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THE POPE AND FREEMASONRY.

IF we were not aware that the Encyclical Letters of the Pope of Rome are regarded by a large number of our fellow countrymen in a serious light, and are deemed by them worthy of the greatest reverence and esteem, we should really be compelled to laugh at the exhibition the head of the Romish church makes of himself in his periodical tirades against Freemasonry. There is some consolation to members of the Craft in knowing that in his latest letter the Pope abuses them in company with that "insignificant" power of the present day—the press; and if we carefully read between the lines, it does not seem to be very difficult to discover that the Pope's objection to Freemasonry, equally with his abuse of the press, is framed on what, in ordinary mortals, would be set down as jealousy. It seems the worst that can be charged against Freemasonry, in the Pope's last epistle, is that Masonic influence is making itself felt in all the circumstances of social life, and that its members are desiring to become master and controller of everything. Hereby, says the Pope, the way will be smoothed towards the abolition of the Papacy; Italy will thus be free from its implacable and deadly enemy; and Rome, which in the past was the centre of universal Theocracy, will in future be the centre of universal secularisation, whence the Magna Charta of human liberty is to be proclaimed in the face of the whole world.

The general press of the country has devoted considerable space to reviews of this attack on Freemasonry, and the majority look upon the matter in the same light as we do. Really, if any one is to be pitied it is not the Freemasons who are thus attacked, but the poor old Pope who has such narrow-minded views, or who allows himself to be led astray by his underlings, and issues as serious manifestoes such nonsense as his periodical attacks on Freemasonry. As expressed in one of the London evening papers, we apprehend that the enmity of the Church of Rome to Freemasonry is because the latter spells Patriotism, and because the more advanced members of the Masonic Order are anxious to do all that lies in their power to promote the education and general improvement of their fellow creatures. Rightly or wrongly the Romish Church has the reputation of maintaining its supremacy over its followers by preying on their ignorance, and thus the outspokenness of Freemasonry is diametrically opposed to its ideas. On this principle we think it fair to accept the regular tirades of the Pope against Freemasonry as complimentary. If we do so much to promote independence and take such a prominent part in educating the masses as would seem to be the case, if we are to believe the powers of Rome, then Freemasonry is faithfully and zealously performing its mission, which may briefly be described, in this connection, as being to advance the interests of mankind generally.

AN Encyclical Letter, dated from the Vatican, 15th October, has just been addressed by Pope Leo XIII. to "the bishops, clergy, and people of Italy," and an authorised translation into English has been published. The occasion is, from the Papal point of view a serious one. "To such a pass have we come," says his Holiness, "that we have to fear for this Italy of ours the loss even of the faith." The Pope does not propose "to say anything new, for facts have not changed from what they were," but he now intends "to recapitulate these facts in some way, and to group them into one picture, so as to draw out for general instruction the consequences that flow from them." The "system," of which these facts "are the actual operation and development," is, we are told, "not new; but the audacity, the fury, and the rapidity with which it is now carried out are new." The Pope first deals with "the designs and action of Freemasonry in Italy," and draws up an indictment against that "sect" in the following words:—

The action of the sect is at present directed to attain the following objects, according to the votes and resolutions passed in their most important assemblies—votes and resolutions inspired throughout by a deadly hatred of the Church: The abolition in the schools of every kind of religious instruction, and the founding of institutions in which even girls are to be withdrawn from all clerical influence, whatever it may be; because the State, which ought to be absolutely atheistic, has the inalienable right and duty to form the heart and the spirit of its citizens, and no school should exist apart from its inspiration and control. The rigorous application of all laws now in force which aim at securing the absolute independence of civil society from clerical influence. The strict observance of laws suppressing religious corporations, and the employment of means to make them effectual. The regulation of all ecclesiastical property, starting from the principle that its ownership belongs to the State and its administration to the civil power. The exclusion of every Catholic or clerical element from all public administrations, from all pious works, hospitals and schools, from the councils which govern the destinies of the country, from academical and other unions, from companies, committees, and families; an exclusion from everything, everywhere, and for ever. Instead, the Masonic influence is to make itself felt in all the circumstances of social life, and to become master and controller of everything. Hereby the way will be smoothed towards the abolition of the Papacy; Italy will thus be freed from its implacable and deadly enemy; and Rome, which in the past was the centre of universal Theocracy, will in the future be the centre of universal secularization, whence the Magna Charta of human liberty is to be proclaimed in the face of the whole world. Such are the authentic declarations, aspirations, and resolutions of Freemasons or of their assemblies.

In view of this state of things, the Pope thus exhorts the bishops and clergy:—

We therefore make appeal, venerable brethren, to your zeal and your great love for souls, in order that, possessed with a sense of the gravity of the danger which they incur, you may apply the proper remedies, and do all you can do dispel this danger. No means must be neglected that is in your power. All the resources of speech, ever expedient in action, all the immense treasures of help and grace which the Church places in your hands must be made use of, for the formation of a clergy learned and full of the spirit of Jesus Christ, for the Christian education of youth, for the extirpation of evil doctrines, for the defence of Catholic truths, and for the maintenance of the Christian character and spirit of family life.

Elsewhere his Holiness makes reference to the influence of the press and other matters.—*Daily Telegraph*.

We understand that the Lord Mayor, Sir Henry Isaacs, Grand Warden, has consented to visit the brethren of the Lodge of Israel, on Tuesday next, at the Cannon Street Hotel.

THE ELECTIONS FOR THE SCHOOLS.

THE half-yearly contests for the two Educational Institutions will be held next week, the election for the Boys being fixed for Friday, and that for the Girls for Saturday. In the one case there are fifty-three candidates for nineteen vacancies; in the other thirty-two applicants, with fourteen to be elected. There are thus a fair number of prizes to be awarded, but, as is usually the case, the number of claimants for them is far in excess, and the outcome of the two elections will be that out of 85 candidates 52 must be sent away, with no better verdict than that there may be room for them at the next contest.

Taking the Boys' list as being first in order, we find that among the fifty-three candidates five now make the last application allowed them by the laws of the Institution. No. 6, Wilfred John Atley, is the first among these, and he will go to the poll with a record of 604 votes, brought forward from four previous elections. His father was a Durham Mason, and rose to the dignity of Past Master in his Lodge, the St. Helen's, No. 531. The lad and two other children are now dependent on the widowed mother. No. 10, Richard William Levey, comes next. He has but 166 votes to his credit, polled at the last three elections, so that his chances of ultimate success seem but slender. Both his parents are living, and there are two children dependent. The father was initiated in the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London. No. 17, George Frederick Bullivant, is a Warwickshire lad, who comes forward with 363 recorded votes, the present being his third application. He and two other children are dependent on their widowed mother. No. 27, George Leopold Woodhams, was a new candidate in April last, and at that election 1058 votes were recorded on his behalf. His father is an old member of the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, London, and, with his wife, is still living, they having eleven children, of whom two are partially provided for. No. 53, Charles Joseph Phipps, is a first application case—the last on the list. He is put forward from the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, Hertfordshire, and is one of two children who have lost both parents. We can but hope that strenuous efforts will be made on his behalf, and on behalf of the other four last applicants, to secure for them a home in the Boys' School.

There are two other candidates who have lost both their parents, and each, fortunately, seems to stand a good chance of early success. No. 22, H. J. M. Aldous, is the only child of an old member of the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, and he comes forward with 1697 recorded votes, he having been a candidate at the two last elections. No. 31, Charles Truine, is one of six children left by an old member of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, London; of these three are partially provided for. He was a candidate in April, and on that occasion 1343 votes were polled to his credit. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and, as we have said, stands a good chance of early election to the companion Institution.

Taking the whole of the candidates, we find that of the 53 candidates on the list, 35 are brought forward from former contests and 18 are first application cases. Of the former, one now comes forward for the seventh time, with 254 votes in hand; two make their sixth appeal, six their fifth, four their fourth, nine their third, and thirteen their second. Altogether we anticipate a sharp contest, nearly all the Provinces being interested in one or other of the cases.

Of the thirty-two girl candidates one is described as withdrawn (No. 14, Kate Elizabeth Elliott), so that we have really but 31 to deal with, and of this number 13 are new to the present list, the other 19 comprising five fifth application, three fourth, five third, and six second. Of the whole of the candidates two now appeal for the last time. No. 3, Frances Emma Hooke, is one of two children dependent on their widowed mother. The father was initiated in a New Brunswick Lodge, at the time when it owed allegiance to the English Constitution. His daughter has made four appeals for admission to the School, and has a total of 691 votes recorded on her behalf. No. 20, Ethel Blanche Miller, is the other last case, and now comes forward for the first time. She is an only dependent child, but has lost both parents, so that we hope her appeal on this, her only available opportunity, will receive such support as to ensure her admission. There is one other case on the list—No. 24, Beatrice Maude Wallden—in which both parents are dead, and in this case there are two children entirely

dependent on friends. May we hope that the Freemasons of England will win the right to be considered as among those friends, by taking upon themselves the responsibility of providing for one of these children.

Happily the number of disappointments in store in connection with the Girls' School is not so great as with the other Institution, although even here it is far more than many of us wish. We are among those who would like to see all deserving applicants relieved, but as we know that is impossible, we can only express the wish that those who are really the most deserving will secure the coveted benefits.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF MONMOUTH.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Aborgavenny, on Thursday, 16th inst., under the banner of Philanthropic Chapter, 818. Bro. Homfray P.G.M.M. presided, and there were also present:—Bros. G. A. Brown P.G.D.M.M., A. Taylor P. Secretary, J. C. Hunter Little P.G.S. England, S. Davies A.D.C. England, T. Harry P.P.G.J.W. 214, J. H. Pettengell P.P.G.Swd.Br. 109, J. Lewis P.P.G.S.W., N. Bradley P.P.G.J.W., J. P. Fowler P.P.G.M.O. Visitors—N. D. Marks P.G. Sec. South Wales 28, F. H. Simpson P.P.G.S. South Wales 28, A. W. Price South Wales 28, W. H. Williams P.G.S.W. 28, A. P. Fabian P.P.G.S.W. 28, J. Munday P.P.G.S.W. 28, W. Taylor P.G.Registrar 28, John J. Williams P.P.G.J.D. W.M. 185, George Hazell P.P.G.Registrar 109, Frederick Phillips P.P.G.J.O. 109. Brethren of St. John's John's Lodge 18 M.M.—S. O. Pegler W.M., J. G. Thomas S.W., W. L. Nesbitt J.W., E. J. Baker Secretary, T. H. Tomkins Organist, T. Harry S.D., T. Delafield I.G., J. Greene Tyler, J. Marsh P.M., R. Price, T. Tucker, and W. C. Williams. Visitors—Bros. John Sheridan W.M. 28, W. H. Shute J.O. 28, J. H. Taylor M.O. 28, Hen. Richards 109, James Johnston 185, Gilbert Price, C. Gardner, E. T. Rees, G. Senior, Walter Collett, C. F. Gooch, Henry Allen, E. C. Keene and W. Gibbs, all of 109.

