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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE question as to the period that shall in future elapse before a Master Mason is eligible for the Royal Arch may be said to have been finally settled at the Quarterly Convocation on Wednesday, when the members of Grand Chapter confirmed the minutes of the last meeting, and in doing so settled the period as four weeks, in place of the twelve months which had previously been the rule. It will be remembered that at the last meeting of Grand Chapter a proposition was brought forward with the object of making this alteration, and was carried by a substantial majority, but there were many who even then doubted the expediency of the course, and expressed themselves as assured that with longer notice the Companions of the country would not show themselves in favour of a change, or at least not such a radical change as that suggested. Since then the question has been freely discussed and opinions canvassed, with the result, as we said last week, that a formal notice was submitted to nullify that part of the minutes which referred to this alteration, the counter proposition being that three months be substituted for the one month agreed to at the last meeting. After a long discussion, however, the minutes were agreed to, and as a consequence the period of probation has now been reduced from twelve months to one month.

The motion for the non-confirmation of the minute stood in the name of Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre, who, in submitting the matter to Grand Chapter, referred to the past history of the Degree, and argued there was not any tangible reason for altering an arrangement that had worked well for upwards of eighty years. He touched upon a point mentioned by us in a recent issue by saying he suspected the present was the first step towards the abolition, or rather absorption by the Craft of the Royal Arch Degree. This remark was received with marks of dissent, but we fail to see any reason why the Royal Arch should continue to be a body so distinct from the Craft as it has hitherto been, when the first principles of Freemasonry lay it down that the Royal Arch is a part of the third degree. Comp. Le Feuvre concluded by moving the motion of which he had given notice, and which had for its object the altering of the probationary period to three months. Comp. J. S. Cumberland opposed, and urged the retention of the arrangement carried at last Grand Chapter, making the limit one month. Comp. McIntyre North, however, seconded the amendment in a forcible speech. The success of the Freemasonry of to-day, he said, was without a parallel, but its future would greatly depend on the wisdom of those who held the helm in this flood time of prosperity.

Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Acting Grand Z.

explained a point of order in regard to the proposition of Comp. Le Feuvre, who, he said, must first move the non-confirmation of the minutes; if that was carried he would be able to move his other proposal, that the period be altered to three months. Comp. Beach said he considered twelve months too long, but felt Grand Chapter had gone to the other extreme in making it one month; he favoured the three months limit. Ultimately the matter was put to the vote, when the minutes were confirmed by 83 to 65.

Having now decided on this sweeping change we hope the members of the Royal Arch Degree will use every effort in their power to ensure that ultimate benefit shall be the result. We see no reason why the change should not prove beneficial, but we are still of opinion that having gone so far Grand Chapter might rationally have gone a step further, and allowed each and every Lodge in the country to confer the Arch Degree if they so desired. Probably it will come to that in the end, but not just at present, and in the meantime we shall witness more ups and downs, with their consequent complications, all of which might be prevented by more vigorous action at the present time. As we said when the matter was previously before the Companions, Grand Chapter has really attacked the foundations of the Royal Arch—whether the patching up process will have the effect of strengthening the edifice or otherwise time alone can prove. It is quite impossible to prophesy on such a point, but we can and most heartily do wish that the change now agreed upon may prove of ultimate advantage.

We are pleased to see that the spirit of reform that has been started in connection with the Royal Arch does not seem likely to stop at this period of probation question. Later on at Wednesday's meeting the subject of finance received attention, on a proposition to increase the salaries of the officials, or, rather, to increase the amount paid by Grand Chapter towards those salaries. It was then pointed out that with an income of £3,200, office expenses stood at £2,100, and it was naturally urged that Grand Chapter did not make the best use of its money. We can but regret any appearance of dissension in connection with the Craft or Royal Arch, but as there are very few who can argue that the latter is a prosperous body in this country (compared with Craft Masonry let us say, for sake of argument), there will probably be few who will regret the prospect of energetic action in the hope of ultimate reform. If reforms are to be carried out it is next to impossible to bring them about without strong arguments and occasional hard words, but they must not be neglected on that account. There is ample room for improvement, and we believe there is a plentiful supply of men desirous and willing to assist in the work, although they well know that the

opposition they are likely to meet with will press them very heavily, and lead to all kinds of insinuations as to their motives. Whatever is done or aimed at we hope that calm counsels will prevail, and that the aim of the reformers will not be misunderstood, or too harshly criticised by the fossilised members who prefer that things should go on as they have done, rather than that our ancient principles should run any risk of being modernised—and, it may be urged, somewhat improved.

THE Quarterly Convocation was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was supported by Gen. Randolph and Col. Gerard Noel Money in the other Principals' chairs, Comp. E. Letchworth S.E., Thomas Fenn as S.N., Peter de Lande Long as Principal Sojourner, Baron de Ferrieres and R. Loveland-Loveland as Assistant Sojourners.

After the reading of the minutes, Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre rose to move the proposition standing in his name, as to the non-confirmation of that part of the minutes relating to the resolution agreed to at the last meeting, substituting four weeks for twelve months in Rule 73 of the Regulations. We deal with this subject elsewhere in this issue, and therefore it is only necessary to say here that the discussion was continued by Comps. J. S. Cumberland and McIntyre North, and after a few remarks by the acting Z was put to the vote, with the result that the minutes were confirmed by 83 votes to 65.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was then submitted:

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 18th October 1893, to the 16th January 1894, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Balance, Grand Chapter	424	18	2	By Disbursements during the Quarter . . .	290	4	4
„ Unappropriated Account	187	3	4	„ Balance . . .	543	1	11
„ Subsequent Receipts	414	13	11	„ „ Unappropriated Account	193	9	2
	£1026	15	5		£1026	15	5

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petition:—

From Companions Philip Moore Callow Kermode as Z., The Rev. William 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.

