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PENALTY OF FAILURE.

IT is no new idea to reward the successful and punish those who are unfortunate, but we do not know that the venerable age of the principle, or the frequency of its application—either or both—entitle it to respect at our hands, or warrant its more general adoption in the ordinary affairs of life. We may even go to the Bible for an amplification of our text, for we therein read that “whosoever hath, to him shall be given . . . but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.” This seems to be the spirit that has actuated our worthy Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.A.G.D.C., and led him to give a notice of motion in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to the effect “That the name of any Brother or Widow of a Brother who has not been elected after four applications shall be struck off the list of Candidates, and cannot again be replaced.”

Now, we know Brother Cumberland as a kind hearted, genial Mason; one who would do anything to lessen the sorrow, or alleviate the sufferings of the distressed; a man who not only professes the Brotherhood of Freemasonry, but practices it; and yet we find him fathering such a harsh proposal as that of which he has given notice for the next annual meeting of our Aged Folk's Institution. The action is so foreign to the nature of Bro. Cumberland that we can only imagine he has for the moment sacrificed his finer feelings, to a desire to attempt something in the way of reforming a recognised blot upon our system—the evil that permits old folks, Brethren or their Widows, recognised as worthy of receiving the benefits of the Institution, to apply year after year for the annuity which it is not in their power, or in the power of their friends, to secure. We recognise it must be very galling to the Brother who likes to speak of the great Charitable Institution which the Craft provides for its old people, to be told that this or that worthy old Brother, or a deserving old widow, has been working for six, eight, ten, fourteen, fifteen, or sixteen years, buoyed up with the promises and boasts of some members of the Masonic Brotherhood, only to find election after election pass without the much desired and deserved aid being secured; but recognising that such things must be, it were far better to boldly face them, than attempt to stifle our feelings by so rigid an application of the closure as here suggested.

We can quite believe the proposition is put forward with good intentions, but we shall be very sorry if it meets with even the semblance of support, and we further question whether such a rule could be legally enforced, if it were once approved. Brethren and others acquire votes in return for certain cash payments, and to forfeit them in the wholesale manner it is proposed would, it seems to us, not only be extremely harsh, but little short of a confiscation of property to which might be applied a very unpleasant term. The proposal should be immediately vetoed.

THE GIRLS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

IT is very gratifying to be in the position to announce that the prospects in connection with the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are of a most promising character, and this in spite of the many calls of a patriotic and other outside nature that have recently been made upon Lodges and individual Brethren. The Board of Stewards is happily large, and will no doubt number at least 700, the Chairman's own Province of Staffordshire supplying about 200 of this assemblage, the enthusiasm in that important county in support of its Masonic chief being one of the most pleasing features of the preparations thus far for the Festival.

But this large number of Stewards from one Province is at once a weakness, as well as a sign of strength, and the same may be said, without any disparagement of the workers, in connection with the entire Board for this year's celebration, as a considerable number of the Stewards are simply making a personal donation and paying the fee, and then using their efforts to swell representative lists, rather than work on behalf of individual ones. It may be argued that such a system of procedure makes little or no difference in the end, and of course, given a normal condition of affairs, the average should work out the same whichever course is adopted, but experience shows us that large numbers of Stewards from one Province or section of the country have a tendency to reduce the average contribution per Steward, although naturally we can well afford a reduced average if it is compensated for by a sufficiently increased number of workers.

It is always difficult to prophesy as to the Masonic Festivals, but we think it perfectly safe to predict that there is no cause for anxiety so far as the Girls Anniversary for the present year is concerned. As we have said, the prospects are excellent, and, the needs being great, we can most cordially wish that the best anticipations may be fully realised at the celebration which takes place on Wednesday, the 16th inst., under the presidency of the Earl of Dartmouth.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons will be held on Friday next, for the general business of the Institution, and for the election of Annuitants. The only notice of motion to be considered is that by Bro. Cumberland, already referred to. There are eighteen vacancies on the Male Fund, with forty-six candidates; and twenty-three on the Widows Fund, with fifty-nine candidates. As usual the number to be elected will be increased, to fill any vacancies caused by death since the voting papers were prepared.

EAST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

THE annual report of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which has just been published, shows that the donations and subscriptions received during 1899 amounted to £930. In the previous year they amounted to £1,080. The Committee believe that contributions to the various funds for the relief of the sufferers by the war materially affected the support to their Institution.

The payments for relief, education, and annuities during last year amounted to £1,011 2s as against £846 19s 6d in the previous year; 26 children benefited by education grants during the year, and 13 annuitants through the Annuity Fund.

The Institution mourns the loss by death of its late President Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Prov. G. Master, who was its founder and the most liberal contributor to its funds.

It has been decided to hold another Festival in aid of the Institution, and out of the proceeds to apply a sum of 1,550 guineas in the purchase of a perpetual presentation on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, in memory of Colonel Starkie. The members of the Association have, however, resolved: "That in view of the many calls on the generosity of the Lodges and Brethren on behalf of the sufferers by the war in South Africa, and also in consequence of the absence, on military duty at the seat of war, of the President, the Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the intended Festival be postponed until 1901."

DAWLISH MASONIC HALL.

ON Saturday, in the Chancery Division, Mr. Justice Cozens Hardy heard a petition by the Dawlish Masonic Hall Co., Limited, asking that the name of the Company might be restored to the list of Joint Stock Companies. Counsel explained that the Company was struck off the register because default was made in sending in the annual returns in May 1897. Mr. Ingle Joyce said the Registrar had no objection to the Company being again put on the list if the applicants undertook to comply with the sections of the Act. Counsel undertook to do so, and, in answer to his lordship, stated that the Company had not only been carrying on business, but had distributed dividends. His Lordship said the Registrar would give the Company time to comply with the Act, and he would make an order restoring the Company to the list on the usual terms.

While the number of Freemasons in the Province of Gloucestershire is increasing but slowly, though steadily, the charitable work of the body shows remarkable progress; a fact of which the little annual just issued by the Charity Secretary of the Province Bro. R. P. Sumner supplies continued evidence. The "Calendar and Directory" of the Province for the year 1900 gives information as to the Lodges which is of concern only to the Brethren themselves, but the record of their generous support of the great Masonic Charities is one in which the uninitiated may also take an interest. Thus we find that whilst the number of Masons subscribing to the seventeen Lodges in the Province is now just over 800, it was only about 200 less when the record of the Calendar commences, some twenty-two years ago. Yet in the same time, the "charity votes" held in the Province have increased from under 1,000 to over 6,000. In no single year of the twenty-two has the number of votes shown a decrease upon that of its predecessor. The year of greatest increase was in 1898-9, when the Centenary of the Boys School stimulated English Masons to a supreme effort on behalf of that Institution, and when the Prince of Wales was able to announce a subscription list of nearly £140,000. In that year the "charity votes" in the Province were increased by upwards of a thousand. Even during the year last past there has, however, been a substantial increase of about 250 votes, and Gloucestershire still maintains the position it has long asserted, among the foremost of the Provinces in the strength of its voting power.—"Cheltenham Examiner."

Bro. A. J. Barclay having resigned the office of Secretary of the Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090, was specially honoured at a large assembly of members, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Thomas G. Hodgson as W.M. A

handsomely chased silver tea kettle was presented to Bro. Barclay. It bore the inscription, "Presented by members of the Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090, to Bro. A. J. Barclay P.M., in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary from the foundation of the Lodge in 1885, and in token of their sincere affection and esteem. April 1900." Bro. Barclay, in acknowledging the gift, said it was with a considerable amount of regret that he gave up the duties, but as his time was so largely occupied elsewhere, he thought he was rendering better service to the Lodge by making way for someone else.

The regular meeting of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, will be held on Thursday next, 10th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, at five o'clock. There is the usual full agenda of work to be performed which we are accustomed to in connection with this Lodge. A candidate, already balloted for, is to be initiated, two candidates passed, and four others raised. Supper will be served at half-past seven. We wish Bro. H. J. Rowberry W.M. and his fellow members a pleasant and enjoyable gathering.

We are pleased to hear our Bro. Dr. C. F. Forshaw, of Bradford, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature; and we also take the opportunity of announcing that our worthy Brother will shortly publish "Masonic Musings," a volume of verse illustrative of the principles of Freemasonry. The work will be handsomely bound in cloth, will contain upwards of two hundred poems entirely on Masonry, and will be issued to subscribers at 2s 6d a copy. Orders should be addressed to Dr. Forshaw, Hanover Square, Bradford.

A correspondent of the "Lancet" points out there are two "medical" candidates on the lists for the coming election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, No. 30 among the men—Bro. Charles Wyatt Smith, and No. 7 among the widows—Mrs. Dickinson. He rightly considers that in Masonry certainly not less than in other fields medical men should lend their Brethren a willing hand.

At the meeting of the Kendal Franks Lodge (I.C.), at Jeppestown Masonic Temple, Dr. J. Taylor-Brown was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, says the "Lancet," the installation to take place as soon as possible after the termination of the war. Dr. Kendal Franks I.P.M. was elected Director of Ceremonies.

The special Railway tickets provided by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for the visit to the new Schools at Bushey on the occasion of the laying of the Foundation Stone there, on the 12th inst., will be available from Broad Street and intermediate stations, as well as from Euston.

The dress circle of the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, was on a recent occasion mainly occupied by members of the Craft, who adopted this method of expressing their appreciation of a Brother associated with the establishment.

At a recent meeting of the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, a sum of five guineas was voted towards the Welsh Military Hospital, and eight guineas to the Prince of Wales Masonic Relief Fund.

Sonnets of the Greek Mythology, No. 14.

TO ETA.

HADST thou, sweet maiden, lived in ancient days
Methinks each daughter of Mnemosyne
Would envy thee thy brightly-laurelled bays,
Which crown thee queen of truth and purity.
High Jove has planted in thy pregnant brain
The seeds he sows with such a careful hand;
The shoots have risen, and the flowerets grand
Wave here and there—making the barren plain
Into a lovely Eden—for his rain
Has nurtured them, and soon o'er all the land
The blossoms he so beautifully planned
Will shed their odours, which will long remain.
Sing on, blest Eta, there shall come a day
When all the world is better for thy sway.

