

THE Freemason's Chronicle.

A WEEKLY RECORD OF MASONIC INTELLIGENCE.

Registered at the G.P.O. as a Newspaper.

Reports of United Grand Lodge are published with the Special Sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England

VOL. LIV.—No. 1393.
27th year of issue.]

SATURDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 1901.

PRICE THREEPENCE.
13/6 per annum, in advance

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Board of Benevolence met for its September gathering on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, the President Bro. J. H. Matthews, the Junior Vice-President Bro. Henry Garrod, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune Past Junior Vice-President taking the three chairs. The Grand Secretary's Office was represented by Bro. W. Lake Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. G. S. Recknell.

The Brethren confirmed grants which, since the August meeting, had received the Grand Master's approval, to the extent of £295, and dealt with sixteen cases which appeared on the new list. One was withdrawn, and the Board deferred one and dismissed three. In the other instances they asked Grand Lodge to approve of the gift of £100 in one case, and referred to the Grand Master for his sanction £40 in two cases, and £30 in three. The remaining gifts were two of £20, and one each of £15, £10, and £5, the total being £340. The business was concluded in an hour.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

AN entertainment is to be given to the boys at the School at Wood Green, on Monday, by Bro. William Miles, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, who has arranged a dramatic, humorous and musical recital (comprising scenes from "The Lady of Lyons," zither recitals, and humorous selections. The entertainment will commence at 7 p.m., the doors being open to friends of the Institution half an hour previously.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Lord Mayor visited the Institution at Clapham, in full state, on Monday. He was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, Mrs. Lawrence (wife of Bro. Sheriff Lawrence, M.P.), Miss Nora Green, and Bro. Under-Sheriff Gardiner. The civic party were received at the Institution by Sir John B. Monckton (representing the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee), Bro. Letchworth, Bro. Long, and several other high Officers of the Craft, whilst a large number of visitors was also present. The party inspected the Institution, and also witnessed calisthenic and musical performances by the children. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to his lordship for his visit, and for the interest he had evinced in the Institution. The Lord Mayor briefly responded, and gave a short address to the children, especially thanking them for the donation of five guineas they had handed to him on behalf of the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

THE writer of an article in the "Daily Express" had the good fortune to assist at the initiation of President Roosevelt (then Vice-President) into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

When he declared his intention of joining the Order several of the prominent New York Lodges wrote and asked if he would consent to a big ceremony in Madison Square Garden, which holds 12,000 people. Besides the personal popularity of the candidate, the event was noteworthy because Roosevelt would be the first Vice-President to become a Mason during his term of office.

In spite of all these tempting offers he took his three degrees in a small Lodge at Oyster Bay, Long Island, where he resides. The Lodge is called the Matinnecock, and its members are principally fishermen and gardeners who had known Roosevelt since he was a boy. The room was very small, holding only about 300 persons, but on that night over 700 squeezed in, and barely left room for the working of the ceremonies.

For a week previous to the initiation, humorous cartoons had appeared in certain New York papers depicting Vice-President Roosevelt riding a goat and going through various undignified evolutions generally connected with a circus.

He went through his initiation in a manly unaffected way, and gained the admiration of all who were present. After it was all over, Roosevelt thanked everyone present for the honour conferred upon him, and said that he hoped the day would never come when they would regret having made him a Mason.

Some interesting points in regard to the progress of Freemasonry in Cornwall were mentioned by the Provincial Grand Treasurer in his annual statement at the meeting of that Lodge on Tuesday, referred to elsewhere in this issue.

The installation meeting of the Chough Lodge, No. 2264, will be held on Thursday next, 26th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, E.C., at 4.30 p.m. Bro. J. A. Smith is to be installed as W.M., and there are three candidates on the agenda for ballot and initiation. The annual banquet will follow, at 7.30 p.m. We hope to report the proceedings in a subsequent issue.

The regular meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, will be held on Thursday next, 26th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, the proceedings commencing at 4 p.m. and being followed by supper at 7 o'clock. There are three candidates on the agenda for raising, one for passing, and two for initiation (one of whom has already been accepted on the ballot). Brethren who have the privilege of attending this meeting may rely on a pleasant evening—not only will the work in Lodge be interesting, but the musical programme—which is in the hands of Past Master Frisby Organist of the Lodge—will be sure to add to the enjoyment. We regret a previous engagement will prevent our personal attendance, but we hope to be able to give an account of the proceedings in due course.

We learn from our Scotch contemporary, "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," that a constitutional Committee was some months ago resolved upon in one of the Scotch Lodges to visit "lapsed members," and, if possible, bring them back to the Masonic fold. No more useful Committee can exist, remarks Brother "Mallet." There are thousands who through various causes have fallen away from their duties as members of the Craft, and only require to be made to feel that they are not lost sight of to become once more active and true workers. That Lodges, and their name should be legion, should have such a Committee and not make it a permanency by requiring its appointment annually, is undoubtedly a mistake.

Holiday wishes and broiling sun are not allowed to interfere with duties that must be done. I am thinking of a pilgrimage made by me in common with three or four hundred zealous Brothers, who were wearing their Masonic adornments over the official frock coat and top hat, which English convention insists upon no matter how fierce the rays of a scorching sun, along about four miles of an excessively parched and dusty road, to take part in the laying of the foundation stone of an Infirmary. Our quaint attire presented the appearance almost of khaki when the site of the building was reached, but so slight an incident did not in any way interfere with the heartiness with which we joined in the beautiful ritual of the ceremony.—"Cornerstone," in "P.O.P."

LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Lancashire will be held at Godmorden, on Wednesday, 2nd October next.

CORNWALL.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held on Tuesday, 17th inst., at the Public Rooms, Bodmin, the proceedings being held under the banner of Lodge One and All, No. 330, the Brethren of which had very tastefully decorated the Lodge Room. There was a very large attendance, over which the Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe presided.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Master said two Lodges mentioned in the minutes had completed their new buildings, at St. Austell and Calstock.

During the calling of the roll of Lodges of the Province the Prov. Grand Secretary announced the receipt of a communication from the Grand Lodge to the effect that the Fort Lodge, No. 1528, of Newquay, had been erased from the list, as it had ceased to work. Lodge Fort was warranted in January 1875.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer Bro. E. A. P. Broad presented the annual financial statement, which showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £255 12s 6d. Fees of honour conferred at Camborne produced £37 13s, whilst £230 10s 6d was received as dues from the various Lodges of the Province. With other sums the total was brought up to £557 8s 11d. After meeting all disbursements there was a balance in hand of £304 odd. Bro. Broad drew attention to the sum of £5 9s 8d received as interest, and pointed out that the last time such an item figured in the balance sheet was in 1863. The bank authorities were only surprised that they had not been asked for interest before. In the course of further remarks, the Prov. Grand Treasurer mentioned that the present books of the Treasurer were commenced just fifty years ago, and from them the progress of Freemasonry in the Province could easily be traced. Then there was a balance of £9 15s 3d against the Provincial Grand Lodge, whilst now there was a credit balance of £304 9s 10d. In 1851 the sum of £5 8s was devoted to Charities, as against £128 8s 6d this year. The income then was £26 6s 4d, whilst now it was £301 16s 5d. The financial statement was unanimously adopted.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read his annual report, which stated that the total subscribing members up to 31st December 1900 was 1,995, as compared with 1,984 in 1899, an increase of eleven. A reply had been received to the address they had presented to the King on his accession. In a statement concerning the Masonic War Fund, Bro. Edyvean mentioned that the receipts were £473 6s, of which £14 9s was sent inadvertently to the "News" Fund. Over £150 had been disbursed at the discretion of the Prov.G.M., and at present there was £314 9s 6d in the bank to the credit of the Fund.

The Prov. Grand Master said with regard to the address to his Majesty, he invited the Cornish Lodge in London to join with them in it. The compliment was appreciated very much, because they liked to be associated with the Province. They had heard the gracious reply of his Majesty, who had now ascended the throne of the empire, and his brother—alas, now, his only brother—had ascended the throne of the Craft. He felt sure that the loyalty that had always been evinced towards the King as the ruler of the Order would be continued to his brother the Duke of Connaught. With regard to the Masonic War Fund he had ventured to sanction certain grants, but the sum concerned was small compared to the amount of money in hand. In addition, he had sanctioned a small sum being set aside for the postage of papers to the troops in South Africa. Before concluding, the Prov.G.M. read a portion of a letter from a Cornish Volunteer, who spoke in the highest terms of the late Lieutenant Cowlard, of Launceston. The Secretary's report was then adopted.

The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund was presented by Bro. E. M. Milford Treasurer. It showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £46. The receipts from investments were £238, and from donations and subscriptions £400, making a total of £684. Aged Masons were granted £45, whilst Widows were voted £81. £45 was devoted to educational purposes, whilst the administration expenses were about £35. The

balance at the bank was £478. The existing annual charges on the Fund were five annuities to aged Masons, £90; eleven annuities to Widows, £162; and six educational grants, £75, making a total of £327. The Committee recommended the addition of five annuities to Widows, £90, with three educational grants, £55, bringing the total annual charges up to £472. The total capital of the Fund was now £7,199 an increase on the year of £481.

The Prov. Grand Master regarded the report as a most satisfactory one. One of the great functions of Freemasonry was to give relief to families in need. Proceeding, his lordship spoke of the importance of not admitting into the Lodges persons who were not in a position to contribute to such Funds, but were more likely to stand in need of relief. It was not even fair to the individual or his family, who might be liable to have grants refused, as had been done by the Grand Lodge, because the person was not in a position financially to become a Mason when initiated.

The report was adopted after Bro. Broad had pointed out that the subscribers to the Fund included more than half the Brethren of the Province.

The report of the Committee of Relief on Petitions, presented by Bro. B. F. Edyvean, stated that three grants had been made to Widows of Brethren of Lodges 131, 496, and 1164. It was suggested that a hundred guineas should be voted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund and the great Masonic Charities. In view of the fact that the D.P.G.M. would represent the Province at the next Festival of the Girls School, it was proposed that fifty guineas of the sum should be devoted to that Charity, which proposals were carried.

At this stage the Prov. Grand Lodge adjourned, and a procession was formed. Headed by a band, the Brethren marched to the parish church of St. Petroc, where the usual service was held. The lesson was read by the Rev. T. Kendall P.P.G.C., of Holsworthy. The service was taken by the senior curate, the Rev. Jones, whilst the preacher was the Rev. Bro. H. K. Southwell Senior Prov. Grand Chaplain.

Taking as his text St. John ii. 18 and following verses, the Rev. Brother preached a very impressive sermon. The principles of Freemasonry were sublime and Divine in moral teaching. No man who had worked through Masonry could think or say otherwise. No one who understood the spirit of Masonry could say otherwise. As Masons, they should be of serious demeanour whenever they entered their temple, because they were there as Masons in the sight of God. Theirs was no worldly society. No rules or ritual could make a society wise and good. It was not that which made Masonry what it was. His Brethren would not forget where they were first prepared to be made Masons. It sprang from the heart. It was not the best Mason who best knew the work, but it was the one who lived with the least reproach and set an example to his Brethren and the world.

After the service the Brethren returned in procession to the Public Rooms, and the business of the Lodge was proceeded with. After the four Lewises who had carried the Volume of the Sacred Law in the procession had been called to the entrance of the Lodge they were each presented with a Bible. The four recipients were Masters F. H. Spear, H. C. Edyvean, L. Goodfellow, and B. Treverton. Addressing them, the Prov. Grand Master explained that Lewises were the sons of Masons. As they had carried the Bible in the procession, which was always done, he wanted to give them a copy of the Sacred Volume as a memento of the occasion. He reminded them that the teaching of the Book was absolutely essential as a motive and as giving power to live such a life as would make them a credit to their society if they joined, as he hoped they would, and would make happy in this life and the future. The Lewises then withdrew.