The consideration of this Petition was deferred at the last Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter until the Returns of the Chapters of the Petitioners have been fully made. Since the meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Lodge, No. 1075, has withdrawn its sanction for the Chapter to be attached to it, and the Petitioners from that Lodge have also withdrawn, the Chapter not being required.

Petitions have also been received:—

1st. From Companions Charles Henry Reid Todd as Z., William Fountain Woods as H., Charles Henry Cumberland as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Imperial Lodge, No. 1694, London, to be called "The Imperial Chapter," and to meet at Cloc's Restaurant, Victoria Street, London.

2nd. From Companions Frederick Ernest Pocock, M.D., as Z., Lennox Browne as H., Henry Walter Kiallmark as J., and sixteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Æsculapius Lodge, No. 2410, London, to be called "The Æsculapius Chapter," and to meet at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, London.

3rd. From Companions Samuel Gerard Kirchhoffer, M.A., 1st Grand Standard Bearer, as Z., Major Oswald James Henry Ball as H., Lt.-Col. Stephen James Melville Jopp as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899, Sandhurst, to be called "The Wellesley Chapter," and to meet at the Wellington Hotel, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the Chapter Stone of Friendship Ezel, No. 287, Stockport, Cheshire, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The Memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an

uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also received Memorials with extracts of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148, Warrington, from the Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, to Rooms in St. Austin's Chambers, Bold Street, in the same Town.

The Prince Frederick William Chapter, No. 753, London, from Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, to the Frascati Restaurant, No. 32 Oxford Street, London.

The Bedford Chapter, No. 282, Tavistock, from the Private Room, Abbey, to the Freemasons' Hall, No. 84 West Street, in the same Town.

The Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Newark-on-Trent, from the Savings Bank, to the Masonic Hall, in the same Town.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have likewise received the following applications, viz.:—from the Shakespeare Chapter, No. 284, Warwick, and from the Trinity Chapter, No. 254, Coventry.

1. A Memorial praying that the Shakespeare Chapter, No. 284, may be detached from the Lodge, No. 284, Warwick, and attached to the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, Birmingham, both Lodges having given their consent, and that the Chapter may be called "The Temperance Chapter," and meet at the Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

2. A Memorial praying that the Trinity Chapter, No. 254, Coventry, may be detached from the Lodge, No. 254, and attached to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1630, Coventry, Warwickshire, and that it be called The St. Michael's Chapter. Both Lodges have given their consent.

The Committee recommend that the prayers of these Memorials be granted, subject to the receipt of the consent of the Grand Superintendent in the case of the Trinity Chapter, No. 254, Coventry.

The Committee have received the following notice of Motion for Grand Chapter from Comp. John Emilius Le Feuvre P. Grand Sword Bearer, "That the Resolution passed by Grand Chapter on the 1st November, substituting four weeks for twelve months in Rule 73 of the Royal Arch Regulations be not confirmed, and that this Grand Chapter resolves that the words 'three Calendar months' be inserted in Rule 73 instead of 'twelve Calendar months.'"

The following Chapters having exalted Candidates before the expiration of twelve months from the dates of raising, viz.:—

The Fletcher Chapter, No. 1031, Birmingham.

The Chapter Harmony, No. 220, Garston.

in violation of Rule 73 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations, the Committee ordered that the Chapters be censured and the Candidates re-obligated, and that the Chapter Harmony, No. 220, Garston, be fined £1 1s also.

The Committee recommend that, Grand Lodge having increased the Salaries of the Clerks in the Office of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chapter pay its proportion of the same, viz.:—One fourth.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

17th January 1894.

The prayers of the petitions for the creation of the Imperial, Æsculapius and Wellesley Chapters were granted, as also were the requests of the other petitioners dealt with in the Report.

Comp. Robert Grey formally moved the proposition to increase the payment from Grand Chapter on account of salaries in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre objected. The receipts of Grand Chapter in two years had been £3,200, and the cost of the office £2,100, or two-thirds. Grand Chapter did not make the best use of its money. Last year it invested nothing, but it paid £150 to the Benevolent Institution. Another special grant was 100 guineas to the same Institution on its Jubilee; another was 100 guineas to the Shadwell Clerke Fund; the handsome sum of 10 guineas to the Boys School, and the same handsome sum to the Girls. The expenses of the office were largely out of proportion to the amount that should be paid for the management of the Royal Arch Degree. The present was not the time for increasing these office expenses.

Comp. Richard Eve P.G.T. rose to second Comp. Le Feuvre's proposal.

Comp. F. A. Philbrick said the only question was whether Grand Chapter should pay its proportion. Whatever resolution was come to, it would not affect the office salaries.

Comp. Richard Eve said that was a cunningly-devised statement of the Grand Registrar. The expenses of

Grand Chapter were perfectly astounding, and that should be driven home to the minds of those present, and of every one throughout the country. With an income of £1,600 a year they found £1,000 for office expenses. They paid enough, and too much. He would suggest the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the office expenses. He would not have the Committee of General Purposes, but a Special Committee to inquire, and report to next Convocation.

Comp. Thomas Fenn ventured to doubt the necessity of the Committee of General Purposes bringing this subject before Grand Chapter. Many years ago Grand Chapter agreed to pay a proportion—it used to be a fifth, it was afterwards a fourth, as the Chapters were a fourth in number of the Lodges. When the Special Committee of Grand Lodge sat which inquired into the office expenses, he thought it as well to have a member of the Royal Arch Committee on it, so that everything might be properly inquired into. That member did not object. Grand Chapter having once agreed to pay a fourth of office expenses, that would apply to the increase, as well as the original sum.