Bradford.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, M.A.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is a list of the Brethren on whom the Most Worshipful Grand Master conferred the honour of Past Grand rank, at the recent Festival of Grand Lodge, to mark the completion of the Prince of Wales's twenty-five years Grand Mastership:

Bro. Major-General Sir K. M. L. Rundle, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O.	} Wardens
Major-General Sir F. R. Wingate, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O.	
Rev. Canon Garry, M.A.	} Chaplain
W. R. M. McConnell, Q.C.	
Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London	} Deputy Registrar
Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A.	
Rev. H. A. Hebb, M.A.	} Deacons
Major G. C. Davie	
T. Y. Strachan	
Charles Belton	
F. Mead	} Superintendent of Works
H. T. Gordon	
J. H. Davidson	} Deputy Dirs. of Cers.
F. G. Ivey	
Abraham Woodiwiss	} Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
Pierrepont Harris	
Walter Wellsman	
A. Knight Prescott, R.A.M.C.	
T. H. Nesbitt	} Sword Bearers
Major H. Wright	
S. I. Notley	} Deputy Sword Bearer
A. W. Duret	
Henry Carman	} Standard Bearers.
W. B. Fendick	
R. J. Voisey	

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THERE was a large gathering at the East Perth Hotel, on 13th March last, to celebrate the Consecration and Constitution of the Swan Lodge, the first formed under the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and also to instal Bro. S. W. Roberts as its W.M. The ceremony of Constitution was performed by the M.W. the Pro Grand Master Bro. J. W. Hackett, M.L.C., assisted by the Grand Chaplain Bishop Riley. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. M. Samson Deputy Grand Master, assisted by the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Jolly G.D.C., and the Grand Secretary Bro. Stevenson.

A LARGE gathering of about one hundred and fifty members of the Craft were, by invitation of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, present on 19th March in the banqueting hall of the Masonic Temple, Hay Street, Perth, to bid farewell to the M.W. Grand Master Bro. His Excellency Sir Gerard Smith, on the eve of his departure for England. In addition to Brethren from the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, there were numbers of representatives of the Sister Constitutions, all being gathered together to do honour to the distinguished Brother. The chair was taken by the M.W. Pro Grand Master Bro. J. W. Hackett, who had the support of the Grand Master Sir Gerard Smith, Bro. the Lord Bishop of Perth G. Chap., and other Officers.

The toast of the Queen and the Craft having been duly honoured,

The M.W. Pro Grand Master read a letter received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, dated 29th January 1900, stating that no opposition would come from the Grand Lodge to the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge in Western Australia, provided that it was proceeded with in a legal manner.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master said they all knew why they were gathered there that day. They had first of all to take leave of the M.W. Grand Master on his departure for England, next to express their deep Masonic esteem and regard for His Excellency, and, thirdly, to ask his acceptance of a jewel presented by the Grand Lodge of the colony. He was sure he spoke within the knowledge of all who had had anything to do with their M.W. Brother when he said that wherever Masonry was concerned His Excellency had but one object in view—to sink self and to work for the good of the Craft. He himself had been brought specially into connection with His Excellency in regard to Masonry, and he could testify to the strong Masonic feeling which had always possessed him, and his full sense of the obligations cast upon him by his connection with their Order. It was a fortunate circumstance that while the foundation of their Masonic structure was laid by Bro. His Excellency Governor Hutt, and was extended and developed by Bro. John Arthur Wright—to whom they owed a deep debt of gratitude—it had been carried on to its completion under His Excellency's

auspices, and if they were to search the colony over he believed they could find no more fitting, no more worthy Mason, as the first President of their Grand Lodge, than their M.W. Bro. Sir Gerard Smith. Whether the duty he was called to discharge was a highly dignified one, or humblest, the most arduous, the most elementary, such as the working of a Lodge, their M.W. Brother was always ready to offer his services, to give them cheerfully, and to carry them out most effectively. He had been asked to present to their M.W. Brother a jewel on behalf of the Grand Lodge. It was not completed yet, but he would see from the case what it contained, and what it was intended to be, but he begged to assure him that he carried away with him a far rarer, a far more precious jewel than this, and that was the grateful appreciation of all he had done for Masonry in Western Australia, and the knowledge that their good wishes for his future welfare and happiness lay deep within all their hearts. He trusted his Excellency would receive the little memento commemorating his connection with them and his services to Masonry in Western Australia.

Bro. C. T. Mason, President of the Freemasons' Club, said the members of the Club were unable to allow His Excellency to leave the colony without first of all tendering to him a slight memento which would in years to come remind him of the valuable work he had done with regard to Masonry in the colony. It took the form of a large mounted photograph of the building they were in at the present time; and, for the convenience of transit, they had decided to present it to him in that form, having, by the kindness of Bro. Ord, an intimation that he would, when he arrived in England, have it properly framed, showing the proper Masonic emblems duly engraved thereon. He might mention that when the building was erected, some years ago, the design was perfect and the work was perfect, reflecting credit both upon the architect and builder. His Excellency himself laid the chief corner stone; and he was glad such was the case. Downstairs, in the members' room, they had portraits of two eminent and illustrious Masons—the M.W. Grand Master Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and M.W. Bro. Earl Amherst—and if, after his Excellency's arrival in the old country, he thought to have his photograph taken and to send it to the Club, he could assure him it would be well hung in juxtaposition to the others. Their annual meeting took place in June, and he was simply voicing the feeling of every member of the Club when he expressed the hope that His Excellency would consent to be re-elected the first patron of the Club. He assured His Excellency he would take away with him the most fraternal and best wishes of the members.

The toast of the M.W. Grand Master's health was then drunk, with honours.

The M.W. Grand Master, who, on rising to respond, was greeted with hearty applause, said he thanked them with great emotion for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and honoured. He could assure them that on leaving Western Australia he felt he could look back with infinite satisfaction to his Masonic career there, for several reasons. In the first place, he had seen a very large and genuine growth in Masonic feeling throughout the Craft, a feeling which had resulted in the multiplication of Lodges, a feeling which had attracted to those Lodges the best and worthiest in the community who had desired to share with them the privileges and responsibilities of a Master Mason. He was sure this growth had been not only for the good of the Craft, but for the good of the community at large, because the principles which underlay their Craft were those which must commend themselves to all subjects of Her Majesty, and would have a distinct tendency to improve the condition of those around them. As they very well knew, the words of their ritual said that a Mason was one to whom the world might point as one whose heart was expanded by benevolence, and whose hand was guided by justice. He said just now that he looked back—and he did so with pride—upon the efforts he had been able to make in a Masonic direction, but he had hitherto touched only on one point. The next point he was really proud of was that in consequence of the growth of Lodges and the increase of members, their body had found itself in that position that it was next to impossible to carry on Masonic work with efficiency unless they established a Sovereign Grand Lodge. The work of the old District Grand Lodge had grown really beyond what was consistent with the efficiency of Freemasonry by reason that everything had to be referred home, and very great delay and inconvenience had been experienced by Brethren who desired to have their certificates, and by Lodges who wanted

their Warrants, and in addition to that their funds—they were glad it should have been so—were diverted from local Masonic objects, to which they might have been devoted, and went into the general fund of the Grand Lodge of England. That was a condition of affairs which was, by reason of their increase, becoming insupportable. It was fortunate, indeed, that at an opportune moment those facilities were placed in their hands which had resulted by constitutional procedure in the formation of a Grand Lodge of Western Australia. He was glad they recognised—for it was but the truth—that his position had been divested of all personal ambition and aim. Indeed, he had had the gravest doubts whether it was wise to accept the position of Grand Master offered to him, but he could not divest himself of the recollection that his cousin, Lord Carrington, had been Grand Master of New South Wales; that his esteemed friend, Lord Brassey, had been Grand Master of Victoria; and that the Grand Lodge of South Australia was honoured by the distinguished presidency of a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council. He thought, therefore, he should be churlish if he refused the honour. What also had weighed with him was that he knew the time was fast approaching when by effluxion of time his connection with the colony would cease, and it seemed to him, that during what he might term the interregnum, and to bridge over that space of time, it would be well to accept office for a while, so that the next one who should take office as Grand Master would be able to devote not perhaps more ability, but more time to the Masonic principles they loved, than one who held the position of a Vice-Regal representative. That time was approaching, and he trusted that meanwhile he might be allowed, with their consent, to retain office—indeed, there was no other course possible, Masonically—till the next election of Grand Master, next year, and when that time came perhaps they would place at the head of the Grand Lodge someone amongst them who had more leisure and better local knowledge, which would enable him to guide those great works of benevolence and charity which should be the first object of Masonry. On behalf of the Grand Lodge they had presented him with a Grand Master's jewel, which he would value as long as he lived. At no Masonic meeting would he be without it. It would be his pride to point to it in the Lodges he should attend in England, to show how Masons in Western Australia, animated by devotion to the Throne and to the Grand Master of England, when they had a duty cast upon them, carried it out in a manner worthy of all praise. He was glad to say his Masonic career in that colony had been marked by one or two incidents. He had initiated and made a Master Mason of his son and son-in-law. The jewel they had presented to him would remind him of his duty in life and to all Masons, and he trusted that the Star and the Rising Sun, which were its emblems, would shine upon him Masonically during the remainder of his life, and remind him of the light and leading he had enjoyed from the Masons of Western Australia. He was very pleased to think that the Irish Constitution were, apparently from the letter which had been read, ready to consider the question of joining the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. He thought there could be no doubt, and he was very pleased to see there representatives of the Scottish Constitution—who, notwithstanding the fact that they had been unable as yet to carry out what he believed to be the constitutional wishes of the majority, and were willing and anxious to associate themselves with the Grand Lodge of Western Australia—had done him the honour and compliment to be there that day. He had a further communication with the Pro Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution, and he took this opportunity of saying there had been no word said or written between himself and the Pro Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution which could possibly leave room for any difficulty to arise. After referring to certain steps which it had been suggested should be taken with a view to bringing about unity of the Scottish Masons, the Grand Master, continuing, said he did not think any difficulty should arise. He did think it was a misfortune that the constitutional facilities were not placed within the reach of the Scottish Constitution on a recent occasion. He hoped it would be the case, and his efforts would be devoted to that end. He thanked Bro. C. T. Mason, a distinguished Mason himself, and President of the Freemasons' Club, for his kindly welcome, on behalf of himself and the Club, to those premises. The establishment of a Freemasons' Club had done a great deal towards binding the Masons of the country. They had been kind enough to ask him to accept at their hands a photograph of the building, which he should greatly value, and always point with pride and pleasure to the fact that he laid the foundation of it, and that its members

were his good and trusty Brethren. In response to their further invitation, downstairs he had already broached the question whether it was not fitting he should present to the Club a portrait of himself in Masonic clothing. He had always had in mind that his duty first of all, if he might say so without any reflection upon the Club, was that a portrait of himself in full Masonic clothing should be presented to the Grand Lodge; and, secondly, that a duplicate should be presented to the Freemasons' Club. In another connection he had endeavoured to carry out a work of this sort in Government House, and though it was not completed, he had left it in good hands, and he trusted it would be carried to a good conclusion. He was pleased to think he went there, not as an ornamental Mason, but as one who had for 17 or 18 years been a working Mason. He thanked them once more, cordially and fraternally, for their most affectionate reception of him, and he took a Masonic farewell of them.