Bro. E. A. P. Broad, in the absence of Bro. G. B. Pearce, reported on the work of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association. Contributions had been received during the year amounting to 345 guineas, an increase of forty-eight guineas on the previous year. The Redruth Lodge headed the list, having displaced St. Martin, Liskeard, which had occupied the honourable position for some time. After meeting various claims for assistance £10 10s was carried forward to next year. It was decided that a framed copy of the rules of the Association should be provided for each Lodge in the Province, the cost being defrayed out of the Provincial Lodge funds.

Bro. E. A. P. Broad Manager of the votes for the great Masonic Charities, in the course of his report, mentioned that

they were running a case at the Girls election next month. Provided promises were fulfilled the candidate should secure election. During the year nearly £600 had been sent to the Central Charities by the Province, which compared splendidly with the £333 of two years ago. It was hoped that with the D.P.G.M. representing the Province at the next Festival of the Girls School, the Brethren would unite to send him up with a list that should surpass all predecessors.

The Officers of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were re-elected, after which Bro. Dr. A. Bowhay 2166, was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. Bros. Downs and Alford were appointed Auditors. Bro. E. A. P. Broad was elected Charity Representative on the proposition of the D.P.G.M., who paid a high tribute to the value of his past work.

The proceeds of the collection in the church were announced to be £10 12s 7d. It was distributed as follows: One-fifth to the vicar, two-fifths each to the C.M.A. and B. Fund and the East Cornwall Hospital.

The rules of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were altered with a view to greater assistance being granted deserving cases. It was announced that the Anderton Memorial Fund now amounted to about £200. A proposition to devote the money to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was withdrawn, and on the suggestion of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe the matter was referred to the Provincial Committee to report at the next Provincial meeting as to the best means of commemorating the late Provincial Grand Secretary.

Thirty guineas was voted towards memorials to her late Majesty, fifteen guineas being set aside towards the monument in London, whilst the other money goes to the Institute for Nurses, founded by Queen Victoria.

An invitation to hold the next Provincial meeting at Truro was extended, but in accordance with his usual custom the Provincial Grand Master did not announce his decision on the matter.

The Officers for the ensuing year were invested, and the Provincial Lodge was subsequently closed in due form.

Afterwards the Brethren lunched together at the Guildhall, where the D.P.G.M. Bro. P. Colville Smith presided in the absence of the Prov.G.M., who had returned to Mount Edgcumbe. The usual toasts were honoured. Prior to the opening of the Prov. Grand Lodge visitors were entertained to light refreshments by Lodge One and All.—“Western Mercury.”

CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, in the Public Hall, at West Kirby. The Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Provincial Grand Master presided, having with him his Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd Deputy Prov.G.M., Bro. R. Wylie D.Prov.G.M. West Lancashire, W. Goodacre Provincial Grand Secretary West Lancashire, and many present and past Officers.

There was a good attendance, considering the somewhat remote position of the locality from many parts of the Province. Every Lodge of the fifty-five on the roll, with one exception, was represented, the entire company numbering about 400.

Bro. F. Broadsmith moved the adoption of the Provincial Grand Treasurer's statement of accounts in relation to the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution. This was seconded by Bro. May, and carried.

On the motion of Bro. H. Jackson, seconded by Bro. Lilley Ellis, the annual report of the Committee of Benevolence was approved of. This report showed that the accounts of the Festival recently held in aid of the local Charities were not yet made up. Apart from the proceeds of the Festival, there was a sum of £73 standing to the Fund of Benevolence, after £50 had been granted therefrom, and in addition to this £240 had been granted from the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence and applied for the benefit of aged Freemasons in their Province. Six Aged Masons and three old Women from the Province are receiving the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and six boys and five girls from Cheshire are inmates of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls. The Benevolent Institution of the Province had received £119 in subscriptions, and £69 in extra donations. An accompanying report of the Committee of

Management of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution stated that the cost of educating the sixty-four children now on the books of that Institution during the past year was £389. As the income from investments was only £194, subscriptions and donations had to be looked to for providing the difference between these two sums. It was a matter of regret that several Lodges in the Province had not sent in any contributions, although some of these non-contributors were drawing considerable sums for the maintenance of children.

The Provincial Grand Master said that as this was the first occasion on which he had had the honour of addressing the Brethren since his installation to Office in December last, he had to say that he felt a very great amount of diffidence in having undertaken the work and in carrying it out. But as a Mason, and as one who had progressed and who tried to follow out what was inculcated at his initiation, he felt that it was his duty to accept the position which his present Majesty offered to him. He should not have done so unless he had felt that he had the hearty support of all the Brethren in the Province. Such support he had received during his first year of Office, and he thanked the Brethren for it. During the many years that his brother, Earl Egerton of Tatton, was the Provincial Grand Master Masonry made very great strides indeed. It was difficult to follow in the footsteps of one who for so long reigned over them, and who assisted in creating the increase and improvement of Masonry which took place during his term, but he had no hesitation in saying that Masonry not only was maintaining its own, but was enlarging its borders. He understood that before very long he would be called upon to Consecrate two new Lodges within a short distance from where they were assembled. That end of the Province was undoubtedly the one in which the greatest movement in their Order was taking place. He hoped, however, that the eastern portion of the Province would not go to sleep, to put it plainly. There was unfortunately a little tendency in some of the older Lodges, where there was not the vigour of youth, and where when they were young they did not at once go on recruiting, to refrain from bringing in fresh blood and fresh members. Some of the Lodges were undoubtedly suffering from that kind of thing. They rested on their oars at a stage of their life when they thought they were strong enough and were doing well enough. It was an unfortunate fact that Lodges would lose their members by force of circumstances, and it was incumbent upon every Lodge to lay down a programme of the number of new members that they ought to recruit as a minimum in each year. In their private businesses they were always preparing for the future. So in Masonry in their Lodges they should look forward to getting young, vigorous, active members, because it was upon such that the future of the Lodges must depend. But in all this it was of the highest importance that they should see to it that all whom they admitted were fit and proper men to become members. He thanked the Brethren for their noble response to his appeal at the Festival of the present year in aid of their local Charities.

Brother John Morris, of the West Kirby Lodge, was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Bros. G. Ibeson, P. Davies, J. Cookson, Armstrong, and H. Gordon Small were appointed Auditors.

The investiture of Officers for the ensuing year was afterwards proceeded with.

The Provincial Grand Master presented, on behalf of the Brethren, an address to Brother H. Gordon Small P.P.S.G.W., in which was expressed very high appreciation of his services during the past ten years as Prov.G. Director of Ceremonies, on his retirement from that Office. The presentation was followed by much applause, and Bro. Small had a cordial reception on acknowledging the address.

Before the close of the meeting the Provincial Grand Master said they could not separate without referring to one matter which could not but be present in the hearts of all of them—the sad loss which their American cousins had sustained in the death, by murder, of their President. They could not forget that Masonry had a very strong existence in America, and that, indeed, Englishmen and Americans were practically one cousinship. He thought that on that occasion they should record their sympathy with the American nation in the loss it had sustained. It was especially due to the policy of the late President that closer relations in the Brotherhood of the two nations had been achieved. He did not think it necessary to put forward a formal resolution, but

he asked all present to join him in an expression of sympathy. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge signified their assent by rising in their places.

A collection was made on behalf of local charities, and the Lodge was closed.

There are invitations to Knutsford and Runcorn for the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the decision will rest with the Provincial Grand Master.—"Manchester Courier."

It is a very pleasing custom on the part of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall to arrange that four sons of Freemasons shall carry the Volume of the Sacred Law in the procession to Church which is a feature of each annual assembly, and the Provincial Grand Master afterwards makes a point of presenting a copy of the Bible to each of the Lewises and takes the opportunity of addressing a few words of Masonic advice to the lads, which we venture to think is likely to produce very good results in years to come. Why is not the custom general at Provincial Grand Lodge meetings, where a Church Service forms a part of the programme?

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

A DEAR old Brother—a worthy member of the Craft and a kind hearted man of the world—was taken from us last week, when Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, V.D., F.S.A., Past Grand Sword Bearer of England P.P.G.W. Herts. died in his 78th year. A short time back Bro. Lambert was one of the best known Brethren in the metropolis, but increasing years and ill health had lately kept him away from Masonic gatherings, although we understand his heart was still in the cause. We have personal knowledge of many kindly actions on the part of the worthy Brother, who was a warm supporter of the Masonic Institutions and, perhaps we may say above all, a true friend to any Brother—or the widow or children of any Brother—in distress whose cause was brought under his notice. He was one of the oldest gold and silver smiths in the metropolis and a prominent member of several of the City Companies.

It is a mournful fact that a few hours after the decease of Bro. George Lambert P.G.Sw.B. the Masonic Rifle match, for which he so kindly provided the prizes, was fired off at Bisle, our Brother's death taking place on Friday, and the Rifle contest on Saturday of last week. In the result the "First Gavel" was secured by members of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, with a total of 636 (the individual scores being: Bros. R. H. Tayton 92, A. Wright 86, H. Mar-dell 81, W. M. Ward 81, C. W. Potter 80, J. Crickmay 75, C. A. Taylor 72, and H. Lintott 69). The "Second Gavel" was won by members of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362, with a total of 546 (the competitors being Bros. G. Jackson Crow 88, Geo. James 88, A. Marshall 86, G. W. Barter 82, H. J. B. Paish 77, J. L. Miller 63, and H. Sillis 62). The Queens Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, and the Paddington Rifles Lodge, No. 2807 also competed, the former scoring 535, and the latter 520.

Court.—Messrs. Brickwell and Kerr have decided upon an immediate revival of "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," to take the place of "John Durnford, M.P.," which has unfortunately failed to attract. Mr. Kerr will confine his work in the play to the stage management, feeling that the part of "Miss Brown" requires a younger actor, of lighter voice and manner than his own. Messrs. Brickwell and Kerr have therefore placed the title role in the hands of Mr. R. C. Herz, a rising actor whose recent successes at the Court Theatre they trust will justify the confidence placed in him.

"FRA GLESCA TAE WHITECHAPEL" is a far cry, but that is the move recently undertaken by Bro. Ritchie Thom, who has journeyed from the northern city to take up the position of host at the Aldgate Distillery, Goulston Street, Aldgate East, the house lately vacated by Bro. Abrahams, who for some time placed the best of his accommodation at the disposal of the members of the Friars Lodge of Instruction for their weekly meetings. The house has been newly decorated, especial attention being paid to the old Lodge Room, which is again available for Masonic purposes should an existing Lodge of Instruction be looking for fresh quarters, or a new one desire a home. The present proprietor Bro. Thom is a member of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 571, under the Scottish Constitution, and is making every endeavour to please his patrons; good cigars, wines, spirits, &c. being provided by him for the enjoyment of his customers.

BOOKBINDING in all its branches. Prices on application. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, New Barnet.

GENERAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.

LONDON AND EDINBURGH.

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY FROM EACH END.

FARES—Chief Cabin, 22s; Return, 34s.
Fore Cabin, 16s; Return, 24s 6d.

The "Seamew," one of the finest and fastest steamers on the Coast, is now on the route.

Cheap Tours in the Highlands of Scotland.

Including 1st class passage to Edinburgh and back, carriage of bicycle, full table d'hôte meals on board, hotel accommodation (with board) in the Highlands, and Trip, 1st class, via Loch Fyne and the Kyles of Bute, from Inverary to Glasgow, by the magnificent Royal Mail steamer "Lord of the Isles," with dinner on board, and carriage of bicycle. These tours have been designed primarily to meet the wants of cyclists, but are equally suitable to the ordinary tourist and holiday maker.