Comp. Eve said Grand Chapter had never been asked about the increase. This showed the loose way everything was done. Grand Registrar tried to shut everyone up, but he (Comp. Eve) was not to be so easily shut up. He repeated that the salaries were enormous.

Comp. Philbrick denied the imputation as to shutting up. The idea of shutting up discussion where Comp. Eve was concerned was absurd. The Committee sat many days—months, and investigated the whole matter, and in Grand Lodge their recommendation was carried, notwithstanding the opposition of Comp. Eve. The increases amounted to only £150 a year, and Grand Chapter was recommended to pay a fourth of this sum.

After a few remarks from Comp. R. Grey, in which he said the Committee had looked at the matter as business men, the recommendation was carried, by 74 against 29 votes.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons met on Monday afternoon, 25th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., with J. E. Le Feuvre H., and T. W. Faulkner J. The general attendance of Present and Past Principals was very large. The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Tilling, submitted the accounts, which were satisfactory in every point. Every Chapter had paid up the dues, and there was a balance in hand of £34 13s 4d. It was stated also that R.A. Masonry was prospering in the Province, for out of 24 Chapters all but four had had exaltations during the year. The balance-sheet was adopted, and the Audit Committee was appointed. The P.G. Treasurer was heartily and unanimously re-elected for the fourth time, and, returning thanks for the compliment, he suggested that if one or two of the Chapters would send in their dues somewhat earlier than they had done it would be more convenient.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent then invested the Officers for the year, a list of which we shall publish in our next week's issue.

Comp. Goble moved that £3 3s be voted from P.G. Chapter funds in aid of the expense of printing the Provincial Calendar. Comp. Jacob seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

The next business arose out of a resolution come to by Grand Chapter, as to the alteration of the qualifying period for exaltation of a brother from twelve months to one month after he shall have become a Master Mason. It was stated there was a strong opinion in all the Chapters adverse to such a change from 12 months to 28 days, and some desired its reference back to Grand Chapter.

The Prov. G. Supt. said he was not present in Grand Chapter, and was not in any way responsible for what took place there. He thought that a year's probation

was perhaps too long, but a change to one month was too extreme. A short time ago some alteration was suggested, and it was said in Grand Chapter that it was impossible to make any change in Royal Arch Masonry. If such action as he had spoken of were to be taken, he thought it might be altered to a term of three or six months. It was not desirable to rush into extremes. It was a question that each Chapter should consider carefully, and give Grand Chapter its opinion.

Comp. Atkins had hoped to have heard more about the proceedings of Grand Chapter, and also the opinions of Chapters in the Province. Comp. Blackman said his Chapter was opposed to it. Comp. Jacob was opposed to the change, but seconded a suggestion of six months made by Comp. Atkins, in order to elicit the opinion of Prov. Grand Chapter.

Comp. Le Feuvre said the Prov. G. Superintendent was not present when Grand Chapter adopted the resolution, and it was received late for insertion in the agenda. It was now the duty of the Prov. Grand Chapter and the Chapters generally to move in the matter, and to propose the non-confirmation of the resolution in Grand Chapter, and that three or six months be substituted for four weeks. Their Principals must attend Grand Chapter, to support these views. The suggested alteration was brought forward by London Chapters, who supported the one month limit; and the country Chapters were almost all opposed to it.

A resolution that the resolution of Grand Chapter be not confirmed was unanimously carried.

In view of the increased number officers to which the Province was now entitled, because it had over 20 Chapters, the P.G. Treasurer was authorised to provide the necessary regalia. It was stated that the Lymington Chapter, 319, was in abeyance, not having paid any dues since 1871. The Principals and Companions then adjourned to a banquet at the Guildhall Refectory, Bro. Clowser catering excellently.—*Southampton Echo*.

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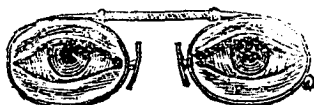
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LODGE OF UNION, No. 38.

AT the Assembly Rooms, Chichester, on the 1st inst., Bro.
E. Weller-Poley was installed as W.M., and subsequently
appointed the assistant officers for the year. The annual banquet
followed, after which the usual toasts were given. That of the
Grand Officers was proposed by Lord Walter Gordon-Lennox, M.P.,
and that of the Worshipful Master by Sir Robert Raper.

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MOUNT SINAI LODGE, No. 121.

BRO. J. H. Rowe was installed W.M. at the meeting held on
the 17th ult. at Penzance. The retiring Master Bro. B. Shaker-
ley was prevented by ill health from taking part in the proceedings.
After the business of the day the brethren adjourned to the Western
Hotel, where an excellent banquet was spread by Miss May, the
Manageress.

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LENNOX LODGE, No. 123.

BROTHER Councillor G. Peacock, J.P., was installed Worshipful
Master on the 1st inst., at the annual meeting held at the
Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorks., the installation ceremony
being performed by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. of England
D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, who was assisted by the
Rev. J. E. Torbett P.M. P.P.G.C. and S. W. Close P.M. An
adjournment was afterwards made to the Turf Hotel, where a
splendid banquet was served by Bro. P. Hayward, the host, and the
usual Loyal and complimentary toasts were honoured.

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ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE, No. 130.