Afterwards a meeting of the Provincial G. Mark Lodge was held. Bro. S. G. Homfray presided, and there were also present Bros. W. Watkins J., R. B. Evans S.E., T. Harry N., S. Davies Treasurer, J. P. Morgan Registrar, W. Sandbrook P.S., L. W. Paynter 1st A.S., T. H. Tomkins 2nd A.S., A. Taylor Swd.Br., D. Williams Stand.Br., T. R. Oakley Dir. of Cers., J. A. Shepard A.D.C., Henry Fletcher Janitor, J. O. Marsh P.G.S.W., J. P. Fowler P.P.G.J.W., Geo. Hazell P.G.M.O., J. J. Williams P.G.S.O., J. H. Pettengell P.G.J.O., C. F. Gooch P.G.Registrar, F. H. Phillips P.G.S.D., William Gibbs P.G.J.D., E. T. Rees P.G. Superintendent of Works, G. Price P.G.D.C., W. Collett P.G. Standard Bearer, C. Gardner P.G. Swd.Br., J. Herbert P.G. Assistant Secretary, Giles Golding P.G.Org., G. Senior P.G.J. Inner Guard, H. Fletcher Tyler, and Hen. Richards Assistant Tyler. After the transaction of the usual business and appointment of Officers, the company dined at the Greyhound Hotel. It will be seen that there was an excellent muster of members of the Langley Lodge, 28, Cardiff.

ST. AUBYN CHAPTER, No. 954.

ON the 20th inst., at Devonport, Ex. Comps. H. Haynes Z., C. Tozer H., H. Nicholls J. were placed in their respective chairs. The Installing Officers were Ex. Comps. the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon P.P. 3rd G.P. J. and P.P.G.S. Sincerity 189, C. Watson 954 P.P.G.D.C., J. R. Lord 70 P.P.G.T. The Ex. Comp. Z. invested the following Officers:—W. H. Gillman I.P.Z., C. Watson Treasurer, Comp. W. G. Watson S.E., T. W. Payne S.N., J. A. Willcocks P.S., W. Grimes 1st A.S., A. Roberts 2nd A.S., R. T. Parsons D.C., W. T. Greet A.D.C., W. Prout Standard Bearer, C. Newton Org., T. Henderson Janitor.

The Fourth Printers', Stationers' and Kindred Trades' International Exhibition and Market is appointed to take place at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, on 16th to 30th March 1891. Considering the number of Type Setting Machines and other wonderful inventions that have been introduced during the last eight years, this exhibition should prove one of the most interesting and profitable trade gatherings of the year.

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AMOUNTIN' TO SUNTHIN'.

A QUEER MASONIC STORY.—BY CHARLOTTE WHITCOMB.

(Continued from page 251.)

ARRIVED at the house, he was shown to the library, where he found pretty Mrs. Goldbury arrayed in the most charming of negligé costumes, her face full of life and holding in her arms the ugliest of ill-favoured pug dogs. "O dear, Doctor!" she exclaimed, "I'm so relieved that you have come. It has seemed ages since I sent for you! Poor Coralina's foot was shut in the door by that stupid footman and I'm afraid it is broken. She cried and cried until I quieted her with bromide." An irreverent exclamation almost escaped the Doctor's lips and a frown darkened his brow. "Now don't be cross, Doctor, dear! Just think what Coralina is to me! She is all I have left in the world to love," and the ready handkerchief dabbed the pretty eyes. "Of course," continued the widow, "I shall find no fault with any charge you may make, but come every day and cure my darling pet."

Mentally resolving to make a charge the fair widow would not soon forget, he examined the cur's paw when she began to yelp vigorously. "O my poor Coralina! My nerves are so unstrung I cannot bear to see her suffer. Here, Janet, you hold her. Now do be gentle, Doctor!" and the widow resigned the scented and beribboned pug to the hands of a young lady and hastened from the room.

The doctor looked carelessly at his new assistant and then took a second longer look. He found her a decidedly interesting study. Abundant auburn hair waived back from a broad low forehead, large hazel eyes, shaded by long dark lashes, met his gaze frankly and innocently, and he noticed the exquisite tint and texture of the complexion, unaided by cosmetics, as the few pretty freckles on the white nose and fresh cheeks attested.

The injured paw was soon dressed, Dr. Strong wondering meanwhile if his fair companion's ready helpfulness was entirely natural, and he thought, with a sigh, of the many times during the past week when her tender and skillful manipulation would have been of infinite value to suffering humanity. He presently said: "I must congratulate Mrs. Goldbury that her pug will have so capable a nurse. Will it be your first patient?"

"Yes, the first of this kind. I have, however, a certificate from a Boston Hospital Training School for nurses," answered the girl.

"Indeed, and you propose to devote yourself to Coralina?" asked the Doctor.

"Only until I find a position as Hospital nurse. I engaged myself only temporarily as Mrs. Goldbury's companion."

"I wish we had had you at the Hospital to-day. There were fourteen cases of a serious nature brought in at once. I came directly here from there and I am quite convinced that it is only 'a step from the sublime to the ridiculous.' If you want hard work there is a chance for you. If you decide to go, this may be of use to you," and having written a few words on his professional card he presented it to her. Then Mrs. Goldbury entered the room, saying: "You will come to-morrow early, Doctor?"

"That will be unnecessary. The injury is so slight it will heal directly."

"But I insist upon your coming every day, Doctor. I shall feel so much safer about my darling Coralina!"

"I regret that it will be impossible, as I leave town to-morrow for an indefinite time," he answered, curtly, and making his adieux as quickly as possible, he was speedily driven home.

Dr. Strong had told Mrs. Goldbury he was to leave town, but at the moment he could think of no other excuse for refusing to visit her. He was not a conceited man, but the fact was becoming plain to him, as it had long been to others, that the rich and pretty widow had "serious intentions" toward himself. There was absolutely no end to the paltry excuses she made for sending for him. She would have made him her lawyer and father confessor, as well as doctor, if he would have allowed it, and he often thought with Sam Weller, "W'at a thing it is to be so sought arter!" At home that evening, as he thought the matter over, he decided to take a trip to his boyhood's home. Aunt Rhoda had died three years before, attended during her long illness by her faithful little hand-maiden, Janet McKay, but in return for her daughter-like devotion, had given her only the paltry sum of money the law demanded, leaving the farm and personal property all to Philip. The latter had not seen Janet for ten years, as during his infrequent visits home she had always been absent, and directly after his aunt's funeral, to which Philip had failed to arrive in time, she had left town, leaving no address. He had made constant inquiries for her since, intending to do what his aunt should have done—provide for her—but could get no news of her, until a recent letter from his lawyer told him Janet was in Boston, and with a tender and chivalrous feeling toward the little playmate of his boyhood, he decided to go East and turn over to her the deed of his Aunt Rhoda's farm as her rightful due. "What a homely, honest little piece she was! Thorough-going, sincere and devoted, but proud and independent as the race from which she sprang! I believe she has been avoiding me all these years, but she shall let me give her what is rightfully hers."

He smiled as he recalled the old days in the garret when the little bound-girl used to read aloud to him, and in memory the calico-clad figure and freckled face, and even the red hair seemed beautiful to him in contrast with "long shining curls and smooth pink cheeks," perhaps because the latter so truly described Mrs. Goldbury's charms.

Going to a book-case his eyes fell on an alcove marked "Curiosities of anti-Masonic Literature," and selecting an odd, coarsely-bound volume called, "The True Secrets of Freemasonry," he turned to a fly-leaf and read his promise "to keer for Scotchie, otherwise Janet McKay, in my fam'bly—"

"What a young Turk I must have been, but I can think of no greater

piece of good fortune than to see the homely little genius contented by my fireside."

"The next afternoon Dr. Strong went to the Hospital to make his farewell round of calls before leaving for the East, when the Superintendent said: "That new nurse you sent us is a treasure, Doctor. She came this morning, early. I refer to Miss Janet McKay."

"Miss Janet McKay!" repeated the Doctor, astonished. Recovering himself, he said: "Ah, yes, I understand!" and going straight to her he said: "And so this is how I find my Aunt Rhoda's little Scotchie! Why didn't you make yourself known to me yesterday? I sent you here, not then recognizing you, though I don't see how I failed to know you. You should remember your prior engagement. I believe you promised to do all you could for me when I should be made a Mason? Now didn't you?"

"Yes, I did, but I learn you were initiated long ago," said Janet.

"So I was, but I am about to take higher and untried degrees, and shall need you more than ever. You promised, and I shall hold you to the agreement!"

Dr. Strong's visit East was deferred until he made it during his bridal trip with Janet McKay as his bride. She asked him, when he proposed, if he could forgive her red hair and freckles, and he answered that her beautiful auburn hair was more precious than gold and that her freckles were divine. "You know," he often says, "I predicted that some fellow might come along that would like freckles. Well, the moment I saw you at Mrs. Goldbury's I knew I was the fellow."—*Voice of Masonry.*

The Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall; the meeting was largely attended, and a long sitting resulted. Robert Grey P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, W. P. Brown, Henry Garrod, G. B. Chapman, S. Vallentine, J. H. Mathews, George B. Langley, Charles Dairy, Geo. Read, T. W. Whitmarsh, J. B. Grieve, S. C. Haslip, C. F. Hogard, R. J. Taylor, J. Bunker, E. Shedd, Walter Hopekirk, A. Peterken, C. J. Axford, C. T. Fleck, Robert Marke, C. S. Birch, William Marchant, George W. G. Barnard, Henry Nuding, Edwin J. Davey, C. N. McIntyre North, Richard A. Bush, L. W. Harvey, Albert Escott, J. J. Dibley, G. W. F. Loftus, W. Oldham Chambers, H. Massey, J. M. Scarlett, George Brown, H. T. Gurner, Sidney Napper, Joseph D. Wilkinson, John Petch, Rawson Kelly, T. Weeks, M. A. McImray, S. H. Goldschmidt, M. I. Emanuel, W. R. Parker, Henry Cattermole, Abel Lawrence, Edward J. Dodd, G. H. L. Stephenson, T. B. Dodson, G. W. Allen, E. J. Gittins, C. H. Webb, J. H. Price, H. Dehane, E. Squirrel, H. H. Wells, and H. Sadler G. Tyler. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master at the September meeting, amounting to £200. The new list contained 43 cases. Five of these were dismissed, and one was deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £872. There were three recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50, four to the Grand Master of £40, five of £30, and one of £25; besides 15 grants of £20, five of £10, and two of £5 each, with one grant of £2

We are asked to state that the installation of Brother Beddoes as W.M. of Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, will take place on Monday next, the 27th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. Lodge will be opened at 4 p.m. prompt. Bro. S. J. Byng 425 S.C. and P.M. 902 will act as installing Master.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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R.M.I. FOR BOYS.—NOTICES OF MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the advertisement in "The Times," announcing the Quarterly Court, the notices of motion which I gave are omitted, although they appeared in due form in your account last week of the adjourned General Committee.

Owing to the alteration in the educational arrangements in this country during the past twenty years, I consider the questions are of vital importance, not only to the Institution, but to all who have the interest of "Our Boys" at heart.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WM. HARRIS SAUNDERS P.M. P.Z.

P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, and Past Steward of all the Charities.

PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was holden at St. James' Lodge, No. 448, on the 15th inst., under the banner of the R.W. Brother Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Eng. Prov. Grand Master, W. Bros. Henry Smith P.G.D. England Deputy Prov. Grand Master, William Harrop as Senior Warden, Thomas Crossley Junior Warden, Rev. John H. Evans, M.A., and Rev. Benjamin Mayou, M.A., Chaplains, Thomas Harrison Treasurer, Harold Thomas Registrar, Herbert G. E. Green Secretary, J. B. Wostinholm and William Henry Jessop Senior Deacons, J. B. Knight and W. Ridgard Massie Junior Deacons, William Watson as Supt. of Works, Henry T. E. Holmes Director of Ceremonies, W. F. Tomlinson Deputy Dir. of Cers., Thos. Lang Assistant Director of Ceremonies, George Henry Locking Sword Bearer, Thomas Riley and John Throup Standard Bearers, George Carbert Organist, Joseph Matthewman Assistant Secretary, Robert Henry Armitage Pursuivant, John Shoemith Assistant Pursuivant, Joseph Thomas Walker, Captain Tupman, Fred Rand, Robert Thompson and Joseph Wilson Stewards, Samuel Barrand Tyler, Thomas Leighton Assistant Tyler, besides a large number of Past Provincial Grand Officers.

Also W. Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and Brethren from Lodges 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 387, 408, 439, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 750, 810, 837, 904, 910, 971, 974, 1001, 1018, 1019, 1034, 1042, 1102, 1108, 1211, 1214, 1221, 1231, 1239, 1283, 1301, 1302, 1311, 1462, 1513, 1514, 1522, 1542, 1645, 1648, 1736, 1783, 2035, 2069, 2091, 2259, 2261, 2263, 2321, 2330.

Letters of apology, for unavoidable absence, were received from three Provincial Grand Officers and sixty-nine Brethren.

Visitors—W. Bro. James Morrison McLeod P.M. Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, and Rev. Henry Ellershaw, M.A.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Henry Smith, and the Prov. Grand Officers entered at half past two o'clock, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form; solemn prayer was offered, and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Prov. Grand Chaplains.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master were saluted according to ancient custom.

The roll of Lodges and the roll of Present Grand Officers was called.

The minutes of the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, holden at Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 16th April 1890, were presented. It was moved by Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. 304 P.P.G. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Austin Roberts P.P.G.D.C. and resolved, "That the minutes be taken as read, and confirmed."

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then delivered the following address:—

BRETHREN,—We acknowledge the hearty welcome offered to this Prov. Grand Lodge by Bro. Alfred Robertshaw and the Brethren of the Lodge St. James, No. 448, and I also thank you all for the salutations accorded to me, to my Deputy, and to the Officers of this Province, this afternoon.

I may remind you that this Lodge of St. James, which now numbers some 80 members, was constituted 17th March 1838. It celebrated the jubilee of its existence on 23rd October 1888. Twenty-one years ago, on the 24th November 1869, Prov. Grand Lodge assembled in this Hall for the purpose of its dedication by the Marquess of Ripon. I and my Deputy were present, but many Brethren, like Bro. Bentley Shaw, who was then the Deputy, have, alas! passed away to their rest.

I am happy to think that this noble Hall is now free, or almost free, from the obligation of debt.

This Lodge of St. James, No. 448, has contributed £712 15s to the Charities, and possesses 231 votes; but I will not make further allusions to it, because we are looking forward to Bro. Austin Roberts' History, which I am told is in the press, and a copy of which will shortly adorn the Masonic Library at Wakefield. To this Lodge, then, as well as to the other Lodges of Halifax—Probita, De Warren, and St. John's—Prov. Grand Lodge offers good wishes for their prosperity and success. Like my predecessor, Sir H. Edwards, I am anxious to see all Lodges hold their meetings in halls of their own, and with that view it has been a pleasure to me quite recently to sanction plans for new buildings or rooms at Batley, Hebden Bridge and Castleford.

There is to these changes from licensed premises to private halls one great danger, viz., that of being led to keep late hours; and I think that the Act of Parliament regulating the closing of hotels might fairly guide us as to the hour of our departure from our Lodges. On Lodge and instruction nights the billiard room should be closed, otherwise the attendance in the Lodge is liable to be seriously affected.

I would commend these matters to the serious consideration of the W.M.'s and Past Masters of this Province.

With respect to the interval of time between taking degrees, I call your special attention to Rule 195, Book of Constitutions. From this Rule there can be no dispensation.

It would appear that in some cases Brethren have allowed private pique to unduly influence them in this matter, and they have thus gone beyond the limits prescribed by Rule 190 of B. of C. By judicious inquiry in the first instance, and by the exercise of tact and firmness by the Executive, and forbearance by the Brethren, we feel confident these objectionable practices might be avoided. If this evil, however, be persisted in, it must inevitably lead to the decadence of Lodges and the discredit of the Craft.

At a special meeting of our Charity Committee, held at Leeds, on the 23rd June last, the representatives of this Province adopted Bro. James Morrison McLeod as the most suitable candidate for the office of Secretary to the Boys' School. The election took place on the 12th July, and Bro. McLeod received 2317 votes, having a majority of 1326 over those polled for Bro. A. C. Greenwood, who was next on the list, thus showing that many other Provinces agreed with our selection.

At this same meeting the opportunity was taken of presenting to Bro. W. F. Smithson, the Chairman of the Committee, complete sets of clothing and jewels corresponding to the offices conferred upon him by the M.W. Grand Master in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

Bro. Smithson has done immense service to the Craft by his labours for the re-organization of the Boys' School, and earned for himself much credit as our representative in London; and he richly deserves our commendations for the labour and time he has devoted to carrying out the views of West Yorkshire in this most difficult matter.

The West Yorkshire Brethren have provided carpenters' benches and tools for the purpose of giving manual, in addition to mental training, to the Boys in our School, and this has been augmented by a munificent private donation. A further sum has been given, which has been expended in the purchase of a printing press. This is now in active operation, and a monthly magazine, called the *Masonian*, has been established, and is being largely circulated.

Having taken a deep interest in the re-organization of the Boys' School, it is now manifestly our duty to give it our hearty support. West Lancashire sets us a noble example, and its Prov. Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, has consented to preside at the next Festival of the Institution.

With the approval of our Charity Committee, a notice has been placed on the agenda paper for a grant from this Prov. Grand Lodge of £151 10s as our contribution in aid of the 1891 Festival. I and many of my friends shall also add our names as Stewards, and I believe that in making this appeal to your sympathies, I shall have at least 100 who will follow our example.

With regard to the Girls' School, my Deputy has recently been there, and has reported to our Charity Committee the progress made at the new buildings. All seems satisfactory. The memorial lights of the large window of the Centenary Hall have thus been appropriated:—There are nine lights, and West Yorkshire has taken up seven of them; North and East Yorkshire, one; and the United Northern Counties Lodge, London, the ninth; thus completing the Yorkshire portion of the Centenary Window.

The Librarian will give a brief report of the donations of books since April.

There is one work I must mention, "The Heraldry of York Minster," by Bro. the Very Rev. A. Purey-Cust, Dean of York, and P.G. Chaplain of England. This work is a monument of graceful learning. The Library is thus accumulating most valuable books and curiosities, through the enterprise and energy of Bro. W. Watson, our Honorary Librarian.

It would hardly become the loyalty of this Prov. Grand Lodge towards the M.W. the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to pass by with only briefly reading the communication of the Grand Secretary of England, dated the 1st July 1890, announcing the death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of Somerset. This event has filled the heart of every Mason with grief. For upwards of fifteen years, during which time he held the position of Pro Grand Master of the Order, his unfailing courtesy, his just rulings, and his matured advice and increasing exertions for, and devotion to the best interests of the Craft, will ever be recognised as having signally contributed to the high position it now occupies in the world. This Prov. Grand Lodge, therefore, records its grateful appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by the noble Earl to English Freemasonry during the whole of that period.

I thank my Province for subscribing the sum of £1815 5s this year to the three Charities, and for the donation of £250 13s 6d by 74 Lodges to the Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M.I. for Boys.

The visit of the British Association at Leeds, from 3rd September to the 10th, and the Masonic Conversazione in the Masonic Hall, on the 8th September, was indeed a success; and Professor Glashier's thanks were cordially appreciated by the 250 visitors there.

Under the auspices of the Phoenix Lodge of Freemasons, on 24th July, a corner stone of a new north aisle was laid at the Mexborough Parish Church by this Prov. Grand Lodge. This Church of St. John, 800 years old, was connected with Roche Abbey. The Rev. H. Ellershaw, the Vicar, who is with us to-day, gave the Craft a fraternal welcome, and Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Leeds, and P.P.G. Chaplain, preached an eloquent sermon, taking for his text, "And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

As the winter season of the Lodges opens after the summer recess, and Masons will congregate together, I appeal to the Worshipful Masters to point out to their Brethren that Masonic precepts, faithfully applied, bring peace and prosperity to Lodge, Province, and nation. Inculcate the beautiful symbolism wrapt up in the words of Ecclesiastes, "And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." You will be struck by the word *three*. The key note of a Mason's creed is struck by three words—Faith, Hope, and Charity.

I beg of you to exercise these virtues, and above all, amongst yourselves to practise Relief, Brotherly Love, and the search after Truth. Then, when "the silver cord be loosed, and the golden bowl be broken," and our "dust return to the earth as it was," in the Grand Lodge above, may our "spirits return unto God who gave them."

The Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Henry Smith, after returning thanks for their hearty greeting, congratulated the brethren on the general prosperity of the Province, but adverted with great regret to the unusually long death roll since their last meeting. He also referred to the handsome presents of tools which had been made to the workshops of the Boys' School, and concluded a brief but earnest address by giving sound admonition to Secretaries in relation to change of addresses and Lodge returns.

Bro. W. F. Smithson P.M. Grand Deacon of England, on being called upon by the Chairman, expressed his gratitude to the brethren of West Yorkshire for so completely supporting him in his action in respect to the Boys' School. He also assured them that he felt proud of the honour conferred upon him by the M.W. G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in making him a Grand Deacon of England, and regarded it less as a personal matter than as an indication of the merits of the Province of West Yorkshire, to which he had the honour to belong. He strongly urged the brethren to examine and dissect the lists of donations to the Charities from time to time, and by their personal efforts endeavour to reach those Lodges whose names were only too frequently conspicuous by their absence from those lists. Their voting power must be maintained, and no effort must be wanting in this important matter. He also presented and proposed the adoption of a brief report, of which the following is a summary:—

Your Executive Committee have satisfaction in reporting that at the April and May Elections West Yorkshire succeeded in placing two Boys, one Girl, three Men, and one Widow on the list of participants in the benefits of the Masonic Institutions. That there still remain one Boy and four Girl candidates, and that it will be necessary to register every vote in the forthcoming struggle at the end of the month, in order to meet with any measure of success, as the competition is likely to be exceptionally keen.

The adoption was seconded by the Vice Chairman of the Charity Committee, and carried *nem con.*

Bro. W. Gaukroger P.M. P.P.G.D. then moved the resolution standing in his name on the notice paper:—

That a sum of £151 10s be voted by this Provincial Grand Lodge to further endow the Prov. G. Master's Chair, R.M.I. for Boys.

He pointed out that this would raise the amount to 600 guineas. He also took the opportunity of welcoming Bro. James McLeod, the newly-appointed Secretary, who was present.