Other toasts followed, the proceedings terminating with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

The income and expenditure of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as shown in the quarterly statement by Brother David Reid Grand Treasurer, shows the registration of 2,292 new members for the quarter ending 4th April, and a total income from all sources to the general fund of £2,205 10s 2d, while the expenditure, including £333 10s to the Benevolent Fund, amounted to £1,243 3s 6d, showing a balance of £962 6s 8d.

The annual Masonic Charity Ball has been held in Beverley, under the auspices of the members of the Constitutional Lodge. There was not a numerous attendance.

A grand concert under the auspices of the Royal Lodge, No. 56 (I.C.) was given in Muckamore Schoolroom on the 30th ult., in aid of the Royal Victorian Hospital scheme. The Committee in charge of the arrangements deserve to be congratulated on the success that attended their efforts.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

16 Royal Alpha, Metropole
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
256 Union, Freemasons'-hall
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
1321 Emblematic, Criterion
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
1924 Wickham, Brockley
1996 Priory of Acton, Acton
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen-Amhurst, Stoke Newing.
2535 Fellowship, Frascati
53 Royal Sussex, Bath
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiten's
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
395 Guy, Leamington
431 St. George, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge
467 Tudor, Oldham
478 Churchill, Oxford
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundolph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Saltash

1077 Wilton, Blackley
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotehele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kington
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough
2753 St. John's Thanet, Margate

Tuesday.

167 St. John, Hampstead Heath
235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall
1668 Samson, Café Royal
1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern
1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell
2400 Brentford, Brentford
2546 Rahere, Frascati
2751 Arts, Freemason's Hall
80 St. John, Sunderland
93 Social, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton
241 Merchant, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
284 Shakespeare, Warwick
319 New Forest, Lymington
371 Perseverance, Maryport
473 Faithful, Birmingham

494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
 495 Wakefield, Wakefield
 496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
 502 Rectitude, Rugby
 503 Belvedere, Maidstone
 573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen
 593 St. Ann, Alderney
 603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
 606 Segontium, Caernarvon
 626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham
 650 Star in the East, Harwich
 696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
 723 Panmure, Aldershot
 764 H'rbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.
 829 Sydney, Sidcup
 877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
 892 Royal Edward, Leominster
 897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's
 903 Gosport, Gosport
 954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
 1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
 1073 Greta, Keswick
 1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
 1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
 1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
 1267 Kenlis, Egremont
 1314 Acacia, Bromley
 1373 St. Hubert, Andover
 1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
 1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
 1528 Fort, Newquay
 1545 Baildon, Baildon
 1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
 1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
 1837 Lullingstone, Willmington
 1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
 1942 Minerva, Fenton
 2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
 2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
 2134 Wilberforce, Hull
 2164 St. Germans, Peel, Isle of Man
 2222 Frederick West, East Molesey
 2324 Horwich, Horwich
 2357 Barry, Cadoxton
 2475 Border, Blackwater
 2492 Concordia, Wendover
 2529 Abbey, Whalley
 2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome
 2582 Lewisham, Smethwick
 2600 Stanley, Preston
 2714 Temperance, Liverpool
 2723 Heaton, Byker

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

3 Fidelity, Freemasons'-hall
 13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
 15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall
 1629 United, Freemasons'-hall
 1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern
 1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood
 2347 Grafton, Regent Street
 2470 Telegraph Cable, Ship & Turtle
 2581 Empress, Earl's Court
 2662 Ealing, Ealing
 2765 Earl's Court, R. Palace Hotel

54 Hope, Rochdale
 84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey
 86 Loyalty, Prescott
 128 Prince Edwin, Bury
 146 Antiquity, Bolton
 187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
 204 Caledonian, Manchester
 225 St. Luke, Ipswich
 244 Yarrowborough, Jersey
 250 Minerva, Hull
 274 Tranquility, Newchurch
 277 Friendship, Oldham
 281 Fortitude, Lancaster
 288 Harmony, Todmorden
 323 Concord, Stockport
 366 St. David, Milford
 464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
 483 Sympathy, Gravesend
 498 Royal Standard, Dudley
 567 Unity, Warwick
 654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
 661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
 666 Benevolence, Dartmoor
 679 St. David, Aberdare
 708 Carnarvon, Hampton Court
 730 Ellesmere, Chrcley
 731 Arboretum, Derby
 755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
 851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing
 852 Zetland, Salford
 854 Albert, Shaw
 1005 Zetland, Gloucester
 1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
 1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
 1060 Marmion, Tamworth
 1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
 1094 Temple, Liverpool
 1101 Grey Friars, Reading
 1112 Shirley, Southampton
 1125 St. Peter, Tiverton

1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
 1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
 1181 De la Pole, Seaton
 1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
 1220 Solway, Aspatria
 1242 Tynewold, Douglas, Isle of Man
 1248 Denison, Scarborough
 1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
 1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
 1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
 1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
 1400 Curwen, Workington
 1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes
 1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
 1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
 1692 Hervey, Bromley
 1703 Windrush, Witney
 1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
 1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
 1798 Zion, Manchester
 1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
 1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
 1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
 1895 Thames, Henley
 1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
 1947 Stanford, Hove
 1958 St. George, Portsea
 2016 Shaldon, Alton
 2046 Robinson, Maidstone
 2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
 2284 Smyth, Grimsby
 2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
 2389 Avondale, Middlewich
 2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay
 2483 Hadrian, Westham
 2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf
 2591 St. Mary, New Shoreham
 2655 Queen Victoria, St. Budeaux
 2727 St. Audrey, Ely
 2734 Harlow, Harlow
 2758 Fyde, Blackpool
 2769 East Surrey, Oxted

Thursday.

19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho.
 91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall
 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall
 534 Polish National, F.M.H.
 879 Southwark, Southwark
 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
 1155 Excelsior
 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
 1558 Duke of Connaught, C'mbr'well
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-h.
 2033 University of London, F.M.H.
 2168 Derby Allcroft, St. Pancras
 2417 Bolingbroke, Lavender Hill
 2509 Barnet, New Barnet
 2754 Thomas-a-Becket, Old Kent-rd

35 Medina, Cowes
 50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
 71 Unity, Lowestoft
 97 Palatine, Sunderland
 116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
 130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
 139 Britannia, Sheffield
 191 St. John, Bury
 208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
 275 Harmony, Huddersfield
 276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
 283 Amity, Haslingden
 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
 1107 Cornwallis, Chiselhurst
 1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
 1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145 Equality, Accrington
 1147 St. David, Manchester
 1164 Eliot, St. Germans

1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
 1204 Royd, Malvern
 1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
 1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
 1247 St. John, Plymouth
 1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1416 Falcon, Thirsk
 1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.
 1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
 1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
 1583 Corbet, Towyn
 1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
 1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
 1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
 1863 Priory, Tynemouth
 1915 Graystone, Whitstable
 1992 Tennant, Cardiff
 2038 Portcullis, Langport
 2091 Castleberg, Settle
 2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
 2132 Egerton, Seacombe
 2217 Windermere, Windermere
 2227 White Horse, Westbury
 2234 Onslow, Guildford
 2262 Dagmar, Wraybury
 2285 Eden, Workington
 2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
 2449 Duke of York, Manchester
 2501 Ixion, Buckhurst Hill
 2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
 2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2606 Fforest, Treharris
 2619 New Brighton, New Brighton
 2722 Edward Terry, Barnes
 2732 Grove Park, Bushey

Friday.

33 Britannic, Freemasons'-hall
 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons'-hall
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington
 1997 John Carpenter, Albion
 2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
 2663 Commemoration, Holborn R.
 36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
 81 Doric, Woodbridge
 170 All Souls, Weymouth
 318 True and Faithful, Helston
 426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
 445 Fidelity, Towcester
 458 Aire and Calder, Goole
 516 Phoenix, Stowmarket

526 Honour, Wolverhampton
 566 St. Germain, Selby
 786 Croxeth United Service, L'pool
 815 Blair, Manchester
 951 Prince of Wales, Stow on'Wold
 1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
 1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
 1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
 1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
 1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
 1232 Hereward, Bourn
 1289 Rock, Birkenhead
 1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
 1428 United Service, Landport
 1605 De la Pole, Hull
 1661 Newton, Newark-on-Trent
 1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1715 A. J. Brogden, Grange-o'-Sands
 1983 Martyn, Southwold
 2001 Narberth, Narberth
 2059 Doric, Didsbury
 2554 Manchester, Manchester
 2558 Furnival, Sheffield
 2594 Old Priory, Beeston
 2608 Headingley, Leeds
 2652 Albany, Kingston-on-Thames
 2660 Crane, Cranbrook
 2674 Ravensworth, Gateshead
 2677 Calcaria, Tadcaster

Saturday.