ALARGE gathering attended the meeting on the 11th ult., when
Bro. Bernard Harfield P.M. 1112 P.P.G.St. was installed
into the chair of the Lodge, over which his late respected father,
Bro. Robert Harfield, presided half a century ago. The work of
Installing Master had been undertaken by the Grand Master of the
Province, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., this being his second visit to
the Gloucester within its Masonic year, but at the last moment he
was unable to leave London till the afternoon train, being in attend-
ance at a South Western Railway Board meeting, postponed from
Wednesday to admit of the directors attending Mrs. Scotter's
funeral. The ceremony was therefore conducted by the Deputy
Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, and was shorn of
some of the ritual, the W.M. elect having, as shown above, already
passed the chair of the Shirley Lodge. The Provincial Grand
Master arrived just after the conclusion of the ceremony, and was
received in customary Masonic form. The installing Master was
thanked for undertaking at short notice the installation work, and
a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the I.P.M., Bro. Penny,
for the efficient manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the
chair during the past year, and a jewel was voted to him from the
Lodge funds.

At the banquet, in responding for the Grand Lodge of England,
the D.P.G.M. said it was possible that the important appointment
of President of the Board of General Purposes, which was about to
fall vacant by the retirement of Bro. Fenn, might be offered to Bro.
Loveland-Loveland, and he was sure that if this should be the case
Hampshire Masons would heartily congratulate one of their number
on receiving such a distinguished honour. The health of the Prov.
Grand Master was proposed from the chair and warmly received,
and in the course of his reply Bro. Beach expressed his regret that
he could not reach Southampton in time to fulfil his promise to
install Bro. Harfield, for it was always a pleasure to him to perform
Masonic work, and it was a gratification to him at all times to visit
the Gloucester Lodge, where he always met so many old friends.
He congratulated the brethren on the way in which the Province of
Hampshire was coming to the front, and it would be an especial
honour to them should one of their number be appointed to so
prominent and important a position as that of President of the
Board of General Purposes. He was sure no worthier Mason lived
than Bro. Loveland-Loveland. Replying for Provincial Grand
Lodge Officers, the P.G.S. Bro. Goble expressed his thanks to the
Secretaries of Lodges for the interest they took in their work, and
the amount of labour they saved him by the assistance they always
accorded him so readily. Several other toasts were honoured.

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ALBANY LODGE, No. 151.

THE installation was held at the new Masonic Hall, Lugley
Street, Newport (I. W.), on Monday, the 8th ult. Owing to
removals from the neighbourhood and family bereavements none
of the eligible junior Officers were prepared to take the chair for the
ensuing year, and the members of the Lodge had taken advantage
of the opportunity to pay Bro. C. T. Allée, senior resident Past
Master, the well-merited compliment of electing him a second time
as W.M. of the Lodge. The ceremony was most ably performed
by Bro. Horace Groves P.M., acting at very short notice in the
place of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. C. E. Pinnock, who,
to the regret of all, was taken ill on the previous Friday. On taking
the chair Bro. Allée appointed and invested his officers for the year.
The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet provided by the
honorary steward, Bro. D. S. Pring.

LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, 31st ult., Bro. Thos. Hy. Scholfield W.M. There was a numerous attendance, comprising the following, viz., H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.S.G.D., J. Wildgoose P.M. P.P.J.G.D., John Studd P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. M. H. Blamey S.W., R. Alf. Hepworth J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treas., Samuel Gaskill Sec., Fred. Walmsley I.G., J. G. Mead Org., R. L. McMillan P.M., A. Hope P.M., Wm. D. Waddell P.M., R. Simister P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Arthur Nield, Robert Acomb, H. A. Owles, J. Grime, C. Slee, A. B. Scholfield, A. Dunn, J. Brittaner, J. H. Studd, Wm. Morton, Ben Eastwood, James Mitchell, Edward Graham Wood, James Clemmey, James Gardner, F. Nield, John Thornton, H. R. Yates, John Allen, E. Buzzard, C. Cookson, G. Taylor, W. Pearson, J. W. Mottershead, Geo. Garlick, Wm. Moorhouse, J. Ingleby, and J. W. Wallworth. Visitors:—Bros. John Chadwick P.G.Swd.B. Prov. Grand Sec. 44, Nathan Heywood W.M. 44, Joseph Jackman W.M. 139 2491, Robert Fox S.W. 2482, W. Collins I.P.M. 1565, Alfred de Botton I.P.M. 1798, W. L. Liphory P.M. 257, T. E. Chambers P.M. 1313, W. D. Fryer P.M. 1375, M. B. Salt S.W. 1588, William Wild 128, John Farley 269, Thos. Guest 204, S. Kelly P.M. 645, W. H. Paget 441 45, John Walmsley 613, A. H. Duffin P.M. D. of C. 1134, S. D. Funnall 1550, W. F. Osterstock 2269, Major G. Herbert Bates 2322, Oates Rushton 2449, Peter Bratt 2482, and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, and the Treasurer's account and the Auditors' report presented, the ceremony of installing Bro. J. M. H. Blamey S.W. was undertaken by Bro. J. Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.D., who was assisted by Bros. H. H. Warburton S.W., John Studd P.M. P.P.G.D.C. J.W., R. L. McMillan P.M. I.G. The candidate was presented by Bro. Scholfield W.M., and afterwards obligated and installed according to ancient custom. Bro. Blamey was subsequently addressed by Bro. Scholfield upon the duties appertaining to the chair, Bro. Warburton performing a similar task with regard to the Wardens, whilst Bro. Wildgoose addressed the brethren. Bro. Studd gave the honours.

The Officers appointed were:—Bros. R. Alfred Hepworth S.W., Samuel Gaskill J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. &c. Treas., J. Clemmey Sec., H. A. Owles S.D., Fred Walmsley J.D., John Allen I.G., John Studd P.M. &c. D. of C., A. B. Scholfield Org., J. H. Studd, Henry R. Yates, Geo. Taylor, B. Eastwood and W. Morton Stwds., H. H. Warburton P.M. Charity Representative.

The annual banquet was held in the large dining room of the hall, under the personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, hall caterers. Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and responded to, the visitors paying a well deserved tribute to Bro. Wildgoose for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation.