6 day Tour	£3 14 6	} or 6s. less if "Lord of the Isles" coupon not required.
9 "	5 0 0	
12 "	6 5 6	
13 "	6 12 6	
16 "	7 19 6	
17 "	8 5 0	

NOTE.—These inclusive fares are at the rate of about 10s 6d per day, or less than the cost of simply staying at a fairly good hotel. For itineraries, route map, and all information apply to General Steam Navigation Co., 55 Great Tower Street, E.C.

Company's Illustrated Guide free on application; by post, 2d.

THE THEATRES, &c.

—:0:—

- APOLLO. 8, Kitty Grey. Matinee, Saturday, 2.
AVENUE. 8.30, The Night of the Party. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.
CENTURY (Late Adelphi). 8.15, The Whirl of the Town. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.
COMEDY. 8.15, When we were Twenty-one. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.
COURT. Monday, 23rd September, The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown.
CRITERION. 8.30, The Undercurrent. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.
DALY'S. 8.15, San Toy. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.
DRURY LANE. 7.30, The Great Millionaire. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 1.30.
DUKE OF YORK'S. 8, The Bishop's Candlesticks. 8.45, A Royal Rival. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.15.
GAIETY. 8, The Foreador. Matinee, Saturday, 2.
GARRICK. 8, Iris. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.15.
GLOBE. 8, H.M.S. Irresponsible. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Gr. QUEEN STREET. 8.15, A Royal Betrothal. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinee, Saturday, 3.
HER MAJESTY'S. Mr. Tree's autumn season will open early in October.
IMPERIAL. 8.30, A Man of his Word. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.
LYCEUM. 8, Sherlock Holmes. Matinee, Saturday, 2.
LYRIC. 8, The Silver Slipper. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.
PRINCE OF WALES'S. 8, Becky Sharp. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
ROYALTY. 8.15, The Second Mrs. Tanqueray. Matinee, Saturday, 2.15.
SAVOY. 8.15, The Emerald Isle. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.
St. JAMES'S. 8.30, The Elder Miss Blossom. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.
SHAFTESBURY. 8, Charity begins at Home. 9, Are you a Mason? Matinee, Wednesday, 2.
STRAND. 8.20, Newspaper Nuptials. 9, The Talk of the Town. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
TERRY'S. 8.20, The Lady Wrangler. 9, The Giddy Goat. Matinee, Wednesday, 3.
VAUDEVILLE. 8, You and I. 9, Sweet and Twenty. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.
GRAND. Next week, 7.45, The Fisher Girl.
OPERA HOUSE, CROUCH END. Next week, 8, The Girl from up there.
ALHAMBRA. 7.45, Variety Entertainment, The Gay City, Inspiration, &c.
AQUARIUM. Varied performances, World's Great Show, &c.
CANTERBURY. 8, Variety Entertainment.
EMPIRE. 8, Variety Entertainment. Les Papillons, &c.
LONDON PAVILION. 7.45, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.30 also.
METROPOLITAN. 8, Variety Entertainment.
OXFORD. 8, Variety Entertainment. Saturday 2.15 also.
PALACE. 7.45, Variety Entertainment. American Biograph, &c.
TIVOLI. 7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
CRYSTAL PALACE. Varied attractions daily. Grand Naval and Military Exhibition. Fireworks every Thursday and Saturday.
EARL'S COURT. Military Exhibition.
EGYPTIAN HALL. 3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
LONDON HIPPODROME. 2 and 8, Varied attractions.
MADAME TUSSAUD'S (Baker Street Station). Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.
St. JAMES'S HALL. 8, Mohawk Moore and Burgess Minstrels. Matinee, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

—: o :—

Books, Music, &c. intended for review, should be addressed to the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle, at Fleet Works, New Barnet.

—: o :—

The Mystery of Mr. Bernard Brown. By E. Phillips Oppenheim. Illustrated (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Ltd.

A CRITIC has recently warned Mr. Anthony Hope that he is writing too fast, and we are fearful lest Mr. Oppenheim should need the same warning. The volume before us contains something of the author's best manner, but it shows, we think, a distinct falling away from the masterly power and finish which characterised almost every page of "A Millionaire of Yesterday." That unconscious ease, that freshness of conception, and vigour of narrative which we all recognise when we see them, are with difficulty summoned to the aid of a writer who finishes one novel only that he may commence another. We hope that Mr. Oppenheim will tempt providence in no such fashion, for we have read such excellent stories from his pen that we should be sorry indeed were his merits to decline. "Mr. Bernard Brown" is not ill drawn, but we believe Mr. Oppenheim could have drawn him more skilfully still had he taken longer in the limning. The volume is printed and bound in a style uniform with the printing and binding of many of the good novels recently issued by the same publishers.

The Disciple. By Paul Bourget.—T. Fisher Unwin.

THAT M. Paul Bourget is a thinker and writer of the first order is known to most men, and we are pleased to see so handy an edition of "The Disciple" published. The story contains not only a finely worked out love episode and some excellent narrative, but is in reality a philosophical study. A story told in the first person is, we think, more likely to hold the attention of the reader than if narrated otherwise, and certainly this method has been used very successfully by M. Bourget in the chapters entitled "Confession of a young man of the Period." The last interview between Greslon and Charlotte is sketched by a deft hand and is a fitting climax to a powerful drama. Whether or no M. Bourget's book proves that when a man is in love he is a fool, it certainly shows that he is prone to become unscrupulous. We should like to see more of the work of the greater French novelists published simultaneously in this country; for our own writers will readily acknowledge that we are behind the Frenchmen in the power of introspection and self analysis. A complete edition of the works of M. Bourget, uniform with the volume before us, would find many purchasers and more readers.

Arrows of the Almighty. By Owen Johnson (6s).—The Macmillan Company.

IT is no matter of surprise that this novel has already been largely reprinted, for its author is the able exponent of a far greater diversity of gifts than is commonly accorded to man. The canvas here filled is unusually large; but the artist has bestowed loving care even upon the most trivial details with which it is adorned. Some day, perhaps, a learned modern will explain to us the psychology of comparative reminiscences; but in the meantime we find ourselves reminded strongly of one novel when reading another, and are wholly at sea as to the why and the wherefore. "Arrows of the Almighty" has, if we err not, more than one angle of resemblance to Grant Allen's "Babylon," but who shall explain where the resemblance lies? Perhaps it is at least safe to say that Owen Johnson has that adroitness in transition, that versatility of style, that shrewdness of insight, and that unflagging spontaneity which characterised so much of the multifarious work of Grant Allen, and these gifts are themselves sufficient to account for the success which the volume before us has so deservedly attained. The book is printed with a type of exceptional sharpness of definition, and is pleasant to read and to handle.

A Modern Slavedealer. By Archer Philip Crouch. Illustrated by Henry Austin (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Ltd.

THE adventures of Ned Chaloner are so many and so varied that he will elicit the approval of most readers. The West Coast of Africa, or rather, an unknown island near by, is capital country for the purposes of romance, and has been used as such by many writers less skilful than Mr. Crouch. And when the adventurer contrives to lose his heart to a girl who already belongs to somebody else, but manages, through the play of circumstances, to obtain his heart's desire after all, and when, moreover, he is captured by the secret slavedealer and has his share of fighting and fleeing, we are grateful to him for having existed at all, even in the imagination of a modern novelist. We cannot pretend to regard "A Modern Slavedealer" as anything more than a yarn, pure and simple; but as a story it is agreeably told, and by no means clumsily conceived. The picture on the cover certainly promises excitement, and readers will mostly agree that such promise is fulfilled.

Vice Versa. By F. Anstey (6d).—George Newnes, Limited.

Donal Grant. By George Macdonald, LL.D. (6d).—George Newnes, Ltd.

THESE excellent reprints at sixpence each are multiplying so quickly that we need supplementary libraries to contain them. Fortunately, most publishers—and certainly Messrs. Newnes must be ranked in that majority—have exercised such care in the selection of the fictions to be reprinted that in many cases a sixpenny book is now better worth keeping than a six shilling one. These two that Messrs. Newnes have sent us are books by authors of widely differing sympathies and aims; but both are sound literature at the core, and if we receive no worse as the publishers continue to extend their

issues we shall be content to reiterate such unstinted praise as we have on former occasions bestowed upon these cheap reprints. Particularly would we like to think that the volume by Mr. George Macdonald will be extensively bought and read.

The publishers are still issuing their autumn announcements:

Messrs Macmillan are to publish "The Mystic Rose: A study of Primitive Marriage," by A. E. Crawley, M.A.; "Philosophy: its Scope and Method," by the late Prof. Sedgwick; and "English Local Government," by Dr. Josef Redlick, translated by Francis W. Hirst.

Messrs. Bell are about to issue a series of excellent though cheap monographs of the great Painters. Among the earliest volumes will be "Velasquez," "Fra Angelico," "Romney," and "Burne Jones." The volumes are to be illustrated, and will be published at one shilling each.

Messrs. Cassell promise some good novels: "The Giant's Gate," by Max Pemberton; "The Laird's Luck, and other Fireside Tales," by A. T. Quiller Couch; and "Lepidus the Centurion: A Roman of To-day," by Edwin Lester Arnold. These will afford excellent reading unless their authors disgrace their good name.

Mr. Heinemann is about to issue a series of volumes describing the "Great Peoples," under the editorship of Prof. F. York Powell. Early volumes will deal with "The Spanish People," "The French People," and "The Russian People." We have not heard at what price this series will be published.

Freemasonry cannot be honoured by the introduction of any man, be his station the highest in the land; it matters not whether he is distinguished by political, civic, or military position, by great wealth, by a leading place in society, whether he be a successful merchant, a leading lawyer, a distinguished divine, or a great scientist. In Freemasonry we meet upon the level, all are equal, we stand upon the broad platform of manhood.—George E. Wagner, Pennsylvania.

The finances of our Lodge need the same watchfulness and care that should govern our private affairs; fine furniture and trimmings are perfectly proper if we can afford them; but if they are to be had at the expense of an empty treasury, or what is still worse, a heavy debt, the Lodge will suffer, and our interest, except the 10 per cent. paid, will rapidly grow less.—John C. Muerman, Idaho.

SPIERS & POND'S STORES

(No Tickets Required)

QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, E.C.,

Opposite

Blackfriars Station (District Rly.)

AND

St. Paul's Station (L. C. & D. Rly.).

PRICE BOOK (1,000 pages),
illustrated,

free on application.

FREE DELIVERY

IN SUBURBS

by our own Vans.

Liberal terms

for Country Orders.

FOR FULL DETAILS

SEE PRICE BOOK.

WHITE HART HOTEL,
FACING THE SEA, MARGATE,
ESTABLISHED OVER 150 YEARS.

Thoroughly modernised, including magnificent New Coffee Room and Lounge.

Famed for its perfect English Cooking and Choice Wines.
Table d'Hote 7 p.m. Private Sitting Rooms all face Sea.

Large Banqueting Hall suitable for Masonic and other Dinners.

Near Golf Links. Billiards. Bicycle Lock-up.
TELEGRAMS, "WHITE HART, MARGATE." TELEPHONE, 44.

King Ethelbert Hotel,
RECVLVER, near HERNE BAY.
Proprietor, Bro. T. J. RAWLINGS.

Finest Sea and Land views on the East Kent Coast. Magnificent Drives, to and from Herne Bay, Canterbury, &c., &c.

Every facility for Summer Outings. Accommodation for large or small parties.

Masonic Outings by Special Arrangement.
Wines, Spirits and Cigars of the best quality. Moderate Charges.

THE DEACONS HOTEL AND RESTAURANT,
3 Walbrook, London, E.C.,
NEAR THE MANSION HOUSE.

Excellent Accommodation for Lodges of Instruction.