173 Phoenix, Freemasons'-hall
 1328 Granite, Holborn Restaurant
 1685 Guelph, Leyton
 1686 Paxton, Camberwell
 2029 King Solomon, Markmasons'-h.
 2579 Lewisham, Lewisham
 2599 Engineer, 33 Golden Sq.
 2664 Hygeia, Holborn Restaurant
 308 Prince George, Eastwood
 336 Benevolence, Marple
 869 Gresham, Chestnut Park
 1347 Lorne, Sutton
 1556 Addiscombe, Croydon
 1755 Eldon, Portishead
 2006 Tilbury, Purfleet
 2095 Caterham, Caterham
 2105 Cama, Hampton Court
 2278 Kingswood, Broxbourne
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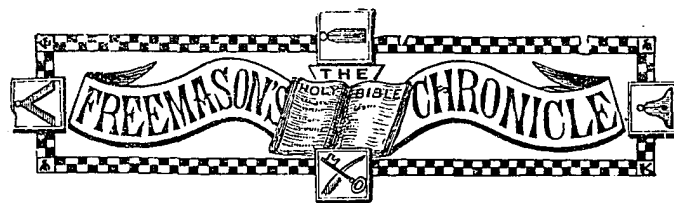
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Votes will be thankfully received by the Brethren against whose name a * is marked, and by the candidate, 19 Knighton Park Road, Sydenham, S.E.



SATURDAY, 5TH MAY 1900.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Pro Grand Z. Earl Amherst, the formal business as set out in the agenda we published last week being regularly disposed of, and the Grand Officers for the year appointed.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

ON Friday evening of last week a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Mark Hall, Great Queen Street, London, under the presidency of the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Mark Master, who was well supported by Grand Officers and other Brethren.

The meeting was of brief duration, the address of congratulation to the Prince of Wales Grand Master on his providential escape from the attack of an assassin, proposed by the Pro G.M., and seconded by Bro. Frank Richardson G.Registrar, being unanimously and most enthusiastically agreed to. It was decided that the address, in the following terms, should be drawn up on vellum by the Grand Secretary, and forwarded to the Prince of Wales:

"That we, the Pro Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren of the Mark Degree, in open Lodge assembled, do record on our minutes the horror and indignation of all Mark Master Masons under Grand Lodge at the atrocious attempt on the life of our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and our sense of deep and lasting gratitude to the Great Overseer of the Universe for His Royal Highness's happy escape under His Divine Providence."

COMPLIMENT TO BROTHER JAMES WEAVER.

A COMPLIMENTARY dinner to Bro. James Weaver on his appointment as Grand Standard Bearer of the Craft, and First Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Chapter, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Sunday evening, 22nd ult. Amongst those present were Brothers James Irvine (in the chair), James Weaver, W. M. Stiles P.G. Treasurer, W. Shurmur P.G. Standard Bearer, and others.

After the Loyal toast the Chairman submitted "Our worthy and esteemed Bro. James Weaver." He stated they had assembled together in accordance with the wishes of the Brethren to tender to their worthy colleague, Bro. James Weaver, their congratulations on the great honour that had been conferred upon him by the Prince of Wales. When it became known that their worthy Brother had been nominated Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Lodge of England for the ensuing year, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, took council together, and it was unanimously determined to present the Grand Lodge clothing and jewels of his Office to Bro. James Weaver, and an opportunity was given to all the members of the Whittington Lodge to show their esteem by subscribing to the presentation. Bro. Weaver had been for a quarter of a century the honoured Secretary of that Lodge, of which he had been a member for 37 years. After the resolution of the Whittington Committee, it was intimated that the Lodge of Asaph—of which he was a founder—had determined to honour Bro. Weaver, and the clothing and jewels had been provided by the two Lodges and their Chapters. The speaker referred to the great and valuable services Bro. James Weaver had rendered to the Lodges represented, and to the Craft generally, and said they were delighted to find that Grand Lodge honours had been conferred upon one who was so highly deserving of them.

The presentation was then made amidst great enthusiasm.

Bro. James Weaver received an ovation on rising to respond. He said the honour conferred upon him by the Prince of Wales as G.M. was at the present time quite unexpected. If it had come twenty or more years ago, when he was subscribing to about fifteen Lodges and Chapters, and working for Masonry in every way, the honour would not have been so unlooked for probably. Of late years, however, he had been compelled to relinquish many of those Offices. The presentation that evening was a gratifying proof of the esteem and regard in which he was held.

The next toasts were the Worshipful Masters of the Whittington Lodge and Lodge of Asaph, responded to by W.M. Clarkson and W.M. Powell, and the Principals of the Whittington and Asaph Chapters.

The Chairman was proposed by Bro. Thomas J. Hester S.W. Whittington Lodge, who feelingly alluded to Bro. James Irvine as one of the Past Masters of the Whittington Lodge whom they delighted to honour, and one on whom he hoped Grand Lodge honours would ultimately fall.

The Visitors was proposed by W.M. Clarkson, and responded to by Bros. Stiles, Shurmur, and Oscar Barrett.

The Committee was responded to by Bro. George Wavel, who assured the Brethren that the Committee had the greatest pleasure in working in so good a cause. He hoped that when the time came for work in the cause of Bro. James Irvine South London would be to the front right loyally.

Books of the Day.

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THIS volume belies its title. "Sour Grapes" has afforded us some very pleasant reading, and we hope Mr. Cornish will write another story which shall prove equally good, if he has not already done so. The work before us is in truth more than a story; it is a study in human frailty and strength. The style is almost wholly excellent, and the characters well drawn. Ruby Brabrooke does not occupy a large share of the author's attention; but we think readers will acknowledge her to be a very charming young lady, prettily impertinent to papa, loving and gentle towards Mrs. Brabrooke, and—after much teasing and delay—an ideal wife. Barbara Ashleigh is doubtless intended for a young lady in every respect equal to Ruby, but we think Mr. Cornish had exhausted the cunning of his hand by his delineation of the latter, and Barbara, consequently, is comparatively a failure. But the Squire is the prominent feature in the book. We are inclined to think him the most ably drawn character we have met in a new novel for some time. Some readers may think his utter helplessness while under the spell of Miss Conway's fascination somewhat overdrawn; but they will not think so if it has been their lot to mingle freely with all sorts and conditions of men. His reckless conduct towards his wife and son is perfectly true to nature, for Mr. Cornish knows that when self command is lost self respect soon follows. Here and there, too, readers will notice some prose of fine workmanship, of almost finical finish; the first chapter, for instance, is an uncommonly good description of an hour's quiet poaching in the west of England. Messrs. Chatto and Windus are fortunate in adding yet another excellent novel to the many that have issued from their house. "Sour Grapes" is a book to place on our shelves for future perusal or reference.

Church and Realm in the Stuart Times. A course of ten Illustrated Lectures by the Rev. C. Arthur Lane (F.R.Hist.S. Author of "Illustrated Notes on English Church History"). Arranged for popular instruction, to accompany a series of 600 Lantern illustrations (3s 6d).—Edward Arnold.

BROTHER the Rev. C. Arthur Lane can write upon the history of the Church of England with considerable authority, and not as the average scribe. He has preached in more churches than most laymen have seen; he has perhaps seen more churches than any other prelate, alive or dead. Granted sufficient leisure, and further access to those materials in the British Museum which he has already put to such admirable use, he could doubtless do for the story of the church what Porson did for a part of the text of Euripides,—he could restore it as approximately as it is ever likely to be restored. These lectures on Church and Realm in Stuart Times well fulfil the purpose for which they were written, and lead us to hope that their author will further devote his attention to that period. He has avoided the Scylla of prelatical bigotry without touching the Charybdis of an invertebrate and complaisant latitudinarianism. We see no reason why the devotees of Puritanism as reflected in the life and writings of Milton or Bunyan or Baxter need quarrel with Mr. Lane's treatment of those worthies; indeed, we think he is often singularly impartial under circumstances which must sorely tempt him to hit out—and he can hit exceedingly hard. The ecclesiastical sciolist and the liberationist of tender years and slender knowledge have aired their historical acumen in attacks upon this volume. We are not surprised. In an age when, as Mr. F. Marion Crawford puts it, young ladies criticise the architecture of Michael Angelo and the colouring of Raphael, we should be somewhat astonished if folks failed, after reading these lectures, to hint a fault and hesitate dislike. We commend this volume to the attention of those who are wont to give the old divines a bad name, and hang them. Macaulay, for instance, describes Laud as "The Scandal of the Star Chamber," an "individual for whom we entertain a more unmitigated contempt than for any other character in our history." The correction of such estimates as this is one of the services rendered by the lectures. We trust they will be largely used in the more remote provinces.

Maitland of Cortezia. By Francis Lavallin Puxley (6s).—Grant Richards.

THIS book is on a level with many which come into our hands. A very pleasant hour or two may be spent in reading it, as Southey read Latin, by the run of the eye. But it can hardly claim a place on our bookshelves. Dr. Johnson, in speaking of a certain dinner, complained that it was not a dinner "to ask a man to." Similarly, we could not ask a busy man to read "Maitland of Cortezia," without some qualm of conscience. Sir Howard Denbigh, a weak, incompetent man, handed the reins of government in Cortezia to his successor, and Basil Maitland reigned in his stead. He was as strong as his predecessor was weak; so when the rebellion broke out he behaved as Englishmen sometimes do when their back is against the wall. Mercedes, a girl of rare beauty, is in a strait betwixt two; for she is at one and the same time pledged to serve the cause of "liberty" and the National League, and in love with Basil Maitland. There are a few good incidents,—the first meeting between Maitland and Mercedes, the reception of the deputation, Mareinar's attack upon Maitland, the riot at San Miguel; but we are afraid this book, as a whole, will hardly make a reputation for its author. We could point out many passages where the style is by no means blameless, as, for instance, on page 112, where, in the course of twenty words, the pronoun "him" is used five times in regard to the same person! We should be pleased to meet with another book by this writer, on a subject which he is more competent to treat; and sincerely hope we may be able to give it a more hearty welcome than we feel justified in according to "Maitland of Cortezia."

