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GROWN OLD IN THE SERVICE.

WHATEVER may be said as to the inexperience of our early years, and the drawbacks of youth, there are few among us who can look with equanimity on old age, much less calmly recognise that they are personally becoming too old or infirm for active service. So long as we are able to keep to our accustomed duties we are apt to lose sight of the rapid progress of time, but once we find it impossible to do so we are brought face to face with the fact that we are growing old, and that it behoves us to think more of the future than we have deemed it possible to do in the midst of a busy life. Not only have we then to think of the period that is to follow our death, but in a very large number of cases there is the future of our life to be considered, and, it may be, with little or nothing saved up with which to battle with the world in our closing days. Then it is that one is apt to look back with longing eyes on the period of youth, and to wish for a return once more to those days with which are usually associated the inexperience and drawbacks to which we alluded in the first part of these remarks. But regrets are useless, and in many cases serve but to intensify the misery that seems to lay before those who possess no provision for their declining years, either because they were not able to save during their period of activity; were worsted in their struggle with the world; or have been overtaken by adversity late in life—then it is that one recognises the full force of the feeling of having grown old in the service.

Applying these sentiments to Freemasonry, it is not very difficult to recognise many men around us who, having grown old in the service of the Craft, are yet unable to enjoy the comforts and repose that are supposed to be associated with old age, and although such experiences as these are comparatively common in the outside world, as Freemasons we are none the less concerned when we see some one or other of our older brethren thus afflicted in their declining years. Happily our sympathy can take a practicable form on such occasions, for although it may not be possible for us to render sufficient help in a direct manner, we yet have it in our power to assist in securing something through the instrumentality of the Charitable Institution of the Craft that devotes itself specially to the needs of the Aged, and which for fifty years have striven with, manifest success to alleviate some of that suffering and distress of which we have already spoken, as coming upon those who have been unable to make adequate provision for the time when they shall have grown too old for active work.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which we are speaking, has just passed the fiftieth year of its existence, having celebrated its Jubilee in 1892, and now

stands out prominently as one of the most successful charitable organisations of the world, its income that year amounting to no less than £61,849 2s 6d. But this very success remains as a permanent source of danger for the future, for having reaped such a splendid harvest an exceptional return was called for, in the shape of creation of fresh annuities, and as these annuities are a permanency they have to be met year by year, not out of regular income—for that unfortunately only amounts to £3,600 per annum against the £15,920 required each twelvemonth for annuities alone, without any consideration of current expenses—but by the free will offerings of brethren, many of whom have not yet grown old in the service, but are none the less mindful of the needs of those who have.

The Anniversary Festival of the Institution will this year be held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., and, as we have already said, it appears to hold out promises of success; but on the other hand there are many causes at work which may tend to check such a free flow of subscriptions to its coffers as is absolutely necessary, in view of the heavy payments for which the Institution is pledged, not the least of the drawbacks being the somewhat reduced roll of Stewards, as compared with what is usual at this season of the year.

We must now remember that there remains but a single month in which to complete the canvass that has been in progress for some time past on behalf of our old Folks, and that being so we take this opportunity of making a special appeal to our readers, and members of the Craft generally, to personally undertake a Stewardship or try and induce some one of their friends to do so, even at this late hour, for we may truly say that further assistance with the work is absolutely needed, while if we bear in mind what has been done by the Institution in years gone by we are forced to believe that there should not be much difficulty in the way of securing it.

It is not necessary to enter into lengthy details as to what the Institution is doing, suffice it to say that at the present time 194 Aged Masons are each in receipt of £40 a year, while 268 Widows are also on the list, each drawing £32 a year, or, in a few cases, £20 a year only, as one-half of their late husband's annuity. With such a large number of annuitants—brethren or widows who have grown too old for active service, and very many of whom in their younger days helped those who in their time needed assistance—there should be no great difficulty in securing help when it is absolutely necessary, and as that necessity exists at the present time we add our voice to what has already been urged on behalf of the coming Festival, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 28th proximo, and most earnestly invite

all who are able to do so, to give in their name as a Steward, and do their very best to take up a fair average amount on their list.

CORNWALL'S CHARITY REPRESENTATIVE.

IT has been suggested in various quarters that some substantial recognition should be accorded Bro. Charles Truscott for his efficient services as charity representative for the Province of Cornwall. Only those intimately acquainted with the working of this organisation can fully realise the zeal, time, and expense devoted by Bro. Truscott to this important work, which was conducted by him in such a manner as to commend itself most strongly to the charity representatives throughout England, who all refer to his work in the highest terms, and from whom emanate an opinion that the members of this Province would fail in their duty if they allowed Bro. Truscott's services to pass unrecognised. The Prov. Grand Master, writes a brother in the "Cornish Times," together with his officers and Bros. Anderton and B. F. Edyvean (the present provincial charity representative), are in hearty accord with the idea, and will strongly support it. With this view a small committee has been formed from Bro. Truscott's mother Lodge, to communicate with all the Lodges in the Province. Bro. Truscott has been the charity representative of the Province of Cornwall for fourteen years, and Bro. Chirm, of Birmingham, in a pamphlet on the successful management of charity votes, places Cornwall first in all England for 1889, 1890, and 1891.

DEDICATION AT STOKESLEY.

THE Freemasons of Stokesley, who have hitherto held their meetings at the Golden Lion Hotel, assembled on the 16th for the purpose of dedicating a new hall. The Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, was opened by Bro. Dixon W.M. After preliminaries Bro. Lt.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master took the chair, and was received with the usual Masonic honours. In a short address he urged upon Masons the very great necessity of exercising care in admitting no candidates but those whose virtue and character were unimpeachable. The Prov. G. Chaplain offered up prayer, after which the usual ceremony of dedication was performed, at the conclusion of which the Rev. J. W. Dales P.P. Grand Chaplain gave the Benediction, and the Masonic anthem, "Hail! Masonry divine," was sung. The installation of the Worshipful Master (Bro. West) then took place. The building is a very neat one, two storeys high, Mr. Weatherill, of the firm of Messrs. Weatherill and Whipham, of Stockton, being the architect. The contractor is Mr. G. Radge, of Normanby. Messrs. Lithgow and Storry, of Middlesbrough, and Messrs. Bentham and Sheppard supplied the handsome furniture, and Messrs. Blakeborough and Rhodes, of Stockton, the whole of the fittings, stoves, &c. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Host Wilson, the usual toasts being honoured.

NEW HALL AT BIDEFORD.

A BUILDING in Bridgeland Street, Bideford, recently acquired by Lodge of Benevolence, No. 489, was dedicated on the 18th, in the presence of local and district brethren. Formerly the Lodge was held in the Music Hall, but some time ago premises hitherto used as the School of Art became vacant, and it was decided to secure the building as a Masonic Hall for Bideford. Three rooms on the first floor have been converted into a Lodge-room, and a fourth furnished as cloak-room. A handsome old oak staircase leads to the ante-room. At the back provision has been made for the caretaker, and underneath are apartments available as offices. The dedication ceremony was performed by Viscount Ebrington Provincial Grand Master, nearly one hundred brethren being present. After the dedication Bro. Rev.