Bro. John Chadwick Prov. Grand Secretary contrasted the present with a former period, when one well known Past Master performed the major portion of the ceremonies in many Lodges. He congratulated them upon the fact that a change for the better had long since taken place, and that W.M.'s themselves were now capable of discharging the various duties devolving upon them.

Bro. Wildgoose proposed the health of the W.M. He felt honoured by having had the duty to perform, of installing such a capable Officer into the chair. It was a position to which Bro. Blamey had aspired for some time, and the dignity of which he would fully maintain, for he was undoubtedly the right man for such a high and important office.

Bro. Blamey replied in a speech which was a masterpiece of elocution, and one which held his listeners spellbound; a speech which was delivered without the slightest hesitancy, with fervour, and a true appreciation of the entities of time and circumstances. He said, "Brethren, it is with mingling feelings of nervousness and courage, of pride and humility, of pleasure and anxiety, that I rise to respond to the toast of my health, so kindly proposed by Bro. Wildgoose. At the greatest inconvenience to himself Bro. Wildgoose is present with us to-night, and it is with the deepest sense of personal obligation that I return him my most sincere thanks for the honour he has done me in submitting to you the toast of the Worshipful Master. Your enthusiastic reception of the toast as shown in the song so ably led by Bro. Mead, and in your applause of the sentiments uttered by Bro. Wildgoose, I shall never forget as long as I live. This reception from you forms the fitting and natural sequel to your unanimous selection of my unworthy self a month ago to fill the chair of King Solomon in this Lodge during the ensuing year, and, while returning thanks to you, the members of my own Mother Lodge for your kindness, I wish also to acknowledge very sincerely my obligations to the brethren from other Lodges, and other Provinces who have come (some from long distances: Devonshire, Cambridgeshire, East and West Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cheshire) to unite with you in forming a sure column of mutual defence and support, and who have joined with you so heartily and cordially in the expression of their good wishes for my health and success. At such a moment as this one's thoughts naturally revert to the past. As I stand here I cannot but think of the last Wednesday in October 1885, during the year of office of Bro. Ben Williams. It was then I saw the light of Masonry for the first time. I think also of the ordeal through which I passed that night, when I responded to the toast of the newly-initiated Brother. But I stood on firm ground then, for although I was an absolute stranger to everyone in the Lodge, nevertheless I was the son of a Mason of 50 years' experience, and my only desire in becoming a member of the Craft, was to follow in the footsteps of a worthy and honoured father. I remember that the fact of being the son of a Mason was considered a guarantee of my respectability. A mutual friend had introduced me to Bro. John Studd, and after inquiries had been made (which I afterwards heard of), a proposer and seconder were found for me. From that moment to this, instead of being a stranger and a sojourner in a strange city, I have never been without friends. I was received by 80 or 90 gentlemen as a brother and an equal. But for Masonry, many years must

have elapsed before I could have gained such a position, and have enjoyed such privileges as I at once entered into. That fact alone is a sufficient definition of the Masonic term 'Brotherly love,' and it illustrates perfectly what is referred to in our ceremonial as 'one of the great and invaluable privileges of Freemasonry.' And now, brethren, after a little over 8 years' membership (mostly spent in office), you have done me the greatest honour which it is in your power to bestow, by electing and installing me the Worshipful Master of this, my Mother Lodge. I thank you most sincerely for that honour, and beg to assure you that it will be my constant endeavour and pleasure during the year, to rule with the help of the Past Masters and my Officers, in such a manner as to fully justify the confidence which you have reposed in me. In my immediate predecessor I have a very difficult one to follow, for Bro. Scholfield is a Mason possessing great tact, clear judgment, and unusual ability, and I am afraid that I shall test to the uttermost your stock of patience and affection. We shall never forget the masterly speech which he delivered last year at the Albion Hotel, nor his able and dignified working in the Lodge during the year. And I must warn you now, somewhat after the manner of Shakespeare, that—I am neither a lawyer, nor an orator, as Bro. Scholfield is,

'But as you know me all, a plain
Blunt man who loves his brethren,
And that you all know well who sit and listen to me,
For I have neither wit, nor words, nor worth,
Action nor utterance, nor the power of speech to stir your hearts.
I only speak right on, I tell you
That which you yourselves do know,
Show you the good deeds of the Lodge and of the Craft,
And bid them speak for me.'

Brethren, our old Lodge has been in existence now for 128 years, and as old age demands respect, let us do homage to it upon this occasion. For more than a century and a quarter the Integrity has existed, and it has justified its existence by a noble exemplification of the three grand principles of Masonry. Integrity has been its name, and integrity has been its character. Faithful to its high commission from Grand Lodge, honourable in all its relations, and upright in all its dealings with all men. One hundred and twenty seven brethren of proved uprightness and integrity have preceded me in the chair—men who were devoted to the Craft and to this Lodge, links in a mystic chain binding the brethren of the past with the present into one united bond of brotherly love. The Lodge, like the king, never dies; its Masters, its Officers, and its members appear in ever changing succession upon the scene; they do their duty and perform their allotted task, and then pass away, but the good old Lodge remains for ever. It remains like the stately cathedral and the venerable abbey, as a home for the brethren; it remains as an institution for the succour of the widow, the fatherless, and the distressed. It remains as a permanent and genuine authority to each succeeding generation, and as an active agent in the spread of its principles;—principles, brethren, which are divine in their origin, sublime in their history, and twice blessed in their exercise and application. Masonry without the exercise of its three grand principles is a hollow mockery and a sham. It is like a ship canal without water, like a Portland Street warehouse without stock, like a palace without a ruler, like a throne without a monarch. But Masonry properly carried out by a Lodge, actuated by true Masonic principles, constitutes a power for good among men second to no other human organisation in this or any other age. This is the ideal we must ever keep before us, and as year succeeds year, and Master follows Master, our Lodge will continue to prosper, and will finally accomplish its high and benign destiny."