Roman History. Translated from the German of Dr. Julius Koch, by Lionel D. Barnett, M.A. Temple Primer (1s net).—J. M. Dent and Co.

AN able summary of a vast subject. How vast that subject is and how difficult to summarise may be gathered from Gibbon's autobiography, from Arnold on "Early Roman History," in the Quarterly Review, and many other well known writings. The arts of selection and compression have been used by Dr. Koch to such good purpose that he has succeeded in placing before us a thoroughly comprehensive résumé of Roman History in a wonderfully small treatise. In judicious hands this little work should be invaluable; but there is perhaps some danger that young folks will be tempted to regard it as a substitute for, instead of an introduction to larger works. We are sure the author is with us when we say that there is no royal

road to an adequate knowledge of Roman History. The ground, however, may be surveyed well enough from these pages, and the reader who passes from this book to Plutarch, Livy, Suetonius and Conyers Middleton, should be making satisfactory progress.

The White Rose. By G. J. Whyte-Melville. Illustrated by S. E. Waller (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

WE had the opportunity, some time back, of expressing our warm approval of this library edition of Whyte Melville. This further volume that Messrs. Ward, Lock and Co. have kindly sent us has induced us to attempt a fresh estimate of this novelist's position in the temple of fame. How many living masters of fiction are greater than Whyte Melville? Every critic would answer this question "more suo"; for there is no consensus of opinion possible on such a question—perhaps it is not desirable. For our part, considering that range of topic, catholicity of taste, and breadth of culture have, after all, some right to our consideration, we will venture the opinion that while there are five or six living novelists equal to Whyte Melville there is but one, Mr. F. Marion Crawford, who has surpassed him. The volume before us, and "Holmby House" are excellent specimens of Whyte Melville at his best. Many of our Brethren know by pleasant experience that that "best" is very good indeed. "The White Rose" is a book to buy and cherish; for it is a prime favourite.

A NEAT little booklet has been issued by Messrs. Dean and Son, Limited, under the title Thankful Tommy (his reply to "The Absent-Minded Beggar"), a poem by R. Adams Foster, illustrated by A. S. Forrest, which well deserves a warm reception among the mass of patriotic literature just now on the market.

THE May part of "Cassell's Magazine" brings the half yearly volume to an end, and is an interesting number. The articles on "Famous Regiments" are continued, No. 6 of the series dealing with the Corps of Royal Engineers, while another feature of the issue is seven complete Stories by some well known authors. The Princess of Wales's jewels, the evolution of an army uniform, and other matters go to make up an entertaining budget.

A HANDY guide for the busy man is provided in "Practical Advertising," the new issue of which has been sent us by Messrs. Mather and Crowther, Limited. The literary sections of the work—which is a great improvement on former editions—consist of no less than thirty original articles on subjects of interest to advertisers. The indices and tabulated matter have been thoroughly revised and corrected up-to-date, while the value of the book has been much enhanced by the incorporation of lists of foreign publications. The illustrations of Messrs. Mather and Crowther's "practical" work in the art of advertising, and the hints they give on matters of publicity, change this work from a mere directory to an entertaining and instructive handbook.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Castle and Manor. A tale of our time. By St. George Mivart, F.R.S. (6s).—Sands and Co.

The Son of the House. By Bertha Thomas (6s).—Chatto and Windus.

The Purple Robe. By Joseph Hooking. Illustrated by J. Barnard Davis (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

Wide World Adventure. True narratives of extraordinary human endurance. Illustrated (2s 6d).—George Newnes, Limited.

"A 439." Being the autobiography of a Piano. By twenty-five Musical Scribes (6s).—Sands and Co.

A Young Dragon. By Sarah Tytler (3s 6d).—Chatto and Windus.

British Locomotives. Their history, construction, and modern development. By C. J. Bowen Cooke. Third revised and enlarged edition. Numerous illustrations from sketches and diagrams by C. E. Jones and R. A. McLellan (7s 6d).—Whittaker and Co.

Rhymes old and new. Collected by M. E. S. Wright (3s 6d net).—T. Fisher Unwin.

Traces of a Hidden Tradition in Masonry and Mediæval Mysticism. Five Essays, by Isabel Cooper-Oakley (3s 6d net).—Theosophical Publishing Society.

Fairy Tales from Fairyland. By Donald and others (2s net).—Gay and Bird.

Wireless Telegraphy and Hertzian Waves. By S. R. Bottone. With 35 illustrations (3s).—Whittaker and Co.

Letters from some friends who have crossed the border. Automatically written (1s 6d net).—Gay and Bird.

The "Contour" Road Book of England (Western Division), including Wales. A series of elevation plans of the Roads, with measurements and descriptive letterpress. By Harry R. C. Inglis. With 500 maps and plans (2s net).—Gall and Inglis.

Music of the Day.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Edwin Ashdown, Limited.—While Life is May. Vocal duet by G. Hubi-Newcombe, music by Seymour Smith.—"Dona Nobis." By G. Hubi-Newcombe, music by Frank L. Moir.—Our Empire's Sons. By Sir Donald H. Macfarlane, music by Louis Diehl.—The Dolls March, for the piano. By Edoardo Barbieri.—Norwegian Dance, in G minor. By Paul Conway.—An Eastern Fire Dance. By Dudley Clinton.

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CONSECRATION.

ERKENWALD LODGE.

VARIOUS attempts have been made in recent years to establish a Masonic Lodge at Barking; but, although a number of Brethren have long resided in the town, the proposal was not taken up in a representative manner. The latest effort in this direction has, however, been crowned with success. The matter was "pushed" with much energy by Bro. H. Martin, of Ilford, who was formerly a prominent inhabitant of Barking. Certain difficulties were at first encountered; but they were overcome, and Bro. Martin persevered until he had secured the necessary amount of support. A Warrant for the establishment of a Lodge was granted in due course by the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, upon the application of the following Founders: Bros. P. J. King P.M., J. O. Lewis P.M. P.P.G.R. Herefordshire, H. Martin P.M., W. K. Marriott, H. H. Mason, S. Glenny, H. B. Perkins, C. H. Ridley, T. W. Pelling, A. Fergusson, F. E. Emerson, D. T. Jackson, A. Carter, J. J. Bassett, F. Himer, A. G. D. Glenny, F. G. Bird, W. T. Taylor, W. A. Medcalf, W. Parsons, J. Benton, W. H. Brough, and A. W. Allingham. The name given to the Lodge is that of "Erkenwald," No. 2808.

The Lodge will in the ordinary way meet at the Railway Hotel, Barking; but for purposes of convenience, and owing to the large number of Brethren who had accepted invitations, the Consecration took place on Monday, 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, London. Nearly all the Founders were present, together with about sixty visitors. Amongst the latter were Bro. Louis Sinclair, M.P., and the Masters of several local Lodges, including Bros. W. Pallant, F. Evans, and F. A. Stratford.

The beautiful ceremony of Consecration was admirably performed by Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, assisted by the following Grand Officers: Bros. C. Fitzgerald Matier P.A.G.D.C. as S.W., Major C. W. Carroll P.G.Swd.B. as J.W., Ven. Archdeacon Stevens P.G.Ch. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and James Boulton P.G.Purst. as I.G. Bro. Arthur Briscoe P.M. P.P.G.Org. Surrey played the musical accompaniments; and the anthems were effectively rendered by Bros. Henry E. Cribb, John Probert, and J. L. Haddon.

The Consecrating Officer addressed the Brethren on the motive of the meeting; and, in a few earnest remarks, exhorted them to remember the responsibilities that devolved upon them by virtue of the Warrant that came to them direct from the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

An Oration upon the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by Archdeacon Stevens, whose able address was listened to with rapt attention. He made happy allusion to the fact that the Lodge was being Consecrated upon St. George's Day; and he impressed upon the Brethren that to be a good Mason one must be a good man. He also pointed out that persons who desired to become Masons should not be accepted indiscriminately; but that care should be exercised to receive into their midst only those whom they felt satisfied would be a credit to the Craft by acting up to its truest principles. The Lodge, he went on to explain, took its name from Bishop Erkenwald, who was a Bishop of London many years ago, when Barking was included in the Diocese of London. He gave an interesting account of the good work accomplished by the Bishop, more especially in connection with a monastery at Barking; and he concluded by expressing a hope that the Brethren would, as far as possible, bear in mind the noble example that had been set them by so worthy a divine.

Bro. Philip J. King P.M., who had been unanimously chosen by the Founders to act as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, was afterwards impressively installed by the Grand Secretary, and Bro. J. O. Lewis P.M. P.P.G.R. Herefordshire was designated the Immediate Past Master. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officers, who were invited to become Honorary Members of the Lodge. The Grand Secretary acknowledged the compliment, and said they would have much pleasure in doing so.

Two candidates were proposed; and hearty good wishes having been expressed to the W.M. by the Visiting Brethren, Lodge was closed in due form.

A recherche banquet was subsequently served. The W.M., who presided, was supported by several of the Grand Officers; and the vice-chairs were occupied by the Wardens Bros. W. K. Marriott and H. B. Perkins. The usual toasts were happily proposed by the W.M., and received with excellent "fire."

Bro. Archdeacon Stevens, in responding for the Grand Officers, said he hoped to pay a visit to the Lodge at Barking in the near future.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of the Consecrating Officers, referred in eulogistic terms to the manner in which

the Consecration ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary, and said he felt sure that it had made a lasting impression upon the mind of every Brother who listened to it.

Bro. Letchworth, who was heartily received, said although he was very sensible of the compliment paid him by the W.M., yet he wished it had been possible for another Brother to have responded, whose voice they had not been compelled to listen to for so long a period as his that evening. He begged to tender his best thanks for the kind manner in which they had received the toast proposed by the W.M. On more than one occasion he had attended the Consecration of a Lodge, and there was no duty which afforded him more pleasure than that of starting into existence a new Lodge. When application was made to him he knew the town of Barking would support what was a very great want, and it was very gratifying that a number of Brothers in Barking should start a Lodge for the town. Being an honorary member of nearly 200 Lodges, it was not an easy thing to visit all of them, but he hoped some day or other to visit Barking and then see the way in which the work was carried out.