H. G. Morse P.G. Chap. England P.P.S.G.W. Devon was installed by Bro. G. C. Davie Prov. G.S. A.G.D.C. Eng., and afterwards invested his Officers.

Subsequently a banquet was held at the New Inn Hotel.

We very much regret, and are sure members of the Craft who know Bro. Colonel Harding P.A.G.D.C. will join us in so doing, and at the same time sympathise with him, on hearing of the loss he has sustained by the death of his only son, who was killed in Matebeland, he being one of Major Wilson's party. He was reported to have been most popular with his comrades and friends, and an enthusiastic colonial. Mr. Sidney Harding was educated at Felstead School, and at St. John's College, Cambridge, which he left to seek, in South Africa, a greater field for his active spirit. He was a Lieutenant in 1881 in the 2nd Cambridgeshire (University) Rifle Volunteers, and subsequently a Lieutenant in Dyme's Mounted Rifles. On appointment at Cape Town he joined the Natal Mounted Police at the termination of the Basuto question. He was for four years, from 1889 to 1893, in the Bechuanaland Border Police.

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We understand, says the "Essex County Chronicle," that a petition has been forwarded to Lord Warwick, as Provincial Grand Master of Essex Freemasons, for the formation of a new Lodge to be held at the Castle Hotel, Woodford, and that he has not only acceded to the request, but himself suggested that the proposed Lodge shall be called the Warwick. There are fifteen founders, including Bros. Dr. Salter, of Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Sir Wm. Abdy, Bart., and other well-known Masons in the interior of the county, and two or three from the district. Bro. Col. Lockwood is, we believe, likely to be the first Senior Warden. The consecration will probably take place in the early spring.

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The committee for securing the election of Bro. Chas. W. Hudson P.G.W. Sussex, as Grand Treasurer of England, includes Sir W. T. Marriott as Chairman, and Bro. C. Graham P.P.G.R. Kent as Secretary. About 500 brethren form the Committee.

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A meeting of the Committee just appointed to consider the erection of new Masonic buildings at Oxford will take place shortly, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. Considering what a stronghold of Masonry Oxford is, says the "Oxford Chronicle," there should be very little difficulty in raising the necessary funds. A large room in the centre of the City suitable for balls, concerts, &c., would be a great boon to the citizens, and whatever is decided on, this at least should not be lost sight of by the Committee in their deliberations.

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The Rev. Thomas Lloyd, rector of Easthorpe, Colchester, a prominent Essex brother, has accepted the living of Theydon Garnon, near Epping, which is of the annual value of seven hundred pounds. The rectory house, which is so large as to be an encumbrance to the living, has, by permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury, been sold, and the purchase money, three thousand four hundred pounds, has been placed by the treasurer of Queen Anne's Bounty to the credit of the benefice.

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EVERY HOUSE may shortly be supplied with electric light by a simple piece of mechanism placed over the kitchen chimney, if a new plan of Edison's for generating electricity directly from heat is successful. Thus the poorest person could have the benefit of a useful invention which is now regarded as a luxury only for the comfort of the rich. Mr. Thomas Holloway, however, has given a greater blessing to humanity than has yet been afforded by the most wonderful discoveries of science. His Pills and Ointment have succeeded in cases where the greatest authorities on medical treatment have failed. Whatever the condition of a patient may be, these medicines will effect a cure if such a thing is humanly possible.

RECOMMENDING APPLICANTS.

WHEN a Brother goes around boasting of the number of applicants he has proposed, or promises to bring in a specified number in a specified time, there is always connected with the boasting and promise a suspicion of unauthorised, prohibited action, for no member of the Craft is permitted to approach anyone to induce him to become a Mason, and every applicant must make application of his own free will and accord. Therefore, no Brother can promise to bring in any specified number, for he cannot tell whether one, one hundred, or none will request him to present their application.

Applicants for initiation and membership, and for membership, thus obtained, often prove undesirable, for the Lodge, to its regret, soon learns of their uselessness and unworthiness, and would be glad to get rid of them, but the door, having been so easily opened by the failure of committees of investigation to perform their duty, and the desire of Worshipful Masters to exceed their predecessor in the number added to the roll, is difficult to shut.

We remember hearing a Past Grand Master say that when he was Grand Master he heard of a Brother who was boasting of having put in a number of applications in his Lodge in a few months. The Grand Master sent for him, and after telling him what he had heard, informed him that there was the appearance of something wrong, for it was hardly possible for anyone legitimately to bring so many applications in so short a time, therefore it must be stopped, and, if continued in, the matter would be strictly inquired into, and be dealt with accordingly.

We also remember hearing the same Past Grand Master say that his son came to him and said:—"Father, I have been thinking of trying to be a Mason." Much as he desired him to be a Mason, he did not say to him, "It is the best thing you can do," or "You ought to have been one before this time," but he did say, "When you are done thinking and have made up your mind let me know." If Masons would strictly adhere to rules and regulations in this matter, applicants lacking the necessary qualifications would not so often cross the Masonic threshold.—*Keystone.*

Complaint is not infrequently made of the neglect of duty by Officers in Lodges and Chapters. That neglect is often begotten of a lack of interest in the work generally. This lack of interest is in turn too frequently the result of example in the W.M. or Z., who manifest an entire want of sympathy with the duties they have undertaken. A Master or Principal can best serve his Lodge or Chapter by seeking to enlist the sympathies of his subordinate Officers, and one means to that end is to appeal to their social instincts. At the social board, where conversation can be engaged in, uninterrupted by conventionality, a unity of purpose may be revealed or conceived which will harmonise the work of the whole session. There is far more required of Masters and Principals than merely officiating in the Lodge and Chapter, and the more thoroughly that is realised the less complaint there will be of want of support from this, that, or the other Officer.—"Mallet," in *Glasgow Evening News.*

Masonic Balls have recently been held with considerable success in various parts of the country. On the 9th the Pelham Pillar Lodge held its annual gathering at Grimsby; while on the 11th the brethren at Eastbourne enjoyed themselves at their ball, which has the regular support of the three Lodges of the town, and is organised with the view of benefitting the Charities.

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The Worcester Masonic Buildings Company, Limited has been registered with a capital of £3,000, in £5 shares. Objects: To acquire, re-build, furnish and maintain a Masonic Hall and other buildings in the city of Worcester.

COMPLIMENTARY. DINNER AT MANCHESTER.