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LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 178.

BRO. Rev. T. H. Leeson, of Charnock Richard, was installed W.M. at the meeting on the 17th ult., at Wigan, by Bro. C. B. Holmes P.M. P.P.G.P., assisted by Bro. J. Brindle P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works. Subsequently the brethren adjourned from the Masonic Hall to the Conservative Club, where a capital banquet was served under the superintendence of Mr. Wise, the secretary. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a capital musical programme was rendered by members of the Apollo Lodge, No. 2042, consisting of Bros. H. Hollis, E. Edwards, W. Lewis P.M., G. Platt, and H. J. Nicholls P.M.

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ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 231.

AT the installation banquet which took place at Freemasons' Tavern on the 1st, there was a large and distinguished company, Bro. John W. Sherwell the newly-installed Master in the chair. The usual loyal toasts having been given and responded to, Bro. Sir John Monckton, in an excellent speech, heartily applauded, replied for the Grand Officers. Lieut.-General Lawrie performed a similar office for the Visitors, in submitting which toast the Master (Bro. Sherwell) alluded to the nomination of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale for the office of Grand Treasurer, expressing warm hopes of his success, and adding that St. Andrew's Lodge would support him to a man.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

MONDAY, 15th ult., witnessed the annual meeting of this Lodge, at York, Bro. Jno. B. Sampson presiding over a large number of members and visiting brethren. The chair was subsequently occupied by Bro. Jos. Todd P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Prov. G. Treas., for the purpose of installing Bro. Arthur Jones. In the evening a banquet was held at Harker's Hotel.

TRUE AND FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 318.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Helston, on Friday, 12th ult., when Bro. J. W. C. Dudley was installed by W.M. J. O. Eva, assisted by Bro. J. M. Richards P.M., and Bro. H. Trembath P.M. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Assembly Room, Angel Hotel, where Bro. W. J. Blackwell had prepared a banquet.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

AT Torquay, on the 5th inst., Bro. S. A. Blackler, of St. Mary-church, was installed W.M. by Bro. J. Grant. Bro. H. R. Beer I.P.M. was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, as a token of appreciation of the zeal and ability with which he had discharged the duties of the chair. Bro. R. D. Kennick was elected as representative on the Committee of Petitions.

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CONCORD LODGE, No. 343.

THE installation of Bro. Edwin Bush was celebrated at the Bull Hall, Preston, on the 18th ult. The installing officers were Bro. Arthur Margerison W.M., and Bro. Richard Robinson P.M. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren. After the Lodge was closed the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet in honour of the festival of St. John.

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LOYAL SUSSEX LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 355.

CAPT. F. P. Goddard, of the Lawn, Old Swindon, has been installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by the Earl of Radnor Prov. G.M. of Wilts, assisted by Bro. C. N. P. Phipps D.P.G.M. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, and a banquet was held at the Goddard Arms Hotel, Lord Radnor being present.

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ST. JAMES'S LODGE, No. 448.

ON the 23rd ult., the installation of Bro. J. W. Normanton took place at the Masonic Hall, Halifax. Bro. Alfred Robertshaw P.M., Bro. W. D. Shoebridge P.M., and Bro. H. S. Holdsworth P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., were the installing Officers, and discharged their duties in a finished and impressive manner. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed and invested the Officers.

The festival of St. John was then celebrated, and seventy-four brethren were present at the banquet.

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ST. CYBI LODGE, No. 597.

ON Tuesday, 30th ult., the annual installation took place at Holyhead, Bro. T. Griffith Hughes, Castle House, being installed W.M. by Bro. Joseph Hall I.P.M. P.G.S. of Works. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The banquet took place at the Station Hotel.

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CONCORD LODGE, No. 632.

THE installation was held on Monday, the 8th ult. The Prov. G.M. of Wilts, East Radnor, was prevented attending by illness, and his place was taken by his Deputy, Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, who installed Bro. H. Munday as W.M. Other Officers were appointed. A banquet followed at the George Hotel, Bro. Mundy presiding.

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WENTWORTH LODGE, No. 737.

THAT the selection of Bro. Owen Parker, of Higham Ferrers, to fill the chair of this Lodge was a popular one was evidenced by the gathering of brethren and visitors on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Wellingborough, on the occasion of his installation to that office. The proceedings throughout were marked by great enthusiasm, and subsequent general congratulation.

Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. Bro. J. T. Reid P.G. Supt. of Works, and among those present was Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. P.G.St.B. England.

The usual business having been transacted, Bro. R. B. Starkey presented Bro. Owen Parker P.P.G.St.Br. for installation as W.M., and the ceremony and ritual were admirably carried out by Bro. J. Sinn P.P.G.R. P.M. The newly elected Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his Officers. Following this, the W.M. said his first pleasing duty was, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, to present Bro. Reid, the retiring W.M., with a Past Master's jewel as a mark of recognition of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office and promoted the interest and welfare of the Lodge during the past year.

Bro. Reid thanked the members for their kind recognition of his services, and assured them that although he had vacated the chair he should still take great interest in the Lodge, and he also felt sure that Bro. Owen Parker would make a worthy successor, and fully sustain the dignity of the office to which he had been elevated. Various propositions were dealt with, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

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MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

THE opening meeting of the year was held on the 9th ult. under quite new auspices. The brethren met at the Town Hall, Limehouse, instead of the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, where the meetings have so long been held. Bro. W. E. Turriff W.M.

occupied the chair, and was well supported. Lodge being opened, Bro. Shuttleworth was passed. Bro. C. L. Nelson then presented the W.M. with a petition signed by a considerable number of the brethren, asking him to appoint a day of meeting when the expediency of a removal of the Lodge should be properly discussed. After a little conversation, the W.M. agreed to call an early meeting. Other Masonic business being disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the London Tavern, where a banquet was awaiting them.

