function, in addition to the special Masonic features already mentioned. Last, but not least, there will be a hundred more bedrooms, to help meet the demand upon the accommodation, which has been growing steadily for years. No one who has not stayed at the Great Eastern Hotel can form the slightest conception of the great pleasure it is to do so; and it is not surprising that the demand for beds should be so great that it is difficult to get one at all under the present conditions.

With the Freemasonry part of the hotel so much *in nubibus*, it is not possible to do more at present than forecast its future greatness. It may be taken for granted that the connection so pleasantly begun will continue to ripen; and that the three Temples which will be ready in the autumn will soon prove to be inadequate for the demand upon them. Bro. H. C. Amendt has done so well for Freemasons that we are glad of the opportunity of giving the widest publicity to his schemes. There are doubtless many Lodges about to be established which will be glad to know that there is a prospect of obtaining such good accommodation; and there may be others already established who will be glad to take advantage of it also. Already Lodges are putting in claims for special consideration in the apportionment of the nights for the new Temples. In conclusion we heartily wish, as we devotedly believe, that the Great Eastern Hotel will enter on a new lease of popularity which shall exceed even the sanguine expectation of its popular and enterprising manager; and that a year hence we shall have to put its name very much nearer the head of the list of Homes of Freemasonry than we can now.

Sonnets of the Greek Mythology, No. 7.

TO THALIA.

COME sweetest sprite, unlock the gates of joy,
And let me glide within thy fairy realm;
Or let me sail on streams that never cloy,
It matters not if thou art at the helm
To guide my thoughts like meteors bright and free,
Into the home of loveliness and smiles,
Where sin and shame and sorrow ne'er can be;
And where each scene the rapturous thought beguiles.
Where every breath is rich with fragrant sweets
Charged with the essence of ten thousand flowers,
And where the heart with gladness wildly beats
So Eden-like, so Heavenly are the bowers.
Where waves of melody come floating o'er,
Soft-echoing to me from thy golden shore.

Bradford.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, M.A.

Second application.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Your votes and interest are solicited on behalf of

LUCY WHILE,

Aged sixty-one years, Widow of the late Bro. JOHN WHILE, Journalist, who died on January 20th, 1892. Bro. While was initiated in the Lodge of United Strength, No. 228, on December 10th, 1867, and became W.M. of that Lodge in 1875, continuing a member of it until the time of his death. He was also for two years a member of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928; was a Royal Arch Mason, exalted in the William Preston Chapter, No. 766, and a P.Z. of the Chapter of United Strength. He was a subscriber to the three Masonic Institutions, and in 1875 a Steward of the Benevolent Institution, of which he was a Life Governor. His widow is also a Life Governor of this Institution.

The case is strongly recommended by—

- R.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., Guildhall, E.C.
- W. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M., Middlesex, Reform Club, S.W.
- W. Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., P.D.G.D.C., 15 Mansfield Street, W.
- W. Bro. Thomas Catling (Editor Lloyd's Weekly), P.M., 2190 and 2127.
- W. Bro. John Northcott (Daily Chronicle), P.M., 2190.
- Bro. John Lobb, C.C., M.L.S.B., 228, 4 St. Bride Street, E.C.
- W. Bro. Robert Griggs, P.M., 228, 11 Grays Inn Square, W.C.
- * W. Bro. George J. Dawson, P.M., 1853, 41 Holland Road, Brixton, S.W.
- W. Bro. E. E. Peacock (Morning Post), P.M. and P.Z., 1928, I.G., 2190.
- W. Bro. Orton Cooper, P.M., 211, H., 1928, M.E.Z., 483, Tilbury, Essex.
- W. Bro. George Kenning, Patron, P.M. and P.Z., 192 and 1657, P.Prov.G.D. Middlesex, Upper Sydenham, S.E.
- Bro. C. F. H. Smith, 1928 (late 228), 42 Blythwood Road, Crouch Hill.
- Bro. J. Bune, 1928, Clent, Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich.
- Bro. J. D. Irvine, 1928, 149 Acre Lane, Brixton, S.W.
- W. Bro. W. T. Perkins, P.M., 1928, 36 Norwood Road, Herne Hill, S.E.
- Bro. William Senior, 2190, 9 Parkhill Road, N.W.
- W. Bro. Percy W. Husk, P.M., 1928, P.Z., 1928, 125 Brixton Hill, S.W.
- * Bro. W. W. Morgan, 177, New Barnet.
- * W. Bro. H. Massey, P.M. and P.Z., 619 and 1928, 1 Clifford's Inn, E.C.