BROTHER John Adamson, who has only recently passed through the three degrees of Craft Masonry, commemorated the event by inviting the whole of his brethren of the Longsight Lodge, No. 2464, to a dinner, which was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on the 17th. Each brother was accorded the privilege of inviting a Masonic friend, and upwards of 50 were present on the occasion, the following being the principal guests: Brothers Councillor Thos. Uttley W.M., Hy. Grimshaw S.W., W. Gadd J.W., T. G. Berry P.M. Treas., W. H. Wilson Sec. of 2464, Ald. Lloyd Higginbottom, H. Sheard, H. Mundy, F. W. Lean P.M. P.G.S.D., E. H. Ritson, C. S. Cotton, Hy. Wood, F. Glynn, R. Barlow, D. Baxter, John Adamson, Wm. Hy. Peak P.M. 993 P.G.D.C., John Studd P.M. 163 P.P.G.D.C., J. Robinson W.M. 1219, Councillor Samuel Mills W.M. 1077, W. J. Melling P.M. 2185, John Walkden P.M. 1534, R. Dottie P.M. 1161, J. Grime 163, J. H. Greenwood, W. J. Maltby.

The company began to arrive about six o'clock, and were not long before they sat down to one of those admirable dinners for which Messrs. Spiers and Pond are famed, and which have become historical in Manchester hotel management. The large Masonic room, to which the brethren subsequently retired, had been converted into a handsome drawing room, and the bijou tables were plentifully supplied with fruits and tropical plants of all kinds; indeed, nothing had been spared in the matter of wines, viands, and the general surroundings to make the gathering a perfect success, and this object was attained.

The principal speakers were Bros. Uttley, L. Higginbottom, Mills, Lean, Studd, and Robinson, who were unanimous in thanking Bro. Adamson for the magnificent way in which he had upheld the role of host.

Bro. Adamson, in responding to the toast of his health, said he thanked Bro. Uttley for the able manner in which he had introduced his name to the company. Very briefly Bro. Adamson described his first impressions of Freemasonry, explaining in effect that it was the beautiful language with which the ceremonies abounded, the pervading tone of religion, and the fervent and profound manner in which they had been performed, which had inspired him with a desire to know more of the brethren who took an interest in such solemn observances. With regard to that evening, he had never felt more delighted in his life, and was fully repaid by seeing the genial faces, and by receiving the warm approbation of the brethren present. In conclusion he hoped that this might only be the beginning of many very happy meetings of a similar character.

The speeches were very pleasantly diversified by a musical mélange supplied by Bros. J. H. Greenwood, Maltby, Ritson, Grimshaw, Wood, and others.

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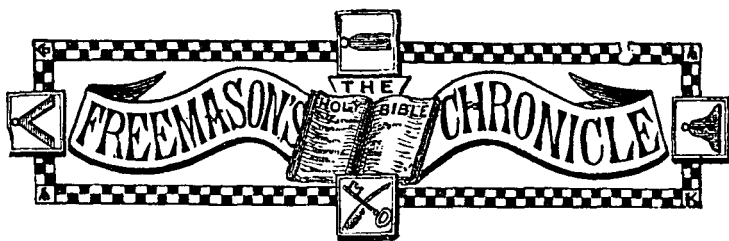
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SATURDAY, 27th JANUARY 1894.

THE INSTITUTIONS, &c.

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Board of Benevolence.

THE regular meeting of the Board was held on
Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Hall, when the
President and two Vice Presidents occupied their chairs,
and were supported by a large number of brethren. The
first business was to confirm the December recommend-
ations and then new cases came on for consideration.
In the course of a sitting extending over four hours a
total of £630 was voted to twenty-nine of these, three
were deferred, and one was dismissed. The grants made
included four recommendations to the Grand Master of
£40 each, and seven of £30 each; while the votes com-
prised ten of £20 each, four of £10 each, and four of £5
each.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE returns in connection with the annual exami-
nation of the College of Preceptors give most
satisfactory results in association with the Girls School,
for out of 41 children entered in December last no less
than 40 have successfully passed, a result which, in view
of the sickness that prevailed at the Institution last year,
and which naturally very seriously interfered with the
preparation and tuition of the pupils, is regarded as both
satisfactory and somewhat unexpected. We have great
pleasure in adding a word of praise to the many already
offered to the staff on this result, and hope the same
good fortune may ever attend the efforts of Miss Davis
and her assistant teachers on behalf of our Girls.

During the last three years 161 girls have been sent
up to the periodical examinations, and of these only four
have failed to secure awards, a result which goes far to
prove the thoroughness of the education given to the
orphan daughters of the Craft at the Girls Institution.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

MONDAY, the 8th inst., was a red letter day in the lives of the
Pendleton youngsters, and the large room of the Town Hall
was crowded to overflowing, 1,300 having responded to an invitation
given to them by Bro. Alderman Richard Mottram, to witness an
entertainment illustrated by the oxy-hydrogen lantern. Bro. Lees
Knowles, M.P. (West Salford), occupied the chair, and he was
supported by Councillors Boys, Haworth, Hudson and Luckman,
Bros. Samuel Statham P.M. 1773 P.P.G.Tr., Richard Duxbury P.M.
1773 P.P.St.B., and Mr. L. F. Roberts.

The first portion of the entertainment represented a journey from
Manchester to London, via the Midland Railway, returning home
by sea and the ship canal. The views were very instructive and
exceedingly amusing, those of the Ship Canal, which were from
photographs taken on the opening day, being much appreciated
and loudly applauded.

The second portion consisted of a selection of views of local
scenery, and portraits of well known public men, including digni-
taries connected with both Church and State.

Upon leaving the room every child was presented with an
orange, and went away highly delighted with the evening's enter-
tainment. Loud cheers were given for Bro. Alderman Mottram,
who had thus cast at least one glimmer of sunshine upon their
young lives.

THE MINNEHAHA MINSTRELS.

IT is questionable if there is any body of gentlemen who have
been the means of benefitting charitable objects more than
the Minnehaha Minstrels. Everyone knows how this amateur
troupe is constituted, and knows it has been established for the
purpose of giving high class minstrel performances in aid of deserv-
ing charities. All honour to the members for their noble work.
On Saturday evening, 13th inst., the public of Stockport had another
opportunity of listening to an admirably arranged programme in

the Volunteer Armoury, and the same time benefitting the Institute for the Blind and Deaf and Dumb, the charitable work of which institution is crippled for want of funds. Last year a performance by the Minnehaha Minstrels realised a sum of £101 11s 6d in aid of this institution, and it may not be out of place to mention that the Minstrels have obtained for different charities no less a sum than £8,200. The present is their fifteenth season. The troupe on Saturday evening were minus the services of Mr. Jno. Allen (the well known humourist) and Bro. G. R. Ward (who was down for a bones solo "Echoes"), both gentlemen being indisposed. There was a large and appreciative audience, including the Mayor (Councillor Jno. Turner), and a large number of magistrates and members of the Corporation. The band, under the able conductorship of Bro. Oliver Gags, had a very cordial reception, and did their work well. Several of the medleys given were composed and arranged specially for the troupe by Bro. Oliver Gags. Bro. W. A. Brabner W.M. 2363 in "De Lecture," and Mr. H. Davies (hon. sec. of the troupe) in "It's hard to love," were both funny. Bro. W. F. Wollaston (President) made a happy interlocutor. Mr. C. W. Mason was the accompanist, and Mr. W. Jagger the stage manager.—*Stockport Advertiser.*

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

ROYAL ARCH.