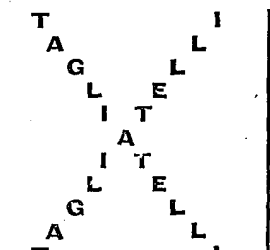
The STUART LODGE, No. 1632, meets here every Friday. For vacant nights and general information, apply to
BRO. W. J. YARDLEY, Manager.

ITALIAN LUXURIES IN LONDON.

THE
Vegetable Meat Co. Ltd.,
37 OLD COMPTON STREET, SOHO, LONDON, W.
The only Company in London for the manufacture of

MACARONI & VERMICELLI.

(Registered Trade Mark—KING BOMBA.)

<p>Speciality. MADE FRESH DAILY, With Special Wheat and Eggs.</p>		<p>6d PER LB. CASH WITH ORDER. POSTAGE EXTRA.</p>
---	---	--

Directions for Cooking sent with each parcel.

Other Fancy Macaroni in all shapes and sizes.

REPORT OF ANALYST.
The Laboratory, London, E.,
October 17th, 1899.

I have carefully analysed and dietically examined samples of **Tagliatelli**, manufactured by the Vegetable Meat Company, with most satisfactory results. I found it to be a pure vegetable preparation, made from Semolina of the finest quality, enriched by the addition of a vegetable proteid of high flesh-forming qualities. The analysis shows the product to be equal to butchers' meat in flesh-forming properties, with the additional advantage of a due proportion of digestible carbo-hydrates. Weight for weight, I can, with confidence, certify Tagliatelli to be more nourishing than the finest beef.

JOHN GOODFELLOW, Ph.D., F.R.M.S.

Importers of Italian Wines,
Parmesan Cheese, Olive Oil, &c., &c.
Liberal discount to Wholesale Dealers, Grocers, &c.
Full price list sent free on application.

"LITTLE GLOUCESTERS." THE NICEST AND BEST

ENGLISH MADE CHEESE.

Rich, choice, delicious and very digestible. Highly recommended. Supplied to Royalty. Connoisseurs should taste it.

SAMPLE CHEESE (2 lbs) 2s 6d post free, 2 for 4s 6d.

MODEL DAIRY, GLOUCESTER, and of all First Class Grocers.

The Freemason's Chronicle.

A Weekly Record of Masonic Intelligence.

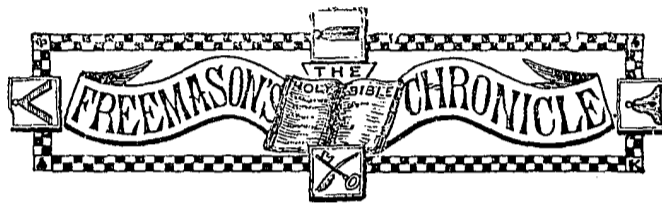
Published every Saturday, price 3d. 13s 6d per annum, post free.

—: 0:—

Scale of Charges for Advertisements.

Back page	£10 10 0
Inside page	8 8 0
General Advertisements, Trade Announcements, &c. (narrow column)	5s per inch
News column Advertisements	1s per line
Births, Marriages and Deaths	1s per line

Special terms for a series of insertions or particular positions.



SATURDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 1901.

AN INTERESTING RETROSPECT.

AT present Freemasonry in New York is living mainly in the hearts of the Brethren. Our Hall is dismantled and dark, every room is turned topsy-turvy, carpets are "up," altars wheeled into odd corners, and a new electric light plant is being installed, every wire in the building being removed and replaced. In such circumstances there is much "confusion in the Craft." Lodges which had made it a boast that they never "called off," that heat or cold made to them no difference, that their Masonic temperature remained the same summer and winter, have had to call a halt and learn the blissful lessons which may be drawn from patience. It is promised that by September the Hall will be in order once more and that so many improvements will be effected the Brethren will hardly recognise their old haunts. So the enthusiasts live in hope and the Brethren of experience are glad that there is at least a clear suspension from the eternal round of "work." Were I to chronicle the doings of Masonry in New York just now I would have to tell stories of clambakes and picnics, fishing excursions and hunting expeditions, all mighty pleasant in themselves, but of little interest to anyone except to those immediately concerned. Sometimes these things are described as Lodge outings, and I often wonder what some of the "fathers" of Masonry would have thought had they contemplated the possibility of much that is now being done under the ægis of the Craft. I wonder what good James Anderson would have thought of a Masonic clambake, or what sort of remarks the worthy Dr. Oliver might have indulged in had he been privileged to attend a Lodge reception! Possibly Laurence Dermott might have enjoyed them all, for he was rather a jovial sort of personage and one who would have endorsed any number of beefsteak dinners and clambakes, and all the honest pleasures of life. As we in this State are Masonically descended from him, perhaps that is why our tastes run so much to receptions and outings and fun.

There being nothing to talk about concerning the passing day, I may be allowed to go back in this letter to the days that have been, and consider one or two facts in our early history not generally known. So with the historian's privilege I hie me back to 1753, when George Harison came to New York with credentials as its Provincial Grand Master from the Grand Lodge (Modern) of England. He is generally regarded as the first of our really active Masonic leaders. He chartered at least a dozen Lodges, some of which yet survive, and under him the Craft began to assert itself in many ways and even to become popular enough to attract attention in the public prints. Hugh Gaine, the Grand Secretary, was himself a printer, and published "The New

York Weekly Mercury," so that the Fraternity had its representatives on the press then as now. For many years little was known of Masonry in New York during Harison's administration beyond the fact of the issuance of some, at least, of his Warrants, and brief details of the usual St. John's services at Trinity church and the banquets which invariably followed the devotional exercises, at such places as the Fountain Tavern and the Province Arms.

But bit by bit we are gradually acquiring more information concerning this era, and what comes to us seems to indicate that Masonry was even then more strong and more popular than the number and variety of Harison's Warrants led us to imagine. As a straw will indicate the direction in which the wind is blowing, so often little historical "chips," as the late Max Muller expressed it, will convey much meaning to the practical inquirer. For instance, we come across the following announcement in the "New York Post Bag" of 5th February 1761:

To be sold, at a very reasonable rate, by Samuel Francis, at the sign of the Mason's Arms, near the Green, New York, a small quantity of portable soup, catchup, bottled gooseberries, pickled walnuts, pickled or fried oysters fit to go to the West Indies, pickled mushrooms, a large assortment of sweetmeats, such as currant jelly, marmalade, quinces, grapes, strawberries, and sundry other sorts.

There is a great deal in this. Samuel Francis, or Frauncis, was a caterer or innkeeper in New York, and in 1783 owned the historic tavern, still standing, where Washington took farewell of his Officers at the close of hostilities. Frauncis is said to have been a West Indian, and received his popular cognomen of "Black Sam" from his swarthy complexion. It is supposed that he settled in New York about 1750. He seems to have been made a Mason soon after his arrival, but in what Lodge is not known. The earliest Masonic date we have concerning him is 1787, when he affiliated with Holland Lodge on its institution. But it is not likely that in 1761 he would have hoisted the sign of the "Mason's Arms" over his hostelry had he not been a member of the Fraternity and had not such a sign been likely to add to the popularity of his establishment. Frauncis was what the Scotch folks call "a pawky chiel," and while his heart was in the American cause he did not assert himself so openly as to quarrel with the British and lose their trade during the six or seven years of the occupation of the city, from the battle of Brooklyn in 1776 to evacuation day in 1783. But a significant fact was that congress, "in consideration of the singular services of the said Samuel Frauncis and of his advances to the American prisoners," voted him in 1789 the then munificent sum of \$2,000. A patriot and a zealous Freemason, is it any wonder that patriots and zealous Freemasons like Washington, Clinton and the other chiefs of the Revolution should have made his house their headquarters and the scene of their rejoicings when the battle was over and liberty had been won?

In the "New York Mercury" of 1763 we come across the following card among the notices of horse racing events:

New York Free Masons' purse of \$100 to be run for April 25th, the best two of three heats, each heat three times round Beaver Pond, Jamaica, each horse to carry nine stone weight and to be entered with Mr. Thomas Braine, paying 30s entrance. The entrance money to be run for next day—the whole to be under the inspection of three Free Masons.

Horse racing in 1763 was a very different affair from the bookmaking and gambling spectacle it has now become, and was a fairly legitimate sport. Now-a-days our Grand Lodge would "jump" upon such an announcement with all the weight of its 110,000 pairs of feet. But even Grand Lodges undergo a process of change with the passage of time, and our honoured body would hold up its hands in holy horror at the idea of participating in a lottery, and yet in 1818 it desired to apply to the legislature for power to get up a lottery all of its own and to build with the proceeds a Masonic Hall in New York! In 1763 horse racing was a sport, pure and simple, and it was the sport of the wealthy classes, the society element of the day. That is the point for us in the announcement quoted. It shows that the Brethren then not only included people in humble life, but that it had in its ranks men who could afford to enjoy even the most expensive of sports, as horse racing was then, for yachts and automobiles had not been evolved. It shows also the popularity which the Craft enjoyed, for doubtless the name of the "Freemasons' Purse" would hardly have been selected even by

members of the Fraternity unless it was to add to the interest in the particular event which was to be judged by "three Freemasons." It is a pity that the card did not give the names of these accomplished patrons of "the sport of kings."

Many such little chips are now being gathered up, and the probability is that before long we will have a much clearer idea of our early history, at least around 1760, than we have now. It is the custom to give the date of 1757, the year when St. John, No. 1, was chartered, as the beginning of our local Masonic story so far as we have it, but there were Lodges and Masons here long before that. Popularity was a plant of slow growth in those times; men and institutions had to be weighed and tested, tried and proved before they were accepted in the community, and in some communities certificates of character were necessary before a man was allowed to acquire a settlement, and even then the new-comer was only received on six months probation. It must have taken at least twenty years of good zealous Masonic work to have brought about the degree of popularity in New York city that made "Mason's Arms" popular as a signboard and "Freemasons' Purse" an attractive name for a racing event. Twenty years prior to 1760 would land us under the Provincial Grand Mastership of Captain Richard Riggs, and I am much mistaken if Freemasonry in New York did not really begin to win its members and enter upon its popularity very soon after his arrival in New York in 1737.—Peter Ross, in "American Tyler."

The sixth annual excursion and picnic of the combined Lodges—the Industry, No. 48; the Borough, No. 424; and the Lord Ravensworth, No. 2674, Gateshead—was held at the old historic town of Alnwick, on Thursday, 12th inst. The party numbered over sixty, including the wives and lady friends of some of the members. Arriving in the town by two saloon carriages, about 11 o'clock, the party proceeded to the Star Hotel, of which Bro. T. Horne is proprietor, and there enjoyed a capital lunch, after which an excellent photograph of an interesting group was taken in front of the hotel. In the afternoon the party drove in brakes through the magnificent parks of his Grace the Duke of Northumberland to Briglee Tower and Hulne Priory, where they found much to interest them. They also visited the Castle and gardens. Returning in the evening to the Star Hotel, the party had dinner—a real Masonic treat—which evoked encomiums for the excellence of the cuisine, under the superintendence of Mrs. Horne. The post-prandial proceedings were of the most harmonious and agreeable character. At 7.30 the party entrained for Tyneside, all highly pleased with the day's proceedings, and the treat they had had in visiting the ducal town.

A correspondent of the "Morning Leader" writes to that paper as follows: "Last week I saw a paragraph stating that the Dutch Freemasons proposed approaching the English Lodges with a view to arriving at some method of concluding the war, on presumably honourable terms. Since then I have not heard or seen anything of a corresponding nature on our side. Surely there are many Masons who, like myself, deeply sympathise with the proposal and who would be glad to welcome any Dutch Masonic delegates. The pathetic incident of the Ermelo Lodge being practically wiped out in one of the earlier battles must have saddened all Brethren. If there is any foundation for the statement in the paragraph I have mentioned, I would suggest that those amongst your readers who are Masons should take steps to give the Dutchmen a fitting reception."—[We should like to see members of the Craft successful in such a mission. On the other hand it seems preferable for the Craft to hold aloof from interference with such a useless resistance as is now being shown.—Ed. F.C.]

