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ATTACKING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

THE agenda for next Wednesday's meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter contains a recommendation from the Committee of General Purposes which may be said to cut at the very root of Royal Arch Masonry as practiced in this country at the present time, but we do not wish to imply that the suggestion put forth is likely to have any detrimental effect on the Supreme Degree, or that it need occasion any particular alarm among members of this section of English Freemasonry. On the contrary, it may be regarded as a sort of pruning process, adopted for the purpose of ultimately strengthening the body on which it is proposed to operate, and has, without question, been very carefully considered by those in authority before being submitted for the consideration of the members of Grand Chapter.

In proof of this we need only refer again to the fact that the Committee of General Purposes recommend the alteration it is proposed to make, which is best expressed in the actual notice of motion on the subject, which stands on the agenda in the name of the President of the Board himself, and is to the following effect "That Brethren may be exalted into the Degree of the Royal Arch after the expiration of four weeks from the time they have received the Master Mason's degree, instead of twelve calendar months, as provided by Rule 73 of the Royal Arch Regulations; that Rule 73 be altered accordingly, and Rule 74 expunged.

As we have said, this proposed alteration need not occasion any alarm among Royal Arch Masons of the country, but there is no gainsaying the fact that the change is one of the very greatest moment, and is likely to have far reaching effects; therefore, we may be allowed to ask, what is the necessity for the alteration? and what the motive that has induced the leaders of the Degree to take such a prominent part in bringing it forward?

We cannot see any other reason for the suggested alteration than a desire to popularise the degree among newly-made Masons, men who have had no time to appreciate the lessons of the Craft, and who desire to go forward more for the purpose of gratifying their curiosity than with any real desire for further enlightenment. At first blush, then, we can hardly recognise that the suggested alteration is a good one; it either goes too far, or not far enough; and unless it is contemplated to make the Royal Arch degree a part of the regular system of Freemasonry, in fact as well as in theory, by conferring it on all candidates as a matter of course, just as the third degree is now given, we cannot believe that the change is likely to prove beneficial, for the reason that it savours too much of an attempt to depreciate what has always been regarded as a sort of upper chamber in Freemasonry.

Our remarks, however, must not be accepted as showing opposition to the views of the Committee of General Purposes. The proposition now made has come just as much of a surprise to us as to members of the degree in general, but that does not imply that the proposed alteration is unsound or undesirable. No doubt the President of the Board will have something to say in support of his proposition, and other members of the Committee of General Purposes will be able to further enlighten Companions. In doing so they will probably have little or no difficulty in convincing the members of Grand and subordinate Chapters that the change is likely to prove beneficial and popular. That we can imagine is their idea; and although it does not coincide with the opinion we have thus early formed on the subject, we are quite ready to hear the other side of the story, and are by no means averse to be persuaded that we have taken a mistaken view of the case.

Another matter which will call for special consideration—if not at next week's meeting at least at an early one—is the absence of proper returns from some of the subordinate Chapters. The result of neglect in making these returns is forcibly brought under notice in consequence of the Petitioners for a new warrant being disqualified through not being registered at Grand Chapter. As a result the Committee of General Purposes recommend that consideration of their Petition shall be deferred until the returns have been made.

Other items of business are of a formal nature, as will be seen from the agenda paper, a copy of which we publish elsewhere in this issue.

A NOTABLE CELEBRATION.

RESPONDING to the toast of his health, on the occasion of the installation of the new Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom referred to the fact that the present year marked his coming of age as Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, and we can well imagine the event will be locally celebrated with more than the usual ceremony and rejoicing. Bearing in mind, however, the distinguished position occupied by his lordship as regards the English Craft as a whole, it may well be asked whether the event does not call for more than local recognition; whether, in fact, the whole of the Lodges which for many years honoured him as Deputy Grand Master, and more recently as Pro Grand Master would not eagerly avail themselves of the opportunity of showing their appreciation of his services by uniting with the brethren of his Province in any movement promoted in celebration of this coming event?

It is true Lord Lathom's twenty-one year's service as Provincial Master will not be completed until

November of next year, his lordship (then Lord Skelmersdale) having been appointed to the charge of the Province on 22nd November 1872, but the intervening months before the actual completion are none too many in which to bring the subject under the notice of the Craft, and arrange the form of any testimonial that may be decided upon in connection with the auspicious event, or it may be that the brethren of his Province will prefer to arrange some celebration either to mark the 21st anniversary of Lord Lathom's appointment, or the anniversary of his actual installation.

Lord Lathom's services to English Freemasonry are too well known to need any recapitulation on this occasion, suffice it to say that wherever or whenever his name is mentioned in one of our Lodges it is received with cordiality and enthusiasm, and this testimony to his worth is by no means the outcome of fulsome flattery of one in authority, but rather a sincere expression of regard. Lord Lathom is universally recognised as having faithfully performed his duty, discharging his high functions with ability, and in every way acting in his position as a ruler in Freemasonry in such a way as to deserve and merit the approbation of the Craft under his control, and we feel convinced that will be the opinion of every Mason approached on the question of arranging some general recognition of his twenty-one years' service, when once it is made known outside his own Province that such a project is contemplated.

It is not for us to forestall the work of any Committee that may be formed for considering this question, but with the desire that has always actuated us to advance the welfare of the Masonic Institutions, and recognising that any celebration of his Lordship's accession to power would in all probability become a national one, it is permissible to point to the precedence of one or other of the Charity Festivals of the year as an appropriate and at the same time the most national way of celebrating the event.

The whole of the next year's Festivals will be held during the Earl of Lathom's twenty-first year of Provincial Mastership, so that the opportunity is provided for such a celebration as we point to, should it be found to accord with the views of the Craft, and fall in with his lordship's ideas of what is desirable. Moreover, West Lancashire has not supplied a chairman for one of the central Institutions for some years past, and that fact would seem to provide further inducement for the consideration of this suggestion, but it is by no means compulsory that the celebration we speak of should take the form of a special effort on behalf of one of our Charitable Institutions. Many other ways can be found of doing justice to this auspicious occasion, but we have referred to this one in particular as being, so to speak, ready to hand, and as being likely to fall in with Lord Lathom's well known views as to the first duties of the Masonic Craft in England. Before the subject has to be settled we can imagine numerous suggestions being put forward to provide what should prove in every way a notable celebration, worthy of the fullest support from the Craftsmen of England, who certainly regard their Pro Grand Master as one of the most distinguished and hard working members the Craft has ever known.

CONSECRATION ECCENTRIC, No. 2483.

THIS new Lodge was consecrated on Friday of last week at the Café Royal, Regent Street. A large company assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Grand Secretary of England, Brother Edward Letchworth P.G.D., assisted by Bro. Thomas Fenn, Robert Grey, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Frank Richardson, and C. F. Matier. Colonel Noel Money, Sir E. Englefield, Captain N. G. Philips, Sir J. R. Somers Vine, Bro. Charles Belton, Major-General J. C. Hay, and Bro. J. H. Matthews

were among the wearers of the purple who were present. Sir Augustus Harris, Past Grand Treasurer of England, was installed as the Worshipful Master for the first year, and his officers comprised the names of Brothers J. H. Hawkins, W. J. W. Beard, W. E. Chapman, W. S. Hooper, Lionel Brough, J. A. Harrison, T. Honey, James Wyatt, and Arthur Tite. Sir Augustus Harris presented the Lodge with some of the most expensive furniture, and other officers made additional presents. A founders' jewel was given to the consecrating officers, who were also elected honorary members of the Lodge. A grand banquet followed the work of the day.

OXFORDSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday, 16th inst., in the University Masonic Hall, Oxford, the Earl of Jersey in the chair. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, all anxious to welcome the Provincial Grand Master on his return from the colonies. On his entrance to the Lodge he was received with marked applause. The usual business having been carried through, the brethren adjourned to the Randolph Hotel, where at six o'clock about 120 sat down to the annual banquet. The banquet was of a most satisfactory character, and the wines, which were presented by the Provincial Grand Master, were of an excellent quality. The usual toasts were given and responded to.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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"CAN A MASTER ERR?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "EDGARDO," who asks this question is not sufficiently explicit. He should have given your readers the full text of his motion if he wanted them to assist him in answering his question. The Master may have been fully justified in declining to insert his notice of motion in the Lodge's summons, and in all likelihood he sought competent advice before coming to his decision. He was most certainly justified in refusing to put to the Lodge a motion of which no notice whatever had been given, even though it was "seconded amongst marks of distinct approval." The Master extended an indulgence to "EDGARDO" which "EDGARDO" had no right to expect, viz., in allowing him and his seconder to speak on an un-notified motion. If "EDGARDO" had done what he had done at this last meeting of his Lodge, that is, handed in to the Master the terms of his motion he then intended proposing, no doubt the Master would have saved him the unpleasantness of being ignored, but "EDGARDO" has only himself to blame for it.