KING EDWIN CHAPTER, No. 660.

ON Tuesday, 9th inst., the installation meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Malton, when Comp. R. G. Lucas P.P.G.R. was installed, the ceremony being performed by Comp. A. W. Walker P.P.G.D.C. P.Z. Comp. the Rev. E. A. B. Pitman had been elected to the chair of H., but was unfortunately not able to be present owing to illness, and his installation had consequently to be postponed. Comp. W. J. Marshall P.P.G.O. was installed J.

PLEIADES CHAPTER, No. 710.

AT the meeting held at Totnes, on the 11th, Comp. F. C. Hallett P.Z. P.P.G.St.B. presiding, Comp. Councillor John Taylor, J.P., F.L.S., F.C.S., &c., was unanimously elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, Comps. Solomon Tozer H., P. G. David J., W. Bennett Maye P.Z. Scribe E., and Jno. Crocker Janitor.

ST. AUBYN CHAPTER, No. 954.

AT the quarterly convocation held on the 15th, at Devonport, the Rev. Dr. Lemon presented a pair of tracing boards, handsomely framed, to the Chapter. The presentation was accepted by Senior Past 1st Principal Comp. Waton, on behalf of the Chapter, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donor. An adjournment was then made to the refreshment rooms, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

AT a convocation of this Chapter, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Saturday last, the 13th inst., the principals upon the dais were Comps. E. E. Peacock M.E.Z., Henry Massey P.Z. acting H., and C. K. Moore J. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed Bros. John Duguid Irvine and Orlton Cooper were balloted for and accepted, and were subsequently exalted in a very efficient manner by the M.E.Z.

During the evening a handsome P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. Wright I.P.Z., which he suitably acknowledged.

MARK MASONRY.

FEARNLEY LODGE, No. 58.

AT the annual meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on the 10th, there was a large gathering of brethren, including Bro. J. Barker P.M. P.G.O. D.P.G.M. West York., and many other visitors from Lodges in the Province. Bro. W. J. Morris was installed W.M., the ceremony being given in a most impressive manner by the retiring Master, Bro. Walter Hanson, assisted by Bro. H. S. Houldsworth P.M. P.G.S. P.P.G.S.W.

Supper was served in the dining room, after which the usual Mark toasts were honoured.

FRIENDSHIP UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 191.

ON Monday, 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbridge, Bro. G. C. Strawbridge S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else Prov. G.M.M. Somerset, and the newly installed Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers. After the ceremony the brethren sat down to dinner.

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LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE sixth Masonic ball given under the auspices of this ancient Lodge took place on the 23rd January, at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, the large hall of which had been newly decorated for the occasion by Bro. John Simpson. The ball, which was given by the sanction and under the patronage of Earl Amherst P.G.M. of Kent, was very fully attended, all the available tickets having been taken up some time before the event, so that those who delayed making applications until the last moment were disappointed. Dancing commenced soon after nine o'clock to the enlivening strains of Mr. F. Watson's string band, and was continued without intermission, except for a brief interval for supper, until four in the morning. A dispensation to wear Masonic clothing had been granted, and the regalia of the brethren mixed well with the pretty colours of the charming costumes worn by the ladies. All present agreed that the gathering was highly successful, a fact that was owing to the energetic efforts of the Committee, especially Bros. Rackstraw W.M. and J. C. Biggs Secretary. Bros. F. Hitchens P.M. and G. Masters acted as Directors of the Ceremonies.

ANCIENT UNION LODGE, No. 203.

AT the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 18th, Bro. Frederick R. Tester was installed as Worshipful Master. The chair was occupied at the commencement of the proceedings by Bro. Joseph Worthington W.M., who inducted his successor, with the assistance of Bro. J. N. Hounsell.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual banquet was held on the 17th, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport. There is always a large attendance at this annual festival, principally on account of the fact that it is the only Lodge that invites ladies to their banquet, and subsequently provides a concert for them, and also a ball. The gathering this year proved quite as enjoyable and as successful as any of the series. A capital dinner was well served by the lessee, Mr. Harrison, after which the toast list was gone through and the remainder of the evening was devoted to the concert and ball.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 246.

SIR M. Hicks Beach, Bart., as Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, was present at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham at the annual festival of this Lodge, when Bro. S. P. Ryland was re-installed for a second term of office as Worshipful Master. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith Grand Senior Deacon, assisted by the Prov. G. Master and Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres P.G.D., W. Forth P.P.G.W., J. L. Butler, E. Lawrence, Felton, Norman, J. Waghorne, and Huband Past Masters of the Lodge. After the installation, the usual charity votes were passed, and an incident of the meeting was the presentation to the Lodges meeting in and owning the Hall of a new American organ. The instrument is a very fine one, and is intended for use in the ceremonies at the Hall, though the old organ remains as an ornament and for its associations. The presentation was made, in the name of the subscribing brethren, by Bro. Horace Fisher, to whose initiative and exertions the gift was due. The banquet room, to which the brethren adjourned after Lodge, had been specially lighted by electricity.

BROTHERLY LOVE LODGE, No. 329.

AT the Lodge-room at the Three Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, on the 10th, Bro. Benjamin Whitby was installed W.M. The ceremony of installing Bro. Whitby for the second time was performed by D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else (Past Grand Deacon of England). The annual banquet was afterwards excellently served by Bro. Box, the new proprietor of the Choughs Hotel. The Worshipful Master presided, and the usual toasts were honoured.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 359.

AT the Masonic Hall, Albion Place, Southampton, on Monday, 15th inst., Bro. E. Kingman S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The attendance numbered close on a hundred brethren. After the initiation of a candidate by Bro. Griffiths, the installation ceremony was carried out by Bro. J. E. Aldis. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Installing Master and the retiring Master, accompanied in the latter case with a vote for a jewel in recognition of the efficient manner in which he has filled the chair of the Lodge during the past year. The installation banquet was afterwards served in excellent style by Bro. Brunton, of "Dartnall's."

HARMONY LODGE, No. 372.

ON the occasion of the annual meeting held on the 10th, at the Masonic Hall, Budleigh Salterton, Bro. John W. Trump was installed W.M., the ceremony being conducted by Bro. W. Britton P.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Feathers' Hotel, where the banquet was served by Host Perriam

LODGE OF PEACE, No. 322.