At the Plume of Feathers Hotel, Okehampton, on Wednesday evening, 11th inst., through the energy of Bro. F. Edwards P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge Obedience, the builder of the new Masonic Lodge (Mr. John Sleeman), with his workmen, to the number of nearly thirty, were entertained at dinner. An excellent spread was provided, several members of the Lodge being present. A very pleasant evening was spent, the excellent manner in which all the work of the Lodge had been carried out having given great satisfaction. Several toasts were proposed and honoured.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 79 Pythagorean, Ship, Greenwich
 144 St. Luke, Holborn Restaurant
 1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel
 1632 Stuart, Frascati
 1745 Farringdon Without, Holborn Via. H.
 1828 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel, W.
 1910 Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
 48 Industry, F.M.H., Gateshead
 61 Probity, F.M.H., Halifax
 85 Faithful, Swan, Harleston
 89 Unanimity, Angel, Dukinfield
 264 Nelson of the Nile, F.M.H., Batley
 408 Three Graces, Masonic Room, Haworth
 433 Hope, Duke of Well'ton, Brightlingsea
 491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 557 Loyal Victoria, F.M.H., Callington
 613 Unity, F.M.H., Southport
 1280 Walden, Rose & Crown, Saffron Walden
 1286 Bayon, F.M.H., Market Rasen
 1312 St. Mary, F.M.H., Braintree
 1325 Stanley, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1542 Legiolium, F.M.H., Castleford
 1575 Clive, Raven, Market Drayton
 1600 Hamilton, F.M.H., Alford
 1991 Agricola, F.M.H., York
 2042 Apollo, F.M.H., Liverpool
 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
 2247 Powell, F.M.H., Bristol
 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Manchester
 2429 Research, F.M.H., Leicester
 2547 Llangattock, F.M.H., Cardiff
 2724 St. Lawrence, Church Sch., Northfield

Tuesday.

- 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel
 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall
 205 Israel, Holborn Restaurant
 1148 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
 1441 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall
 160 True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford
 253 Tyrian, F.M.H., Derby
 299 Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford
 310 Union, F.M.H., Carlisle
 484 Faith, Gerard's, Ashton-in-Makerfield
 564 Stability, Talbot, Stourbridge
 597 St. Cybi, F.M.H., Holyhead
 788 Crescent, Mitre, Hampton Court
 789 Dunheved, F.M.H., Launceston
 814 Parrett & Axe, Town Hall, Crewkerne
 910 St. Oswald, F.M.H., Pontefract
 943 Sincerity, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal, Crewe
 990 Neyland, New Masonic Hall, Neyland
 1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughborough
 1016 Elkington, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1052 Callendar, F.M.H., Manchester
 1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
 1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
 1358 Torbay, F.M.H., Paignton
 1482 Isle of Axholme, F.M.H., Crowle
 1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1482 Isle of Axholme, F.M.H., Crowle
 1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield
 1609 Liverpool Dramatic, F.M.H., L'pool
 1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1650 Rose of Raby, Scarth Hall, Staindrop
 1675 Ancient Briton, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1779 Ivanhoe, F.M.H., Sheffield
 1834 Duke Connaught, F.M.H., Landport
 1896 Audley, Town Hall, Newport, Salop
 1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms, Bedlington
 1900 Hampshire of Emulation, Eastleigh
 2025 St. George, F.M.H., Plymouth
 2404 Lord Beresford, Sun, Chatham
 2405 Ionic, Impl. Bdgs., S. Helens, Lanc.
 2536 Staines, Town Hall, Staines
 2595 Trinity, Assembly Rm., Buckfastleigh
 2692 Hastings, Castle, Hastings
 2784 Legge, F.M.H., West Bromwich
 2805 Balfour Cockburn, F.M.H., Guernsey
 2814 Fleetwood, Walton Inst., Liverpool

Wednesday.

- 753 Prince Frederick William, Frascati
 754 High Cross, Great Eastern Hotel
 898 Temperance in East, Assy. R., Poplar
 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
 1360 Royal Arthur, P. of Wales, Wimbledon
 2332 Borough of Greenwich, E. Greenwich
 2660 Crane, George, Cranbrook
 32 St. George Harmony, Adelphi, L'pool
 76 Economy, F.M.H., Winchester
 82 Foundation, F.M.H., Cheltenham
 86 Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, Lanc.
 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury

- 163 Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester
 220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
 257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
 304 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Leeds
 320 Loyalty, F.M.H., Mottram
 320 Brotherly Love, F.M.H., Yeovil
 332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
 366 St. David, F.M.H., Milford
 368 Samaritan, F.M.H., Sandbach
 372 Harmony, F.M.H., Budleigh Salterton
 380 Integrity, F.M.H., Morley, Yorks.
 540 Stuart, Swan, Bedford
 555 Fidelity, Crown, Framlingham
 651 Brecknock, Castle, Brecon
 697 United, George, Colchester
 724 Derby, F.M.H., Liverpool
 818 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Abergavenny
 996 Soudes, F.M.H., East Dereham
 1024 St. Peter, F.M.H., Maldon
 1039 St. John, George, Lichfield
 1083 Townley Parker, Grand, Manchester
 1110 St. Bede, F.M.H., Jarrow
 1193 Doric, White Hart, Wymondham
 1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1219 Strangeways, Boar's Head, M'chester
 1283 Ryburn, F.M.H., Sowerby Bridge
 1343 St. John, Queen's, Grays
 1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Council H., Cañnock
 1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
 1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head, Dunmow
 1544 Mount-Edgcombe, F.M.H., Camborne
 1645 Colne Valley, F.M.H., Slaithwaite
 1714 Albert Edward, D. York, York Town
 1723 St. George, F.M.H., Bolton
 1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, L'pool
 1760 Leopold, F.M.H., Scarborough
 1775 Leopold, Comm., Church, Accrington
 1783 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 1793 Sir C. Bright, Clarence, Teddington
 1808 Suffield, Angel, North Walsham
 1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 1868 Unity, F.M.H., Oldham
 1953 Prudence and Industry, George, Chard
 1967 Beacon Court, Ghuznee, N. Brompton
 1980 Stirling, F.M.H., Cleator Moor
 2019 Crook, F.M.H., Crook
 2064 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall
 2120 Abbey, F.M.H., Chertsey
 2140 Gordon, F.M.H., Hanley
 2216 Egerton, Conservative Club, Swinton
 2283 Euston, New Inn, St. Neots
 2320 St. Martin, Church Inn, Castleton
 2355 Chantry, Lic. Vic. Bdgs., Dore
 2373 Hardwick, F.M.H., Chesterfield
 2385 Godson, Talbot, Oldbury
 2427 Wineslai, Bell, Winslow
 2444 Noel, St. James Hall, Kingston-on-T.
 2448 Bradstow, F.M.H., Broadstairs
 2571 Holmes, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2630 Tutbury Castle, Castle, Tutbury
 2655 Queen Victoria, St. Budeaux
 2701 Radcliffe, Boar's Head, Radcliffe
 2762 Lindisfarne, F.M.H., North Shields

Thursday.

- Gen. Com. Girl's School, F.M.H., at 5.
 95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
 766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel
 1421 Langthorne, Angel, Ilford
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
 1563 City of Westminster, Cafe Royal
 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
 2192 Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 2267 Chough, City Terminus Hotel
 2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Ho.
 39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
 78 Imperial George, Middleton, Lanc.
 111 Restoration, F.M.H., Darlington
 116 Royal Lancashire, Swan, Colne
 120 Union, St. George's Hall, Kendal
 202 Friendship, F.M.H., Devonport
 208 Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury
 275 Harmony, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
 283 Amity, Grey Mare, Haslingden
 337 Candour, F.M.H., Uppermill
 346 Un. Brethren, Grosvenor, Blackburn
 348 St. John, F.M.H., Bolton
 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
 410 Grove, F.M.H., Sutton, Surrey
 440 Cecil, Sun, Hitchin
 450 Cornubian, F.M.H., Hayle
 456 Foresters, Town Hall, Uttoxeter
 469 Hundred of Elloe, F.M.H., Spalding
 472 Friendship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
 594 Downshire, F.M.H., Liverpool
 630 St. Cuthbert, F.M.H., Howden

- 636 De Ogle, F.M.H., Morpeth
 710 Pleiades, F.M.H., Totnes
 772 Pilgrims, George, Glastonbury
 787 Beaureper, Red Lion, Belper
 807 Cabbell, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 935 Harmony, Griffin, Lower Broughton
 966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
 1032 Townley Parker, Mas. Rms., Chorley
 1151 St. Andrew, F.M.H., Tywardreath
 1163 Emulation, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1164 Eliot F.M.H., St. Germans
 1166 Clarendon, Queen's, Hyde
 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Town Hall, Buxton
 1313 Fermor, F.M.H., Southport
 1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-u-Ly.
 1345 Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles
 1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lanc.
 1404 St. Vincent, F.M.H., Bristol
 1418 Fraternity, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees
 1437 Liberty of Havering, Gol. L., Romford
 1519 Albert Ed., Albion, Clavton-le-Moors
 1578 Merlin, F.M.H., Pontypridd
 1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport
 1741 Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss
 1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge, Shoeburyness
 1957 Grove, Cock Inn, Hazel Grove
 1971 Army and Navy, Imperial, Aldershot
 2001 Castleberg, Ashfield, Settle
 2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere
 2158 Boscombe, Club, Bournemouth
 2184 R. Vic. Jubilee, King's Head, Chigwell
 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, F.M.H., Hanley
 2215 Anfield, Sandon, Anfield
 2263 St. Leonards, F.M.H., Sheffield
 2269 Peace, F.M.H., Wigan
 2335 Cycling & Athletic, Adelphi, Liverpool
 2375 Hilbre, Market Hall, Hoylake
 2387 M'chester Dramatic, F.M.H., M'chester
 2415 Tristram, F.M.H., Shildon
 2418 Hedworth, F.M.H., South Shields
 2462 Clarence, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
 2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, West Derby
 2474 Hatherton, Stork, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, F.M.H., at 4.

- 318 True and Faithful, F.M.H., Helston
 355 Royal Sussex of Emulation, Swindon
 401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
 426 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Spilsby
 445 Fidelity, Pomfret, Towcester
 460 Sutherland of Unity, Newcastle-u-Lyne
 566 St. Germain, F.M.H., Selby
 602 North York, F.M.H., Middlesborough
 652 Holme Valley, Victoria, Holmfirth
 712 Lindsey, F.M.H., Louth
 751 Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Ledbury
 810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
 1034 Eccleshill, F.M.H., Bradford
 1074 Underley, Mas. R., Kirkby Lonsdale
 1224 Stour Valley, F.M.H., Sudbury
 1232 Hereward, Angel, Bourne
 1303 Pelham, F.M.H., Lewes
 1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391 Commercial, F.M.H., Leicester
 1435 Anneslev, F.M.H., Nottingham
 1712 St. John, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1739 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Swadlincote
 1822 St. Quintin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge
 2421 Kingsley, F.M.H., Northampton
 2631 Com. Trav., Alexandra, Liverpool
 2670 Hope, Conservative Club, Patricroft
 2821 Whitley, F.M.H., Whitley

Saturday.