This was seconded by Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, who showed that W. Yorkshire had a great stake in the Boys' School, and since it had taken a prominent part in the reorganization of that establishment, and had assisted in placing it upon a sound basis, it was clearly the duty of this Province to render it substantial support. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. Jas. M. McLeod, on being called upon by the Provincial Grand Master, was most cordially received. He expressed his gratification on being so warmly welcomed by the brethren of West Yorkshire. He was conscious of the active part taken by this Province on the occasion of his election, and for this he tendered his thanks. He also felt grateful for the money just granted, and for the many indications of renewed enthusiasm for the Institution with which he was so closely connected; and concluded by paying a high compliment to the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy, and other active Masonic workers in the Province, notably Bro. Smithson, a member of the London Provisional Committee.

On the recommendation of the Charity Committee a sum of £10 was voted as relief to Bro. J. C., Lodge 149, Meltham.

Bro. J. W. Taylor P.M. Lodge 387 then moved:—

"That it be placed on record that the lamented death of the M.W. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, took place on the 28th June last, and that the Lodges of this Province observed a period of Masonic mourning for the space of six months, from the 1st July of this year."

This was seconded by Bro. John Hey P.M. 387, and after being supported by the Prov. Grand Master, was carried unanimously.

It was announced that the invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, to hold the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, in April next, was accepted. Invitations for the October meeting, 1891,

were received from Lodges 1283, Ryburn, and 242, St. George, Doncaster.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, at 4 p.m.

Dinner was served in the Banqueting Room at 4.30 p.m., when 80 brethren sat down, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master occupying the chair.

The annual meeting will be held at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, under banner of Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, in April 1891.

PROV. G. LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province was held in the Apollo University Lodge, Masonic Hall, in Frewin Court, on Monday, and afforded an opportunity for the Brethren to meet their esteemed Right Worshipful Grand Master once more previously to his departure from the shores of England to assume his viceregal functions in the distant colony of New South Wales, and to bid him "God speed" in and through all his patriotic work. Provincial Grand Lodge was called for five o'clock, and soon afterwards his Lordship entered in procession, preceded by the Provincial Grand Officers for the year escorting him to the throne, Rev. H. Sayers taking his position as S.W., and W. A. Simmons as J.W., Brother W. R. Bowden acting for the P.G. Organist. After prayer, offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. A. R. Pritchard), the business of the Province was commenced. This consisted of the receiving of the reports of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and of the Grand Treasurer, who recommended the usual grants to the Masonic Benevolent Institution and to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Medical Dispensary, Sarah Acland Home, Blue Coat Girls' School, and Oxford Benevolent Institution; these grants were adopted. The report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read and adopted. After the charity jewels were presented, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master moved that a vote of sympathy and condolence should be given, expressing the grief and loss the Province had sustained through the death of the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. The Earl of Jersey spoke of the Masonic zeal and sterling character and ability of the deceased nobleman, expressing his personal sorrow on his removal. The motion was seconded by W. Brother Rev. H. Adair Pickard, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Freemasonry in Oxfordshire, in the following words—In seconding this resolution I would ask to be allowed to advert for a few minutes to the high character of the noble brother whose loss we deeply deplore. A great Statesman, a courteous Gentleman, and a devout Churchman, he filled with much distinction the high offices of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1885, of Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1866 and in 1874, and of High Steward of this University since 1859, in addition to many other minor offices. But we especially deplore his loss as a Freemason. Initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, then recently resuscitated under the care of Bros. Beach, Portal, and others, to be the foster-mother of Brethren of the Apollo, who resided, at all events during part of the year, in London; Lord Carnarvon joined the Apollo University Lodge in 1857, when I was Worshipful Master. Those were stirring times in Grand Lodge, and the Oxford Masons attended regularly and fought shoulder to shoulder in defence of the Canadian Brothers whose rights and privileges had not been recognised at that time by the permanent officials of Grand Lodge. The eminent ability of our lamented Brother brought him prominently before the notice of the Rulers of the Craft, and he was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire in 1868, and Deputy Grand Master in 1870. Then in 1874 he had the great honour of installing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, an event that can never be forgotten by those who witnessed the installation; he was at once appointed to the Provincial Grand Mastership, an office which can only be held when a Prince of the Royal blood is Grand Master. In that capacity many of us have seen Lord Carnarvon presiding over Grand Lodge. Indeed, on all occasions when matters of great importance were brought before us, we were quite sure to be favoured by his presence. We noted his wise advice, his just ruling combined with inflexible firmness when any principle was

involved. His portrait adorns the walls of our Masonic Temple in London, and I venture to assert that it will be long before the services which he rendered to the Craft will fade from our memory. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the year, as follows:—

Bro. Reginald Bird	...	...	D.P. Grand Master
Rev. D. H. W. Horlock	...	...	Senior Warden
A. C. Clark	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. H. Sayers	...	...	Chaplain
W. R. Bowden	...	...	Registrar
W. L. Morgan	...	...	Secretary
W. J. Johnson	...	...	Senior Deacon
W. Jessop	...	...	Junior Deacon
H. C. Habgood	...	...	Supt. of Works
F. H. Marychurch	...	...	Dir. of Cers.
H. Pratt	...	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. Dunning	...	...	Sword Bearer
F. Bacon	...	...	} Standard Bearers
J. W. ...ding	...	...
R. A. S. Paget	...	...	Organist
A. Rowley	...	...	Assistant Secretary
R. de M. Pratt	...	...	Pursuivant
G. B. Mallam	...	...	} Stewards
C. E. L. Wright	...	...
F. M. Davies	...	...
A. R. Lloyd	...	...
C. Bathurst	...	...
R. Sheaf	...	...
G. R. Norwood	...	...	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Master then called on the Provincial Grand Chaplain (Brother H. Sayers) to offer prayer, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The annual report of the Charity Committee disclosed that during the year the sum of £256 12s had been raised by Stewards for the Masonic Benevolent Institution; £81 7s 6d for the Girls' School; and £187 19s for the Boys' School; these independently of separate subscriptions and donations not here reported. The annual banquet followed, and was held in the Assembly Room at the Clarendon Hotel, which barely afforded accommodation to the large number of brethren assembled. The Earl of Jersey presided, supported on his right by the D.P.G.M., the Treasurer (Brother W. G. Emberlin), and the Secretary of the Charity Committee (Brother F. W. Ansell), and on his left by Viscount Valentia, Brothers H. A. Pickard, F. P. Morrell, and other members of Grand Lodge. The menu was attractive, and the serving as well as other arrangements for the dinner reflected much to the credit of the manager and staff of the establishment. The Noble Earl was most felicitous in proposing the customary Masonic toasts, which were severally replied to, two or three excellent songs interspersing themselves. It came to the lot of Brother Pickard to offer the toast of the evening, that of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, which he did in the following terms:—"When I received a few days ago, from the D.P.G.M., a request that I should propose the health of our Provincial Grand Master at our banquet to-night, I then shrank from the privilege, conscious of my own inability to do justice to the toast. But greater pressure was brought to bear upon me when Lord Jersey himself said that he would prefer that I should undertake to propose the toast. I therefore cultivated the Masonic virtue of obedience, cast aside all my own wishes, and considered what I should say. Brethren, for some time past our Provincial Grand Master has been hearing addresses and speeches in his honour. I do not know what has happened in Old South Wales, but in Oxfordshire the Druids, the cricketers, the citizens, have viewed with each other in praising him and lamenting his loss; and I rather think the magistrates are to have the same opportunity which we have to-night of expressing our regret for his departure, and our good wishes for his prosperity during his absence, and his speedy return. No more popular Provincial Grand Master exists in England, and this popularity is thoroughly deserved. I ask you, brethren, is there any one who more thoroughly fulfils the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason than the Noble Brother whose health I propose to you? Is there one who carries out more fully the characteristics of a Ruler in the Craft, in that he is trusty, of good report, and held high in estimation among his brethren, in that he is of exemplary character, courteous in demeanour, easy of address, but steady and firm in principle? Is there any one who exemplifies more fully the three grand principles on which our Order is founded—brotherly love, relief, and truth? By the practice of these virtues our Provincial Grand Master has endeared himself to the

hearts of all the Brethren, and if we are for a time separated from him we know that our loss is the gain of the colony to which he is going, where, if rumour be true, he may find himself (in succession to Lord Carrington) District Grand Master of New South Wales. We hope he may find that as easy a Province to rule as this, and that the experience which he will gain at the Antipodes may fit him even still better for his higher duties outside Masonry. I am perhaps prejudiced in thinking that the Grand Master can bestow no higher honour than that of Provincial Grand Master of Oxon and Grand Warden of England, but outside Masonry there are many high dignities to which Lord Jersey may aspire, and if he only fulfils their duties as well as those which have devolved upon him as our ruler in the Craft, we may greatly congratulate those over whose destinies he may be called upon to preside. We are quite sure that, when acting as Pro-Consul in a distant part of our great empire he will not forget us, and he knows that we shall always remember him. Brethren, I give you the health of our Provincial Grand Master, and call upon you to drink it with the utmost enthusiasm. A heartier response could scarcely be conceived than that which followed Bro. Pickard's interesting speech, and when the Noble Earl rose to respond he was again greeted with deafening applause. At the close of his reply "Auld Lang Syne" was freely indulged in, and as his Lordship left the Assembly Room he was greeted with another equally well remembered chorus by all the brethren present. A few remaining toasts being disposed of, this highly representative gathering dispersed.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT DAWLISH.

MONDAY was an important day for the members of the Masonic body at Dawlish. The charming little Devonshire watering-place does not boast of a large resident population, but the Masonic feeling is exceptionally strong in a town of so limited a population, and the Brotherhood is powerful in numbers and in influence. For many years the brethren have held their Lodge meetings in a room at the Town Hall, but the inconvenience of this arrangement was ever present, and as the membership of the Lodge increased the wish grew stronger that the Lodge should have a home and habitation of its own. It was a bold suggestion to build a Masonic Hall in preference to renting premises, but its very boldness encouraged the brethren to persevere with it, a company was formed, a considerable portion of the capital was subscribed, and an excellent site was purchased in the New Barton Road. The dedication ceremony commenced at a quarter before three in the afternoon, and was performed by the Right Worshipful Brother W. G. Rogers, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, who occupied the W.M.'s chair, and who was assisted by W. Bros. J. S. Kesterman P.G.S.W., who was in the Senior Warden's chair, and J. Stocker P.G.J.W., who acted as Junior Warden. There was a large attendance. After the Lodge had been duly opened, the hymn, "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid," was sung to a tune specially composed for the occasion by Bro. J. F. King, W.M. elect of Salem Lodge. Then the minutes of previous meetings were read, and the Secretary, Bro. Discombe, invited the D.P.G.M. to dedicate the new Hall to the purposes of Freemasonry. Bro. H. L. Friend followed by presenting the D.P.G.M. with the plans of the building, and Bro. Rogers said he heartily congratulated the brethren upon the convenient and elegant building which they had erected for the purposes of the Craft. He was very glad to see that Freemasonry was flourishing so well amongst them, and that they had amongst them brethren of sufficient decision, zeal, and energy to produce so excellent a building as that in which they were then assembled. The Psalm, "Except the Lord build the house," was then intoned, and the Wor. Brother the Rev. Dr. Lemon read the first portion of the dedication prayer. Then followed the singing of a dedication ode written and composed by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe J.W. and Organist of 2189, and after this the D.P.G.M. and the two Prov. Grand Wardens, bearing corn, wine, and oil, walked round the Lodge while solemn music was being played and sung, and as the corn, the wine, and the oil were severally poured upon the Lodge, the building was in turn dedicated to Freemasonry, to Virtue, and to Universal Benevolence, an appropriate ode being sung as each portion of the ceremony was finished. Then the Wor. Bro. Rev. Dr. Lemon read the concluding portion of the dedication prayer, the D.P.G.M. followed by strewing salt over the Lodge, while Bro. the Rev. T. C. Lewis read an appropriate verse from Scripture, and the building having been solemnly dedicated to "Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence," the imposing ceremony of dedication was brought to a close. Brother W. J. Hugban P.G.D. of England and P.P.S.G.W. of Cornwall, then delivered an earnest and eloquent oration, which was repeatedly applauded. The Right Worshipful Brother said:—Masonic Halls are dedicated to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence. This Hall is dedicated to Freemasonry because it is set apart for the celebration of its peculiar rites and ceremonies. As a Fraternity it is ancient, honourable and distinguished. We can point with just pride to the noble cathedrals and other grand structures which are the handiwork of our ancestors; and as their lineal descendants we may claim some portion of their imperishable fame, being, without doubt, their legal representatives. In olden time the