Bro. H. Martin proposed the Worshipful Master, and the compliments bestowed upon Bro. King were warmly endorsed by the Brethren, whom he thanked in suitable terms for the great honour that they had done him.

Bro. W. Pallant and Bro. F. Evans, of Ilford, and Bro. E. H. Taylor, of Maldon, responded for the Visitors.

The concluding toast was that of the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. W. K. Marriott, in replying, congratulated the Lodge upon the wise selection they had made in their W.M., and assured him that he would receive the loyal support of the whole of his Officers. Similar sentiments were expressed by the other Officers, who also responded.

LOGIC CLUB.

Presentation to Brother Preceptor Manuel.

WE sometimes wonder how it would fare with the majority of the members of the Craft if they were really called upon to prove themselves Freemasons by signs, and we cannot help the feeling that a very large number of them would present a sorry spectacle. Our reason for saying so is because hardly one in twenty who attend an ordinary Lodge meeting seem able—or perhaps we had better say willing—to properly stand to order in the different degrees or salute the chair on their entrance or departure. It may be a few of the delinquents are really ignorant of what is exactly required, but we believe it is awkwardness, fatigue, or a disinclination to show too much formality that is the real cause of what we regard as a fault in our system; the Past Masters of the Lodges and the older members being, more often than not, conspicuous in the matter; they often saluting the chair with a sort of familiarity that breeds contempt air, which can hardly be ascribed to ignorance on their part of what is actually required; indeed, were it not that they are properly "vouched for," it would almost be excusable to sometimes wonder if they were really properly made members of the Order.

Hence it is we hail with satisfaction any attempt on the part of the Preceptors of our Lodges of Instruction, and others to whom we look for tuition, to pay particular attention to the actual forms of Freemasonry, as distinct from the ritual of the different ceremonies. It should be borne in mind that less than half a dozen members of a Lodge are actively engaged in the conferring of a degree, while every member is called upon more than once at every meeting to display proficiency in the very important, though often regarded as secondary matter of form. We are pleased to think that many of the Preceptors now recognise this, and make a point of impressing on their pupils that something more is necessary, when called upon to stand to order as a Freemason, than the mere rising from one's seat; and we take some little credit to ourselves for this improvement, for the reason that we have frequently called attention to the subject, and have thereby created an interest in a portion of the work that was too often regarded as of very minor importance. One can hardly wonder at the laxity in this matter if notice is taken of the manner in which the ordinary Master communicates the signs to a newly admitted candidate. The Master probably knows exactly what he wishes to convey; too many of them lack the ability to make their intentions clear to the candidate, who, they appear to sometimes forget, is entirely ignorant of the whole affair.

Foremost among those who enjoy the reputation of being particular in this respect is Bro. Robert Manuel P.M. of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, Preceptor of the Logic Club, to which we paid a visit on Sunday last at the regular quarters, at Bro. Edward Humphrey's "Cavendish" Rooms, Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square, the usual hour of meeting there being 11.15 a.m.; we were very pleased with our reception, and the work we witnessed on the occasion.

The meeting was presided over by Bro. Henry Saunion P.M. 1423, who was assisted by the undermentioned Officers: Bros. Edward Gatfield 1602 S.W., F. J. O'Brien Hale J.W., Robert Manuel P.M. 1196 I.P.M. and Preceptor, R. D. Cummings P.M. and Sec. 2168 Treasurer, J. J. Thomas P.G.St.B. Treasurer Charities Association, A. G. Duck P.M. and Sec. 898 Steward and Canteen Fund Treasurer, J. Percy Fitzgerald P.M. 2168 Sec. 2772 Secretary, I. Seaman 2427 S.D., Stanley Pringle 2127 J.D., F. Trehawke Davies 2127 Sec. 2771 I.G., Reichenheim Tyler. Bro. Edward L. H. Davies I.G. 435 acted as candidate, and Bro. R. Gladstone Robinson W.M. 1531 as D.C.

Among many other Brethren present were Bros. J. Morrison McLeod P.G.Swd.B. Sec. R.M.I. Boys, Nathan Robinson P.M. 55, Milsom Rees, F.R.C.S., W.M. 1584, C. J. Grove P.M. and Sec 742, Oliver Barnett P.M. 742, J. Hart I.G. 2265, Maurice Miroy S.D. 19, J. T. Murray 2127 Organist and Chairman of the Musical Committee, William Short, Cornet in H.M. Private Band, 2168, Prince Kanwar Harnam Singh 2772, Duncan Tovey 2771, A. W. Watson P.G.Std.B.Bucks, and several visitors.

The usual formalities having been observed, Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. When the ceremony had reached the point at which the Candidate is at liberty to retire, the Secretary Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald requested the W.M. in the chair to resume the Lodge in the first degree. This having been done, Bro. Fitzgerald announced that that day, 29th April, was their esteemed Preceptor's birthday, and the W.M. in the chair was desired to present, on behalf of the Committee of the Club, to their Preceptor, a beautiful silver ornamented letter-case and memorandum book, bearing the following inscription:

Presented to
W. BRO. ROBERT MANUEL
by
The Committee of the Logic Club.
Sunday, 29th April 1900.

It was obvious the Preceptor had been taken completely by surprise, and before he could recover from it the W.M. in the chair called off from labour to refreshment, when the whole of the Members of the Club present, with their Visitors, adjourned to the Club Refreshment Room, where the W.M. in the chair gracefully proposed many happy returns of the day to their popular Preceptor. The toast was drunk with three hearty cheers, and then Bro. Robert Manuel cordially thanked the Members of the Committee for their tasteful and unexpected present, and the members generally for the warmth of their reception.

Bro. McLeod added that the members might like to know that the 29th April was not only their Preceptor's birthday, but was the anniversary also of that Brother's call to the Bar of England.

The Lodge was then called on, when Bro. E. Gatfield was elected W.M. for Sunday, 13th inst., and arranged to rehearse the second degree, with explanation of the second tracing board, the Officers to be in rotation.

The Secretary read a communication from the Grand Secretary expressing the thanks of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master for the congratulations of the Club on his recent escape from assassination, which congratulations were cabled to Copenhagen on the Sunday following the dastardly attempt on the life of His Royal Highness.

Bros. Henry Clark 1196, and C. H. Allen Gill J.D. 969, were elected Members of the Musical Committee.

Bro. W. T. Rowe P.M. 2021 was cordially welcomed, and congratulated on his return to the Club for the first time since his recent severe indisposition.

Amongst the Grand Officers of the year there are three members of the Logic Club: Bros. Harry Manfield Grand Treasurer, Guy Repton Senior Grand Deacon, and J. H. Whadcoat Junior Grand Deacon.

To-morrow (Sunday), at 11 a.m., the members of the Genesis Club pay their annual visit to the Logic Club, when the first and second degrees will be rehearsed by the following members of the Genesis Club: Bros. Herbert Leonard as W.M., J. W. Matthews S.W., Akerman May J.W., A. H. Snow S.D., C. T. Coggin J.D., Edwin Smith I.G., Albert J. Taylor Tyler, Hubert Willis Candidate, and W. Lestocq Preceptor Genesis Club I.P.M.

The Logic Club was founded nearly twenty years ago by Bros. John Maclean, George Buckland, and James Percy Fitzgerald. It has contributed through its Charities Association over 3,000 guineas to the three Masonic Institutions, and the Club has become increasingly influential throughout the great world of Freemasonry, especially so since facilities have been afforded for the study of the Logic working, which has done so much to foster and encourage the reverent and perfect rendering, in every detail, of our beautiful ceremonies. The Preceptor, Secretary, Officers, Committee, and members are to be congratulated on the splendid work they have done, and are doing, for the good of Freemasonry in general.

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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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INSTALLATIONS.

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WELSHPOOL LODGE, No. 998.

Installation of Brother Joseph H. Davies.

THE annual festival took place at Welshpool, on the 27th ult., when Brother Joseph H. Davies was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months, the Installing Master being Bro. Edward Wyke, assisted by P.M. Charles Shuker.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Miss Frost, at the Royal Oak Hotel. The W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. A vote of congratulation and sympathy with the M.W. the Grand Master was passed. A jewel was also presented to Bro. E. Wyke, in recognition of the manner in which he had conducted the Mastership of the Lodge during the last year. This was presented on the part of the Lodge by Bro. C. Shuker.

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ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

Installation of Brother C. H. Oakley.

IN honour of the installation of Bro. Oakley there was a large gathering on Monday evening, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Landport. The company included not only a number of Provincial Officers and the Masters of most of the neighbouring Lodges, but two Officers of Grand Lodge, in the persons of Bros. W. B. Mason G.St.B., and Rear-Admiral William H. C. St. Clair S.G.D., Founder of the Lodge and its first Master. The installation was performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. H. Jago, whose excellent work was very heartily acknowledged.

Three presentations were made before the proceedings ended, a jewel being given to the I.P.M. with the best thanks of the Lodge, while the Secretary was the recipient of a gift from the Lodge in recognition of nearly seven years valuable services, and of a handsome silver teapot from the I.P.M.

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PROVINCIAL.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Bradford Hotel, Mill Street, Manchester, on Wednesday, 18th ult., Bro. Dr. E. Evanson Jones Worshipful Master.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. James Wallwork, Manager, Ardwick, Manchester, who was subsequently initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by Bro. W. Greenup P.M. D.C.

Lodge having been advanced, Brother John Warburton was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the Worshipful Master, the traditional history being given by Bro. Wm. Jones P.M.

Other important business followed, after which Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the festive board. Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly varied by the singing and recitative efforts of Bros. C. H. Griffiths I.P.M., J. T. Moorhouse, A. Dobson, A. Mellor, E. Roberts P.M. 1459, and others.

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MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 23rd ult., Brother Sam Luke W.M.

After the confirmation of minutes and the reading of an ancient charge, Brother Matthew Henry Chapman was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Luke, who also gave the traditional history, and explanation of the third degree tracing board, primarily for the benefit of Bros. Irwin, Gabriel, Crankshaw, Whitfield, and the newly-raised Brother.