Votes will be thankfully received by the Brethren against whose name a * is marked, and by the candidate, 19 Knighton Park Road, Sydenham, S.E.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

- 4 Rl. Som. Ho. & Iness, F.M.H.
26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel
28 Old King Arms, F.H.
79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
144 St. Luke, Anderton's
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrew, Albion
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.
802 Burgoyne, Anderton's
1540 Chaucer, Southwark
1615 Bayard, 33, Golden Square
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
2397 Columbia, Criterion
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
62 Social, Manchester
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
999 Robert Burns, Manchester
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Mossley
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1752 Ogmores, Bridgend
1753 Obedience, Okehampton
1861 Claremont, Croydon
1991 Agricola, York
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.
2257 Powell, Bristol
2279 Thornham, Thornham
2363 Minnehaba Minstrel, M'chester.
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
2553 Rufford, Nottingham
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

- Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, 5.30 for 6.
14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle
92 Moira, Albion
141 Faith, Anderton's
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
165 Hon. & Gen'sity, Inns of Co.Ho.
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole
1348 Ebury, Criterion
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's
2108 Empire, Criterion
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham
253 Tyrian, Derby
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Manchester
1358 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millon
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
1942 Minerva, Fenton
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2358 Mona, Castletown
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch't'm.
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's
2414 Wychwood, Burford
2518 Chas. Ed. Keyser, Hoddesden

Wednesday.

- House Committee, Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 8.
2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall

- 201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall
1818 Clapham, Criterion
2395 Avondale, Brixton
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross
32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
163 Integrity, Manchester
117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
220 Harmony, Garston
250 Minerva, Hull
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton
540 Stuart, Bedford
651 Brecknock, Brecon
724 Derby, Liverpool
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
887 Leigh, Birmingham
996 Sondes, East Dereham
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1633 Avon, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown
1723 St. George, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2186 Striguil, Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
2357 Barry, Cadroxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2435 Wineslai, Winslow
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Thursday.

- 10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.
27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.
192 Lion & Lamb, Cannon St. Hotel
227 Ionic, Criterion
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall
820 Lily Richmond, Inns of Ct. Ho.
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury
1351 St. Clement Danes, Holb'n R'st.
1383 Friends in Council, 33, G'den Sq.
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
1672 Mornington, Holborn Via. H'tl.
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
2202 Regent Park, Frascati
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford
2411 Clarence & Avondale, Lyt'nst'n
2550 Piccadilly, Piccadilly
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
110 Loyal 'Brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengist, Pournemouth
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariner, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Beverley

- 295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester
360 Pomfret, Northampton
362 Doric, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
446 Benevolent, Wells
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
509 Tees, Stockton
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Walsall
633 Yarborough, Manchester
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1231 Savile, Elland
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge
1500 Walpole, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc'ster, Padiham
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere V'nt'r, Balsall H'th
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2043 Kendrick, Reading
2169 Osborne, East Cowes
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead
1275 Star, Greenwich
1627 Royal Kensington, F'masons'-h.
2076 Quator Coronati, F'masons'-h.
2467 Pickwick, Anderton's
2488 Eccentric, Criterion
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge
306 Alfred, Leeds
521 Truth, Huddersfield
574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop
698 Ryde, Ryde
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1295 Gooch, New Swindon
1375 Architect, Choriton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1458 Truth, Manchester
1551 Morecambe, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1725 Douglas, Maidstone
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton
1993 Wolseley, Manchester
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay
1572 Carnarvon, Albion
1928 Gallery, Anderton's
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill
1388 Canynges, Bristol
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1494 Felix, Hampton Court
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
1929 Mozart, Croydon
2077 Epping, Chingford
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey
2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

Saturday.

The Theatres, &c.