Freemasons were united as a secret society, and whenever their "old charges," or laws, were duly obeyed they required no apologies for their existence. Neither do we now, if, as Craftsmen, we are faithful to our vows. But, though in one sense we are a secret society and protected by an Act of Parliament as no other is, yet, strictly speaking, we are not really a secret society. We have no secret aims or constitutions. The objects we have in view are open to the world, our regulations may be obtained by any one, and all our members are as free to leave us as they must be to join. There has been too much mystery made of our community, for unless it be connected, directly or indirectly, with the way we know each other in any part of the globe (by night or by day, knowing or not knowing the language, and when meeting utter strangers), we have no secrets. In fact, it might almost be said that the actual secret of our Freemasonry is that there is none! Our motto is, "Fear God," "Honour the Queen," "Love the Brotherhood." In former times the Fraternity was wholly Christian, but for nearly two centuries it has been cosmopolitan. Though wider in scope and influence, all our ceremonies and degrees are based on portions of the "Volume of the Sacred Law," and no man can cross our threshold without avowing his "trust in God." The Israelite, the Parsee, the Mohammedan, and the Hindoo, as well as the Christian, are welcomed to our ranks, "provided they believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality." A man with no religion cannot become a Freemason, nor can he continue to be one. We meet, however, on neutral ground, for no theological or political discussions are ever allowed in our Lodges. For the time being, we know neither creed, colour, nor clime. Hence this handsome and commodious hall is dedicated to the Craft only. The growth of Freemasonry has of late years been almost phenomenal, and calls for still more rigid scrutiny in the admission of candidates, lest unworthy men may be initiated. Mere numbers are often more a source of weakness than of strength. We should remember this. One hundred years ago there were not 2,000 Lodges, and scarcely 50,000 members in the world; whereas now there are over 15,000 Lodges and some two millions of Craftsmen, the income from all sources being about £5,000,000 per annum. In this extraordinary growth England has had its fair share, and continues to be the largest, as it has always been the oldest Grand Lodge in both hemispheres. When No. 1443 (Dawlish) was warranted, the net number of Lodges under English rule would not reach 1,400; but in 1890, notwithstanding so many have left our jurisdiction (to form Grand Lodges of their own), there are yet nearly 2,000 Lodges on our Register; and the English Craft was never more prosperous than at the present time. This Hall is dedicated to Virtue, for unless, as Freemasons, we are virtuous or moral, we are veritable frauds, and wholly unworthy of our privileges. If anywhere a Lodge is not the home of virtue, the fault lies with the members, not with the Institution. I am not aware of any society of human origin so ancient, with such a perfect constitution as ours; and there is not the slightest need for me in open Lodge to offer any proof that we belong to an essentially moral organization, formed on a strictly religious basis. If Freemasonry is not that it is nothing. The thousands of ministers of religion who are enrolled in our ranks abundantly confirm the moral basis and virtuous character of our society; and the tens of thousands of the greatest and best in this and other countries who have agreed

To aprons put on
And make themselves one
With free and accepted Masons

testify to their belief in like manner. If a knave joins us we are deceived, but he will continue to be a knave all the same, though he call himself a Freemason. Immoral men, alas! have been admitted into our Lodges (for there are wolves in sheep's clothing in all bodies of men), but I submit they are not really of us, though in our society. One of our "old charges" declares that "Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing band of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess." No Master of a Lodge can be placed in the chair without first promising, "To be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law;" "to live creditably, and act honourably by all men;" "to guard against intemperance and excess;" "to promote the general good of society and to cultivate the social virtues, as far as his influence and ability can extend." And I fail to discover how any institution, moral or religious, could possibly be more exacting than ours as to these matters for such a purpose. Masters of Lodges are empowered to refuse admission to visitors "of known bad character," and I only wish that a more strict attention would sometimes be paid to this rule. At any rate, I have offered sufficient reasons why this and other Halls of the kind should be dedicated to Virtue. Finally, this Hall is dedicated to "Universal Benevolence," and all who are acquainted with the eventful past and present customs of our Fraternity, will not be slow to acknowledge our right so to do. The term, however, includes much more than the word charity, for it means genuine love, not only for Freemasons, but for all mankind. Our Grand Lodge is always among the first to seek to alleviate distress, to grant aid in great calamities, and patriotically to bear its share of national burdens and claims. One thousand pounds each was readily granted to the Patriotic, the Indian Relief, the Lancashire Cotton, and the Indian Famine Funds. Four thousand pounds was voted to the National Lifeboat Institution, and £500 each to the National Society for the Aid of the Sick and Wounded in War, Chicago Fire Relief Fund, Bengal Famine Relief Fund, relief of distress in Ireland, and to relieve the distress amongst the deserving poor of the Metropolis. Our own Charities, under the wing of the Grand Lodge of England, are both numerous and important. The Institutions in London for the Boys and Girls, and Aged Freemasons and Widows, cost some £150,000, and in the Metropolis and provinces, at least one thousand children are being clothed and educated, and the great majority maintained as well, besides which hundreds of indigent Masons and

widows are annuitants on our funds, and are thus preserved from want. In this systematic form of charity we in England spend every day in the year at least £250, and sometimes much more, in the relief of the destitute; and the helping hand is most gladly offered "to the fatherless and widows in their affliction." We make no parade of these facts, for the extent of our benevolence is not even known to many of our own members, and the bloom of a kind deed is lost by being published. Yet, great as are our charities at home and abroad, I maintain that the primary object of the Society is not charity, but fraternity. Freemasonry is not a benefit society. We seek to realise practically the sublime truths of the "Fatherhood of God" and "the brotherhood of man," and we look upon all the world, rich and poor, as our kin. It is my firm conviction, after an experience of the society for nearly thirty years, and familiarity with its varied and extensive literature, that the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons is one of the most beneficent and useful institutions under the sun; and that it requires only the consistent conduct of its members generally to make it the most blessed organization of the kind in the universe. In conclusion let me offer the words of Charles Mackay—slightly altered—as the pith of the whole matter—

If thou'rt a Mason
In deed and thought,
Loving thy neighbour
As craftsmen ought;
Sharing thy wealth
With the suffering poor,
Helping all sorrow
That hope can cure,
All God's angels will say, Well-done,
Whenever thy mortal race is run.

The D.P.G.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Hughan for his eloquent address. There were few brethren in the Craft who had more completely made Freemasonry their study than Bro. Hughan had done, and few who could not go to him and learn something of the true principles of the Craft to which they belonged.

Bro. G. B. Avant, who seconded the motion, spoke of Bro. Hughan's address as a beautiful oration, and said he hoped it would make a deep impression upon the minds of all who had heard it, and that all those who had not acted up to it in the past would feel themselves called upon to do so in the future.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

This concluded the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the D.P.G.M. having vacated the chair, it was taken by Bro. G. B. Avant, and the installation of Bro. J. F. King as W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The whole ceremony of installation was admirably and impressively carried out by Bro. F. C. Hallett P.P.G.S.D., and at its conclusion the newly-installed Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. B. Avant I.P.M., E. W. Locke S.W., James Hearn J.W., W. Southwood, Secretary, J. S. Whidborne Treasurer, H. L. Friend Chaplain, D. C. Powell S.D., F. Webb J.D., J. Cole I.G., W. Locke Organist, R. G. Underhill and E. B. Betty Stewards, J. Luscombe Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Albert Hotel, where a large number partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. Bro. J. F. King. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and congratulations exchanged on the fact that the Dawlish brethren have been able to provide themselves with such an excellent Masonic hall as had that day been dedicated. Reference was also made to the splendid oration delivered by Bro. Hughan, and his eloquent justification of the aims and objects of Freemasonry, and a hope was expressed that the oration would find its way into the hands of every Mason in the Province. The toasts were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

THE members of the Salem Lodge, No. 1443, made elaborate arrangements for a grand function on Monday last, the 20th inst., at Dawlish. On that day they not only installed their newly-elected W.M., Bro. J. F. King, but also held a special Provincial Grand Lodge for the dedication of the new and handsome Masonic Hall, which has been erected in the New Barton Road. For many years the brethren have, for want of a habitation of their own, held all their large meetings in a room at the Town Hall—an obviously inconvenient arrangement, and one which became increasingly so as the membership increased. The matter was discussed at various meetings, and eventually it was determined to form a company, and to raise the necessary money for the purchase of a site and the building of a new Hall by means of the issue of shares. The response was so satisfactory that an excellent site was purchased from Mr. W. Gray, in the New Barton Road, and on it a very attractive and imposing-looking building has been erected. It has been built by Mr. W. J. H. Hatcher, of Dawlish, from designs by Mr. Bridgman, architect, of Torquay, and in addition to reception-rooms and a commodious library, it has a Lodge Room which, when furnished and laid out, will be one of the handsomest in the Province. It is 36 feet long by 25 feet wide, is lofty in proportion, is thoroughly well-ventilated, and will be heated by means of hot-water pipes. The floors all through are laid with tiles of Mosaic pattern, the doors and staircases are of varnished pitch-pine, and the building as a whole is admirably adapted to the purposes for which it will be used.—*Western Morning News.*

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 31st day of October 1890, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:—

To consider Notices of Motion:—

1. Several alterations affecting the Duties of the proposed Petitions Committee, &c. &c. Particulars may be had on application to the Secretary, at the office:—

2. By W. Bro. JOHN GLASS, V.-Pres., &c. &c.:—

"That the Byo-Laws, as amended by the Provisional Management and General Committees, be submitted for approval at the next Quarterly Court, to be held on Friday, 31st October inst."

To elect Nineteen from an approved List of Fifty-three candidates.