An enjoyable festive board followed, the undermentioned, among others, contributing to the harmony: Bros. Stubbs S.W., Todd J.W., Purdy Org., Watts, Ward, and Chapman.

METROPOLITAN : INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE Brethren turned up in full strength at the usual Wednesday meeting, at the Bunch of Grapes, Leadenhall Market, when Bro. Hattersley occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Pinnock P.M. Preceptor, Done S.W., Carr J.W., Cooke S.D., Rowland J.D., Bushell I.G., Pitt Secretary.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bros. Simeons, Latham, and Bailey offering themselves as candidates. Bro. Simeons, who was elected, gave the answers and the obligation in a solemn manner and grand style. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed by the W.M., and this being the first time he had worked the second degree he was highly commended.

Brother P.M. Davey announced that the summer outing had been arranged, and that particulars would be sent to the Brethren of the Mother Lodge in a few days. It was also announced that Bro. Carr would represent the Lodge at the Girls Festival.

Bro. Done was elected to occupy the chair on Wednesday next.

ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

AT the Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, on Monday, 23rd ult., Bros. John H. Cumming P.M. W.M., Elkin S.W., Johnson J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Preceptor, R. H. Catling Sec., Barnett S.D., Barrett J.D., Jupp I.G., A. Reid, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barrett acting as candidate, after which Bro. Cumming opened the Lodge to the third degree and closed down to the second. He then vacated the chair in favour of the Preceptor, who resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and examined and entrusted Bro. Smith, afterwards rehearsing the ceremony of passing, in a most perfect manner.

Bro. Elkin was elected W.M. for 7th inst., the next meeting being Officers' night.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

AT the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, on the 20th ult., Bros. G. T. Meek W.M., R. Reid P.M. S.W., J. H. Cumming P.M. J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Midx. Acting Prec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., J. C. Flattely P.M. S.D., K. M. Ross J.D., J. Hallam I.G., T. L. Hellyar Stwd., H. Bright W.M. 1503, H. A. Barnett, R. N. Larter P.M., J. Worth P.M., Harry Cox, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barnett acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, then opened in the second degree and Bro. Cox was examined and entrusted, after which the Lodge was opened in the third degree and the raising ceremony gone through.

Bro. Reid was elected to act as W.M. at the next meeting.

A telegram was received stating that Chesterfield, the candidate of the West London Masonic Election Association, had been successful, being twentieth on the list of elected Boys.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

ON Monday, at Bro. Joel Davis's, the Greyhound, Kensington Square, W., Bros. T. C. Dyer W.M., Maurice Davis S.W., P. Howard J.W., H. Cousens P.M. acting Preceptor, J. Cox P.M. Sec., W. Sergeant S.D., Mc Naughton J.D., E. Johnson I.G., J. Wynman, H. Cox, J. Howard, M. R. Spring.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, including the ancient charge, Bro. J. Cox kindly acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Sergeant answered the questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Dyer was re-elected W.M. for Monday next.

Bro. J. Cox P.M. tendered his resignation of the post of Secretary, on account of many other calls upon his time. He said he had business in the country, and although he was really sorry to leave them the distance would not allow of his attendance. The W.M. said he was very sorry, and felt all the members were also, as it would be a difficult matter to find so capable a Brother to serve them as Secretary. Bro. Spring offered his services pro tem., and they were accepted.

The Deputy Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Cox, and recorded on the minutes, as a recognition of the great services rendered by that Brother in the capacity of Secretary. This was unanimously agreed to, and the compliment was suitably acknowledged.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1288.

ON Saturday, at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. E. Rawlinson W.M., J. Hume S.W., T. A. Key J.W., W. Syckelmore P.M. acting Preceptor, John Thom Sec., J. Davis S.D., J. A. Key J.D., H. Coley I.G., T. Moore, J. Dixou P.M., H. Randall P.M., H. Pocklington P.M., H. Butterworth, R. Reymont, J. Wynman, Bryant, &c.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Reymont answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bryant, when Bro. J. Hume was presented as W.M.-elect by Bro. Butterworth. He was obligated, installed and saluted, and then proceeded to invest the Officers. Bro. Rawlinson delivered the addresses.

HIGHGATE LODGE, No. 1366.

THE Brethren resumed their Masonic duties after the Easter recess at the usual meeting place, the house of Bro. A. L. Garrod, the Falkland Arms, Falkland Road, Kentish Town, on Thursday of last week, when Bro. C. J. Plucknett ably presided as W.M., having the support of Bros. P. Moore S.W., J. W. Key J.W., H. Hill P.M. Preceptor, G. Glover P.M. Treasurer, A. L. Garrod S.D., J. E. Paine J.D., T. Davis I.G., J. Wynman, and others.

The W.M. showed great ability in the chair, and a well deserved complimentary vote was passed as a recognition. We may add that the Wardens, too, rendered valuable assistance.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, No. 1446.

ON 24th ult., at the well adapted Masonic Rooms of the Rockingham Hotel, Newington Causeway, which establishment is under the able management of Bro. Frank Nilen, there were present Bros. E. N. Mullins W.M. Dagmar Lodge W.M., C. Mangold S.W., W. Holliday J.W., J. O'Dea P.M. Prec., Edw. Mitchell P.M. Sec., H. Nelson S.D., J. T. Jones J.D., T. Rowland I.G., H. F. Digby Smith, A. E. Palmer, B. Cohen, J. Norden, J. Wynman.

Bro. Jones answered the questions, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. next rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Norden being presented as W.M.-elect by Bro. T. Jones, who made an excellent Director of Ceremonies. The W.M.-elect having taken the obligation was duly installed, and saluted, whilst the Installing Master continued with the three addresses. We compliment Bro. Mullins on his excellent working. By desire of the W.M. Bro. O'Dea, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first and second sections of the lecture.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

THERE was a combination of attractive features surrounding the meeting of this Lodge which we attended on Sunday evening, at the house of Bro. Frank Nilen, the Rockingham Tavern, Newington Causeway, S.E., and we were very gratified at the work we then witnessed. The members of the Mother Lodge are well known for their good working of the ceremonies, not only in the south-east of London, but throughout the metropolis, and the Instruction Lodge attached well supports their reputation, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. C. Plant P.M.

Sunday's meeting was presided over by Bro. B. Cohen, who had the support of Bros. J. Farmer J.W. of the Mother Lodge as S.W., J. C. Davis J.W., C. Plant P.M. Preceptor, H. B. Buckeridge P.M. 1658 acting Sec., R. B. Hopkins (the king of the Silver Bells) S.D., F. Budge J.D., Philip Last I.G., J. Humphries P.M., Swinford Smith P.M., H. Cohen P.M., R. Whiting P.M. 87, E. H. Smyth, J. Godefroy, S. Tull, J. Hibble, J. Ford, T. Cox, J. Wynman, Smeltzer, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Godefroy acting as candidate. By desire of the W.M. Bro. E. H. Smyth, a member of the Mother Lodge, gave the ancient charge in grand style. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. examined Bro. Smeltzer, who answered the questions in a perfect manner. Bro. T. Cox was entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. received well earned compliment from the Brethren, for his impressive and faultless working.

Bro. E. H. Smyth was made a member, whilst Bro. J. Wynman was elected an Honorary Member. Both those Brethren acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Swinford Smith P.M. said that he was an Honorary Member of the Mother Lodge, and that was his first visit for some time. He could not do otherwise than congratulate the W.M., also Bro. C. Plant their Preceptor, on the progress the Instruction Lodge had made since its foundation. It was most desirable for the members of the Mother Lodge to have an Instruction Lodge attached to it, and he was very pleased to see theirs so well attended by the members of the Mother Lodge. He wished the Lodge every prosperity. The W.M. thanked Bro. Smith for his kind remarks and good wishes.

Bro. James Farmer will preside to-morrow (Sunday), when we expect another good attendance.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, Bros. R. Cawley W.M., J. E. Culverhouse S.W., W. Humm J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, J. W. Simeons W.M. 193 Sec., T. Burgess S.D., W. E. Davis J.D., J. G. Lobb I.G., P. Amato, W. H. Sims, C. Murless, J. H. Warwick P.M., G. E. Genet, C. Menn, A. H. Higgins, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Warwick being the candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Culverhouse being presented and duly installed, and afterwards appointing the Officers. Bro. Cawley delivered the addresses. All the working was perfectly rendered.

Bro. Higgins 2626 was elected a member, and Bro. Warwick W.M. for Monday next.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

THE capabilities of Bro. J. De Casseres as a Preceptor are well known, and we were amply repaid for our trouble when we paid a visit to this Lodge on Wednesday, 25th ult., at the well appointed Masonic Rooms of Bro. James W. Gibbs P.M., the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E. We were especially pleased to see the courteous way in which Bro. Casseres treated every Brother alike; his firmness in the Lodge as the Preceptor we highly admire; and we congratulate the Brethren on having so excellent a worker to act as tutor of the Lodge.

Those present included Bros. W. M. Johnson W.M., S. B. Lotheim S.W., I. Davis J.W., J. De Casseres P.M. Prec., James W. Gibbs P.M. Treas., W. Boyce P.M. acting Sec., P. Torlowsky S.D., J. D. Gillard J.D., J. Durrell I.G., M. Corper I.P.M. 1349, J. Wynman.

After formalities the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, for which Bro. Corper acted as candidate. By desire of the W.M. Bro. Torlowsky, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture, which was highly appreciated by the Brethren. We cannot let the opportunity pass without complimenting Bro. Johnson on the perfect and impressive manner in which he worked.

Bro. Lotheim was elected W.M. for Wednesday last, and his working being always much admired we expect to report an exceptionally good meeting on that occasion.