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- Avenue.—8, An Old Admirer. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Criterion.—8.10, Dr. Johnson. 9, His Excellency the Governor. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Daly's.—8.15, Sam Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Drury Lane.—7.30, Jack and the Beanstalk. Matinée, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 1.30.
Duke of York's.—8, A Bad Penny. 8.30, Miss Hobbs. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Gaiety.—8, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8, Bootles Baby. Wednesday and Saturday, 2, Puss in Boots.
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, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Lyceum.—7.50, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Prince of Wales's.—Tuesday, 27th February, 8, Don Juan's Last Wager.
Princess's.—8, Drink.
Royalty.—8.15, Mrs. Jordan. 9, Magda.
Savoy.—8.15, The Rose of Persia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
St. James's.—8.30, Rupert of Hentzau. Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30, The Prisoner of Zenda.
Strand.—8.15, The Lady Bookie. 9, Facing the Music. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Vaudeville.—8.30, A Queen's Messenger. 9, The Bishop's Eye.
Wyndham's.—8.30, Dandy Dick. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Alexandra.—Next week, Dorothy.
Grand.—7.30, Hearts are Trumps.
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, Mrs Lewis Waller's Co.
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Napoli, &c.
Aquarium.—The World's great Show. Varied Performances, daily.
Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town Again, &c.
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 2 also.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. La Belle Siffleuse, &c. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Agricultural Hall.—8, Mohawk Minstrels.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
London Hippodrome.—2 and 7.45, Giddy Ostend, &c.
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.
Moore and Burgess Minstrels (St. James's Hall).—Every evening at 8, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 3 and 8.
Polytechnic.—3, Our Navy, &c. Saturdays, 3 and 8.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

THE regular meeting was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, 21st inst., those present including Bros. Alfred W. Humphreys W.M., Horatio A. Sheppard I.P.M., Erick B. Ladler S.W., Albert Tarling J.W., James John Stockall P.M. Treasurer, Alfred Goode P.M. Sec., Edmund W. Collingridge S.D., Michael W. Shanley J.D., Charles W. Deacon I.G., John Pratt P.M. D.C., Charles Wren A.D.C., James Speller P.M. Steward, John Robinson Assistant Steward, Arthur Tarling Organist, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Dr. Thomas Jones, and proving unanimous in his favour he was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order in a most impressive manner by the W.M.

The Lodge being closed in peace and harmony the Brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, where they were joined by their wives and lady friends at the banquet, the number in all sitting down being 144.

The usual Loyal toasts having been given, the W.M. proposed that of the Ladies, and said he was very pleased to welcome so many of the fair sex to their annual Ladies Banquet and Social evening.

Mrs. R. M. Beachcroft responded. She said: Worshipful Master, Brethren, and Sisters. She thought that was the right way to start, although she could assure them that no Masonic secrets had been communicated to her. She was glad to find that her sisters had lived down the old saying that woman was one of nature's most agreeable mistakes. She could not think what a Masonic banquet could be like without woman to grace it. What would poor Tommy Atkins do without woman to nurse, cheer and comfort him during the time he was compelled to spend in the hospitals so far from his home and country? The French had a saying that woman's tongue was her sword, which she never allowed to rust. For her part she could not see why she should. Those present evidently thought the same, by the very hearty applause they gave her at the close of her eloquent response.

The W.M. then submitted the toast of the visitors. E. H. Tripp, Esq., J.P., responded.

Each lady was then presented with a very handsome bottle of perfume, after which all adjourned to the Throne Room, where dancing, intermixed with songs, &c., was kept up till 12 o'clock, Bros. Edward Small and Ernest N. Gideon acting as M.C.s. The band was under the direction of Bro. Harry Pennay, and the accompanist was Bro. Willie Wright P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.Org. Middlesex.

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COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS LODGE, No. 2795.

THE regular meeting was held at the Hotel Cecil, on Saturday, 17th inst., when there were present: Bros. R. A. Tidmas W.M., Lt.-Col. R. J. Vincent P.Z. acting I.P.M., H. O. Budd S.W., Thomas Elliott J.W., John Irwin Sec., B. Kench S.D., C. W. Bailey J.D., C. H. Simmons I.G., John M. Maynard D.C., Robinson, Albin, Peckover.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed.

After the usual questions Bros. Coysh, Gibbings, Hanson, Maynard, Coopman, and Enderby were passed.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Mr. Robert Bowman and Mr. Frederick Charles Walker were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

The two ceremonies were rendered in a masterly manner by Bro. R. A. Tidmas. Praise must also be given to all the Officers, who were perfect in their respective duties, thereby ensuring a due effect to the beautiful ritual and a lasting impression upon the candidates.