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No. 6. Atley, Wilfred John. No. 17. Bullivant, Geo. Frederick.
No. 10. Levey, Richard William. No. 27. Woodhams, George Leopold.
No. 53. Phipps, Charles Joseph.

The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock noon precisely.

The Ballot for the election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or sooner, should the general business of the Court have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,

J. MORRISON McLEOD,
Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
15th October 1890.

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE—

"That two further vacancies (making 16 in all) be declared in consequence of the death of Mathilde Pratt, and the withdrawal of Florence Ann Motion from the Institution."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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25th October 1890.

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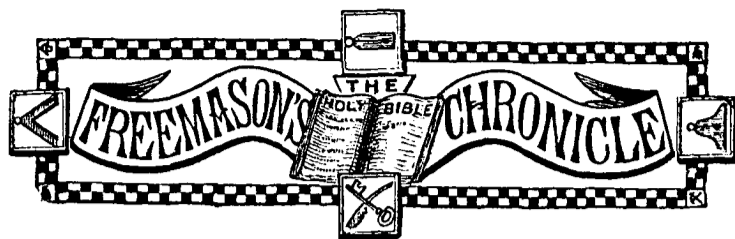
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SATURDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 1890.

CONSECRATION OF THE HILBRE LODGE, No. 2375.

SEVERAL months ago a movement was set on foot for the formation of a Masonic Lodge at Hoylake, with the result that a warrant for the constitution of the Hilbre, No. 2375, was granted. The leading promoter of the movement was Bro. J. S. Jolly, who found active and practical support from Bro. Charles Roberts W.M. 605, the result being that the consecration was fixed for Saturday last. The impressive ceremony, which took place at the Market-hall, now to be known as the Masonic Hall, was, says the *Liverpool Courier*, the occasion of a very numerous gathering of brethren not only from the Cheshire Province but the Province of West Lancashire, there being considerably over a hundred present, including a large number of Provincial Grand Officers from both sides of the river Mersey. It was hoped that the consecration would have taken place under the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton the Provincial Grand Master, but his Lordship was unable to be present, and his place was admirably filled by Sir Horatio Lloyd Deputy Provincial Grand Master, whose popularity among the brethren of Cheshire is a matter of notoriety in Masonic circles. He was ably supported by Bros. J. Salmon P.G.S.W., J. Clayton P.G.J.W., Lilley Ellis P.P.G.S.D., J. B. Sparks P.P.G.S.D., who filled the chairs of the Wardens and Deacons respectively during the consecration. The usual ceremony was carried out with appropriate solemnity, in the course of which Bro. the Rev. A. Symonds, the Junior Provincial Grand Chaplain, delivered an interesting address on the nature and principles of Freemasonry. He referred to the revival, which dates from the beginning of the last century—a revival which seemed as yet to have lost none of the spirit of energy and progress which testified so strongly to the renewed life of the Order. Everywhere new Lodges were springing into existence, everywhere the Masonic body, including in its members men of every rank and class, was in evidence. It was as a living organism, through which the life blood was flowing with regular and steady circulation, that he would regard their society, rather than merely as a survival of the past. Not that it was not most interesting and instructive to study the past and to consider whence they had sprung, but for practical purposes it was perhaps more useful on occasions such as the present rather to consider how far they were doing good in the world than to enter upon speculation as to how far the system of the Craft was foreshadowed in the remote past. Let them, however, say this, that if they of the Craft were ready to admit that much of the past was hidden from them, at any rate they were not forgetful of the future, and that, ever seeking the improvement and the welfare of their fellow men, they were working towards the light. Whatever progress they as Masons had made was owing to their strict adherence to the fundamental principles of their Order, first and foremost of which was devotion to the Great Architect of the Universe. Masonry without God would be like building an arch without a keystone, and so any attempt to progress, either socially or morally, without God could only end in social and moral ruin. Man was a social animal, but without morality let them consider into what excesses that very social character led him. They had but to consider society around to see that social virtues as usually understood were not necessarily accompanied by morality. Here, then, was the practical work of the Mason. It was to show that the social life was not incompatible with the moral life—that men can meet together socially without offending against the highest code of morals—that honour and honesty as commonly accepted in Society are not the only virtues which a man should practise, but that they must be accompanied by all the other moral virtues, not the least of which were purity and temperance. Let it ever be their aim to show that a man to be a Mason must be a man of high character; and may, he added, the Great Architect of the Universe, whose countenance they invoked that day in forming the Lodge, grant that the living stones out of which the Lodge was to be built might, not only in Lodge but in their daily life, show forth to those among whom they lived the real value and usefulness of the Order in the uprightness of their lives. At the close of the reverend brother's address, which was closely listened to by the brethren, the consecration ceremony was proceeded with, and brought to a close, after which Bro. C. S. Dean P.P.G.D. was duly installed the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, the installing ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. J. B. Sparks P.P.G.S.D. Subsequently the Worshipful Master invested the other Officers of the Lodge, as follow:—Charles Roberts W.M. 605 S.W., C. Nigel Stewart J.W., J. Morris Treasurer, J. S. Jolly Secretary, Charles H. Smith Organist, John Lee P.P.G.S. S.D., J. G. Holmes J.D., W. H. Martin I.G., T. S. Jackson, M. Jolly and W. J. Gaskell Stewards, and John Craft Tyler. Before the Lodge closed the encouraging announcement was made that at the first ordinary meeting of the Lodge 14 candidates for initiation could be proposed, and that about the same number of joining members would be submitted for election to membership. Subsequently the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. J. Fairhurst, the well known Liverpool caterer. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair by the Worshipful Master, including that of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who said that when he first became acquainted with

the Craft there were only twenty-seven Lodges in the Province, but now there were no fewer than forty-six, which in itself was a striking evidence of the growing popularity of the Order. In the course of the evening the usual collection by means of the Charity Box was made on behalf of "poor and distressed Masons." Bro. Thomas McCracken announced his intention of supplementing the sum collected, so as to bring it up to the even value of a Bank of England note, the announcement being, it need hardly be said, received with loud applause. A number of songs and recitations were given during the evening, the musical brethren who contributed to the harmony being Bros. W. Lewis W.M. 2042, H. Hollis 2042, H. J. Nicholls P.M. 2042, Costaine 2335, J. West 241, J. Greenlees S.W. 1505, and W. Sweetman.

PRESENTATION AT CHELTENHAM.

ON the 9th inst., an event interesting to local Masons took place at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, when a portrait in oils of the Grand Master of the Province, R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., P.S.G.W., was presented to the Masons using the Masonic Hall, through the liberality of W. Bro. the Baron de Ferrières P.G.S.D. (R.W. Prov. G.M. of Mark Masons of Gloucestershire). The portrait, painted by Miss E. Hayward, is hung in the banquetting room of the Masonic Hall, and the verdict of those who saw it uncovered on Thursday evening was decidedly favourable, the likeness being good and the picture an excellent one. The presentation was made at a banquet, restricted to fifty guests, by Bro. the Baron de Ferrières, who occupied the chair, and among those present were—the guest of the evening, Brother the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, and his Deputy, W. Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, Bros. J. L. Butler, as M.E.Z. of the Unanimity Chapter, J. W. Drew, as W.M. of the Foundation Lodge, and W. Heath, as W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, who faced the chair as vice-chairmen; there being also present Bros. W. R. Porcher, M.A., Rev. O. Hattersley-Smith, Colonel Ford, Colonel Rogers, T. Nelson Foster, Jas. B. Winterbotham, Rev. C. V. Childe, Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austin, R. Prowde Smith, M.A., S. Green, M.A., Colonel M. Read, W. Powell, Dr. Fernald, E. L. Brereton, J. Vassar-Smith, F. Moore, G. W. Keeling, E. L. Baylis, J. Wagborne, W. Forth, F. Fenner, E. Lawrence, W. R. Felton, A. Dighton, T. Furber, C. S. Atkins, E. T. Bryant, H. Wagborne, Hayward, Gould, F. Forty, E. Fisher, J. Balcomb, T. E. Gandy, Renwick, T. A. Huband, G. Norman, &c. The toast list of the evening was a brief one, only four toasts being set down for proposal, though one or two additions were of necessity made to the number. The usual Loyal and Craft toast having been duly honoured, the Chairman, in proposing the health of Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, remarked that the object of the meeting was of a twofold character, first to thank their Prov. Grand Master for his kindness in giving so much of his valuable time for sitting for the portrait, and that, too, to a comparatively unknown artist; and second, to present the portrait to the Masonic Hall. They all knew Sir Michael, not only as a Mason, but as a gentleman and statesman of whom Gloucestershire was proud, and one who would probably yet again occupy a high position in the councils of the nation. It was a fitting thing that the portrait of one so distinguished as a man and so revered among Masons should adorn the walls of the Hall in which Masons assembled. They had often heard from Sir Michael in those times when he was more deeply concerned in the affairs of the State than he was now, how he looked forward to and enjoyed the intervals of relaxation which he spent with his brethren in Gloucestershire; and they, on their part, when they honoured his name, as was their duty and pleasure, at the banquet table, would in his absence have in one sense his familiar presence with them. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, in returning thanks for the reception the toast had met with, said it was always pleasant to come into his Province and among brethren who received him so kindly. Two days ago he was speaking elsewhere in terms which might be possibly attributed to him as unpolite of the friends of his Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Jas. Winterbotham), but to-night he was sitting in the most friendly way by their Provincial Grand Secretary himself as though nothing had happened. It was this sort of thing that made Masonry so great a relief to public life, and though such subjects were tabooed at their table, he might be allowed, as reference had been made to his Parliamentary life, to say, what he was sure they would believe of him, that he had always sought to place what he believed to be the interests of his country above those of party; that it had never been his wish to seek office or power for its own sake, though when it came to him he had endeavoured to do his duty; and that, as to the future, whatever it might bring forth, he would endeavour to do his duty. As to the portrait and its merits, it was for his brethren to judge of them, but so far from any thanks being due to him for his share in the matter, he appreciated it as a flattering and kindly thought that prompted the request that he would have his portrait painted for the presentation. The Chairman had referred to the artist, but he had not referred to his own part in the presentation. It was with the Baron it had originated, and the Baron could hardly have done a kinder thing than thus,—while giving pleasure to his brethren, offering the benefit of his patronage and encouragement to the young artist whose merits he had recognised. The Chairman then presented the portrait to Bro. Porcher, as representing the proprietors of the Hall, and Bro. Porcher, in acknowledging the gift, referred in felicitous terms to the many acts of kindness and liberality the giver of the portrait had done in connection with Freemasonry. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach then proposed the Chairman's health, which was heartily received and responded to. Prosperity to the Lodges meeting in this Hall, was proposed by Bro. Vassar-Smith, and responded to by the three vice-chairmen, and by Bro. Colonel Rogers, as head of the Cotteswold Encampment. Bro. Winterbotham concluded the toast list with the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and

with the expression of a wish, which he was glad to say was likely to be fulfilled, that the portraits of the Deputy and the Chairman of the evening might also soon adorn the walls of their Hall. The toast having been responded to, the proceedings terminated.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