THE festival of St. John was held on the 18th, at the Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, Stockport.

The name of Mr. James Baron, Manager, was successfully submitted to the ballot, and having been prepared, that gentleman was regularly initiated by Bro. George Brady P.M. P.P.G.S.B., he being assisted by Bro. John H. Ratcliffe S.W., who explained the working tools, and delivered the charge.

The retiring Master, Bro. John Armitage, installed Bro. J. H. Ratcliffe. Bro. John Nicholson P.M. invested his Officers.

Bro. J. Worsnup P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer then presented his accounts for the financial year, which were duly passed.

Upwards of 50 brethren partook of dinner provided by Mrs. Firth. Several toasts were honoured during the evening, and songs were contributed by the brethren.

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UNION LODGE, No. 414.

THE installation was held on the 16th, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when W.M. the Rev. Canon Garry installed Bro. G. S. Galt as his successor.

Subsequently the annual banquet was held at the Great Western Hotel, when 70 brethren sat down to a capital repast served by Bro. W. G. Flanagan.

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MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

THE installation of Bro. Edmund Jones took place last month, at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, in the presence of about 90 brethren, including many visitors from other Lodges. The ceremony was performed by Bro. David Jones, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. J. B. Piercy P.P.G.S.W., F. Brandon P.P.G.R., H. Windle P.P.G.J.D., E. V. Greatbach P.P.G. Supt. of Works, W. Tunnicliff P.P.G. Supt. of Works, E. B. Jackson P.P.G.S.B., E. Devoreux P.M.

After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Munro. After dinner the Loyal toasts were honoured.

Bro. Piercy proposed the Masonic Charities. He said in enrolling members they were careful not to admit persons in needy circumstances with a view to bettering their position in life. But there were instances in which brothers who had nobly fought the battle of life became reduced, from circumstances beyond their control, to distress and poverty. To such as those a helping hand was extended, and they were assisted in no niggardly spirit through the Masonic Charities. It was not possible to find any other Institution which contributed so much as £50,000 a year in support of Charities in London. He went on to say that a good work was being done in the Girls School. Thanks to the great exertions of Bros. Greatbach and Tunnicliff, the Boys School was re-organised three years ago, and the boys were well clothed, fed, and educated. He appealed to them for additional funds for the Institution for the aged. Staffordshire had 1,254 votes for the Boys School, 963 for the Girls, and 905 for the Aged. In Cheshire a Benevolent Association had been formed for that Province, and £3,200 had been raised, and last week two aged Masons were elected to be recipients of an annuity of £20 each. He suggested the formation of a similar fund for the Province of Staffordshire.

Bro. H. Windle, in a few appropriate remarks responded.

Some other toasts, including the health of the W.M. and the visitors, were drunk.

Several brethren contributed vocal music and recitations, and the evening was spent very pleasantly.

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SUTHERLAND LODGE OF UNITY, No. 460.

ON the 19th inst. Bro. F. Skerrett P.G. Supt. of Works was installed by Bro. Thomas Edwards, the retiring W.M. The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Past Master's jewels to Bros. Edwards, Newby, and Eardly. The Duke of Sutherland presented a hunch of venison from Dunrobin for the banquet which followed the proceedings of the Lodge. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to the Duke, and gratification was expressed that his Grace had manifested his interest.

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LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

BRO. S. G. Edridge was installed W.M. at the meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 4th. He was supported by Colonel Money P.G.M. for Surrey, Frederick West Deputy P.G.M., and many others. Bro. F. Cambridge P.G.O. for Surrey provided the music. At the banquet which followed, Bro. S. G. Edridge presided, and was enthusiastically welcomed. He stated his intention of acting as steward at the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and also of becoming a V.P. thereof.

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ETRUSCAN LODGE, No. 546.

AT the Masonic Hall, Longton, on Thursday, the 11th inst., Bro. J. E. Hodson was installed as W.M. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. M. Wood.

Bro. Webberley Secretary, read an official communication from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, announcing that the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. had appointed the Earl of Dartmouth (Lord Lieutenant of the county of Stafford) to the position of P.G.M. of the Province of Staffordshire, and the announcement gave the greatest satisfaction to the brethren assembled.

At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Crown

and Anchor Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. G. Bannion. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Webberley proposed the health of the Earl of Dartmouth as the P.G.M. Designate, and gave an interesting account of the P.G. Masters and their deputies from the time of Col. Vernon to the present day, expressing his belief that a nobleman who was striving to do his duty in the high position he held in Staffordshire would do good work in connection with Freemasonry.

Bro. A. Newton proposed the Masonic Charities, referring to the support of the three central Institutions as well as the local charitable associations as complete refutation of the charge sometimes made by ignorant and spiteful people that Freemasons were banded together for conviviality only. He claimed for Freemasonry that it did more charitable work than any other institution, Bro. T. H. Griffiths, who responded, made an excellent speech to the same effect.

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DRUIDS LODGE, No. 589.

ST. John's festival was celebrated on Monday, 8th inst. Two gentlemen were initiated, but the installation of the W.M.-elect, Bro. Rev. W. R. Erskine (vicar of Treleigh), was deferred in consequence of the illness of the Rev. gentleman, and of course the customary appointment of officers did not take place. The banquet in the large room beneath the Lodge was presided over by the W.M. for the past year, Bro. H. Opie. The catering was by Mrs. Buston, of the London Hotel. During the evening numerous expressions of regret at the illness of the W.M.-elect were uttered.

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WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

ON the 16th inst., the installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes. The outgoing W.M. (Bro. J. P. Martin) installed the S.W., Bro. F. G. Billingham as W.M., in a most able manner, and afterwards delivered the usual addresses. There was a good attendance of members of the Lodge, and the following visitors were present:—Bros. W. S. Bambridge P.M. P.J.G.W. Wilts, F. J. Leader W.M., and H. Hillier 1533, W. J. Mann P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Wilts, H. Mundy W.M., H. White I.P.M., and T. M. Garlick S.W. 632, D. Strachan P.M. 1066, and T. W. Flint J.D. 1388.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. P. Martin I.P.M., F. Reynolds S.W. (by deputy), F. Wvatt J.W., Revd. W. Humphrys P.M. Chap., F. S. Hancock P.M. Treas., T. C. Hopkins P.M. Sec., H. H. Baker S.D., J. Hunt J.D., H. Howse P.M. D.C., W. H. Bush P.M. Org., S. W. Tayler I.G., A. Sheppard and F. Rendell Stds., C. R. Barnes Tyler.

After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was served up in excellent style by Bro. Reynolds, and for which Bro. Simon Watson Taylor sent his usual kind present of venison.

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ST. TUDNO LODGE, No. 755.