Two candidates for initiation were nominated for acceptance at the next meeting.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren repaired to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was provided and the customary toast list afterwards gone through.

The musical portion of the programme was well supported by Bros. Coysh, Cole, Elliott, Gibbons, and Robinson.

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INSTRUCTION.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THERE was a very large attendance at the usual weekly meeting at the Bunch of Grapes on Wednesday evening. Bro. Metcalf-Baillie occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Latham S.W., Simeons J.W., Spice I.P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Sec., W. Haughton S.D., Hattersley J.D., Done I.G., and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Clark being the candidate; Bro. Green, a candidate for passing, was instructed in the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Baillie vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Davey. Bro. Johns, a candidate for raising, answered the questions leading on, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a grand and emphatic manner, in ancient and solemn form, Bro. Johns being candidate. The Lodge gave hearty congratulations to the W.M. for his eloquent and able display of Masonic ritual.

Lodge was then closed down, a contribution was voted to a distressed applicant, Bros. Kemp and Osborn were elected members; after which the Brethren and visitors adjourned to a prettily spread table, where they appreciated the efforts of Bro. Goovearts's chef with the grill.

Next week is Preceptor's night, when Bro. Latham will take the chair, and it is probable the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

AT the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, 15th inst., Bros. H. R. Worth W.M., C. Humble S.W., F. M. Ridley J.W., R. H. Williams P.M., &c. Preceptor, F. J. Larkman P.M. Treas., A. H. Bridgin Sec., W. Longdon S.D., C. Dowling J.D., A. J. Robinson I.G., H. J. Cousens P.M., J. Wynman, Justin Allen W.M. 780. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams Preceptor acting as the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Williams, who rehearsed the second ceremony, with Bro. Cousens acting as candidate.

Bro. Humble was elected to preside at the next meeting.

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RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 9th inst., this well attended Lodge of Instruction met at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W. Bro. John Worth W.M. of the Mother Lodge was in the chair, K. M. Ross S.W., Barton Jones P.M. J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D.Middx. Acting Prec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. Stokes S.D., E. H. Wilkins J.D., W. Atkinson I.G., R. Reid P.M., Humphrey-Bright P.M., J. C. Flatterly P.M., G. T. Meek, J. H. King, T. W. Potts, T. L. Hellyar, E. H. Hayes, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Meek acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. King was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was gone through.

ON Friday, 16th, Bros. H. A. Barnett W.M., K. M. Ross S.W., Barton Jones P.M. J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., E. H. Wilkins S.D., E. H. Hayes J.D., J. L. Hellyar I.G., John H. Cumming P.M., R. Reid P.M., H. J. Cousens W.M. Old Concord, John Worth W.M. Ranelagh, H. Webster, H. W. Payne, C. F. Payne, F. W. Smithurst, and others.

Bro. Reid kindly took the candidate's place in the initiation ceremony, after which the second section was worked by the Brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor.

Bros. H. Webster, of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, and H. W. Payne, of the Playgoers Lodge, No. 2705 were elected members, and Bro. Worth was congratulated on his appointment as Preceptor to the Earls Court Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Barnett received a vote of thanks on his occupying the W.M.'s chair for the first time in any Lodge of Instruction.

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DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

ON Monday, 12th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington Square, Bros. P. H. Howard W.M., J. Worth W.M. 834 S.W., Webster J.W., A. Williams P.M. Preceptor, J. Cox P.M. Sec., Von Donat S.D., Dyak J.D., Spring I.G., Johnson Steward; Past Masters F. Craggs, J. W. Facey, S. W. Keene, W. Flack, S. Isaacs I.P.M. 141, Cousens; Bros. Kench, H. G. Cox, J. Cox, Harris, Davis, Sellick, Dormon, Lilly, Willby, Sergeant, Leete, Jones, Judd, and several others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Sellick candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Keene answered the questions leading to the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. Judd was elected a member, and Bro. J. Worth 834 W.M. for the next meeting.

After many propositions of thanks to Brethren, for presents of furniture, &c., to the Lodge of Instruction, and hearty good wishes, the Lodge was adjourned.

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ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 1201.