THE opening meeting was held at the Silver Tavern, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. S. W. Timson, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Pasfield J.W., Daniells Treasurer, C. Breden Secretary, F. R. Gooch S.D., W. E. Tariff J.D., G. J. Anderson I.G., T. Grout Organist, Ellingford Tyler; P.M.'s Pringle, T. Gaisford, F. R. Robinson, G. W. Palmer, A. H. Shepherd, J. W. Reeves and T. Neville. Among members present were Bros. T. Huett, T. D. Burges, Alfred Timson, J. Lancett, Bebronth, E. Martin, G. H. Seage, J. Scrutton, W. Long, J. D. Quin, W. A. Patrick, Josh. Harris, and T. Saville. Among the visitors were Bros. Alfred Mitchell 100, A. P. Chapman and E. W. Clements W.M. elect 1816, C. McKenzie 1832, George Parrett W.M. elect 1259, J. J. Berry P.M. P.Z. 554, T. J. Kennett P.M. 1716, H. E. Mountford 1716. These are but a few of the brethren present, who, in all, numbered about 70. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the following gentlemen, who had been previously proposed and seconded, were balloted for, viz., Messrs. Huett, Lane, and Gosling. The voting proving unanimously in their favour, they were initiated into the mysteries appertaining to the Apprentices Freemason. It is almost superfluous to remark that the W.M. worked the ceremony and delivered the addresses in the same manner that he has hitherto done, and which has made his year of office so great a success. It cannot be said that he has had any lack of practice and experience, for what with emergency meetings and regular meetings, the Lodge must have added another third to its long list of members. Other business having been transacted, and the Lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony. Here, as in the former degrees, the brethren proved themselves able Craftsmen. The W.M., in his usual concise manner, proposed the various toasts. The loyal toasts, and that to the Grand Officers were received with Masonic fervour and enthusiasm. The W.M. was proposed in fitting terms by Bro. Shepherd P.M., who alluded to the prosperous state of the Lodge, and thought the Lodge would agree with him in thanking the W.M. for the large share his manner of fulfilling all his duties has contributed towards that end. The W.M. briefly responded, thanking P.M. Shepherd for proposing, and the brethren for accepting the toast so heartily. To the toast of the Past Masters Bro. Gaisford responded, referring to his 17 years' connection with the Lodge, and his undiminished interest in its welfare, and in that of the brethren. To the Masonic Charities what better representative could be called upon than Bro. Daniells, the worthy Treasurer, who accordingly replied. He referred to his 36 years as a Freemason, and stated that from the beginning he had allotted 1s per week to the Charities. He had been up to the Institutions as Steward five times. The remaining toasts were briefly responded to by Bros. Seage, Gooch, Burges, &c. The musical talent of the Lodge and of the visitors was strongly represented. Bro. George Palmer sang, in a most pleasing manner, "Just a little sunshine," and "Samoa." Bro. Kennett gave a fine, manly rendering of "Big Ben," and assisted Bro. Anderson in the fine old duet "All's Well," and Bro. Parrett in "The Larboard Watch." Brother Shepherd was very pathetic in "The song that reached my heart," Bro. Parrett full of his usual verve in "The White Squall," and Bro. Anderson well up in his high notes with "Madelaine." Other brethren, each in due degree, added his "little best" to the cause of harmony; and last, but not least, the indefatigable Bro. Grout, both with the organ in Lodge and as accompanist thereafter, may be awarded "honourable mention."

AFAN LODGE, No. 833.

ON Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Aberavon, the annual installation took place. The ceremony was ably performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. M. Tennant, and the Officers installed were:—Bros. John John W.M., Henry Hayden I.P.M., Lewis Jenkins S.W., T. Hyde Macey J.W., D. E. Jones P.M. Treasurer, I. D. Williams Secretary, John Morgan S.D., John David J.D., J. B. Evans Dir. of Cers., D. Williams P.M. Organist, Edward John I.G., Vaughan John and Henry Walsh Stewards, and Thomas Jenkins Tyler.

DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THIS well-known Lodge resumed its meetings on the 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Bro. John Grey, the W.M., was supported by a good muster of P.M.'s, members, and visitors. The business of the evening was to raise Bro. Blakey to the degree of M.M., so Lodge was duly opened in the first, second, and third degrees, and the ceremony carried out, the W.M. delivering the exhortation and charge in a deliberate and effective manner. After the ceremony, Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and some business disposed of, it being mentioned that an appeal to the Benevolent Fund had resulted in a grant of £40 to a distressed brother. After Lodge was adjourned, the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, and did justice to it. They then honoured the customary toasts, that of "The Masonic Charities" giving Brother Stevens an opportunity of speaking of the benevolent operations of Freemasonry. The proceedings were varied with songs, &c.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1259.

THE opening meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Ower, W.M., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. Par-

rett S.W., Fielder J.W., Rolfe P.M. Treasurer, D. Buchan Secretary, Trappitt S.D., Holbrook J.D., Busbridge I.G., Wakefield P.M. Dir. of Cers., Seddon Organist, and Very Tyler. Past Masters Brothers Esmond and Primus Moore were also present, and other members and visitors. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. passed on to the main business, which was the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. On a ballot being taken, the choice fell unanimously on Bro. Parrett. The office of Treasurer was conferred on Bro. Wakefield P.M., in the place of Bro. Rolfe, who has resigned that honourable position in consequence of increasing business engagements. Bros. Gumprecht, Esmond, P.M., and Busbridge were appointed auditors. Other Masonic business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony.

CARADOC LODGE, No. 1674.

THE St. John's festival was held on Monday, when Brother H. G. Little P.P.G.S. S.W. W.M. elect was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by Bro. C. W. Bell W.M. The duties of Installing Master were ably performed by Bro. K. M'Ewen P.M. assisted by Bros. J. Salmon sen. P.M. The W.M. invested as his Officers:—Bro. C. W. Bell I.P.M., A. L. Clews S.W., J. H. Ellis J.W., W. L. Nicholas P.M. P.P.G.O. Chaplain, H. A. Steer P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, K. M'Ewen P.P.G. Standard Bearer P.M. Secretary, John D. Miller S.D., Hugh Roberts J.D., D. Lloyd I.G., F. G. Watkins P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, J. Y. Strachen D.O., S. A. James Tyler. After the Lodge, the brethren partook of a banquet, at the Westminster Hotel, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

THE installation meeting was held on the 16th inst., at the offices of the Poplar Board of Works, when nearly 80 members and visitors were present. Lodge having been duly opened Bro. J. Kemp Coleman proceeded with the installation of Bro. Knowles, which he carried through in a manner calling forth unanimous compliments from the Brethren, Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P. officiated as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. appointed the Officers, as follow: Bro. Kirk S.W., Bro. Raymond J.W., Bro. Farnfield P.M. Treasurer; Bro. Rundell P.M. Secretary, Bro. Walker S.D., Bro. Ayres Moore J.D., Bro. F. J. Waterson I.G., Bro. Grout Organist, Bro. Allen D.C., Bro. Stewart W.S., Bro. J. Rundell A.W.S. The thanks of the brethren were formally accorded to Bro. Coleman and Bro. W. Clarke for their assistance, and Bro. Rundell P.M. the Secretary, submitted the balance-sheet and report for the year, which was duly approved. The lodge was then closed. The banquet was served by Bro. H. Wickes, of the Exchange Tavern, "abundance" being the record, although the number present was considerably in excess of those originally arranged for. After the repast, the W.M. proposed the customary toasts, and the I.P.M., Bro. Harland, proposed "The W.M.," in happy terms referring to the prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M. having responded, briefly gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," remarking that whenever Bro. Harland entered the Lodge, his smiling face and able work brought happiness to the brethren. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a handsome jewel and collar, and the toast was honoured with most zealous fire, and the compliment happily acknowledged by Bro. Harland. Bro. Farnfield then proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. Kemp Coleman and amid general assent referred to the admirable manner in which the work had been conducted; everything, he said, having been given to the very letter. Bro. J. Kemp Coleman, in reply, after mentioning that Bro. Farnfield initiated him into the Lodge, and was his father in Masonry, said he himself had had in connection with the Craft opportunities such as fell to few men, and had endeavoured to avail himself of them to the full, deferring, however, the exercise of some of them when it was a superior advantage to another brother to precede him. This was the spirit of Masonry. They should feel that they were brothers, not merely in sentiment but in deed. He was pleased that evening if he had done his work to the satisfaction of the brethren, and remembered with pleasure that in 14 years he had passed through the chairs of two Chapters and of two Lodges. Bro. Coleman then gave the Masonic Charities. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary, who was very cordially received, said, whatever may have been the fault at the Boys' School during the last few years, it was hoped that under the new Secretary that all would be remedied. The Girls' School was in a flourishing condition, with a balance of income over expenditure, and with property worth a quarter of a million. The Institution for the Old People especially commended itself to their sympathy and support. They had to take the boys and girls on trust, not knowing what their characters and careers might be; but the old Masons they had known as respected members of their Lodges, and it was not within the power or province, no would it be the desire of their brethren to place them on one side when the day of adversity came. The Visitors, the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers, having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast completed the list. A choice musical programme was carried out by Bros. Groome, Fryer, Bevan and Schartau.

RYE LODGE, No 2272.

THE annual installation of a Worshipful Master was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Peckham Public Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick Dunn, who, as the first business, raised Bro. Swinford F. Smith. Afterwards Bro. Downson P.M. and Secretary installed Bro. W. Cock P.M., P.G.S.D. Middlesex, as Master. The following brethren were appointed to office:—G. P. Nightingale P.M. S.W., P. G. Philips P.M. J.W., W. Castledine S.D., T. G. Collier J.D., G. S. Mansell P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Downson P.M. Secretary, W. T. Warner I.G., E. Pettit P.M. Organist, W. R. Dunn Dir. of Cers., T. M. Wright and F. Hussey Stewards.