THE annual installation was held at Llandudno, on Wednesday, 10th inst. Bro. T. B. Farrington (Conway) was installed, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. R. S. Chamberlain P.M. P.P.G.S.W. North Wales.

The banquet was served at the Imperial Hotel, the catering of Bro. Chantrey giving every satisfaction.

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GOSPORT LODGE, No. 903.

THE annual installation was held on the 9th, at the India Arms Hotel, Gosport. Bro. F. G. Hazzard S.W. was installed by Bro. M. Hart W.M. Preceding the installation a new member was initiated by the outgoing Master. The retiring W.M. was also presented with a P.M.'s jewel, as a recognition of his work. At the conclusion of the installation an adjournment was made to the banquetting-room, where a numerous company sat down to a well-served repast.

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PELHAM LODGE, No. 939.

A GOODLY number were present on the 18th, at Worksop, when Bro. W. G. Humber was installed. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. G. Boot P.P.G.C.

The banquet was held at Bro. G. Phillips's, Lion Hotel.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE regular meeting was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on the 15th, Bro. Henry Wilson W.M.

Bros. George Edward Wright and Walter Birch were passed by the W.M. and Bro. W. H. Vaughan respectively. Bro. W. Barker Bale was raised by the W.M., the J.W. Bro. A. W. Pemberton explaining the working tools in each instance.

The usual festive board followed.

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WALTON LODGE, No. 1086.

BROTHER Garrett, who has occupied the position of Master during the past year, is succeeded by Bro. John Miller, who was installed by Bro. R. Toote P.P.G.T., at the meeting held at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, on the 17th inst. Subsequently a banquet was held, at which Bro. Garrett was presented, on behalf of the Lodge, with a jewel, as a token of the

esteem and regard of the members. Bro. Garrett thanked the members in appropriate terms, and then congratulated the Lodge on the successful year just experienced. During the year their income had exceeded the expenditure by over £50. He referred to the many happy social gatherings they had held, and spoke of the amicable way in which the Officers and members had worked together and supported him.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 1114.

ON Wednesday, the 17th inst., Bro. Henry Spelman Smith was installed as W.M., at the Corn Hall, Fakenham. Bro. G. V. Grummett P.M., of Norwich, performed the ceremony. The W.M. having been installed, invested his Officers.

At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where the annual banquet had been provided by Bro. William Harvey.

BRIDGEWATER LODGE, No. 1213.

ON Thursday, 11th inst., the members assembled in large force at the Masonic Rooms, Eccles, for the purpose of participating in the installation of Bro. Samuel Spencer. The day's proceedings commenced by the initiation of Mr. Peter Wild. Bro. R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.S.B. of Worsley, was the Installing Master, and acquitted himself grandly, under the critical eye of Bro. Wm. Goodacre P.G. Sec., who honoured the Lodge with a visit.

The toast of the evening, that of the newly installed W.M., was proposed by Bro. Brittain, his immediate predecessor, in felicitous terms, who said an excellent start had been made, which augured well for the Lodge in the hands to which it was now committed.

Bro. Spencer having suitably replied, proposed the health of Bro. Brittain and presented him, in name of the Lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel as a memento of his year in the chair.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

AT the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 11th, Bro. H. T. C. Tucker was installed W.M. by Bros. B. R. P. Elliott, J. R. Lord, and W. H. Mayne. The Officers having been invested, Bro. J. R. Lord was re-elected representative at the Committee of Petitions, and H. J. Barter Charity Steward.

The banquet was fixed for 14th of February.

NORMAN LODGE, No. 1334.

AT the annual meeting held on the 17th, in the Masonic Hall, Durham, Bro. T. Westrope was installed W.M. and afterwards appointed the Officers.

LINDSAY LODGE, No. 1335.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on the 9th, at Wigan when Bro. R. O. Burland was installed by Bro. R. Prosser White P.M. and Bro. W. Johnson P.M. P.P.S.G.W. The Lodge was numerously attended, the visitors including several distinguished brethren.

The banquet was held at the Masonic Hall, King Street.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1343.

AT a Lodge of emergency held at the Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex, on Tuesday, 23rd inst., Messrs. Harold Tuson, John Melvin, and Thomas Skinner were regularly initiated by the W.M., Bro. William J. Godwin. The first named brother left on Friday for Melbourne, and received the hearty good wishes of the brethren for his success at the Antipodes.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE installation of Bro. Jas. Morrison junr., and Festival of St. John, were held at the Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 5th inst, the following brethren being present:—Bros. Cyril H. Beever W.M., W. Dyson Fryer I.P.M., Jas. Morrison jun. S.W., Alfred Pickford J.W., Hy. Nall P.M. Treas., Jno. G. Bromley P.M. Secy., Chas. Rawle J.D., W. F. Hesketh P.M. D. of C., J. A. Carse, A. Redfearn, I. R. E. Birkett and Edwd. M. Beebe Stewards, Councillor John Bradshaw P.M. Prov. G.S.D., James Laidlaw P.M. P.P.G.D., Arth. A. Moss P.M., Dunbar Murray P.M., Edw. Roberts P.M. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), William Rushton, Howard Sacré, John Mann Crone, John Coupland, Sam Tiller, Hugh W. Bloomer. Visitors:—Bros. G. A. Myers P.M. Prov. G.D. of C., M. Thomas P.M. 204 and 2363 P.P.G.D. (E.L.), Geo. Board P.M. 1798 P.P.G.D. (E.L.), Chas. Heywood P.M. 1387 P.P.G.D.C. Jas. J. Lambert P.M. 1387 P.P.G.R., T. H. Scholfield W.M. 163, Jas. Wilcox W.M. 1140, Francis Long W.M. 1496, J. H. Marsh W.M. 1730, T. T. Shann W.M. 2109, W. A. Brabner W.M. 2363, John R. R. Jeffery S.W. 1140, John Travers S.W. 1387, H. B. Shepherd S.D. 2091, Chas. Shaw S.S. 1147, Jno. Southam P.M. 1140, Fred Renshaw P.M. 1387, Eli Winterbottom P.M. 1773, Chas. C. Bygrave 2091, R. Foster 277, R. A. Macfarlane 993, P. J. Walsh 1147, E. P. Woodhouse 1387, E. Bostock 1493, W. Grant 2231, Albt. Jarratt.

The ballot was successfully taken for Bro. Wm. Martin, Scoon and Perth Lodge, No. 3 (Scotch C.). The Auditors' report and Treasurer's accounts having been submitted, a Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Morrison was regularly installed by Bro. Beever. The working tools were presented and explained by

Bro. Fryer; Bro. Moss gave the address to the Wardens, Bro. Nall that to the brethren, and Bro. Hesketh that to the following Officers who had just been appointed, viz., Alfd. Pickford jun. S.W., Chas. Rawle J.W., Hy. Nall P.M. Treas., John G. Bromley P.M. Sec., Jas. A. Carse J.D., John Coupland I.G., Wm. Rushton Organist., A. Redfearn, I. R. E. Birkett, E. M. Beebe, J. H. Crone, Sam. Tiller and J. R. Kastner Stewards. Bro. Thos. A. Holland had been appointed as S.D., but being abroad, his investiture will take place at a future meeting. Bro. Bradshaw was elected Charity Representative.