A MEETING was held on Sunday, 18th inst., at the Frascati, Oxford Street, W., when there were present: Bros. Barclay W.M., Pringle S.W., Williams J.W., May S.D., Evans J.D., Adamson I.G., E. C. Mulvey P.M. Preceptor, Mason Sec., Wall P.M. Deputy Prec., and a large number of other Brethren.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the W.M. performing his duties in a very effective manner. Bro. Willis was candidate. Bro. Hudson was then examined and entrusted, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, in an equally satisfactory manner.

Bro. Muzzle, of the Prince Frederick William Lodge, was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Pringle W.M. for the next meeting.

It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that a letter of condolence and a wreath be sent to Bro. R. J. Harnell Treasurer of the Lodge, on the death of his son, who was also a member of the Lodge.

Bro. E. C. Mulvey Preceptor said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the W.M. for fulfilling the duties of the chair for the first time in that Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously. The W.M., in reply, said that being only a young Mason he had to thank the Preceptor of the Lodge for the painstaking instruction he had received.

The Eclectic Lodge of Instruction meets at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., every Sunday evening, at seven o'clock. The Preceptor is Bro. E. C. Mulvey P.M. Past Grand Pursuivant of England, whose fame as an instructor of Masonic Ritual is so well known, and it is remarkable the number of competent Masters who have been turned out under his tuition. It is one of the few Lodges of Instruction held on Sundays, and Brethren who have but little time during the week will find this a great boon should they require Masonic instruction.

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NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Lake's, the Kemble's Head, Long Acre, Bros. G. Faaz W.M., J. Swash S.W., L. Lake J.W., W. Menninger P.M. acting Prec., S. Jacobs S.D., T. Davis J.D., J. Sutcliffe I.G.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sutcliffe acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. changed places with the S.W., who rehearsed the second ceremony, with Bro. Davis as the candidate.

Bro. Swash was elected W.M. for Tuesday next.

This being the first time we had had the pleasure of seeing Bro. G. Faaz Secretary of the Lodge acting as W.M., we take the opportunity of complimenting him on the perfect manner in which he rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and for the able manner in which he discharged other Masonic duties.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, at 3 p.m., at Bro. Rudderforth's, 24 Pantons Street, Haymarket, S.W., Bros. F. F. Strutt W.M., W. Hann S.W., S. E. Firminger J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, C. E. Wetton P.M. Assistant Prec., J. W. Simeons W.M. Secretary, T. Burgess S.D., P. Page J.D., Spice P.M. 193, F. Walker P.M. 1627, W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Davey P.M. 193, J. H. Warwick P.M. 765, R. Cawley P.M. 172, W. West, G. Yeowell, J. W. Ollington, A. Menn, G. T. Baker, J. Morant, and others.

Bro. Warwick, acting as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. W. West answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history and tracing boards.

The Lodge was honoured by the presence of Brother James Stephens P.D.G.D.C., who stayed during the ceremonies, and complimented the W.M. on his able working.

Next Monday being Preceptor's day the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 10th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. C. Howard W.M., J. Ornstein S.W., R. Reid J.W., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Josey P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, J. H. Cumming P.M. S.D., W. T. Ridgway J.D., T. G. Meek I.G., H. J. Cousens P.M., G. Kirkham P.M., E. Hayes, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cousens candidate. Bro. Hayes having answered the usual questions was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was gone through.

It was decided to replace some of the furniture of the Lodge that was much the worse for wear, and the worthy Preceptor promptly promised that he would see to the same being done without delay.

We are glad to note how well this Lodge of Instruction is attended; the number of Past Masters who rarely miss a meeting should be an incentive to young aspirants in the Craft to attend regularly.

ON Saturday, 17th, Bros. J. Ornstein W.M., R. Reid P.M. S.W., J. H. Cumming P.M. J.W., R. Josey P.M. Sec., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, G. T. Meek S.D., E. Hayes J.D., E. Woolfers I.G., H. J. Cousens, W. Handover, L. Powell, K. M. Ross, E. H. Wilkins, J. Lucas, Hayward Harrington, W. Jeffries, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harrington candidate. Bros. Powell and Handover having been examined in the second degree were entrusted and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. Reid was elected as W.M. for next meeting, and Bro. Ornstein was voted the thanks of the Lodge for presiding at its meeting for the first time.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE, No. 2090.