T. Bowler Tyler. There was a large number of visitors present. The brethren, after the closing of the Lodge, adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, and then honoured the customary toasts. Bro. Dunn in proposing the W.M., said he deferred to no man in his admiration of the W.M. To speak of his good points would take a longer time than the brethren would care about. The W.M. had spoken of the good the Prince of Wales had done on behalf of Masonry, but coming to Lodges on the south side of London, he doubted if any brother had done more for the good of Masonry than the W.M. of the Rye Lodge. The brethren knew what he did on the last occasion of the Festival of the Girls' School: he took up 200 guineas then. That was an extraordinary performance for a local brother, perhaps it had never been excelled. The Lodge had to congratulate itself on having such a brother in the chair. He knew the W.M. would do a deal of good for the Rye Lodge. If the brethren would attend regularly they would see his splendid working in Masonry. In Bro. Cook they had the best man any Lodge inside or outside London could possibly have. The W.M. replying, after "Excelsior" had been sung, said it reminded him that lately he had been travelling in Switzerland, and he came on a glacier which was not considered dangerous. His companion, who he would call Nooh'em, asked him why he did not go on. He told Nooh'em it did not matter if he went on and was buried alive at the bottom of the Alps, but it did matter to him, as he had to be installed in a fortnight. Turning to the toasts he said it was by the goodness of the I.P.M., who made him S.W., that he had been elected W.M. He was proud of the position, as the Rye Lodge was the Lodge of his adoption, a Lodge consecrated in his immediate neighbourhood, and a Lodge which he should endeavour to support, uphold and maintain to the best of his ability. Long life gave opportunity and occasion to many faults, but the brethren's charity that night would forget and forgive them. He hoped during his year of office nothing would mar or chill the year of happiness which had just been initiated, and at the end of his year the brethren, he trusted, would have no occasion to regret having elected Bro. Cook. The W.M. then proposed the I.P.M., prefacing his remarks by saying that when the brethren elected Bro. Dunn, they expected great things of him. They had not been disappointed, but on the contrary had been highly gratified. Bro. Dunn had steered the Rye Lodge through the past year with great cleverness and ability, and had arrived that night at the termination of a most successful year. That was not more than the brethren had expected, because their I.P.M. had done well; he had passed through several chairs, and had had a most excellent training. The members of the Rye Lodge had had the benefit of it, and they were proud of their I.P.M., not only as the I.P.M. of the Rye Lodge, but as an old resident in the parish, an old neighbour, and an old, true, and sincere friend. He was one of the first to take an interest in the formation of the Lodge, and his interest had not relaxed for a single moment. Personally he was very much indebted to Bro. Dunn for the manner in which he had arranged everything that night. It must have been a great deal of trouble to him to see that everything was in as perfect order as could be expected, and the brethren were very grateful to him for regulating everything with such care and precision. He had now to present a P.M.'s jewel, voted to him by the Lodge; he had richly earned it, and he would value it not for its intrinsic worth. No Mason could wear a jewel with a device on it of such meaning better than Bro. Dunn, he would think of the problem and the lessons which it taught, and he would carry out those lessons in their entirety, and become a more brilliant member of the Craft than even he now was. Bro. Dunn regretted he did not deserve all that the W.M. had said of him, but he had tried to do his best. If he had pleased the brethren he was satisfied. The song just given was, "Fare thee well." That was appropriate. It was not "Farewell," which was tantamount to "Good-bye," but "Fare thee well"—might he fare well himself and his Lodge likewise. It would not be his fault if the Lodge did not fare well. Bro. Cook had spoken highly of him, but although he had done that, he hoped it was not more than he tried to deserve. He could not do more than that. Whatever was required of him in the Lodge they might be sure he would always be to the fore. He was pleased to see the W.M. in the chair, and congratulated himself on having preceded him. If he had had to follow him, their brethren would probably have said, "Bro. Dunn, you have done badly." He had got between two good working Masters, and he was convinced that this year the Brethren would have a Masonic treat. He thanked the brethren for the jewel voted to him, and would hand it down to his son, and might he do better than his father. Bros. Wilson, Dr. Horrocks, and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors." The W.M. gave "The Installing Master." He was deeply impressed with the manner in which Bro. Dewsnap had performed the installation ceremony, and he should remember it with pleasure and satisfaction. The Lodge was very proud of Bro. Dewsnap, and they thought he should take a prominent part in the working of it. Bro. Dewsnap said it had given him great pleasure to enhance the working that evening. He felt that he was undertaking a duty not only of some magnitude, but one which he was scarcely capable of performing. His business had prevented him giving the attention to getting up the ceremony which he could have wished, but as the W.M. was satisfied with it, that was enough. Bros. Price, Perrins, and Pownall responded to the toast of "The Musical Visitors," Bro. Dunn I.P.M. for "The Masonic Charities," and the Treasurer and Secretary respectively replied to the joint toast proposed in their honour. The Officers having replied to their toast, "All poor and distressed Masons," followed, and the proceedings terminated. The superb musical entertainment which was provided between the speeches was given by Bros. William Price, F. Swinford, E. Pownall, W. T. Perrins, W. T. Warner, and W. S. Proe.

The Worshipful Master and Officers of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, which meets at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, in announcing that Bro. James Stevens will give his lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges at their

Lodge on Wednesday, 5th November 1890, remind brethren that the lecture has been delivered with great success at several of the London and Provincial Lodges, and they cordially invite all who can make it convenient to be present on the occasion. The lecture will commence at 7 p.m., immediately after the opening of the Lodge. A supper will be provided, for those brethren who would like to stop, to be served at 9 o'clock. Tickets 2s 6d, to be obtained of Bro. Spurrier, Sun Hotel, Chatham, or of the Secretary of the Lodge.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—The regular weekly meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, on Monday, 20th inst., when there were present:—Bros. Bromhead W.M., G. J. Westfield S.W., Wm. J. Allen J.W., Wm. Shurmur P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, F. Taylor S.D., Geo. Long J.D., C. Hirst I.G., W. Blenkinsop Steward, W. Alcock, J. J. Briginshaw, Chas. H. Bestow, W. J. Bastick, W. W. Cooke, J. Day, H. Fortescue, G. W. Fry, J. Herbert, John Ives P.M., Richard Kershaw, Volckman, R. Gray. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the ancient charge delivered in a most perfect and impressive manner. Bro. G. J. Westfield P.P.G.Swd.Br. Essex was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation. Bros. Herbert and Volckman were unanimously elected members. The following Officers were then elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wm. Shurmur Preceptor, Nathaniel Fortescue Treasurer, Wm. P. Allen Secretary, W. Blenkinsop Steward. Bro. Bromhead proposed that a cordial vote of thanks should be entered upon the minutes to the Officers for the valuable services they had rendered during the past year. This was carried unanimously. It was agreed that the annual supper should be held at the Tower Hotel, on Monday, 24th November. Bro. Wm. Shurmur was appointed President and Bro. T. Scoresby-Jackson Vice-President. The following brethren were appointed delegates to carry out the arrangements:—F. Taylor, J. Herbert, J. J. Briginshaw, Geo. Long, W. W. Cooke, Richd. Kershaw, and C. H. Bestow. This concluded a very pleasant and profitable evening.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, Rising Sun, Globe-road, Mile End, E., on the 26th inst., at 6 p.m. precisely. Bro. J. Danzager W.S. 205 will preside. Bros. B. Da Costa W.M. 1349 S.W., S. Danzager J.W. 205 J.W., W. Richardson 174 I.P.M. First lecture—Bros. A. Davis, J. Mendoza, J. Abrahams, Arter, B. Da Costa, S. Danzager, W. Richardson; second lecture—Bros. C. H. Cohen, C. Eshwege, D. Moss, L. Simmons, B. Stewart; third lecture—Bros. Oxley, L. A. Da Costa, W. Musto. Bro. Henry Harris Secretary.

On the 13th inst., a large number of members of the Hull Masonic Club attended a house dinner, provided in excellent style by the Steward Bro. Vessey King. The appointments of the club, both culinary and recreative, are now complete, and the dinner was most satisfactory. Bro. F. Blackburn presided, and among those present were Messrs. Leigh, Meanwell, Eustace, Bicking, Dr. F. Wilson, G. A. Shaw, Stringer, Fillingham, Hancock, Waller, Bosco, Ennis, Bell, Oldroyd, Dr. T. Jackson, Storry, Strickland, Capes, Anfield, Boyd, Shannon, Ditchburn, Meyers, Richards, Richardson, F. Fisher, Ames, Edwards, and Brenton. The President Bro. F. B. Gretian, M.P., Bro. M. C. Peck, and others, sent letters of regret for their unavoidable absence. Afterwards a smoking concert took place, at which Bros. G. A. Shaw, Wedderburn, Ditchburn, Brenton, Edwards, Fisher, Hall, Ingham, Storry, Kenningham, and others, contributed songs, and Dr. F. Wilson and J. R. Stringer instrumental items. The syllabus issued by the club executive provides for a series of similar evenings, and the session is sure to prove very successful.

A most enjoyable "At Home" was held on the 16th inst. at the City Hall, Eberle Street, Liverpool, under the auspices of the Liverpool Masonic Athletic Club. No fewer than 300 of the ladies and gentlemen who had accepted invitations were present to inaugurate what is hoped will be a pleasant series of festivities in connection with the Cyclists' Masonic Lodge, which was consecrated nine months ago. A well-arranged programme of dance music was gone through, to the strains of Mr. C. Stone's band, while Messrs. T. P. Hodgson and J. Robinson officiated as masters of the ceremonies. Mr. R. Poote was president, Mr. A. H. Morecroft, C.C., treasurer, Messrs. W. O. Cellow and J. F. Walker secretaries, and Messrs. R. R. Ellis, R. Lloyd, T. G. Parkes, J. Shields, J. J. Langford and C. Hughes stewards. Largely owing to the efforts of these gentlemen, the proceedings passed off with great eclat. Variety was afforded by the vocal contributions of Miss Emily Mowll, Miss Kate Meredith, Mr. Costaine and Mr. J. Lane, the accompaniments being most ably played by Miss Foote, the president's daughter.

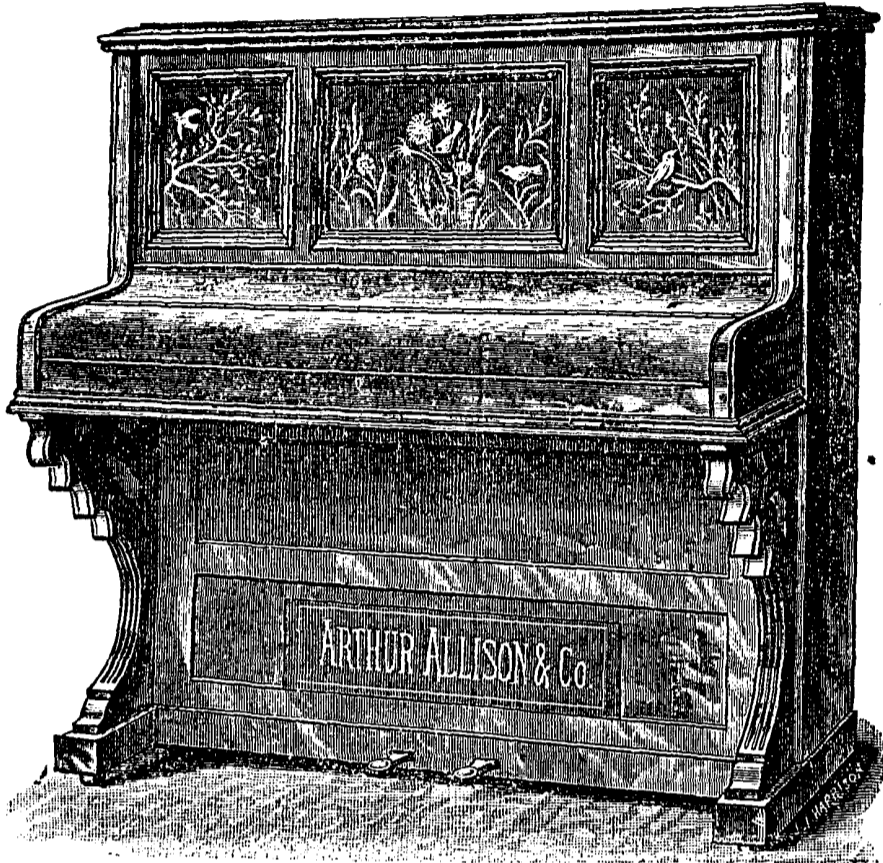
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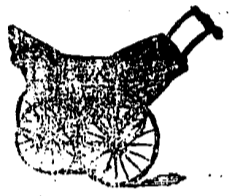


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