The festival of St. John was subsequently held in the large dining room of the hall, the excellent dinner being under the personal superintendence of Mrs. and Mr. Langford, hall keepers.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, the same being pleasantly relieved by songs, etc., rendered by Bros. Beever, Brabner, Jarratt, Nall, Rushton, Shaw, and Thomas.

During the evening a magnificent gold jewel was presented to Bro. Beever on behalf of the Lodge, bearing the following inscription:

Majority year.

Presented to Bro. BEEVER P.M.,

By the Members of the Architect Lodge, No. 1375, as a token of their recognition of his valuable services.

5th January 1894.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE regular meeting was held on the 17th inst., under the presidency of Bro. John Greenhill McEwan, W.M. Bros. Sargent and Campbell were raised, and Bros. Jackson and Bocoock passed. At the banquet which followed the working of the Lodge, Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. expressed the hope that the members would rally round him, and advance in every way they could his candidature for the post of Grand Treasurer, for which Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., had nominated him.

URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

ON Monday, 8th inst., Bro. W. Goodacre P.M. P.G.Sw.B. Eng. installed Bro. William Henry Jolliffe S.W. as W.M. The brethren, following a previous custom, assembled in the large room of the Central Schools, Urmston, where the installation took place, the ceremony being performed by several Past Masters of the Lodge, Bro. Lloyd in his address to the Wardens, and Bro. Slyman in that to the Officers, calling for especial commendation.

Subsequently the newly-installed W.M. presented to Bro. Marsh I.P.M. a handsome gold jewel, which bore the following inscription:

Urmston Lodge, No. 1730.—Presented by the Brethren to Bro. JOHN HARDWICKE MARSH,

As a mark of their esteem.—8th January 1894.

The Officers appointed and invested were:—Bros. F. Stretch S.W., John Walton jun. J.W., Edward Lewis Little P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., G. R. Lloyd P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer Secretary, Walter Bowers S.D., G. G. Mends J.D., G. A. Myers P.M. P.G.D.C. D.C., J. Bowers P.M. Organist, J. Ormrod I.G., G. Stott sen., T. French, W. Hallard, J. Plowman, F. P. Moles, and J. Fowler Stewards.

The festival of St. John took place in the school room of the building, the banquet being provided by Bro. John Walton, of the Victoria Hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts succeeded, which were excellently varied by songs and recitations from Bros. C. H. Beever P.M., J. Hallard, G. R. Lloyd P.M., C. Heywood P.M., Hy. Nall P.M., and E. Roberts P.M.

Besides those mentioned above, there were present at the Lodge and banquet:—Bros. R. Swindells P.M., Peter Heaton P.M. P.P.G.S., Gerald Biron, J. Artingstall, G. G. R. Mends, A. Hawkins, Dr. Hedley Jones. Visitors:—Bros. W. Broughton W.M. 1345, R. E. Stringleman W.M. 2231, John Roberts S.W. 2231, A. K. Boothroyd 1134 and S.W. 2359, A. Dunkeley J.D. 1147, R. Wardle P.M. 2216, Thos. Wilson P.M. 1814 P.G.S.D., W. Bowden 1814 and 2229, with many others.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 10th, Bro. John Fisher W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Alfred De Botton I.P.M., Walter Fowden S.W., L. E. Levy J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treas., A. Smith Sec., Alexander Kirkwood J.D., Walter Marshall I.G., Chas. J. Sassoon S.P., George Board P.M. P.P.G.D., Julius Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P., B. Steel, L. Frankenstein P.M., G. Rideal P.M., Max Frankenburg, S. Kramrisch, Frederick Stein, Simon Frankenstein, Elias Nathan P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

Mr. Mark Goldman was initiated by Bro. L. Frankenstein P.M., he being assisted by Bros. Levy and Mamelok, the former explaining the working tools, and the latter delivering the ancient charge.

Bro. Frederick Stern was raised by Bro. Fisher W.M. Bro. Board presented and explained the working tools of this degree.

The usual festive board followed, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

BRO. E. S. Garrett was installed at the meeting on the 16th, held at the Masonic Hall, Clare. The outgoing W.M., Bro. J. Bardwell, ably performed the installation ceremony, after which the newly-installed Master presented to him a handsome jewel in recognition of his services to the Lodge, and appointed and invested his Officers.

The installation banquet followed at the Half Moon Hotel. The Masonic toasts were honoured.

VIATOR LODGE, No. 2308.

A MEETING was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday, the 20th. Bro. Banks W.M., J. Stephens S.W., Chapter J.W., Ferguson P.M. Treas., Morris Sec., Saunders S.D., Nickerson J.D., Moore, Rowe, Knight, Davis, Lowe, Morley, Glover, Stead, Crowther, and others. Visitors:—Bros. Oldis P.M. 1288, and Sherra 172. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Glover answered the questions, was entrusted and passed. The bye-laws were read, and the Lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to banquet, served under the personal care of Bro. A. Clemow, and which gave the greatest satisfaction. The W.M. gave the toasts briefly but earnestly.

Bro. Hobbs I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. referring to the excellent work he had done, his courteous manner, and his desire to uphold the prestige of the Lodge.

The toast of the Visitors, Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary, followed in quick succession.

The W.M. gave the toast of the Officers, dwelling on the great assistance he received from them and how deeply he was indebted for their support. He coupled the names of Bros. J. Stephens S.W. and Saunders.

Bro. Stephens thanked the Master for his kind and flattering remarks. They were all desirous of doing their duty, and assist him in every way in their power. He would, with the W.M.'s permission, allude to his dear old friend and brother, W. M. Stiles, who had just come amongst them and who was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer. It was needless to say how many years he had known Bro. Stiles; he could vouch he was a brother highly fitted to be elected to the office of Grand Treasurer. He was a Mason of 20 years, charitable, genial, and in the front rank to support our grand Institutions. He had undertaken the onerous office of Steward 14 times, and was a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions, without mentioning very many acts of kindness to brethren in times of need. He was always to be found amongst them in their Lodges and Lodges of Instruction, advising, instructing, and taking part in every object for the good and benefit of the Masonic Order. He would impress upon them that there were only two appointments open to the brethren to vote upon, that of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, whom he hoped would be with them for many years, and that of the Grand Treasurer. He believed this latter appointment should be held strictly among the wearers of the Blue, and should be an annual office, and not one as desired by a few, held by one brother for a number of years. He trusted the brethren would be very jealous of their privilege, and not let it be taken from them. He hoped the brethren would use their utmost endeavours to support and secure the election of their old friend, and prove that their's were not merely promises, but acts. Bro. Stephens thanked the W.M. for his kind indulgence, assuring him he would do all in his power to make his year of office happy and prosperous.