ON Wednesday, 7th inst., at 263 Hammersmith Road, Bros. E. W. Scolding W.M., F. Cave S.W., J. Bratt J.W., W. Hillier P.M. Preceptor, H. Warren Treas., T. G. Hodgson Sec., W. G. Cave S.D., J. Barnett J.D., W. H. Cave I.G., Arthur Williams P.M., Beale, Pomeroy, Symons, G. T. Meek, Gale, Hayes, Payne, Johnston, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beale candidate. Bro. Arthur Williams worked the second section of the Lecture. Bro. F. Cave was elected to act as W.M. at the next meeting.

ON Wednesday, 14th, Bros. F. Cave W.M., J. Barnett S.W., H. Warren J.W., W. Hillier P.M. Preceptor, E. W. Scolding acting Sec., T. Beale S.D., W. H. Cave J.D., Woods I.G., Barton-Jones P.M., John H. Cumming P.M., G. W. Turner, Johnston, Hunt, W. Atkinson, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Meek as the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge in a splendid manner and was heartily congratulated by the Brethren, after which Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Atkinson proved his efficiency, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

The Secretary read a letter from the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, accepting an invitation to visit the Hammersmith Lodge of Instruction on the 28th inst., when the Visitors will occupy the Officers' positions and a very numerous assemblage of Brethren residing in the district is expected.

ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

(LATE TERRIERS.)

ON Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock, at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, Bros. W. Newton W.M., B. Cohen S.W., P. Page J.W., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., W. J. Newstead Secretary acting S.D., J. Wynman J.D., Percy Gayer I.G., E. Sinclair P.M., W. Dillon, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. J. Dillon candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. B. Cohen, who went through the second ceremony. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Newton again assumed command.

Bros. Percy Gayer 1679 and W. J. Dillon P.M. 1567 were elected members, while Bro. E. Sinclair, late Secretary of the Lodge, was chosen to preside on Wednesday next.

WARNER LODGE, No. 2256.

AT the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Friday, 9th inst., Bros. W. Fortescue W.M. 2374 W.M., J. P. Watts S.W., T. J. Parkins J.W., S. C. Rhodes Preceptor, C. T. Papworth Sec., J. Ives P.M. S.D., J. Mason J.D., J. Inkpen I.G., W. Hales W.M.-elect 1446.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the W.M. then kindly gave way to Bro. Hales, who occupied the chair, opened the Lodge in the second degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Fortescue acting as candidate. The investiture of Officers was then rehearsed.

Bro. Mason was elected a member, and Bro. Watts W.M. for the next meeting.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

AT the Earl Derby, High Road, Kilburn, on Monday, 12th inst., Bros. A. F. Hardyment Preceptor W.M., H. de L. Wood S.W., H. Dunaway

J.W., R. J. Campbell P.M. P.Z. Treasurer Asst. Preceptor, H. Willsmer Sec., Cutts S.D., M. Spiegel P.M. J.D., F. O. Oldrey I.G., Line, Emery, Horstead, Aylett, &c.

The Lodge was opened and called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Horstead acting as candidate. The W.M. delivered the ancient charge in a very impressive manner. Bro. J. Aylett was examined and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Hardyment delivered the three addresses in the ceremony of Installation, Bro. R. J. Campbell occupying the chair. Bro. Hardyment resumed the chair and the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and closed down.

Bro. Horstead was elected a member, and Bro. H. de L. Woods W.M. for the next meeting.

EARLS COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

KNOWING the high reputation of the members of the Mother Lodge, we looked forward with considerable gratification to a visit to this new Instruction Lodge, which held its second meeting on Wednesday, at Bro. Joel Davis's, the Greyhound, Kensington Square. We were agreeably impressed with the comfortable accommodation provided for Masonic meetings, and the excellent gathering on that occasion.

Bro. T. C. Dyer S.W. of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, presided as W.M., with Bros. P. Howard S.W., H. Webster J.W., J. Worth P.M. Prec., J. Cox P.P.J.G.W. Dep.Prec., J. W. Facey P.M. Treas., Albert J. Taylor Sec., J. H. King S.D., J. Harris J.D., H. G. Cox I.G., Joel Davis Steward, E. Johnson, W. James, T. Leete, R. Dixon, R. P. Young, H. J. Cousens, F. W. Smethurst, J. Kench, R. Fleming, J. Wynman, and several others.