The Lodge meets every Wednesday, at 8 o'clock, and Brethren wishing to improve their Masonic knowledge could not do better than pay it a visit, as with confidence we can highly recommend Bro. De Casseres as an excellent and painstaking Preceptor.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

AT the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on the 14th ult., Bros. W. Ornstein W.M., L. J. Powell S.W., W. Atkinson J.W., A. Williams P.M. Prec., R. Josey P.M. Sec., R. H. Williams P.M. S.D., R. Reid P.M. J.D., W. Handover I.G., H. J. Cousins P.M., W. Hide P.M., W. Hellier P.M., E. Lucas, J. Woolfers, L. Walsh, &c.

Bro. Walsh, as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Cousins after being examined was duly raised.

ON the 21st, Bros. L. J. Powell W.M., W. Atkinson S.W., R. Reid P.M. J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. acting Prec., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., J. H. Cumming P.M. acting Sec., Woolfers S.D., H. J. Cousins P.M. J.D., L. Walsh I.G., E. Fox P.M., W. Hide P.M., H. Bone, Ornstein, and others.

The first section of the first lecture was worked by the Brethren, under the direction of the W.M. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Jeffries was examined and entrusted, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Jeffries W.M. of the Ravensbourne Lodge delivered the three addresses usually given at the installation.

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HAMMERSMITH LODGE, No. 2090.

THE well attended meeting held on Wednesday, 25th ult., shows how strong a hold the Craft has on the Brethren of the district, for the W.M. Bro. Herbert Wood sounded his gavel at 7.45 promptly, and every Officer was in his place, with nearly twenty other Brethren.

Bro. Wood was supported by Bros. W. H. Cave S.W., Golby J.W., W. Hellier P.M. Prec., H. Warren acting Sec., Bratt S.D., E. W. Scolding J.D., G. W. Turner I.G., Arthur Williams P.M., Barton Jones P.M., John H. Cumming P.M., W. Handover, F. Cave, W. G. Cave, L. Beale, L. Youngson, Chubb, Hattersley, Yale, Payne, Byng, Hunt, Barnett, Pomeroy, &c.

Bro. L. Beale was examined and entrusted in the second degree, after which the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Wood vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Chubb, who resumed the Lodge to the first degree and Bro. Wood having proved his proficiency the Lodge was advanced and the passing rehearsal took place. Bro. Wood resuming the chair, lowered the Lodge, and Bro. W. H. Cave was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Bro. Hellier the indefatigable Preceptor has arranged for this Lodge of Instruction to pay a friendly visit to the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, at the Earl Russell, St. Pancras Road, on Monday next, 7th inst., at 8 p.m. and he proposed a strong list of Brethren to occupy the Offices, Brethren who are renowned for their first class working.

The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Letchworth G.S., thanking the Lodge of Instruction for telegraphing to H.R.H. the Grand Master congratulating him on his providential escape from assassination.

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EARL'S COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, at the usual meeting place, Bro. Joel Davis's, the Greyhound, Kensington Square, W., those present including Bros. C. S. Hatt W.M., J. H. King S.W., W. S. Lyons J.W., A. J. Taylor acting Preceptor, J. Wynman S.D., Joel Davis J.D., R. R. Young I.G., Maurice Davis, &c.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. M. Davis acting as candidate. By desire of the W.M. and Brethren, Bro. A. J. Taylor Secretary of the Lodge gave the ancient charge; the working of Bro. Hatt, and the charge by the Secretary being highly appreciated by the company.

There being several communications there was no time for further working, which was regretted by the W.M., who hoped next time he presided to have the opportunity of rehearsing other ceremonies. The Officers for next meeting had been elected at the previous meeting.

Bro. Taylor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent and faultless manner in which Bro. Hatt had fulfilled the duties of the chair in that Lodge for the first time. He might say the Brethren had received a Masonic treat, all the more appreciated as Bro. Past Master Hatt was called upon to take the chair unexpectedly.

Bro. Taylor further proposed that the meeting be adjourned until Wednesday, 16th, on account of the regular meeting taking place on Wednesday next, at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington.

MARK MASONRY.

ASHTON DISTRICT LODGE, T.I.

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge after Consecration and re-constitution was held at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Dukinfield, on Tuesday, 24th ult., when all the Officers and a large number of the Brethren were in attendance. The W.M. Bro. Dr. Foreman P.G.D. occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. A. W. Siddall P.P.G.S.O. S.W., Walter Newton P.P.G.D. J.W., J. W. Hulley P.P.G.S.B. M.O., Edwin Marshall S.O., J. T. Hulse J.O., James Fitton P.M. Sec., John Wagstaffe P.P.G.S.O. S.D., John Hanson J.D., George Holland I.G., &c.

The Secretary Bro. James Fitton P.M., after reading the minutes, was complimented on the full and lucid account rendered of the last meeting, and the concise and exhaustive description given of the proceedings leading up to the formation and Consecration of the Lodge, containing complete details rendered with much accuracy and precision.

Bro. James White P.M. 89 P.P.D.G.D.C. was balloted for and duly advanced to the degree of M.M. by the W.M., the whole ceremony being performed with the greatest smoothness and accuracy, reflecting credit on each Officer from the lowest up, the excellent work of the S.D. Bro. Wagstaffe giving good effect, and adding much to the impressiveness of the portions connected with the principal Officers, and pointing to the forethought and wisdom of the W.M. in having selected an experienced Brother for the important office of S.D.

Bros. John Roberts and John G. Willan, members of the old Lodge, were re-obligated under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England. Several reports were received and general business transacted.

The following were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge:—Bros. Major J. D. Murray P.P.G.S.W. Lanc. P.G.O. Eng. (Wigan), Dr. C. S. Brewer P.P.G.S.W. Ches. G.A.D.C. Eng. (Birkenhead).

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren sat down to an excellent supper, which was followed by Loyal and Mark toasts.

The toast of the Grand Officers was proposed by Bro. Walter Newton,

Mayor of Ashton-under-Lyne, who made some happy allusions to Earl Euston Pro G.M., and his Officers, and the magnanimity of their latter action in doing honour to the Lodge by the appointment conferred on the W.M. Bro. Dr. Foreman briefly responded.

The toast of the Prov.G. Officers was proposed by Bro. Alderman Siddall, who made pleasing references to the many good qualities of the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton Prov.G.M.

The toast of the W.M. was submitted by Bro. Allen Shaw, J.P., in his usual kind and bland manner, who referred to the excellent way the W.M. performed his work, not only in that but also in many other degrees, and stated great credit was due to him for conducting the affairs of the Lodge so successfully through the period of its greatest crisis, and for still maintaining the high tone and dignity which he had fostered so much in the days of the old Lodge.

Bro. Foreman briefly replied, thanking Bro. Shaw for his kind and too flattering remarks, and wishing he could be all his friend and Brother had pictured him.

Bro. White, in responding to the toast of the newly advanced Brother, said he was greatly pleased with the beauty of a most delightful ritual, that had been rendered in an exceptionally elevated tone, which had deeply impressed his mind, much beyond any anticipation.

Bro. George W. Davies P.M. Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 141, replied for the visitors. Other toasts followed, that of the Tyler bringing a most enjoyable and pleasant evening to an end, the whole proceedings pointing to the fact that the Brethren of the T.I. Lodge were still "a happy family," as in days of yore.

ROGERS' GOLDEN GATE, LIMITED.

SOME mines have the character of industrial undertakings, as their regular production of gold can be thoroughly relied upon, and in this category should be placed Rogers' Golden Gate, Limited, which company has made regular returns of gold since its incorporation in April 1899, the total output averaging over one ounce of gold per ton. The property of the company, which comprises 50 acres, is situated on the Croydon Goldfield, North Queensland, Australia, and its total capital is only £100,000, in £1 shares, of which 70,000 are issued and fully paid, the remaining 30,000 shares being working capital, reserved for future issue, if required. An important fact to be borne in mind in connection with Rogers' Golden Gate is the richness of the adjacent gold mines on both sides, on the same line of reef, which is now proved to be one of the most valuable lodes in North Queensland. The mine is being worked and thoroughly developed, and the amount of quartz which has been raised and crushed, according to official returns, is 21,519 tons, yielding 30,620 oz., of an approximate value of £80,000, being an average of about £3 15s per ton of ore. It is stated that the company have already sufficient funds in hand to enable them to pay a dividend. The reports from the mine continue most favourable, and handsome dividends for the shareholders seem assured. Careful speculative investors should note the above.

The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—8, Quo Vadis. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Avenue.—8, An Old Admirer. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Covent Garden.—Monday, 14th May, Grand Fancy Dress Ball.
Criterion.—8.30, Lady Huntworth's Experiment. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Drury Lane.—8, Marsac of Gascony. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Duke of York's.—8, Miss Hobbs. 10, Madame Butterfly. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Gaiety.—8.15, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8, Zaza. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Globe.—8.15, A broken Halo. 9, Nurse. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Haymarket.—8.30, The Rivals. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Her Majesty's.—8, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Lyceum.—Thursday, 10th May, Magda. Saturday, 12th May, The second Mrs. Tanqueray.
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30. Other afternoons, 3, L'enfant prodigue.
Princess's.—8, In the Ranks.
Royalty.—8.15, Mrs. Jordan. 9, Magda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Savoy.—8.15, The Rose of Persia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Shaftesbury.—8, An American Beauty. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
St. James's.—8.30, A Man of forty. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Strand.—8.15, The Lady Bookie. 9, Facing the Music. Matinée, Saturday, 3. Other afternoons, 2.30, You never can tell.
Terry's.—8, The Passport. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Vaudeville.—8.15, The Lady Volunteers. 8.50, Kitty Grey. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Wyndham's.—8.15 Cyrano de Bergerac. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Alexandra.—Next week, 8, Dorothy.
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, A Royal Family.
Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, A Dark Secret.
Standard.—Next week, 7.45, The Geisha.
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Napoli, &c.
Aquarium.—The World's great Show. Varied performances, daily.
Empire.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town Again, &c.
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Palace.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 1.45 also.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Agricultural Hall.—8, Mohawk Minstrels.
Alexandra Palace.—Thursday and Saturday. Varied entertainments.
Crystal Palace.—Café Chantant. Varied attractions daily.
Earl's Court.—Woman's Exhibition.
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
London Hippodrome.—2 and 8, Varied attractions, &c.
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.