Bro. Ferguson P.M. also impressed on the brethren the necessity to use their best efforts on behalf of their old friend, Bro. Stiles, who he had known nearly 20 years. He could assure the brethren that they would be doing an honour to themselves and paying a tribute to a very worthy brother as well as an encouragement to those worthy brethren who gave their time, money, and valuable services to Masonry and its distinguished Institutions.

The W.M. spoke further on behalf of Bro. Stiles, promising his support. Bro. Stiles replied very earnestly, evidently deeply impressed with his most gratifying reception.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very happy evening.

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LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

THE bi-monthly meeting was held at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on the 11th inst. At the former meeting Bro. H. H. Warburton, Preceptor, had intimated that owing to his delicate health, coupled with family ties, he felt compelled to resign his position, and to withdraw his name as a candidate for re-election. He thanked the brethren very sincerely for the kindness they had always evinced towards him, and concluded by nominating as his successor Brother James W. Abbott P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C. The brethren were unanimous in their expressions of regret that Bro. Warburton felt compelled to relinquish a position which he had held with great credit for a number of years, and upon the proposition of Bro. J. Townley Trotter, which was seconded by Bro. Abbott, it was decided to convey to Bro. Warburton the regret of the brethren upon his retirement, together with thanks to him for valuable past services, the same to take the form of an illuminated address.

The name of Bro. Abbott was then placed before the meeting, and he was unanimously voted to the position which Bro. Warburton had just vacated. Therefore, at the meeting of 11th January, reverted to in the opening lines of this report, Bro. Abbott properly began his duties, and, from our knowledge of his abilities, we may anticipate for the Lodge of Instruction the same success which attended the efforts of his predecessor.

The Lodge being opened a ballot was successfully taken for Bros. Leonard Jagger, James William Howard, and William B. Flower, all of Lodge 287, Charles Truby 992, and John James Leale 2109; Bro. Thomas Hamnett 2363 being the proposer in each case, and Bro. Alfred Hebden P.M. Sec. the seconder. Bro. Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 submitted the following names from the Zion Lodge, No. 1798:—Bros. Charles I. Sassoon, Leon E. Levy, and Alexander Kirkwood. Bros. Joseph Hilton 2363, and F. W. Burgess 1459, were also proposed as joining members.

A printed balance sheet, which, thanks to the Officers, was in every way satisfactory, was passed round to each brother present, from which it appears that this very popular Lodge of nearly 160 members, contributes, annually, a sum of money to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Letters were read from many Provincial Officers, expressing their regret that owing to various causes they were not able to be present.

Being the yearly meeting, the proceedings were followed by the Festival of St. John, a recherche dinner (to which 40 sat down) being placed upon the tables, the same fully sustaining the reputation which Mrs. Stopford the hostess has acquired as a successful caterer.

Bro. Abbott Preceptor, occupied the principal chair and was well supported.

In proposing the toast of the late Preceptor, Bro. Abbott gave a history of the progress of the Lodge of Instruction, and drew attention to the indefatigable manner in which Bro. Warburton had exerted himself for its success, showing that under his guidance it had obtained popularity and gained prosperity, concluding a very admirable speech by presenting an illuminated address, which was as follows:—

To Brother HUGH H. WARBURTON,
P.M. 163, P.P.S.G.D.

We, the members of the Lodge of Instruction, No. 581, desire to place on record our high appreciation of the services which Bro. Warburton has rendered to Freemasonry during the past eleven years as Preceptor of this Lodge, and previously for four years as Treasurer, and to express our deep regret that his present state of health has made it necessary for him to vacate the former position.

As an expert and able Craftsman, Bro. Warburton has proved himself second to none in the Province, and as a private gentleman and friend we can only say that for him to be known is to be respected and loved.

We sincerely trust that his declining years may be brightened and cheered by the pleasant memories of his past well spent life.

Signed on behalf of the members,

James W. Abbott P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C., Preceptor.
George T. Lenard J.W. 1077 Treasurer.
Alfred Hobden P.M. 1458 P.P.G.D.C., Secretary.

Old Boar's Head, Manchester,
11th January 1894.

In response, Bro. Warburton said that one of the most difficult tasks which had fallen to his lot for the last 21 years now confronted him. It was that length of time since he had commenced to receive instruction in Masonry from Bro. Godfrey Higham, to whom he owed a deep debt of gratitude. He had endeavoured to teach what he had learned as it had been given to him by Bro. Higham, and in doing this he had been desirous of putting before his Masonic brethren the beautiful words of the ritual in the manner which they deserved, and with an effort to be as nearly perfect as possible. Bro. Warburton very humorously reverted to unconscious mistakes made by candidates for admission, many of which we have previously inserted in the CHRONICLE. He congratulated himself upon the fact of being considerably better that night than he had been for some time past; thanked the brethren for their appreciation of his services, and assured them that in the hands of his successor (Bro. Abbott) things would go on in a prosperous way. He said that Masonry had been very dear to him, and exhorted his brethren not to think it was waste of time or a trivial thing to learn the beautiful ceremonies connected with the Craft in such a manner as to be enabled to present them before the Lodge in all their goodness and in all their beauty.

Bro. Bee proposed the health of Bro. Hebden, saying that he was a most capable Officer, who had often performed good and able work, not only in his own Lodge of Truth, but in the Lodge of Instruction. As Secretary to the latter for nine years his duties had been considerable, and they were continually augmenting, but although they were especially heavy now, having increased fourfold, yet he always performed them in a pleasing and uncomplaining manner. He was indeed an excellent Secretary, and it would be difficult to find a successor who possessed half the zeal which he did.

Bro. Hebden thanked Bro. Bee for his kind expressions of praise. During the long number of years he had been connected with that Lodge he had endeavoured to give satisfaction in all the duties he undertook, and which the brethren elected to give to him. He sincerely regretted the retirement of Bro. Warburton, stating that during his co-operation no friction of any kind had occurred in the Lodge, which had sent forth not only the best Past Masters, but also Provincial Officers. It had also sent out admirable Wardens, and Deacons, and 15 Directors of Ceremonies, which fact, coupled with the knowledge that they had amongst them so many good workers who were ready at all times to accept any position, was a recommendation for the younger members, and should induce them to work energetically onwards, for it was an accepted fact that the Lodges did not usually appoint Directors of Ceremonies who were unacquainted with Craft work.

During the evening songs and sketches were contributed by Bros. J. G. Hewson, Sam Luke, Fred Hilton, Thos. Hamnett, Cuthbert Howard, Edward Roberts, and others.



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