The Lodge was opened to the third degree and resumed to the first. Bro. Johnson was examined as a candidate for passing, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Fleming was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising gone through.

Bros. H. J. Cousens I.P.M. 172, F. W. Smethurst 834, R. P. Young 2765, and John Kench 865 were elected members, while the compliment of honorary membership was conferred on Bro. J. Wynman.

A letter was read by the Secretary from Grand Lodge, indicating that the Earls Court Lodge of Instruction was duly entered on the Register. (Are we rightly informed here? We should like to know that a Register of Lodges of Instruction is really kept, and if so how it is that a Lodge remains on the list in Grand Lodge Calendar six or eight years after its recorded house of meeting has ceased to exist. The Belgrave, No. 742, as a case in point.—Ed. F.C.)

It was proposed that a Benevolent Association should be formed in connection with the Lodge, and the proposal was unanimously agreed to, whereupon the following Officers were elected to act as the Committee. Bros. J. Worth P.M. Preceptor, J. Cox P.M. Dep. Prec., J. W. Facey P.M. Treas., Albert J. Taylor Sec. The Treasurer fully explained the working of the Fund, whereby a weekly subscription entitled the members to the right to participate in ballots for Life Subscriptions of the three Institutions, and as a result several of the Brethren gave in their names as members.

Bro. J. Worth Preceptor informed the Brethren he would attend the Festival of the Benevolent Institution next Tuesday, and was glad to say he had a nice little sum to hand over, an announcement that was most heartily applauded.

The W.M. announced that the annual supper of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 865, would take place shortly, and asked the members of the Earls Court Lodge of Instruction to co-operate, so as to make the gathering a successful one.

It was proposed by Bro. Facey that the sum of £2 should be voted to Bro. J. Cox, for the ornamental covers to pedestals which he had provided. It was necessary that some Brother should interest himself in the work, and that Bro. Cox had done. With the assistance of his wife and daughter he had produced the splendid effect they saw that evening. The members must appreciate the large amount of valuable time and skill that had been expended on them, and they would feel that the sum very inadequately represented the amount of care and skill Bro. Cox had devoted to their production. This was seconded by Bro. Worth and carried unanimously, and a hearty vote of thanks extended to Bro. Cox for his great kindness in the preparation of these "truly Masonic ornaments."

Bro. P. Howard was elected W.M. for Wednesday next.

Brethren of the district seeking Masonic knowledge can hardly do better than pay this Lodge a visit. The Preceptor Bro. Worth is capable, and we are convinced he will do everything in his power to impart a knowledge of the ritual to any Brother who places himself under his instruction. The Lodge meets every Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

KENTISH CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.

THE usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, at the Assembly, Kentish Town Road, when there were present: Bros. A. Cocks W.M., S. J. Suter S.W., E. Gatfield J.W., E. A. Wass S.D., W. F. Coney J.D., W. Scott I.G., Viney Tyler, C. F. Quicke P.M. Preceptor, H. Pickett P.M. Dep. Prec., J. Dawson Sec., J. Strong, J. Baron, Geo. Procter, R. Dingle, Lake, and others, including Bros. T. Mills and W. Busby, both happily in good health again.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Procter candidate. Bro. Busby answered the questions, was entrusted, and the Lodge being opened in the second degree the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony.

Bro. Suter was elected W.M. for Monday next.

The eighth Annual Festival of this Club will be held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, 2nd March, at 7.30 p.m., when the chair will be occupied by Bro. C. F. Quicke G.Supt. of Works Kent. There will be an excellent musical programme for the delectation of the Brethren and their non-Masonic friends. Tickets, 7s 6d each, may be had from Bro. W. F. Coney, 309 Camden Road, N.W.

PROVINCIAL.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 8th inst., Bro. A. G. Bryce W.M.

Following the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Brownridge, Provision Merchant, Moss Side, Manchester, and he was initiated into Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. This was succeeded by the raising of Bro. Wm. Fredk. Smith to the sublime degree, this ceremony also being performed by the W.M.

The election of Officers took place, and the principal position was unanimously assigned to Bro. Simon Mamelok P.M. P.P.J.G.D.