As to "EDGARDO'S" "scheme" for improving the Lodge's "working," your readers of course cannot judge until they know what its details are, but as an outsider, and judging from what "EDGARDO" puts before your readers, I should conclude that he is a young P.M., fuller of Masonic zeal than discretion—one who thinks that the be-all and end-all of Masonry is in working ceremonies, and he will find, as he gathers more experience, that his views will be considerably modified.

Yours fraternally,

ESTABLISHED USAGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of your correspondent "EDGARDO," last week, not only proves the fallacy of the ruling you laid down a few weeks back, to the effect that the Worshipful Master of a Lodge can do no wrong, but it seems to me to also prove the presence in our midst of brethren armed with power who are not conversant with the first principles of the rules which govern debate, much less qualified to preside over such a body as a Masonic Lodge.

I presume the notice of motion to which your correspondent refers was "regularly" made, and duly seconded, and that being so I fail to see on what ground the W.M. can justify himself when he determines to ignore it, and refuses to submit the question to the vote of his Lodge.

Does he decide it to be a question outside the scope of Freemasonry? or what is the ground of his objection to its being regularly considered by the members under his charge?

I await further information on the subject with some concern, and, as a lover of Freedom of speech and action on all controversial subjects, subscribe myself,

Yours fraternally,

FAIR PLAY,

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CAVEAC LODGE, No. 176.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., Bro. Norman Morris W.M., G. Vaizey S.W., J. W. Godfrey J.W., Percival A. Nairne P.G.D. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Goss G.D. P.M. Secretary, W. H. Fox S.D., J. P. Simpson as J.D., Chas. Brown P.M. D.C., J. Grant as I.G., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, Past Masters Bro. Milhill, Slaughter, Dent, Sorrell, Sorrell jun. and Maclure. Visitors:—Bros. Lovegrove P.M. 1507, G. Bergel 713, Burns 271, Stowe 2022, Seager P.M. 2183, and J. E. Shand P.M. 1563.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed. As there was no candidates for degrees Bro. P. A. Nairne explained, in masterly style and accuracy, the first tracing board, enlisting the attention and eulogies of those present.

After the Lodge had been closed the brethren dined together under the supervision of Bro. Henry, of the Albion. The usual loyal and other toasts were honoured. The visitors expressed the pleasure and enjoyment received from the Lodge, after which the Officers and Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close, the brethren separating about 10:30 p.m.

BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 902.

THE annual installation meeting of this ancient Lodge was held on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., upon which occasion a large number of the members and their friends assembled to take part in the interesting ceremony. Bro. H. Norrington the W.M. presided, and was supported by the following brethren:—Frederick Varley W.M. 1260, R. H. Redfearn W.M. 753, William Drewett P.G.S.B. Surrey, A. R. Trew P.P.G.S.W. Suffolk and W.M. 2409, G. C. Cockton W.M. 1446, James Edgell W.M. 889, Henry Poston P.M. 19, A. Calver P.M. 933, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, Burcham Cooper P.M. 1441, Hy. W. Clarke P.M. 1623, H. J. Gabb P.M. 813, George Piddock W.M. 1107, Fred. Clarke W.M. 28, H. Baldwin P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, R. J. Ronald P.M., John Beddoe P.M., E. C. White I.P.M., George Gabb P.M. Treasurer, S. J. Byng P.M. Secretary, H. A. Pocock P.M., Walter Smith P.M., J. Abraham P.M., and many others.

The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The Audit Committee presented their report, from which we gathered that the finances of the Lodge were in a satisfactory condition, that is to say, not too large to warrant any distrust that the brethren had been remiss in their obligations, nor too small to cause any anxiety to the incoming Master. The Lodge Charity Account also showed a small balance, after the distribution of a large amount. The report was therefore received, adopted and ordered to be printed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Beddoe P.M., who proceeded with the installation of Brother W. Rouse Larter, who had been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The ritual was carefully and impressively worked by Bro. Beddoe and gave great satisfaction to the brethren. The following Officers were appointed to assist the W.M. during his year of office:—Bros. S. Rashleigh S.W., C. Cowland J.W., George Gabb P.M. Treasurer, S. J. Byng P.M. Secretary, J. Pillinger S.D., C. Butcher J.D., F. Reeves I.G., E. S. White P.M. D.C., J. J. Fifield A.D.C., W. Bean Steward, Gilbert Tyler. The very valuable Lodge jewel was presented to Bro. H. Norrington I.P.M. for his services during the past year, and a handsome Past Master's collar and jewel were given to Bro. E. S. White by some of the members as a mark of appreciation. The newly made Master soon gave proof of his capacity for office by the initiation of Mr. William Henry Snow, which ceremony was extremely well rendered, all the new Officers lending efficient service. A candidate was proposed for the next meeting, and the W.M. having received the hearty good wishes of the brethren, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the company adjourned to the banquet room.

The usual loyal and complimentary speeches followed, which were interspersed with some capital songs and recitations, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Bro. William Rouse Larter was born in 1848 in the parish of Marylebone, London, and was initiated into Freemasonry so recently as 1887 in the Burgoyne Lodge. As the I.P.M. stated, he has made rapid progress, but his work in the Lodge was entitled to great credit, and he is a good and worthy Mason, one who has always the interest of the Order at heart.

In connection with the Lodge we may mention that there is at Anderton's Hotel and energetic young Mason Bro. W. S. Wagstaff, who, without holding any recognised rank, materially assists in promoting the comfort of the numerous brethren attending the various Lodges held at this establishment, by looking after them and their effects outside the door of the Lodge. Courtesy and civility in any rank ought to be encouraged, and we have much pleasure in bearing testimony to Bro. Wagstaff's attentions.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 1 Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 6th inst. After the reading of minutes, Bro. Councillor John Bradshaw P.M., who had recently been appointed Prov. G.S.D., entered the Lodge and was received with Provincial honours.

Bro. Sacré was then subjected to the usual questions, and having proved his efficiency, was passed, the whole of the ceremony being performed by the W.M., in his characteristically admirable manner, the working tools being presented by the J.W.

A notice of motion proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Brother Bradshaw, that "the sum of five guineas be given out of the Lodge Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," was carried unanimously.

Bro. Beaver afterwards presented to the Lodge a valuable banner, which was formally accepted with votes of thanks by Bros. Nall and Bradshaw. The banner is a magnificent work of art, the same being executed by Messrs. Thos. Brown and Son, Princess Street, Manchester. In presenting it, Bro. Beaver said that it was intended as a memento of the "Majority Year" of the Lodge, and as a souvenir of his own year of office as W.M. With no little feeling and pathos he concluded his remarks by adding: "May this banner remind us that our words and actions are observed by the Great Architect of the Universe, and may those words and actions, both in Lodge and at the social board, do credit to ourselves as men, and honour to the glorious brotherhood of Masonry." Bro. Beaver announced that at the November meeting of the Lodge there would be in attendance the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, accompanied by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers.