- 1679 Henry Muggerridge, Anderton's
 1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel
 2472 Walthamstow, Great Eastern Hotel
 142 St. Thomas, Hotel Cecil
 308 Pr. George, Station House, Todmorden
 336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor, Marple
 444 Union, Courtenay Arms, Starcross
 1284 Brent, Globe, Topsham
 1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose & Crown, Penistone
 1531 Chislehurst, Tiger Head, Bexley Heath
 1579 St. James, George, Enfield
 1871 Gostling Murray, Oddfellows, Hounslow
 1965 Eastes, Parish Room, Bromley, Kent
 2087 Electric, Mitre, Hampton Court
 2300 Christopher, Christopher Hotel, Eton
 2353 Broxbourne, Red Lion, Barnet
 2381 Bushey Park, Greyhound, Hampton Crt.
 2421 Carrington, Station Hotel, Amersham
 2460 Ascot, Royal, Ascot
 2508 Th. Ralling, Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill
 2609 Travellers, F.M.H., Chester
 2720 Loyal Commercial, Mas. Tem., Cardiff

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

—:0:—

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. We do not sanction anyone attending Lodge meetings as our representative without a specific invitation.

—:0:—

CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

—:0:—

Earls Court Lodge, No. 2765.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. C. G. HATT.

ALTHOUGH only consecrated in 1899 the Earls Court Lodge has made its mark in the aristocratic borough of Kensington. The Founders were wise in securing the Royal Palace Hotel as a place of meeting, not only for its central position, but also for the spacious apartments that the management place at its disposal.

On the occasion of this year's installation the W.M. Bro. John Worth P.M. called the Brethren together at the early hour of 4 p.m., in order that the large amount of work that was mentioned on the summons should be got through without that hurry or haste which we have noticed is frequently the case on the night of Installation. We were glad to notice also that all the Officers were punctual in their attendance, due in no small measure to the good example set them at all times by Bro. Worth, who is known in the neighbourhood by the title of "Punctual John."

The Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Augustus M. Stark was examined and entrusted.

The Lodge being opened in the third degree Bro. Stark was raised as a Master Mason.

The next business was the installation, and Bro. Worth invited Bro. P. Langford P.M. to undertake the post of D.C. He presented the W.M.-elect Bro. C. G. Hatt P.M. to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which was carried out in so impressive a manner that the Board of twenty Installed Masters must have thought he was a practised hand at the ceremony. Without any hesitation and with perfect confidence Bro. Worth went through the whole of the details of the ritual, and the three addresses were so perfectly and impressively rendered as to call forth the hearty congratulations of all present.

The Officers for the ensuing year were invested by the W.M. in an able manner, as follow: Bros. J. J. Orr S.W., W. S. Lyon J.W., P. Langford P.M. Treas., C. E. Betts P.M. Sec., W. F. Packer P.M. Org., A. J. Taylor S.D., J. Copper J.D., S. Mussell I.G., S. Keene P.M. D.C., H. W. Williams A.D.C., A. Dorman and E. A. D. Jones Stewards.

The Lodge being resumed to the first degree the ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur J. Kember, and Mr. J. A. F. Hall. Having been unanimously elected, those gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of the Entered Apprentice degree, Bro. Hatt showing that he was as perfect in his working as ever; for he has occupied the Master's chair in three other Lodges.

The Lodge adopted the Auditors' report, showing the finances to be in a sound condition, and received propositions for several candidates for initiation, and also joining members.

Bro. Worth was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

The Lodge being closed the Brethren adjourned to the magnificent hall of the Hotel, where an elegant banquet awaited them. The decorations of the hall and the tables were most beautiful, rare plants and flowers meeting the eye at every turn.

Ample justice having been done to the dinner, the health of King Edward VII. Protector of Freemasons was given and honoured with enthusiasm as was also that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

The other Masonic toasts followed, the initiates responding to that of their health in neat and modest terms.

The toast of the Visitors was replied to by several Past Grand Officers of the Province of Middlesex, but undoubtedly the reply of Bro. Arthur Williams was awaited with a great deal of interest. This Brother is widely known throughout the Kensington and Hammersmith districts, not only as the Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, but as one of the most hardworking Preceptors of several Lodges of Instruction, and has turned out scores of Masonic students, to occupy the Master's chair in their respective Lodges. Bro. Williams is endowed with a most commanding appearance, and his elocutionary powers are of the first order. He complimented Bro. Worth on the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties as Installing Master, also congratulating the W.M. on his excellent selection of Officers, without which, he observed, no Lodge could possibly succeed.

The Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary also returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast brought one of the most enjoyable of evenings to a termination.

We must not omit to refer to the splendid selection of music provided by Bro. W. F. Packer P.M. Organist of the Lodge. "Who'll buy my Lavender" and the "Glee Maiden" were most effectively rendered by Miss Gertrude Maxted, Mr. Pontis-Lines gave "Son of Mine" and "The Revel," with great effect, and Bro. Packer was complimented on his rendering of "Sally in our Alley." Mr. Will Boyer was responsible for several comic songs.

INSTRUCTION.

—:0:—

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.

A VERY good meeting took place on Tuesday, at the Frascati

Restaurant, Oxford Street, those present including Bros. W. H. Snowden W.M., Jos. Lieven S.W., C. N. Modena J.W., T. Robinson P.M. acting Preceptor, H. Jones Sec., W. C. Evans S.D., E. C. Tiffen J.D., J. Sweeney I.G., Ross Carbar, C. Jarratt, W. Giles, E. F. Groom, A. C. Watkins, E. S. Eccles, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Groom acting as candidate. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. F. Groom, who intimated his intention of rehearsing the second ceremony. Bro. Eccles answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed including the explanation of the working tools. This and the former ceremony was perfectly rendered and highly appreciated by the Brethren. The W.M. having taken his position resumed the Lodge to the first degree.

Bro. E. S. Eccles 2620 was elected a member, which compliment was acknowledged. Bro. Jos. Lieven was elected W.M. for Tuesday next. Bro. Mulvey P.M. P.G.P. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the W.M. had presided at the Lodge for the second time. Bro. Mulvey said he was sorry that it had been an oversight on the first occasion, as unfortunately he had had to leave the Lodge before closing.

Bro. Snowden in a few well chosen words returned thanks.

Bro. Tiffen, who was visibly affected, thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the sincere condolence and sympathy they had expressed at the untimely death of his father.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

ON Wednesday of last week, at the Hercules, Leadenhall Street, one of those social Masonic meetings usual at this Lodge took place, when Bro. S. Fells W.M. of the Mother Lodge officiated, with Bros. J. Mears P.M. W.M. of the Crescent Lodge S.W., A. Green J.W., G. J. Davey P.M. acting Preceptor, J. K. Pitt P.M. Sec., J. Done S.D., W. Chittock J.D., W. Russ I.G., Metcalfe Baillie Steward, T. A. Stenner P.M., E. W. Bullock, C. Field, F. W. Tisbury, J. E. Turner, A. Smith, G. Bushill, W. Houghton, R. C. Schnitzer, J. Wynman.

The Lodge having been formed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in grand style, Bro. Bullock acting as candidate. By desire of the W.M. Bro. A. Green J.W. gave the ancient charge in a faultless manner. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Metcalfe Baillie S.W. 193, who opened the Lodge in the second degree and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Stenner P.M. kindly acting as candidate.

Bro. R. C. Schnitzer 193 was elected a member.

Friendship Lodge, No. 206.

THIS steadily improving Lodge of Instruction held its meeting on Monday, at 5.30, at Simpson's Restaurant, Bird in Hand Court, Cheapside.

Bro. H. L. Stile Secretary of the Lodge officiated as W.M., with Bros. G. A. Marchall S.W., E. D. Dodds J.W., W. F. Bates P.M. Preceptor, Dr. Chisholm Williams W.M. 206 acting Secretary, Dr. Christy Clark S.D., C. S. Lepine J.D., J. Wynman I.G., Herbert Clarke, &c.

The usual formalities having been observed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Clarke acting as candidate. High praise is due to the W.M. for his rendering of the ceremony, his work including the full explanation of the working tools in a faultless manner.

The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree Bro. G. A. Marchall was elected W.M. for Monday.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.

THE perfect working of this Lodge is well known, and as a result there was an excellent meeting on Monday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, when we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. F. J. Rover in the chair, assisted by Bros. A. B. Noble S.W., J. Cohn W.M. 1668 J.W., W. J. Carroll I.P.M. 1227 Preceptor, H. Hyde P.M. Assistant Preceptor, C. Free P.M. Treasurer, G. A. Peters P.M. Sec., R. Thain S.D., W. T. Hustwayte J.D., G. Smith I.G., J. Mears P.M., E. M. Jeffery P.M., J. Clark, F. Binns, W. T. Laing, T. C. Neill, H. Dale, F. Newman, R. F. Thomson W.M. 1227, A. Green, C. W. Cooper, J. Brickland, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation, including the ancient charge, was rehearsed, Bro. Binns candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees and resumed to the second. Bro. R. F. Thomson was presented as W.M.-elect, and having agreed to the ancient charges was duly installed, proclaimed and saluted. Bro. E. M. Jeffery P.M., in his usual old dashing style, delivered the three addresses, for which he was deservedly heartily greeted. The W.M. having resumed the chair, Bro. A. Green 193 and Bros. F. Binns and J. Brickland who were initiated on the previous Thursday at the Mother Lodge, No. 1227, were elected members, which compliment was duly acknowledged.

Bro. A. B. Noble S.W. of the Mother Lodge was elected W.M. for Monday and he being very popular with the Brethren we expect to see an exceptionally good attendance.

Amongst others we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Doctor Geo. Kaufman, of Dunster House, Mincing Lane; we congratulate him on his safe return from South Africa, and wish him every prosperity in the future.

Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.

THE weekly meeting on the 7th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, was presided over by Bro. John H. Cumming P.M., and he was supported by Bros. R. H. Williams P.P.J.G.D.,

Middx. P.M. S.W., H. J. Cousens P.M. J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Treasurer, R. Josey P.M. Sec., J. Blank P.M. S.D., R. Reid P.M. J.D., W. Hide P.M. I.G.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eyles taking the candidate's place. The second section of the lecture was worked by the Brethren, under the able direction of Bro. Preceptor.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Henry Bone, of the Star Lodge, who was recently killed by being thrown out of his gig.

Bro. Josey was elected to occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting.

ON Saturday, 14th inst., the meeting was well attended. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Josey Secretary, supported by Bros. H. J. Cousens P.M. S.W., W. Hide P.M. J.W., A. Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Treas., J. H. Cumming P.M. acting Sec., R. Reid P.M. S.D., T. Harrington P.M. J.D., F. Evans, W. Hillier P.M., R. N. Larter P.M. and W. Eyles.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the candidate being Bro. Eyles. Bro. Larter offered as a candidate for raising and was examined and entrusted. The second ceremony was gone through.

Bro. Craggs asked the Brethren to support the candidate put forward by the West London Masonic Election Association at the forthcoming election of the R.M.I.G.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Josey, for the excellent manner in which he had rendered the ritual for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction.

PROVINCIAL.

—:o:—

Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, on Monday, 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. T. Anderson W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. Newman S.W., R. Thonger J.W., W. H. Nicholson P.M. P.D.P.G.D.C. Sec., J. H. Bragg I.P.M., W. H. Reed P.M., W. Hardy S.D., G. Birch J.D., Whitaker I.G., Howard Org., Jas. Taplin D.C., Edward Reid, W. Blackweir, Charpentier, Waddington, Geo. Smith, T. Twamley, Brownscombe, E. Dagnall, Alex. Mossman, F. B. Hanson, Heaton, A. H. Tyler, and others.

The Lodge was opened in regular form at 4.30 p.m. and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. F. W. Beville and A. H. Murray were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the work being carried out by the W.M. in really excellent manner.

Bros. G. N. Pratt and Reuben Smith were next passed to the second degree.

The contents of the Benevolent Box amounted to 16s 8d. Fifteen votes of the Lodge were handed to Bro. Taplin Charity Representative of the Lodge, on the proposition of Bro. Bragg, seconded by Bro. W. H. Reed. The case it is intended to support is that of Arthur Kenneth Austin, which is most deserving, and on behalf of which he will be pleased to receive votes.