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DUNHEVED LODGE, No. 789.

AT the Masonic Hall, Launceston, on the 16th ult., Bro. the Rev. Alex. Hawken was installed W.M., the ceremony being carried out by Bro. Brendon Carsons P.M. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the dining hall, where they sat down to a very excellent banquet served by Mr. Burt.

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LEWIS LODGE, No. 872.

A LARGE muster of members assembled on the occasion of the installation of Bro. J. A. Fowler as W.M. at Whitehaven, on the 15th ult. Bro. A. W. Johnston, the retiring Master, was installing officer.

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ST. EDWARD LODGE, No. 966.

THE members celebrated the annual festival of St. John on Tuesday, 25th ult., when Bro. J. C. Clemesha P.P.G. Std.B. was installed W.M. This is the third time the brethren of St. Edward Lodge have paid Bro. Clemesha the honour of electing him as their Master. After the ceremony, which was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Allen P.P.G.J.W., Bro. Clemesha appointed and invested his Officers.

When business was over the brethren dined together at Bro. Platt's George Hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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TRIUMPH LODGE, No. 1061.

AN emergency meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Market Hotel, Lytham. There was a large attendance, including the Worshipful Master, Bro. S. Fisher. Mr. John Talbot Clifton, of Lytham Hall, sought to become associated with the Lodge of Triumph, and the W.M. accordingly called the emergency meeting. Mr. Clifton having been accepted, was initiated by the W.M.

After the ceremony Bro. T. Fair, in proposing the toast of the newly-elected member, expressed a fervent hope that Bro. Clifton would become a true and faithful Mason, in which case there could be no doubt that he would be a truly good man. Bro. Clifton's grandfather had been a Mason of high degree, and it was Bro. Fair's intention to hand over his clothing to the newly-elected member, who, he felt certain, would follow in the footsteps of his grandfather. Bro. Clifton was not present to respond to the toast, having to fulfil another engagement.

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HARTINGTON LODGE, No. 1085.

THE annual festival was celebrated on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby, the function being numerously attended. Bro. A. Worsnop was installed by his immediate predecessor in office, Bro. S. J. Sanders. Bro. Worsnop appointed and invested his Officers. The annual banquet was subsequently held in the lower hall.

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HUYSHE LODGE, No. 1099.

AT Stoke, on the 11th ult., Bro. W. H. Dillon W.M. presented the Lodge with a frame for the photos of 20 Past Masters. The frame, of a Masonic character, was designed and made by Bro. S. F. Hill (Hill and Hill, Plymouth). The brethren heartily thanked Bro. Dillon for his beautiful present. At the same meeting P.M. Olver was presented with a pair of bronze ornaments in recognition of his services as W.M. during 1893.

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ELMS LODGE, No. 1212.

THE installation banquet was held at the Masonic Club, Princess Square, Plymouth, presided over by the W.M., Bro. W. Ferguson, who was well supported. The tables were very tastefully laid and decorated with a large number of very choice and beautiful plants, kindly lent for the occasion by a member of the Lodge, Bro. J. Tomlinson, of Tavistock Road, Stoke, and the dinner served under the direction of Bro. O. Harvey, the able manager and caterer of the club, in his best style. Ample justice having been done the repast, on the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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STRANGEWAYS LODGE, No. 1219.

THE installation of Bro. Oswald O. Wilkinson S.W., which took place at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 31st ult., attracted the attention of a large number of brethren, no doubt by reason of his popularity both in his own and neighbouring Lodges, and also on account of his position as a representative of one of the Manchester dailies.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Jas.

Robinson, the retiring Master, whose working was of an excellent character, and fully deserved the encomiums which were passed upon it at the festive board. The installing S.W. was Bro. Jas. Andrew Prov. S.G.D., whilst Bro. C. J. Schofield occupied the position of J.W., Bro. J. L. Savage that of I.G., and Bro. R. Hughes D.C. that of Deacon, the latter Brother presenting the candidate, who was obligated and regularly installed. Bro. Robinson afterwards addressed him upon the important nature of his duties; the working tools were explained by Bro. R. Hughes. Bro. W. B. Russell P.P.G.R. D.C. addressed the Wardens, and Bro. W. T. Schofield P.P.J.G.D. the brethren.

The new Officers were: Bros. W. Baron S.W., B. Whitlam J.W., W. T. Schofield P.M., &c. Treasurer, W. B. Russell P.M., &c. Secretary, J. Rowbottom S.D., G. Belshaw J.D., J. Lowery I.G., R. Hughes P.M. D. of C., L. H. Keay, Mus. Bac., Organist, P. Whyman, J. H. Maybury, E. L. Lord, T. Foster, R. Dixon, and P. Webb Stewards. Bro. Jas. Andrew P.M., &c. was appointed Charity Representative.

During the evening two very handsome jewels were presented, one to Bro. Jas. Robinson I.P.M., and the other to W. B. Russell P.M., &c., both presentations receiving suitable acknowledgments.

The festival of St. John took place in the Masonic room, and was a great success, the various honours being diversified by songs, etc., from an efficient glee party which was under the direction of Bro. Keay. In reply to the toast of his health, Bro. Wilkinson, the newly-installed W.M., thanked his audience for the very enthusiastic manner in which they had received his name. He reverted to the unity which prevailed amongst the brethren, and insisted upon the necessity of having good and efficient Officers, as upon the latter rested the responsibility of placing the Lodge in a high position and of maintaining that position. Bro. Wilkinson congratulated the Strangeways Lodge upon its numbers, the excellence of its working, and the ever willing and steady support which it gave to the Masonic Charities.