In the Lodge, and at the festive board which was subsequently held, there were present:—Bros. Cyril H. Beaver W.M., W. Dyson Fryer I.P.M., James Morrison jun. S.W., Alfred Pickford J.W., Henry Nall P.M., J. G. Bromley P.M. Secretary, Charles Rawle J.D., W. C. Flint I.G., James A. Carse, A. Redfearn, Ed. M. Beebe and M. E. Birkett Stewards, John Bradshaw P.M. Prov. G.S.D., Arthur A. Moss P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Howard Curtis Sacré, A. G. Bateman, Wm. Rushton, John Coupland, Hugh W. Bloomer, R. T. Dawson. Visitor—Brother Wm. Henry Bibby S.W. 993.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE twentieth installation meeting was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on the 14th inst., when Bro. George Wm. Robson was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bros. J. Hope Guyton, a member of the Lodge, P.M. and a Provincial Grand Officer for Norfolk. Among those present in addition to the above-named, were:—Bros. D. T. Keene W.M., J. K. Gwyn J.W., James Stevens P.M. Secretary, R. Brookman S.D., Frank E. Bailey P.M. 167 J.D., W. Fraser I.G., R. Lawson Steward, N. Potter Tyler; Past Masters James Freeman, W. F. G. Cook, G. W. Blackie, R. Greening, W. F. Kibble, and R. Fendick; and Bros. J. K. Hooper, G. S. Goodman, H. Dottridge, H. F. Frost, &c. The Visitor's sheet was signed by Bros. Alfred Smith P.M. 93, Edwin Noyes 228 (I.C.), H. B. May P.M. 1237, Lambert Perry 1816, F. C. Linbott 1365, W. F. Potter P.M. 1426, P. E. Kay 1768, G. M. Spong 2030 and Chas. Plowman P.M. 1708. Preparatory business having been disposed of, the installation ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Guyton, assisted by Bro. James Stevens, who officiated as Master of Ceremonies. The usual salutes having been given, the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers in the following order, viz:—Bros. Gwyn S.W., Brookman J.W., Stevens P.M. Secretary, Bailey P.M. S.D., Fraser J.D., Lawson I.G., Frost P.M. D.C., Dottridge Steward, and Potter P.M. Tyler. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren were admirably delivered, and Bro. Guyton received the thanks of the Lodge for the manner in which he had inducted the new Master into his chair of office. Several apologies for non-attendance were read, and a handsome P.M.'s jewel having been presented to Bro. D. T. Keene in acknowledgment of his valuable services and strict attention to the interests of the Lodge during his term of Mastership, a few other items of general business received attention and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The utmost harmony and good fellowship pervaded the social gathering throughout, and all alike admitted that both in regard to Lodge work and subsequent association, in the hour of refreshment, nothing had been wanting to place the meeting on a level with many gatherings of a like nature during the past twenty years.

BAGSHAW LODGE, No. 1457.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Public Hall, Loughton, Essex. Present—Bros. James H. Langdon W.M., Otto Steffen S.W., W. J. Cuthbert J.W., William Holloway Treasurer, W. J. Shadrake Secretary, R. Fish S.D., R. A. Panchaud J.D., C. E. Skinner D.C., C. S. Foster I.G., T. A. Burgess Organist, J. Ambrose Steward, W. J. Barnes Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. C. J. Edwards, T. T. Nunn, J. A. Clarkson P.P.G. Organist, H. J. Day P.P.G.P., J. G. Thompson P.P.G.O.; Visitors—A. Buck P.P.G.S.W., H. F. Bromhead P.P.G.S. of Works, W. M. Batcher, Edwin Parkiss, F. Moll, O. Moll, F. Winizer, Sutton Abbott Prov. G.A. Sec., J. W. Tyler. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, after which Bro. W. H. Wheatley was balloted for as a joining member, and was unanimously admitted. Lodge was then advanced and Bro. Otto Steffen was installed as Worshipful Master, subsequently appointing and investing the Officers for the year. Bro. Steffen was afterwards elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and other matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. There were upwards of 40 brethren present, all of whom appeared to have spent a pleasant evening.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

AS briefly noted in our impression of the 21st instant, Bro. Francis Leng was installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge, on Mon-

day, the 9th October. The meeting was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester, the following brethren being present:—Bros. John Morris W.M., Francis Long S.W. (W.M. elect), Percy E. Land J.W., J. C. Gillman P.P.G.S.D. Secretary, G. Knight S.D., D. Johnson P.M. D.C., W. Yeadon, A.C.A., and J. S. Done Stewards, Hy. P. Jones P.M. Prov. G.R., J. C. Vickers, Thomas Jackson, Jno. Rathbone, A. J. Tarr, Nathaniel Jones, Walter Lees, C. Preston. Visitors—Bros. Jacob Ashworth W.M. 1161, William Colbert I.P.M. 1213, John Greaves P.M. 277 P.P.G.S.W., J. Slater P.M. 1077, F. MacCallum P.M. 1993, Clara Edgar Towell P.M. 2359, W. F. Scarlett D.C. 2360 1313, W. K. Taylor 204, J. Schofield 1161. The Installing Master was Bro. Gillman, who, assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge, rendered a ceremony which was a very excellent one, the same giving universal satisfaction. Bro. Gillman is well known in Masonic circles as an earnest worker, and, as Secretary, has been of great assistance to his Lodge, the members of which have recognised the fact by re-appointing him to that position. The following is a list of Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Morris I.P.M., Percy E. Land S.W., Ramsey Knight J.W., George Barslom P.M. Treasurer, J. C. Gillman P.P.G.S.D. Secretary, Chris. Preston S.D., Hy. S. Johnson J.D., J. S. Done I.G., David Johnson P.M. D. of C., William Yeadon, H. Russell, and A. J. Tarr Stewards.

URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on the 9th inst., Bro. John Hardwicke Marsh W.M. There were also present:—Bros. W. H. Jolliffe S.W., Fred. Stretch J.W., Edward L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treasurer, George R. Lloyd P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer Secretary, John Walton jun. S.D., Walter Bowers J.D., G. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G. Dir. of Cers., Geo. J. Mends Organist, R. Swindells I.P.M., John Slyman P.M. P.P.G.D., Peter Heaton P.M. P.P.G.S., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.A.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), J. Bowers P.M., Thomas William Bone P.M., John Walton son. P.M., J. Ormrod, J. Plowman, Geo. G. R. Mends, J. S. Whitley, J. Mallard, W. Kirk, Wm. H. Hughes, J. Artingstall.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. G. R. Mends satisfactorily answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Mends duly passed by the W.M., who, upon the conclusion of the ceremony, announced that a Masonic Service in connection with the Lodge would be held in the Parish Church, Urmston, on Sunday, 12th November, at 3.30 p.m., in aid of the Masonic Charities, and that a dispensation had been granted by Earl Lathom Prov. Grand Master to wear Craft clothing and jewels on the occasion. It was resolved that the annual ball in connection with the Lodge be held on 15th December, and that the W.M., Bros. G. A. Myers, J. Bowers, John Walton jun., J. R. Ormrod, and J. Ploughman be appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements. Hearty good wishes were expressed by Provincial Officers and Visiting Brethren, and the Lodge duly closed. The charity box realised a goodly sum.

The brethren afterwards partook of a substantial repast, which had been provided by the genial host, Bro. John Walton, the remainder of the evening being spent at the social board, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs rendered by Bros. F. Ridsdale Bowley, Henry Nall, Edward Roberts, William Dumville, Peter Heaton, and others.

Bro. Marsh W.M. proposed the toast of the newly-invested Provincial Officers (Bros. Lloyd and Myers), and congratulated them upon their important appointments, the former as Provincial Grand Treasurer, the latter as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, both of West Lancashire.

Bro. Myers, in response, said that up to the present time he knew very little of Provincial matters, and consequently did not intend to make a long speech, though perhaps as he progressed he might furnish them with one of the longest on record. He acknowledged the difficulties which environed his position, but said that however hard these might be, the fact of working under such an Officer as Lord Lathom would render them quite a pleasure.

Bro. Lloyd said that as a member of the Urmston Lodge his Masonic life had been a very pleasant and happy one. He gave an interesting description of his Lodge experiences, and said that he had met and made many good friends, some of whom were the best of men. He had gained the brotherly love and affection of those in his own Lodge, and the knowledge of this was one of the delights he could cherish. He thanked them for their enthusiasm, and promised that whatever he could do for the Urmston Lodge would be performed without stint.

The toast of the Visitors was next proposed, which was followed by that of the newly passed brother.

In response to the latter Bro. Mends said that what he had seen had made a deep impression upon him. His father, who was also a member of this Lodge, had been credited with making headway in Masonry, and he hoped he would be enabled to tread in his footsteps.