Lodge business over, the Brethren adjourned to the festive board, a pleasant evening being spent. The visitors were Bros. John Wakefield P.M. 287 P.P.G.S., Bridge Hopkinson P.M. 993, and Ernest Hampson P.M. 1166.

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CHAPTER OF RECTITUDE, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 1st inst., Companion T. C. Lilley M.E.Z. There was a good attendance, Comp. Lilley receiving the support of Comps. Jno. C. Wilson P.Z. P.G.D.R., Hy. B. Brown P.Z. P.P.G.A.D.C., and W. J. Melling P.Z. P.P.G.S.B.

There were three exaltations by the M.E.Z., the candidates being Bros. Deakin and Leatherbarrow of the Ardwick Lodge, No. 2185, and Baggaley of the De Tatton Lodge, No. 2144.

Refreshments after business as announced on the summons were partaken of, being succeeded by a pleasant evening of song, under the genial direction of Comp. Lilley.

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WESTBOURNE CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, 13th inst., at the Grayhound Hotel, Kensington Square, W., Comps. J. Worth M.E.Z., A. Williams H., W. Beattie J., C. G. Hatt Treas., J. Cox acting Scribe E., F. Thomas Scribe N., S. C. M. Austin P.S., W. Lewis First A.S., J. W. Facey Second A.S., T. Cox Steward, F. Leete Janitor.

The M.E.Z. rehearsed the ceremony of exaltation, Comp. T. Cox candidate.

Garrick.—“Bootles Baby,” which was produced at this Theatre on Tuesday evening last, was seriously handicapped by the sudden and serious illness of Mr. C. W. Garthorne, who had been engaged to play the part of Captain Lucy. This circumstance necessitated a very serious re-arrangement of the cast, and although much credit is due to Mr. Percy Nash and Mr. Arthur Edmunds, who took up parts at so short a notice, the play naturally suffered in consequence. These difficulties having been overcome the play now runs quite smoothly, and the bright side of a soldier's life, which is depicted throughout, and the military element and uniforms, make an evening's entertainment which seems to be appreciated by each night's audience. The play now commences at 8.15 p.m., and there will be a matinee of same on Thursday next, 1st prox., at 2 o'clock. The special matinee of the successful pantomime “Puss in Boots,” on Wednesdays and Saturdays, will be continued until further notice.

MASONIC PRECEDENCE.

THE letter addressed by Sir Albert Woods to the President of the Board of General Purposes is in the following terms:

“TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

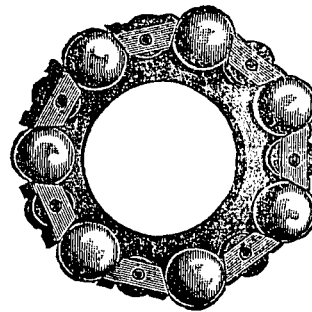
“V.W. SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly bring before the Board with the view of the matter being authoritatively dealt with, a growing practice of some English Brethren who have been accorded honorary rank in Foreign or other Grand Lodges, wearing the clothing of such Foreign or other Grand Lodges while attending the meetings of English Lodges. This irregular practice leads to confusion and irritation by reason of precedence being given to the offending Brethren which they are not entitled to; and this constitutes a distinct invasion of the prerogative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. By Rule 282 of the Book of Constitutions, ‘no Brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge without his proper clothing,’ and the subsequent rules prescribe what that proper clothing is. If His Royal Highness the Grand Master desires to give Masonic precedence to any Brother, the rank in Grand Lodge of England is accorded, and no Foreign or other Grand Lodge can, by appointments made by it, disturb the order of our Grand Master's appointments within this jurisdiction. In other words, Foreign or Colonial appointments conferred on English Masons give no rank in England, and while the clothing may be appropriate for those who are members of the conferring Body even while visiting here, it is not the ‘proper clothing’ prescribed by the Constitutions for English Masons.

“I have already given instructions to prevent the admission into Grand Lodge of English members who infringe Rule 282, and if the Masters of Private Lodges were reminded of the Law upon the subject, they would doubtless take care that its provisions are respected. If the Board were to authorise the issue of a notice to the Lodges, no doubt the duties of Directors of Ceremonies would be lightened, and the appointments of our Most Worshipful Grand Master preserved in their integrity.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

ALBERT W. WOODS, G.D.C.

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