Lodge of Merit, No. 466.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. W. COULSON.

THE installation festival in connection with this Lodge took place on Monday, 16th inst., at the George Hotel, Stamford, when Bro. J. W. Coulson S.W. was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. Costobadie I.P.M. Bro. Coulson afterwards invested his Officers.

The annual banquet was subsequently partaken of, the W.M. presided, and the company included visiting Brethren, from Oakingham, Uppingham, Peterborough, and Bourne.

Jordan Lodge, No. 1402.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. GLANFIELD.

THE annual festival took place on Monday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Torquay. The W.M.-elect Bro. J. Glanfield was ably installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. R. D. Scholes, in the presence of a large number of Installed Masters.

In recognition of the Masonic zeal displayed during his year of Office, Bro. Scholes was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

The Brethren subsequently attended the annual banquet, at which the usual *Loyal and Masonic* toasts were observed.

Eldon Lodge, No. 1755.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. C. J. TONKIN.

THE Brethren were favoured with fine weather for the annual festival of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Rooms of the Royal Hotel, Portishead, on Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among whom were a good number of Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren from neighbouring Provinces. The Officers present were Bros. J. H. Stafford W.M., J. Turner I.P.M., C. J. Tonkin S.W., Thomas Cox J.W., A. J. Tonkin P.M. P.P.G. Steward Treasurer, E. Davey P.M. Org., H. W. Call S.D., A. R. Knee as J.D., F. G. Moore P.M. D.C., J. W. Roberts I.G., and Frank Simpkins Tyler.

After some of the preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. W. Rice was unanimously re-elected to represent and serve the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee.

Then followed the chief item for which the Brethren had assembled, namely, the installation of Bro. Charles Joseph Tonkin who was regularly installed into the chair by the Prov. Grand Secretary

of Somerset Bro. E. Fry-Wade, who ably performed the ceremony in the unavoidable absence through indisposition of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. C. Else.

Bro. C. J. Tonkin at once proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow: Bro. J. H. Stafford I.P.M., T. Cox S.W., H. W. Call J.W., Rev. A. W. M. Weatherley P.M. Chaplain, A. J. Tonkin P.M. Treasurer, E. Davey P.M. Secretary, A. R. Knee S.D., J. W. Roberts J.D., F. G. Moore P.M. D.C., C. W. Noble Organist, A. H. Wiles I.G., A. H. Meek and G. Bowen P.M. 1060 Stewards, and F. Simpkins Tyler.

The W.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel, suitably engraved, to Bro. Stafford, for his efficient services during the past year.

A telegram of hearty good wishes was sent from the Lodge to Bro. E. Tedder P.M., who was prevented from being present by illness.

After Lodge was closed the customary banquet was held, over which the newly installed W.M. presided.

The W.M. had first the honour to submit the King and the Craft, a toast which he said they had hardly had time to become acquainted with in that particular form of words. Loyalty to the sovereign of the country was the duty of every Englishman, and it was a duty that was cheerfully discharged by every member of the Masonic Order. In consequence of His Majesty's long connection with the Craft as Grand Master they had especial cause to honour his name, and to wish him a long and prosperous reign. The toast was splendidly received, and was followed by "God save the King."

The W.M. next proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past. He considered the Masonic Order was most fortunate when, on the retirement of their former Grand Master, it had such a distinguished and able Mason as the Duke of Connaught ready and willing to occupy the position of Grand Master. The Duke had ruled for many years over the important Province of Sussex to the satisfaction of everyone. The Freemasons of England might rest content and assured that he would faithfully discharge the duties of Grand Master. The Pro Grand Master was a very zealous and hard working Mason, and the Officers and Past Officers of Grand Lodge were noted for their splendid work in the Craft. This toast was likewise heartily honoured.

The W.M. next claimed attention whilst he gave in a very hearty manner the Prov. Grand Master the Rt. Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, the Deputy G.M. Bro. R. C. Else, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge present and past. He reminded the Brethren of the splendid work of the Provincial Grand Master in Freemasonry, and trusted that he would return from his gallant service in South Africa safe and sound. He sincerely regretted that the esteemed Deputy Prov.G.M. was not in more robust health, and in conclusion paid a tribute of praise to the Officers and past Officers of the Province.

Bro. E. Davey returned his most sincere thanks on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge. As for himself, his service to the Craft had been a love-labour. As a result, the Provincial collar followed, and he should always value the distinction. He would leave it to the Brothers who had to follow him to deal more particularly with the duties of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

Bro. C. P. Billing Prov.J.G.W., in replying, complimented the W.M. on the skilful way in which the toast had been proposed. No point had been overlooked. The W.M. had turned a thought to the Prov.G.M. at the front fighting for his country. He had thought of the Prov.G.L. Officers, among whom was their esteemed Deputy —whom they all cherished. Further kind expression had been made of those holding Office at the present time. Looking around among the Brethren he saw many who had been decorated with the purple, but promotions in Freemasonry were different to those in every-day life. Their Brother the late President of the United States was lying dead because of envy, hatred, and malice. Now Freemasons did not envy a Brother promoted to Office or position. He was sure their hearts went out in sympathy in the present sad circumstance to their American Brothers, and to the American nation.

Bro. F. G. Dimery P.P.G.Purs. Somerset regarded it an honour to respond. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset was looked upon with much esteem in other Provinces, and was noted for its work on behalf of the charities. They, in West Yorkshire, considered that the premier Province, but the Province of Somerset stood very high indeed.

The W.M. drew the attention of the Brethren to the toast of the Installing Master. Personally he thanked the Prov. Grand Secretary for consenting to take part in the ceremony. The Installing Master had made the work in the Lodge a complete success. He had given a perfect specimen of working in Craft Masonry. The goodness and kindness of the Prov. Grand Secretary was well known in Somerset, where he was held in high esteem, and the toast was commended to the Brethren with all enthusiasm.

On rising to reply, Bro. Fry-Wade Prov. Grand Sec. was very heartily received. He candidly confessed that he would rather be performing the ceremony of Installation than making an after-dinner speech. He thought after-dinner speaking should be done by deputy, and that some one should do the work for him! The Installing Master was a necessity at their festivals. If there were no Installing Master there would be no Master in the chair, which would be a fact to be deplored by all the Brethren. It was a satisfaction that so worthy a Brother had been installed that day. They knew how difficult it was for anyone to take the place of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somerset as Installing Master, as all knew how well Bro. Else performed the ceremony with which he had been so constantly familiar for very many years. Bro. Wade only hoped that upon that occasion he had filled a gap, and that another year the W.M.-elect would be installed by their Deputy; but they must not forget that their Deputy was not getting younger. He would have preferred to have seen the work done that day by the

I.P.M. or a Past Master of the Eldon Lodge; he thought it would not be put too forcibly if he said that it was the duty of the outgoing Master to instal his successor. He earnestly hoped there would be a Past Master of 1755 who would take up the work, and he felt that in such a case it would no doubt be performed much better than he had done it that day. He would, however, be glad to render any assistance in future, and thanked the Brethren for the kind way in which they had treated the toast.

The I.P.M. submitted what he termed the popular toast, that of the Worshipful Master, which was well received. They had seen during the past twelve months, and indeed during the last few years, the good and excellent qualities of the Worshipful Master. They had no fear as to the welfare of the Eldon Lodge under his ruling. They would all do their best to support him, and they all very heartily and very sincerely wished him a happy and prosperous year of Office. He trusted that pleasant and joyous evening was a type of his entire reign, and that all success would attend his rule.

The W.M. briefly returned his thanks, and assured the Brethren of his ready service at all times. He was desirous to do his best for the Lodge and for the Craft, and hoped to earn their approbation at the end of his term.

Bro. Billing proposed the I.P.M. He said they possessed grateful hearts, and their gratitude now went forth to the I.P.M. for the capital way in which he had done his work. He had not spared himself; the ritual had been up to the standard, and the hospitality of the Lodge, if possible, excelled during his year. In all sincerity and in truth they were grateful to the I.P.M. for the excellent way in which the year's work had been carried on. Their I.P.M. had been a credit to himself, and an honour to the Lodge.

The I.P.M. suitably replied, referring to the pleasant period of his Mastership, and to the able assistance rendered him by his Officers.

Bro. Cox S.W. proposed the health of the Past Masters of 1755 who, he said, were second to none. They had done their work well; they attended the meetings of the Lodge regularly; and it spoke well for the status of the Lodge when it had such a splendid body of Past Masters. They were Brethren who delighted in the ritual work of Freemasonry, and in the various Charities connected with the Order.

Bro. Rice, as the Senior Past Master, suitably and feelingly replied; and was followed by Bro. Stafford I.P.M., the Junior Past Master.

The W.M. proposed the Visitors. He cordially welcomed the Brethren from other Lodges, other Provinces, and other countries. He referred to the Masonic landmark which conferred the privilege of visiting throughout the globe.

Several Brethren replied, including Bros. Charlie Pfeiffer P.M. 1833, Myers 68, S. Gibson 68, Hickman 2257, and W. Stafford (Bermuda).

The W.M. proposed the S.W. and Officers of 1755. He said the S.W. was a thoroughly reliable Officer and a true Mason. He ventured to predict that in twelve months time that Brother would make a model Master. He felt sure the J.W. and the other Officers would do their duty.

The Senior and Junior Wardens replied to this toast, promising their best services.

Bro. W. K. Thomas proposed the Masonic Charities. He said no one could have attended the recent great Masonic gathering at the Albert Hall without being impressed with the statements made as to the vastness of the Masonic Charities. Personally it was a particularly pleasant surprise to himself to learn the immense sum that had been collected during the reign of the King as Grand Master. Some might regret the cost of working the great Central Masonic Charities, but all must admire their vastness, which he hoped would long continue. They worked admirably for Charity in Somerset. In the Eldon Lodge they had an able representative on the Somerset Organisation in Bro. Rice, who was steeped in Charity and good works. The Brethren of the Eldon Lodge had shown by their Masonic spirit that they valued the Charities, for they had subscribed liberally thereto.

Bro. Rice replied, and said he had never appealed for any money for Charity that had not been readily granted. Masonic Charities had grown and were growing. The Boys School in 1856 educated 25; they were now educating 293, and were spending £100,000 on the new School at Bushey. The Girls School in 1875 educated 48, and to-day they had 267 on the books, including a child of a dear Brother of their Lodge who had passed away. The sum of two millions of pounds had been subscribed for these Charities during the present King's reign as Grand Master of English Freemasons. Of this they must not be too proud, for the virtue was almost too sacred for speech.

The Tyler's toast seemed a most appropriate one to follow Bro. Rice's reply, and the Brethren separated a little before 9 o'clock, as many desired to catch the last train for Bristol.

A good musical programme was arranged and carried out. The songs were interspersed between the toasts and the replies thereto. Bro. J. H. Fulford ably accompanied on the pianoforte.

Whitworth Lodge, No. 1932.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. A. FLEMING.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Spenny-moor, on the 11th inst., the principal business being the installation of Bro. James A. Fleming S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Fleming was presented by Bro. R. Brown to the acting W.M. Bro. John Chisholm, who ably performed the ceremony.

The annual banquet was afterwards held in the Town Hall, the new W.M. presiding, and Bro. Rob. Fleming occupying the vice-chair. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being pleasantly varied by musical contributions.

Dorothy Vernon Lodge, No. 2129.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. CLARK.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 3rd inst., at Bakewell. There was a larger number of Brethren present than has been the case for many years past, and the proceedings were of a very enjoyable and successful character.

Bro. Wm. Clark was installed W.M. by Bro. E. M. Longsdon P.M., assisted by other Past Masters.