Other toasts followed.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when the following among others were present:—Bros. C. J. Knightley W.M., G. Mordey S.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer, R. Ross I.P.M., W. A. Scurrah P.M., C. H. Holland P.M., A. H. Cole Sec., Henry Longman S.D., Thos. Jofferies J.D., J. Pratt I.G., Geo. Comley and G. Thompson Stewards. Visitors: Bros. John D. Wilde Sec. 387 (I.C.), John Shapcott 733, Henry Stiles P.M. 1507, C. H. Paine 2398, N. J. Churcher late 1744, A. J. Churcher 1275, Frank Marshall D.C. 1586, F. J. Mansell 1987, Arthur Scurrah I.P.M. 2206, T. D. Norman 172.

The business of the meeting included the raising of Bros. Nicholson, Davis and Gentry, and the discussion of various matters of interest to the Lodge. It was decided to alter the day of meeting to the 4th Monday instead of the 4th Tuesday, and it was arranged to have a lady's night, when it would be possible to offer entertainment to the wives and friends of the members.

After the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to banquet together, the Worshipful Master presiding in a most agreeable manner, and securing the comfort and enjoyment of all present.

Bro. Ross I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., and Bro. Knightley, in reply, expressed the pleasure he felt in being again present at a meeting of the Royal Savoy, the members of which received him with the same kind cordiality as ever after the summer recess. He spoke of the arrangements for the lady's night, and hoped the members would rally round him and make it a success. He felt they should offer some entertainment to the ladies as recompense for the frequent absence of their husbands on Lodge affairs.

Speaking of the Past Masters the W.M. referred to each in turn, and eulogised their efforts on behalf of the Lodge. On the whole he considered the Past Masters of the Royal Savoy as genial a band of brethren as were to be found anywhere, and he hoped they would long be spared to assemble at the meetings of the Lodge.

Bros. Ross, Stiles, Scurrah, and Holland each replied. Bro. Scurrah took the opportunity of referring to the contemplated nomination of Bro. Stiles for the office of Grand Treasurer, and urged the company to use every effort in their power to ensure his return. Although they were tolerably sanguine as to the result he urged the friends of Bro. Stiles to continue their efforts on his behalf, as many a man had lost a good position because his friends had considered him so safe that they did not deem it necessary to attend the election and record their vote in his favour.

The Visitors were heartily welcomed by the W.M. when he proposed their health, and several of the guests replied.

The Secretary and Treasurer were complimented, and each acknowledged the toast; then the health of the Officers was proposed and acknowledged, and the proceedings terminated.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., Bro. Alfred De Botton W.M. There were also present:—Bros. John Fisher I.P.M., George Rideal P.M. S.W., Walter Fowden J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treasurer, Leon E. Levy Secretary, J. K. Heywood I.G., Geo. Board P.M. P.P.G.D., Julius Arensburg P.M. P.P.G.P., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Ed. Nathan P.M., Walter Marshall, P. Frankenstein, B. Steel, and A. Kirkwood.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Max Frankenberg, and the same being in his favour, he was afterwards prepared and duly initiated by Brother Mamelok, the latter being assisted by Bro. Board, who presented the working tools.

At the festive board which followed, Bro. Rideal proposed the health of the newly-initiated brother, who responded in suitable terms.

ARTHUR SULLIVAN LODGE, No. 2156.

THE installation ceremony and festival of St. John took place at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., Bro. John Goss W.M. There was an intention to present to the Lodge the poetical works of our veteran brother and clever exponent of Lancashire life, Ben Brierley, but this matter was deferred. We are glad to see that Bro. Brierley still takes an interest in Masonic matters, and from a pleasant chat which we had with him, it appears that he cannot boast of possessing the elan and elasticity of some of his younger brethren, still he is not inclined to relax much of the fervour and enthusiasm which in former years he has been inspired with.

The installation of Bro. John Hulme was undertaken by Bro. Allen Avison P.M., who was assisted by several Past Masters of the Lodge, notably the following, viz., Bro. Chas. Turner P.M., who gave the proclamation, and presented the working tools, Bro. Wm. Goldthorpe P.M. P.G.A.R., who addressed the Master (Bro. John Goss) the Wardens, and Bro. Booth, the brethren generally.

The undermentioned brethren were invested as Officers of the Lodge, viz.:—Bros. John Goss I.P.M., Charles Reynolds S.W., A. S. Kinnell J.W., Thomas Kay Chaplain, N. Dumville P.M. P.P.G. Steward Treasurer, John Jackson Secretary, Robert Rudman S.D., Thomas Matthews J.D., Charles Turner P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Robt. Johnson Organist, Richard Morley I.G., John Taylor, J. W. Clough, Joseph Harmer, and E. Barnfather Stewards. Bro. Goldthorpe was appointed Charity Representative.

At 5.30 the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet which had been provided under the personal supervision of Mrs. Stopford, the esteemed hostess. This was followed by the usual social board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the proceedings being enlivened by songs and glees from Bros. Kinnell, Campbell, Turner, M. Stafford P.P.G.S., Dumville, Goldthorpe, Booth, and others, while several instrumental pieces were performed under the direction of Bro. Johnson.

Besides those enumerated above, there were present in Lodge and at the banquet:—Bros. H. Greenwood, G. H. Cunningham, Benjamin Brierley, T. R. Marsden, T. H. Gagge, S. Bryan, Thomas Matthews, Charles Jackson, Nathaniel Jones. Visitors—Bro. Frank Reed W.M. 89, R. T. Dawson W.M. 1011, James Robinson W.M. 1219, J. Hardwicke Marsh W.M. 1730, F. Ridsdale Bowley W.M. 2216, S. Bamford I.P.M. 1011, J. T. Armitage S.W. 89, Joseph Hulme J.D. 830, A. E. Hardman 215, Jonas Hindle 215, W. B. Flower 287, John

Hanson 830, W. L. Clark 992, Caradoc Owens 992, A. Moorhouse 993, George Barlow 1219, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

THE annual meeting was held at the Midland Hotel, Ardwick, on Monday, the 9th inst., the Lodge being opened in due form by Bro. Richard Booth I.P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were put for confirmation, after which Bros. Chapman and Kattz, who had expressed their desire to be passed to the degree of F.C.'s, answered the usual questions and retired. Lodge was then opened in second degree, the candidates being admitted and passed in the usual manner, the ceremonies being performed by Bros. J. W. Melling and Wm. Hoyland P.M.'s respectively. The working tools were explained by Bro. Atkinson S.W. Bro. Hayes W.M. then assumed the chair, and the ordinary business of the Lodge was transacted. Hearty good wishes were expressed from Provincial Grand Lodge by Bro. Hoyland Prov. G.P. and Bro. Williams P.P.G. Organist East Lancashire.

Bro. Hoyland gave notice that on the next meeting night he would move that ten guineas be given to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic and Benevolent Institution. This having concluded the business of the evening, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, after which the brethren partook of dinner.

At the social board which followed, the orthodox toasts were duly honoured, the duty of proposing the healths of the newly passed brethren devolving upon Bro. Melling.

In the course of his remarks Bro. Melling said that at no time in his Masonic experience had he felt greater pleasure in proposing such a toast as the one which he was about to submit to them, which he felt confident would be very warmly received by every one present. The brethren they had passed that evening were in every sense worthy men, who would not only prove themselves to be good Masons, but, judging from the attention which they had given to the ceremonies, and the interest they had taken in all they had seen and heard, would, if health and strength were vouchsafed to them, and the requisite time could be spared, be found often at the Lodge taking an active part in its working, and practising those great principles which Masonry inculcates. Although the fact was well known to most of them, he would remind them that its origin was shrouded in darkness, its history not being very clear. He could, however, assert with confidence that it was the most ancient institution in the world, and being venerable in its age, beneficial in its designs, and practical in its charity, wise and good men of all denominations had joined their ranks.

In responding, Bro. Chapman said he felt deeply indebted to Bro. Past Master Melling for his explanation of the principles of Freemasonry. He assured the brethren that he would endeavour to carry into practice those principles in such a manner as to gain the esteem of every member of the Lodge.

Bro. Katz said he was very highly impressed with Freemasonry so far, and with regard to the brethren of the Lodge he was astonished to find himself so much at home, considering that to many of them he was a perfect stranger. He would take especial care that no act of his should cause them to regret that they had accepted him as one of their members.

Bros. Walker and Lilly entertained the brethren during the evening with songs and recitations. The following were amongst those present:—Bros. Jas. Hayes W.M., J. W. Atkinson S.W., W. Goodman S.D., T. C. Lilly J.D., W. J. Melling P.M. Secretary, W. Rostron Treasurer, T. Baildon P.M., Wm. Hoyland P.M. Prov. G.P., Walker, Chapman, Kinder, Katz, Farrar. Visitor—Bro. J. Williams P.M. P.P.G. Organist.

ALLAN LODGE, No. 2368.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John was held at the Queen's Hotel, Alderley Edge, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Arthur Keymer was regularly installed into the chair of K.S., and the following Officers were appointed, Bros. T. W. Markland P.P.G. Steward I.P.M., F. Baxter jun. S.W., J. A. Walsh J.W., Rev. J. H. Whitehead Chaplain, Arthur Lawley P.M. P.P.G.A. Secretary Treasurer, T. W. Markland P.M. Secretary, Dr. W. R. Dambrill-Davies S.D., R. L. Bourne J.D., James Gow I.G., Hartley Johnson Assistant Secretary, Arthur W. Henry Organist, E. T. Everett P.M. P.P.G.D. D. of C., Jno. Urquhart, Richard Hilditch, and J. Laurish Stewards.

Subsequently an excellent banquet was provided, at which a goodly number of brethren eat down. Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, the proceedings being diversified by songs, &c., which were rendered by Bros. Howard, Stewart, Ridsdale, Bowley, and others.

The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. Bridge Hopkinson P.M. 1140, who was complimented for his excellent playing.

WILLIAM SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

NOTHING could have better exemplified the popularity of this Lodge, which ranks amongst the most numerous in point of membership in the kingdom, than the large assemblage of Masons which gathered at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on the 19th inst., to take part in the installation festival. It must have been a proud moment for Bro. William Shurmur P.M. P.P.G.T., when he surveyed the scene and remembered that the Lodge which is named after him had achieved such distinction. From a philanthropic point of view it may be stated that the Lodge is a Patron of

the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and also Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, while it was mentioned during the evening that a large sum would be raised to qualify the Lodge for a similar position with regard to the Institution for Girls. At the last elections over a thousand proxies were sent by this Lodge to the Provincial Charity Committee.

The Worshipful Master (Bro. H. French Bromhead P.P.G.S.W.) took the chair soon after three o'clock, when it was seen that every Lodge in the Province of Essex was represented, while so many Metropolitan Masters were present that the Lodge-room was quickly filled, and as the brethren continued to arrive the large apartment was filled to its utmost limit. To mention the names of those present would occupy considerable space, but among the principal persons we noticed the following brethren:—C. F. Hogard P.G.S.D., Thomas J. Ralling P.A.G.D.C. Provincial Grand Secretary of Essex, Frederick Wood P.M. and Treasurer 1000 P.P.G.S.W., H. E. Dehaue P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D., John Glass P.M. 453 P.P.G.S.W., George Corble P.M. and Secretary 453 P.P.G.J.W., Harris Hillen P.G.J.W., J. T. Bailey P.P.G.S.D., G. J. Westfield P.P.G.S.B., W. Blackburn P.M. 1365, W. Lucas P.M. 1669, F. H. Gooch P.M. 871, F. J. Eedle P.M. 2184, T. C. Edmonds P.M. 1507, James Banker P.M. 1158, Edward Briggs P.M. 2291, Henry Massey P.M. 1928, Orton Cooper I.P.M. 211, Sidney Napper P.M. 1471, J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, S. Dancyger P.M. 205, H. Mumford P.M. 2077, Otto Steffen W.M. 1457, E. Triggs P.M. 2291, G. Gravelley P.M., Alfred Back P.P.G.S.W., Harris Hills P.G.W., J. J. C. Turner P.P.G.S.W., Francis A. White P.P.G.R., J. M. McLeod P.P.G.S.W. Derby, J. Stephens P.M. 1425, Thomas Lloyd P.P.G. Chaplain, W. T. Christian P.P.G.S. of Works, J. R. Cordell P.M. 813, Frank Matthews P.M. 1766, C. Larkin P.M. 1524, W. Bellohamber W.M. 193, George Hurley W.M. 2256, J. J. Briginshaw P.M. 2256, William Land P.M. 1472, R. Baker W.M. 1964, Alfred Cank P.M. Victoria Lodge, W. Finch P.M. 1365, J. Gordon I.G. 969, W. Harris P.M. 1662, H. Worland (ex-Mayor West Ham, P. H. Baker P.M. 1260, Jno. Baker P.M. W.M. elect 898, W. J. Mumford P.M. 1538, D. H. McGowan P.M. 247, C. G. Catchey P.M. 1685, and William Lucas P.M. 1669.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bros. S. Lewis, E. R. Creagh, W. W. Ives, and G. J. Stubbings were raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Jenkinson passed as a Fellow Craft. The ballot having proved favourable for Mr. Frederick Inch, he was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. By this time the Lodge-room became inconveniently crowded and uncomfortably warm, and as several members were unable to obtain admission, the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion, where the installation ceremony took place. Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue, C.C., having been unanimously elected as the new W.M., was presented by the Director of Ceremonies and duly signified his compliance with the ancient regulations. A Board of Installed Masters, numbering no less than sixty-seven members, was then formed, and Bro. Fortescue was inducted into the chair by his predecessor. Having invested Bro. Bromhead as I.P.M., the brethren were recalled and duly saluted the new Master, who then appointed the following Officers for the year:—Bros. Richd. Kerhaw S.W., Jas. Speller P.C.D. J.W., the Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar, D.D. Chaplain, William Shurmur P.M. P.P.G.T. Treasurer, James Pinder P.C.T. Secretary, G. J. Westfield P.P.G.S.B. Assistant Secretary, C. Horton Bostow S.D., S. C. Kaufman J.D., J. Holland I.G., W. S. Wright D.C., W. Fortescue Assnt. D.C., J. F. Haskins Organist, C. Horst, T. H. Lloyd, J. Clark, M. Seigenberg, S. Wildash, J. R. Carter, M. Bleick Stewards, and G. Ives Tyler.

When investing Bro. Shurmur as the Treasurer of the Lodge, the W.M. said he wished that he could invest him with the collar of Grand Treasurer, a post to which his efforts in the cause of Freemasonry justly entitled him. This sentiment was cordially re-echoed by the brethren and loudly applauded.

It may also be mentioned that the Assistant Director of Ceremonies is a son of the Worshipful Master, and a smile went round the Lodge when he was addressed as Brother Fortescue. The several addresses were subsequently delivered by Bro. Bromhead in a manner that met with the hearty approval of the brethren. Bro. MacColla was elected to serve as representative of the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee. Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue W.M. was appointed as a Steward to represent the Lodge at the next festival of the Masonic School for Girls, and a sum of one hundred guineas was voted by the brethren to head the list.

In returning thanks for the appointment, Bro. Fortescue announced his intention of giving a personal donation of a hundred guineas also to the Charity. The Treasurer was authorised to draw another cheque for a hundred guineas from the Lodge funds as a subscription to Bro. Bromhead's list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. As may be imagined from the above grants the balance sheet presented a satisfactory condition. An initiate was proposed for the next meeting. Bro. Bromhead was presented with the handsome Lodge jewel, and the Lodge was then adjourned until the merry month of May.

The banquet was served in the great hall, and was attended by over two hundred brethren. An excellent programme of music was provided by Bro. T. H. Lloyd, assisted by Madame Kelly, Miss M. Conyers, and Bro. Will Edwards, which interspersed the speeches in a very agreeable manner.

LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE second regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Club Rooms, Birch Lane, Longsight, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Bro. Councillor Thomas Uttley W.M. There were also present—Bros. H. Grimshaw S.W., W. Gadd J.W., Frederick G. Barry Treasurer, J. Phythian P.M. Prov. G.D. of C. Cheshire Secretary, W. H. Wilson Assnt. Secretary, Alderman Lloyd Higginbottom S.D., Hy. Sheard J.D., E. H. Ritson I.G., F. W. Lean P.M. Prov. G.S.D. D. of C., Edward

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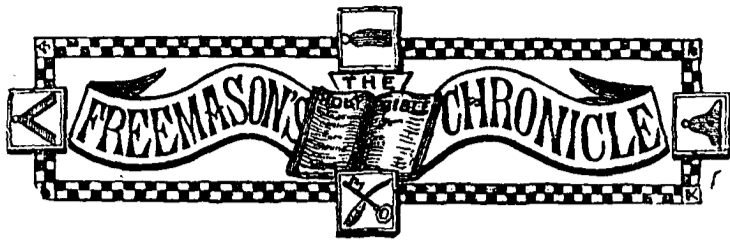
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The installation meeting of the William Shurmur Lodge, which we report elsewhere in this issue, was probably the most successful meeting ever held in connection with a Private Lodge. The assembly was a large and influential one, as may be imagined from the fact that the Board of Installed Masters was no less than sixty-seven strong, but the feature that attracts attention more particularly on this occasion is the amount of the support given to the Charitable Institutions of the Order. A sum of one hundred guineas was voted to head the W.M.'s list as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a like amount was given from the funds of the Lodge for the Boys' School, to be placed on the list of the I.P.M., Bro. Bromhead; while the new W.M. (Bro. N. Fortescue) signified his intention of following the example of the Lodge and making a personal donation of one hundred guineas in support of his Stewardship for the Girls' School.

Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue the W.M. of the Lodge, was born on 23rd July 1838, at Long Stowe, Cambridgeshire, where his ancestors for many generations have been farmers. He is a fine specimen of an English yeoman, standing six feet high and of broad proportions. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1874, in the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1206, but did not take office. He was one of the founders of the William Shurmur Lodge, and when it was consecrated in 1890 he was appointed Treasurer. He is well skilled in the ritual of the Craft, and there is little doubt but that he will prove a worthy Master of the Lodge, which, on the occasion of his installation, as at many of its former meetings, has established a record in the Craft which will be difficult to beat.

One other item of general interest was referred to at this meeting of the William Shurmur Lodge, the W.M., in investing his Treasurer, expressing a wish that he could also invest Bro. Shurmur with the collar of Grand Treasurer, "a post to which his efforts in the cause of Freemasonry justly entitle him," and to which there is very little doubt he will speedily rise. Whether he will be elected for next year, or will prefer to be nominated for the succeeding one, the future alone can show, but whenever his friends put him forward it will prove a very hard task for another candidate to stand against him.

On the occasion of the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire the Earl of Jersey Prov. G.M. stated it was proposed to erect a Masonic Temple in Oxford, and a committee was appointed to consider the question. It is generally recognised that the present accommodation in the city is totally inadequate for the requirements of the Craft, and we anticipate a fine addition will be made to the already large number of Masonic homes to be met with in the Provinces.

We saw an account some time back as to the origin of the term "printer's devil," which was ascribed to a very remote age, and was said to have taken its rise from the actions of a black boy employed by one

of the earlier printers in Italy, but whatever the origin of the term it is very certain the "devil" is a power to be reckoned with in printing, and one that sooner or later will be certain to make himself known in the best regulated office. Our particular "devil" asserted himself last week, with results the reverse of gratifying, but he seldom does anything right, or at least does not get credit for it, so that it is only necessary to refer to his handiwork to admit an error, and this occurred on page 243 of our last number, where the unsuccessful candidates at the two elections were recorded. The two sets of names were mixed, with the result that the Girls' appeared under the Boys' heading, and vice versa. Some of the baptismal names, at least, are sufficiently distinctive to make the error apparent, but we must none the less express our regret at its occurrence.

It is with extreme regret we learn that Brother Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D. of C. has been compelled, in consequence of failing health, to resign his appointment as Secretary of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company. At the meeting of the Board at which his letter of resignation was read, sympathy was expressed towards our distinguished brother, the following resolution being carried with unanimity and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—"The Board received with the greatest regret the resignation of their respected Friend and Secretary, Mr. Magnus Ohren, in consequence of his failing health; and in accepting such resignation, they desire to record their deep sense of the loss they sustain in the severance of his connection with the Company after a period of 38 years faithful service, during which time he fulfilled his duties to the great advantage of the Company, and the entire satisfaction of the Board." It is not often a public servant can point to such a career as that just closed by Bro. Magnus Ohren, and we hope his illness is not of such a nature as to preclude his enjoying for many years to come the rest he so richly deserves after his long period of active service.

The members of No. 1730 have arranged for a Masonic service in the Parish Church, Urmston, on Sunday, 12th November, at 3.30 p.m., in aid of the Masonic Charities. The Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, has granted a dispensation allowing brethren to wear Masonic clothing and jewels on the occasion, which we hope will result in material advantage to the cause it is intended to benefit.

We often see announcements as to the oldest Freemason in this or that part of the world, but we think it would be somewhat difficult to secure a better "long service" record than that of Bro. George Martin, whose appointment as Tyler of No. 483 "for the forty-ninth time" was recorded in our last week's issue.

The weekly meetings of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, have been resumed at the Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow. Bro. B. Stewart is the Preceptor, and meetings are held every Thursday.

A meeting of the initiates of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, admitted during the past year, was recently held to discuss the advisability of following the example of last year's initiates, viz., of presenting the W.M. (Bro. Harry Samuels) with some token of their esteem and friendship in a similar manner to the presentation which was last year made to Bro. Ferrier I.P.M. About twenty of the initiates were present. A committee was appointed to decide as to the form which the acknowledgment should take, and it was decided that a further meeting should be convened at an early date.—*South Wales Daily News.*

ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st day of November, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th July to the 17th October 1893, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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| Balance Grand Chapter | 461 | 4 | 5 | Disbursements during the quarter | 290 | 10 | 10 |
| Unappropriated Account | 187 | 10 | 4 | Balance | 424 | 18 | 2 |
| Subsequent Receipts | 253 | 17 | 7 | „ Unappropriated Account | 187 | 3 | 4 |
| | £902 | 12 | 4 | | £902 | 12 | 4 |

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have also to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Colonel Gerard Noel Money Grand Superintendent for Surrey as Z., Charles Thomas Tyler as H., Henry Currie Leigh-Bennett as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Abbey Lodge, No. 2120, Chertsey, to be called "The Chertsey Abbey Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey, in the County of Surrey.

The foregoing Petition being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

2nd. From Companions Philip Moore Callow Kermode as Z., Wm. Morris as H., John Craine as J., and twenty others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Maughold Lodge, No. 1075, Ramsey, Isle of Man, to be called "The St. Maughold Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Ramsey, Isle of Man.

Of the Companions who signed the Petition for the above proposed Chapter, ten are not registered, in consequence of the returns not having been made by Chapters No. 1004 and No. 1242, Douglas, of which those Companions claim to be members.

The Committee therefore recommend that the consideration of this Petition be deferred until the returns have been made.

The Committee have also received a memorial from the Principals and Members of "The Port Natal Chapter, No. 738, Durban, Natal, South Africa, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original having been destroyed by the fire which burnt down the Masonic Hall.

The Committee recommend that a charter of Confirmation be granted.

The Committee have likewise received a memorial from "The Marlborough Chapter," No. 1399, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, with the consent of the Grand Superintendent, praying for permission to hold the meetings of the Chapter alternately at Woodstock and Witney, owing to removals and other causes rendering it difficult to keep the work up to a satisfactory standard at Woodstock alone.

The Committee after due consideration recommend that the request contained in this memorial be not entertained, as being calculated to establish a very inconvenient precedent.

The Committee have further received a memorial, with extract of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapter:—

"The Gilbert Greenall," No. 1250, from the Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington, Lancashire (W.D.) to the Assembly Rooms, Lion Hotel, Bridge Street, in the same town.

The Committee recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has returned the Charter of the New Forest Chapter, No. 319, Lymington, Hampshire, which has made no returns since the 15th September 1871. The Committee beg to recommend that the Chapter be removed from the list of Chapters.

In pursuance of the report of the Board of General Purposes, the banking account of the Grand Lodge has been transferred from the Western Branch, to the Law Courts Branch of the Bank of England.

The Committee report that the banking account of the Grand Chapter has also been transferred to the same Branch.

The Committee beg to recommend, and the President will move:— That brethren may be exalted into the degree of the Royal Arch after the expiration of four weeks from the time they have received the Master Mason's degree, instead of twelve calendar months, as provided by Rule 73 of the Royal Arch Regulations; that Rule 73 be altered accordingly, and Rule 74 expunged.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,

President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
18th October 1893.

RECTITUDE CHAPTER, No. 581.