The banquet was subsequently partaken of at the Rutland Arms Hotel, Bakewell. The usual toasts were honoured. Bros. Dodd, Bambridge, Forman, and Melrose were chiefly responsible for the musical programme.

Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, No. 2363.

ANNUAL PICNIC.

THE annual picnic in connection with the above Lodge took place on Monday, 2nd inst., the locality selected being Matlock, Derbyshire. Every arrangement which could ensure success had been made by the special Committee, and the result was eminently gratifying. The morning was bright and cheery, and as the Brethren with their lady and gentlemen friends entered the large saloon which awaited them at the Central Station, they expressed their delight that Manchester was maintaining its recently acquired reputation for fine weather.

Matlock was reached shortly after 11 a.m., lunch being partaken of at the Royal Hotel, "a commodious and well appointed house, standing upon an extensive terrace at the southern end of the Dale, and commanding the finest views of the picturesque rock and river Derwent."

Several conveyances had been provided, and at 1.15 p.m. what is popularly known as the Grand Circular Drive was commenced.

The following places of interest were passed en route, for a description of which we are indebted to a leaflet issued by the provisional Committee:—"Willersley Grounds and Castle, the seat of the Arkwrights. Scarthin Nick a narrow pass through the Scarthin Rocks, 200 feet. Cromford, entirely the property of the descendants of Sir Richard Arkwright, of cotton spinning fame, and the large mills here (the first in England) were erected by him in 1771. The celebrated Via Gellia (so-called after the Gell family, by whom it was constructed) has been described as 'a big road for t' quality i' t' summer time.' Bonsall Wood on the right. Middleton Wood on the left. Beyond, Winster Bradley Rocks on the right; to the left Robin Hood stride, two tower shaped rocks fifteen yards apart, showing the length of his stride. Cratcliff Tor and Woods. A yew tree marks the entrance to the Hermit's Cave. To the right, Andle Stone (the two-penny loaf) and the romantic Rowtor Rocks. Then Stanton and Stanton Park, Dakin Dale, the river Wye, and Haddon Hall.

An hour's halt was made at the latter place for a light repast and also for a visit to the interesting ruins which have oftentimes been described in these columns.

Upon a resumption of the drive, the party passed through the villages of Rowsley and Darley Dale, then to Peak Tor on the right, Rowsley and Darley Dale being on the left. Stancliff Hall, the residence of the late Sir Joseph Whitworth, Matlock Bridge, Riber Castle (Smedley's Hydro), Matlock Dale, river Derwent, High Tor, 670 feet. On the right, Masson Hill, 800 feet, and Heights of Abraham 1076 feet, arriving back at the hotel about 5.30 p.m.

A very excellent dinner was followed by toasts and speeches. In the first instance Bro. Sheldon Harold Stubbs W.M. proposed the health of the visitors, extending towards them a cordial welcome.

The toast of the ladies fell to the lot of Bro. Fredk. Todd S.W., who acquitted himself in an admirable manner. Bro. Harry Beswick responded.

Bro. Seth Wrigley D.C. introduced the toast of the Worshipful Master, to which Bro. Stubbs responded. Reverting to the presence of the fair sex, he said one of the principal things in connection with Masonry which the ladies looked forward to was a picnic. A Committee had been formed to make arrangements, and all must admit they had done their work well, and deserved the highest praise, for so far their outing of that day had been a great success. He regretted that circumstances had arisen which caused a postponement of their usual Lodge Social, but he looked forward confidently to the holding of one next year. Bro. Stubbs spoke very flatteringly of the efforts made by the members of the Lodge on behalf of the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Institution.

The company afterwards adjourned to the drawing room of the hotel, where singing and dancing were engaged in, the contributions to the harmony being the W.M., Bros. Wrigley, Beswick, Saml. Luke, Chapman, and others.

Upon the return journey several songs and sketches were rendered, the time being very merrily spent. Manchester was reached about 10 p.m.

ROYAL ARCH.

—:o:—

Royal Pavilion Chapter, No. 315.

At the ordinary monthly meeting held under the presidency of Comp. A. H. Tester M.E.Z., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 17th inst., Comp. John Wood P.Z. was presented with a case of silver dessert knives and forks, and two handsome Chippen-dale chairs (for Mrs. John Wood) as a slight recognition, by the Companions, of the admirable manner in which, during the last seven years, he had carried out the duties of Scribe E. of the Chapter. The presentation was made in felicitous terms by Comp. A. P. Dollman I.P.Z., and gracefully acknowledged by Comp. Wood.

CONTROL OF THE PRESS.

THE following interesting article, from the "New Zealand Craftsman," explains itself, and deals with a subject which may truly be described as cosmopolitan. We are glad our contemporary is able to so judiciously defend itself, and congratulate it on the official support it receives from its governing body; our Grand Lodge is far too old fashioned to for one moment think of anything in the way of recognising the Press, although we have heard it rumoured that on occasions it has been almost conceded that the Press had been the means of advancing the welfare of the Craft, even in old England. Our contemporary says:

From the report of the proceedings of the annual communication of Grand Lodge, recently to hand, the following reference was made to the "New Zealand Craftsman:"

Bros. Griffiths and Feldwick called attention to the publication of the proceedings of Grand Lodge in the Christchurch papers, and "Bro. Cameron said that some matters had appeared in the organ of the Craft that should not have been published without the Grand Master's consent. He also complained that the 'Craftsman' had belittled distinguished Brethren. The Grand Master said it would have been well if some matters of that kind had been submitted to him for approval before their publication. He did not, however, see how he could control the 'Craftsman.' Bro. Hardy said he supposed it was known that the 'Craftsman' was subsidised by Grand Lodge, and was usually understood to be the Masonic organ of New Zealand. The matter published in it should receive the approval of the Grand Master or of Grand Lodge. The subject was then dropped."

We have not the pleasure of knowing Bro. Cameron, and have not met him in Grand Lodge, but we do remember receiving a pamphlet purporting to be a "History of the Transfer of Allegiance of Otago Lodge, No. 7," sent by a Bro. Cameron, and in a discussion that took place in Grand Lodge in Nelson the President of the Board of General Purposes emphatically stated that the pamphlet was an injudicious one to issue, and its publication had not been authorised by the Board or Grand Lodge. In the face of this, it is a little bold for the ostensible publisher or circulator of this pamphlet to complain that certain articles in the "Craftsman"—in his opinion—should have had the Grand Master's consent—Satan reproving sin, as it were, only in our case there has been no sin of this kind. His second charge is that we have "belittled distinguished Brethren," whatever that must mean. Even in this critical world any individual whose life is an example of pure and unselfish motives, and who acts with integrity and uprightness, no untruths, envy, malice, or vindictiveness of individuals or the press can belittle; his life and conduct will rise superior to such opposition like the "bleak mountain which bares its breast with dignified composure to every tempest, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm."

The policy of this journal, "to do right and fear not," was laid down by a distinguished Brother, who, since his death, has been recognised as one of the greatest journalists this colony has ever seen, and to that policy we have strenuously adhered, and the recent annual meeting of shareholders confirmed it. If in our efforts for the cause that lacks assistance and the cause that needs resistance, we have been no respecter of persons, doubtless we have offended some, but we challenge any one to say that we have ever traduced any worthy Brethren, or written one word that was not absolute truth. Indeed, so powerful was that truth some few years since, probably before Bro. Cameron became a ruler in the Craft, that some efforts were made by "distinguished Brethren" not only to "gag" this journal, but also to depose the Editor, and when the Directors refused to assist in this "Brotherly" purpose they were in their turn told "to mind their eye" by these "distinguished Brethren," who were then dressed in a little brief authority. This little episode of Masonic fraternal feeling will long remain in our memory. But "Magna est veritas et prævalebit"—the truth has, and will, prevail.

We very much regret that Bro. Hardy made the statement that the "Craftsman" was subsidised by Grand Lodge. Coming from such an authority as the President of the last Board of General Purposes, it will of necessity have considerable weight, that will require all our efforts to rebut. While we do not for a moment suppose that Bro. Hardy made the statement knowing it to be false, or from any desire to injure the journal or Company, yet we do say he should have been

more certain of his facts before venturing such gratuitous information. We now say most emphatically, in reply, that the New Zealand "Craftsman," since its institution in 1895, has never received one penny piece as subsidy from Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge has a full-page advertisement in the journal, all its meetings are prominently advertised and noticed, and, in accordance with the new rule, the business paper is also advertised the month previous to each Communication. For this Grand Lodge pays £30 per annum, and for a long time only £15, until the Directors protested most loudly of the inequity of the amount. The same business arrangements exists all the world over, but we have not before heard it called a subsidy.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Masonic Newspaper Company, held in 1897, the special representative of Grand Lodge on the Board of Directors was instructed to apply to the Board of General Purposes—then in Dunedin—for a subsidy, but, needless to say, it was most peremptorily refused, and the application has never been renewed. Thus it will be seen that the statement made was entirely without warrant, and we hope that Bro. Hardy will take the earliest opportunity of removing the wrong impression he has created.

As a matter of fact, the generosity is all on the other side, as the Company, for some inscrutable reason, known only to a Brother long since departed from this sublunary sphere, presented £50 worth of the Company's stock to Grand Lodge, and provided for it being specifically represented on the Directorate.

One word as to the proposed censorship. We know that this species of despotism exists in Russia, and has been applied for military purposes in South Africa; but it is the first occasion it has been suggested to apply it to Freemasonry.

The New Zealand "Craftsman" is the property of, and is controlled and issued by, a joint stock Company, and any complaints will always receive most courteous attention at the hands of the Directors. They are not only honourable men, but are good Freemasons, and would never countenance wrong-doing in their servants. Neither would the despotism suggested by these two Brethren ever be tolerated either by the Directors or Shareholders of the Company.

It is said that there is compensation for everything in this world, and the compensation in the case of the New Zealand "Craftsman" will be found in numerous tributes received from Lodges and individuals in appreciation of its efforts to conserve their rights, and maintain and uphold the principles and administration of Freemasonry in this colony pure and unsullied.

While the ancient landmarks of our Institution are to be carefully preserved, and its fundamental principles guarded from innovation, it is equally true that we must meet the changing relations of life by new methods and new laws. No human government or institution ever came from its makers calculated to meet the conditions of its future existence. Fundamental principles may and do remain, but to carry those into full effect will require new methods and new laws.—Winfield S. Choate, Maine.

A RARE CHANCE FOR BARMAIDS.

THE Tokenhouse Wine Company, of 3 Tokenhouse Buildings, London, E.C., have lately introduced to the public the Virgin Liqueur Bitters, which are prepared in accordance with an old English recipe dating back over a hundred years, and which has long been used and appreciated by a large circle of private consumers. A natural bitters, it is an excellent tonic, appetiser and stomachic, whilst being at the same time clean on the palate, and with no deleterious after effects. The Company has put up for competition amongst the barmaids of the establishments in the London and suburban districts where the Virgin Liqueur Bitters are obtainable, a handsome, hall-marked, gold bracelet, with padlock fastening. This is now on view at the well-known jewellers, Messrs. Thos. Burchett's, of 60 Cheapside. It is to become the property next St. Valentine's Day, which is the fourteenth of February 1902, of the barmaid—where more than one is kept, the head one—of the house where the greatest quantity of these bitters is sold between now and then. This bracelet is one that anyone might be proud to wear, and can be easily obtained with a little trouble. It is probable, though not promised, that the second in the competition will not go without something tangible to show and be likewise proud of. It may be noted that the Tokenhouse Wine Company are the London agents for Maurice Bertrand et Cie's celebrated Epernay champagnes, so noted for their extra dryness and quality. Full particulars of the competition, &c., can be obtained from the Tokenhouse Wine Company, or their representative, Bro. J. R. Watts, 11 Imperial Road, Wood Green, N.