THE meeting of this Chapter was held at the Midland Hotel, Ardwick, on Thursday, the 5th inst., Comp. Wm. Kay M.E.Z. The principal business of the evening was the election of Officers, with the following result:—Comps. W. Kay 1st Principal, Councillor W. Fitzgerald Second, James Hayes Third, Thos. Baildon Principal Sojourner, T. C. Lilly Treasurer, Robert Rudman S.E., J. Goodman S.N., Wm. Rostron and J. Goodman Auditors.

A substantial dinner was afterwards provided, to which the Companions did ample justice. Besides those already mentioned there were present:—Comps. W. J. Melling P.Z. P.P.G.A.S. and Edward Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

North London Chapter of Improvement.—At the Cook Tavern, Highbury, on the 12th inst., Comps. Bailey M.E.Z., Radoliff H., Laudale J., Edmonds Preceptor, Ostorn S.E., Gregory Treasurer, Spildreth S.N., Murray P.S., Davis, Walden, George, Schatau, Cary, Von Altorp, Dettmar, Hancock, Robinson, Wareham, Tuck, and several others.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Walkden candidate. Comps. Dettmar and Schatau, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter; Wareham, of the Highgate Chapter, and Robinson, of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, were elected members. The ceremony of exaltation was rendered in a most perfect and earnest manner by the Principals, and often calling forth the warmest praise of the Companions.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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Mrs. F. C. GALLOWAY, of Greenfield House, Bradford, the accomplished wife of Bro. F. C. Galloway 2417, has issued to the world a dainty volume of verse. To this latest addition to the attractions of the fabled Nine, the authoress has given the title of "Twilight Musings" and right well the name suits the contents of the work. "Moonlight on Windermere" and "A Twilight Muse," each of which is full of calm, contemplative thought, could surely only have been written "In the Gloaming" when the cry of the night bird, the ripples of Windermere and the rustling of the trees that encircle its bewitching shores, fills the poetic breast with raptures that come only when eventide darkens for a time the brighter glories of the god of day.

MASONIC SQUABBLE IN INVERNESS.

CURIOUS SLANDER ACTION.

INVERNESS, 10th October.—Proof was led in Inverness Sheriff court, to-day, in an action in which Mr. William Wright, hotel keeper, Lochgorm Inn, sues Mr. Edward Oram, Inland Revenue officer, for £500 in name of damages for alleged slander.

The case is a peculiar one, and has excited considerable interest among members of Masonic Lodges in Inverness.

The prisoner, who was a member of the St. Mary's Lodge of Freemasons, of which defender is Secretary, was asked in September last by a young lady to secure an invitation to a ball which was to be given by the Lodge. This he did, but, after it was issued, defender and another member of the Lodge called upon him, and, it is said, made use of offensive statements as to the girl's character, and stated that he had a motive in bringing her to the ball. The statements were made in presence of his wife, and were, he alleges slanderous.

For the defender, it is explained that pursuer was after trial, according to the rules of the Freemasonry, sentenced to expulsion from the Order and from all Masonic Lodges, and it is believed that pursuer's motive in bringing the action is not in vindication of his character, but if possible to coerce the Masonic body into restoring him to membership.—*Glasgow Evening Citizen.*

A Scotch member, Bro. A. A. Speirs, recently laid the memorial stone of a hall at Houston with Masonic honours. It is the intention of Bro. Speirs to present the hall to the village, and it will also become the home of the Captain Speirs Lodge, No. 791 (S.C.). The estimated cost is £3,000.

THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS has often been predicted by politicians, who generally speak according to their own desires. It is difficult to uproot old institutions in England, especially where they are associated with the rights of the people. It is well known that there must be a check upon the action of our legislators or their authority would soon become too autocratic to be consistent with our liberties. The Government must be thoroughly representative of all classes if the spirit and letter of its creation is to be upheld. Putting aside politics, however, Holloway's Pills and Ointment have been a boon to rich and poor alike for over 50 years as the best remedies for all diseases.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS, continued from page 261.

Roberts P.M. Assist. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), David Baxter, C. S. Cotton, Frederick Grammer, George Makin, Hy. Wood, Thos. Plumpton; Visitors—Bros. John Studd P.M. P.P.G.D. of C. 163, James Robinson W.M. 1219, James Nixon Organist 95 (Ireland), Joseph Peers 1392, Alfred Worthington 320, C. E. Roberts 2109, Arthur O. K. Smith 317.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bros. C. S. Cotton, H. Wood, and F. Grammer, who had expressed a desire to become F.C. Masons, were questioned as to their proficiency, and afterwards passed, the first and third ceremonies on the list being undertaken by the W.M., and the second by Bro. Lean.

The name of Mr. John Adamson was submitted to the ballot, and this proving to be in his favour he was initiated by the W.M. The Lodge roll was also increased by the addition of two joining members in the persons of Bros. James Edgar Hamer Crossley, and Thomas Glynn, who were balloted for in the usual manner, the same proving successful in each case.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, Bros. John Studd and J. Phythian (the latter of whom had recently been appointed Prov. Grand Dir. of Cer. for the Province of Cheshire) responding on behalf of the Provincial Officers.

Bro. Studd apologised for not being present at the consecration of the Lodge, although he had received pressing invitations from Bro. John Chadwick Prov. Grand Secretary, and other Provincial Officers, but he had made a special effort that night for the purpose of seeing his old friend (Bro. Wood) passed, commending Bro. Lean at the same time for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony. Bro. Phythian adverted to the important position which he had attained in the Cheshire Province, stating that the hopes of many years had at last been consummated.

Bro. Lean also added a few words in reply to this toast.

Bro. Plumpton proposed the health of the newly-initiated candidate (Bro. Adamson), speaking of him in very hopeful terms, and feeling sure that what he had heard that evening would impress itself upon his mind.

Bro. Adamson thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received him. He had formed many an intention of becoming a Freemason, and, judging from what he had observed, regretted from the bottom of his heart that he had not joined before.

Bro. Phythian proposed the health of the newly-passed brethren, in his usual felicitous manner, receiving suitable replies.

Bro. Cotton said: the second degree proved to him that the further he advanced into Masonry, and observed the grand principles upon which it was founded, the better he should like it, and he already felt in his general surroundings the beneficial effects of being a brother.

Bro. Wood said he was very much touched by the way in which Bro. Phythian had given the toast, and it was an awkward thing to make a set speech after hearing Bro. Cotton. He had come amongst them as a perfect stranger, but still he felt at home. Like Bro. Adamson he regretted that he had not become a member of the Craft ere this.

Bro. Grammer said that at times it was an advantage to be a third speaker, for one could gather material for a speech. In speaking of the ceremony he considered that the Deacon had had the greatest amount of work to perform, and so far as he could judge he had done it well. Certainly he was indebted to him for the manner in which he had been prompted.

Bro. Lean proposed the toast of the visitors, to which Bros. Studd and Hetherington replied. The former said that he had never seen ceremonies better performed than those of that night, and he was sure that the Lodge had a great future before it. It was in a good situation, and possessed admirable Officers, these being elements of success.

Bro. Robinson W.M. 1219, in a very admirable speech, informed the brethren that in consideration of the fact that Bro. Uttley had just attained the position of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for West Yorkshire, he (Bro. Robinson) had great pleasure in presenting to the Longsight Lodge four volumes of music, and in doing so he augured a glorious future for it and the members. The volumes were inscribed with the following:—

"To the founders of the Longsight Lodge, No. 2464, with hearty good wishes from Bro. James Robinson, September 1893."

Other speeches followed.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 581.—The bi-monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, on Thursday, the 12th inst., the following brethren being present:—Bros. H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.G.S.D. and Preceptor, G. S. Lenard Treasurer, Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Secretary, W. Birkbeck acting W.M., Lingard S.W., Chalmers J.W., A. B. Taylor S.D., Geo. T. Lee J.D., Dean I.G., Nathaniel Jones, W. H. Sothorn P.M., George Parker, Herbert Hellewell, Ashworth, Longworth, Wm. Allen Smith, E. Loebell, Fowden, Marshall and Thomas A. Jones. Visitor:—Bro. Lenard 1677 Cransaders. Bros. Barber, Stott, Longworth, and William Allan Smith were balloted for and accepted. Bro. Hellewell took the position of candidate, and was initiated by Bro. Birkbeck, the working tools being explained by Bro. Chalmers. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and a passing was rehearsed by Bro. Lingard, after which the Lodge was closed down. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge finally closed in peace and harmony.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 31st inst., when the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—At the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, on Monday, 16th inst., the

members of the mother Lodge were invited to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bros. Fraser W.M., McEwan S.W., Bates J.W., Saunders S.D., Tubby J.D., Stiles Preceptor, Scales Treasurer, Johnson Assistant Secretary, Pearson I.G.

Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. Bro. McEwan, W.M. elect of the Metropolitan Lodge, candidate. Bro. McEwan was installed into the Master's chair, and invested his Officers in a very competent manner. Bro. Fraser W.M. of the mother Lodge, gave the addresses very earnestly. Bro. Lewis Deputy Preceptor rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Johnson candidate. Bro. Fraser resumed the chair. Present—P.M.'s Mate, Thorn, Griffiths, Ellinger, Edmonds, Whiting, Davis, and some thirty brethren.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 14th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, Bros. Walden W.M., Wavell S.W., Whiteley J.W., M. Spiegel Secretary, Biggs S.D., Clarke J.D., Hide I.G., A. Williams P.M. Preceptor, J. Craggs P.M. Visitors—Bros. Bone, Larkman, Reid, Kirkham, and Woods. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Powell candidate. Bro. Wavell then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Woods being the candidate.

MARK MASONRY.

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LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at Sutton Bridge on Thursday, 12th inst., the Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master presiding. The usual Masonic business took place and the following were appointed to office:—Bros. Ward S.W., Goodwin J.W., Clarke M.O., Ramage S.O., Sowby J.O., Mortimer D.C., Wormall Organist, Paul Winn I.G., Morton Secretary, Scorer Registrar, W. W. Smith Treasurer, Tweed Hayward and Dunlop Stewards. Bros. Pearson and Staniforth were chosen as Provincial Charity Stewards, and the next meeting was fixed to be held at Louth.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 34.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, Bro. George Sam Smith W.M. There were also present:—Bros. G. A. Myers S.W., J. M. Veal M.O., J. Hardwicke Marsh Chaplain, W. Nicoll P.G.S.D. P.M. Secretary, J. M. Sinclair P.P.G.M.O. P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Richardson P.P.G.I.W. P.M. D.C., Julius Laurisch S.D., James Sharples Registrar of Marks, Clare Edgar Towell P.G.S.O. I.P.M., E. A. Locke Steward, Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

After the reading of minutes and the transaction of the ordinary business of the Lodge, the proceedings terminated.

At the social board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, the same being varied by songs from several of the brethren.

Viscount Ebrington Provincial Grand Master Devonshire has not only granted the necessary dispensation for, but has promised his patronage to, the concert which is to be given in the Plymouth Guildhall, on Wednesday, 29th November, in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. His lordship has also sanctioned the wearing of Masonic clothing at the concert. The scene promises to be a brilliant one.

Obituary.

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BRO. THOS. WILLIAMS P.M. 1507.

ANOTHER friend we can remember as taking an interest in the early issues of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has passed away, in the person of Bro. T. Williams, who was one of the founders of the Metropolitan Lodge, and devoted himself strenuously to promote its welfare in its early days. Bro. Williams was unfortunately compelled to absent himself from its meetings for some time past, he having suffered from illness for nearly sixteen years, but he continued his interest in the Lodge until his death, and his name appeared on the list of members issued in connection with the recent installation, with that of Bro. James Willing, as the only survivors of the founders of the Lodge. We tender our sincere sympathy with our late Brother's family in their bereavement.

THE TECHNICAL LANGUAGE OF FREEMASONRY.

THE technical language of Freemasonry must be preserved. It is not possible to convey the information most important to be taught to the Craft unless strict adherence is maintained to the exact words that have been from the earliest periods used to express what is essential to be known by every intelligent Mason.

Therefore it was that R.W. I. T. Desaguliers Deputy Grand Master of Freemasons of England, in the year 1723, prepared by "order of the Grand Master, His Grace the Duke of Montague, the Constitution of the Freemasons and the History, Charges, Regulation, &c., of that most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity." These were collected from their general records and their faithful traditions of many ages.

To correct the errors, corrupted by false spelling, miserably mangled, the labour of Brother Desaguliers was devoted. It is a most interesting book. From it we learn that the work ordered in the regulations, as used now, is most wonderfully accurate. The technical language is often, through the length of time and the ignorance of transcribers in the dark illiterate ages, almost obscured. Yet with careful study of Masonic students of to-day, it is made clear what was intended to be made obligatory.

The false spelling, in the illiterate ages, did much to cause confusion in the language. The traditions were, however, in no wise impaired. So even now, from these traditions, there is a solution of the difficulties.

The technical language as it related to objects, signs and symbolic lessons, was preserved from the false spelling, in the general language of the *Ahiman Rezon*, and the regulations. It is wonderful, as the student advances in this line of investigation, how the light shines in the obscured teachings.

Yet in modern, very modern days, words are found in the *Ahiman Rezon* and the regulations (remember the written language is only now mentioned, for what never could be written is excluded from present consideration), which have crept into the ritual and have miserably corrupted the force of the language.

But it is manifest that the essential, elemental truths have never been impaired, lost or corrupted.

The technical words are only mistranslated by the thoughtlessness of untaught Masonic teachers.

It would not be possible in this wise to explain the defects. What these words are cannot be written. The Masonic student, if he will, can learn them in a tyled Lodge, and only there.

If the ancient written charges are examined it will be found that as they are used to-day, they were used in the earliest days. Brother Desaguliers in his book is so very careful not to violate the prohibition, that he frequently writes, "further information in this way is precluded as violation of a landmark."

It is not uncommon in our Lodges now to find words cited that are but mere surplusage. They are in themselves of no moment except that they have come into use by the conversational, rather than the technical style of speaking. This is a blemish on the otherwise pure style of Lodge work.

It would be a very interesting subject for examination as to the process by which this language has been adopted in many Lodges. It is best explained by the consideration of the lack of thoughtful preparation by those who have the ritual and ceremonial to administer for the exact performance of the duty devolved upon them.

To take for granted that the words and sentences that are accepted are proper is not the sure mode of learning the technical language. It does not at all events prevent the "miserable mangling" which Brother Desaguliers deplors. It is so easy in the work of a Lodge for the Worshipful Master to use words he at the time thinks are suitable to express what he seeks to convey. When the mere memorising of words is adopted as better or easier than the careful study of the technical words that belong to the ancient work, it is always doubtful if their correctness is possible. In the *Ahiman Rezon* now in use, there are printed words that have been into the text that owe their presence there to the very causes noticed.

These words, and indeed some of the language, are both but mangled expressions that for want of strict examination have inadvertently come into the text of our

Constitution and regulations. True, they are in one sense unimportant, but they are blemishes on the style of so signal a Masonic written authoritative instrument that they ought to be eliminated from its pages.

There is no earnest, sincere, loyal Freemason who would for a single moment consent to any alteration in the ancient work of his Craft, neither could he himself perform such a crime, nor permit another to do it. To this all true Masons will unite to prevent; yes, and will prevent, the effort being made.

But the subject now considered has not the least relation to the ancient work, ritual or ceremonial of Ancient York Freemasonry. All that is here suggested is that the blemishes or the style of Masonic language should be removed and the technical, ancient, appropriate style, as established in the past ages of the history of Freemasonry, be made what it was intended ever to be, the exact covering of the esoteric teaching of the Fraternity.

If it so be that some of the Brethren may be induced to follow these suggestions by time devoted to their consideration, then when the technical language shall be re-asserted and placed where it belongs they will only commend it as wise, and not be frightened into a fear of innovations in the body of Masonry. That cannot be, because the landmark makes it impossible.—*Keystone*.

The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), accompanied by his Deputy (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre) and the Provincial Officers, honoured the Royal Gloucester Lodge with a visit on the 12th inst. A large and influential gathering, and subsequent banquet, were presided over by the Worshipful Master (Bro. C. T. Penny), who during the evening conferred the third degree on a candidate, the ceremony being rendered in such a manner as to give entire satisfaction to the Provincial Master. The toast of the visitors was responded to by the Mayor of Southampton (Bro. J. Lemon P.P.G.S.W.).

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