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SQUARE AND COMPASS LODGE, No. 1336.

THERE was a large and representative gathering at the Masonic chambers, Wrexham, on the 6th inst., when Bro. Howell Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. was installed by Bros. R. N. Evans P.M. P.P.G.S.B. and T. B. Barton P.M. P.P.G.St. The W.M. invested his officers.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel.

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KENNINGTON LODGE, No. 1381.

ON the 6th inst., at the Horns, Kennington, Bro. J. N. Hearn was installed as W.M., Bro. Alfred Lundle officiating. The other work usual to the annual meeting was carried through.

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EQUITY LODGE, No. 1384.

ON Thursday, 1st inst., the annual festival was held at the Central Hotel, Widnes. Lodge was opened by the retiring W.M. (Bro. F. H. Pankhurst). Bro. Richard Whiteside was installed W.M., the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. J. S. Pattern P.M. Bro. James White P.M. delivered the addresses to the several Officers.

At the banquet which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. During the evening Bro. F. H. Pankhurst was presented with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. A special present of a drawing room timepiece was also made to Mrs. Pankhurst in commemoration of the re-furnishing and decorating of the Lodge Room during Bro. Pankhurst's year of office.

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WHITWELL LODGE, No. 1390.

TUESDAY, the 23rd ult., was the 21st Anniversary of the consecration of this Lodge. At the close of the Lodge meeting, the attainment of its majority was celebrated by the members and visitors. After a banquet and the Loyal toasts, the W.M. called upon Bro. Mills, one of the founders of the Lodge, for his history, which had been written for the occasion. Bro. Mills on rising was greeted with applause. The history was very interesting, and commenced with an account of the first suggestion for the formation of a Lodge in Millom. Many good old honoured names, the owners of which had passed from this sublunary abode, were brought to mind, amongst others touchingly referred to being: Rev. George Brown Chaplain of the Lodge, Dr. Rodgers, the two brothers Dodgson, of Ulverston, Lieut.-Colonel Mitt (Liverpool), Edward Busher, of the firm of Whitwell and Busher (Kendal), Bro. J. Dodd (Millom), and many others. Bro. Mills also, at the urgent request of the brethren, gave them an account of his recent tour in America, and his visits to the Lodges in New York, Washington, Chicago, and Philadelphia. Bro. Mills's remarks proved very entertaining, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.

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FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 1513.

ON the 1st inst. the members met at the Masonic Hall, Barnsley, for the annual installation. Bro. W. R. Massie P.M. P.P.G.D. was Installing Master, and Bro. W. J. Frankland the new W.M. A banquet followed.

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LIVERPOOL DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

ON the 23rd ult., at the usual monthly meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, there was an atten-

dance of about 150 brethren—a record which has rarely been broken in connection with any ordinary gathering of the Lodge—the chief attraction being the admission into the order of Mr. Fred Geary, the celebrated centre forward of the Everton Football Club, and Messrs. Wilkinson, Colman, Stratton Mills, and F. Williams (the four leading comedians of the pantomime at the Prince of Wales' Theatre). Bro. A. E. Workman presided as W.M., and was supported by a large contingent of Officers and others prominently identified with the Drama. The Visitors' list included representatives of the Grand and the Provincial Grand Lodges. After the business afternoon dinner was served, and an excellent musical programme was supplied.

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ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

ON the 30th ult., the annual installation meeting was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Wood I.P.M., who was supported by the Officers and Past Masters, the company also including several Officers of Grand Lodge and of Provincial Grand Lodge. The principal feature in the business was the installation of Bro. John Sayers as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. Balchin P.M. The newly installed W.M. then appointed his Officers, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective posts.

The Lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where they sat down to an excellent repast.

The customary Loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. E. Broadbridge proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge, present and past, to which Bro. Everett P.G. Treasurer responded.

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SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

AT the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 31st ult., this Lodge, under the presidency of Bro. James Letchford W.M., gave a banquet and ladies' night, which was attended by upwards of 120 members and friends. The programme contained twenty-one dances. The Brethren attended in full regalia. Bro. Erle Douglas Side acted as M.C., and Bro. W. H. Boys P.M. as secretary. The music was well supplied by Carrington's Band, of Penton Place, Walworth. The palms, ferns, &c., for floral decorations, were by Messrs. Shuttleworth and Co., florists, of Peckham Rye. During the interval the banquet was served in the Pillar Hall by Mrs. Venables, in her usual successful manner, the menu being excellent. After a few toasts dancing was resumed, and continued till after 3 a.m. The whole proceedings reflected the greatest credit upon the Wardens, Stewards, Committee, Treasurer, and Secretary.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, 19th ult., Bro. Thomas T. Sefton W.M.

The principal business of the evening, after the confirmation of minutes, was the raising of Bro. Alderman Richard Mottram, and the presentation of a Past Treasurer's jewel to Bro. R. H. Berry. The ceremony of raising was performed by the W.M., in a very careful manner.

Bro. Threlfall I.P.M., upon rising to make the presentation, said, "Brethren, you must all be aware that at the foundation and consecration of a Lodge, a considerable sum of money has to be found for the purpose of providing suitable furniture. In the case of the Albert Victor Lodge, our respected founders had provided all that was required, of a very substantial character, and the cost to which they had been put was allowed by them to remain as a loan to the Lodge at interest, to be repaid when the funds would permit. From the foundation onwards, these loans were repaid a very little at a time until the accession in 1889, of our esteemed Brother Berry to the office of Treasurer. Several of the brethren were anxious that these loans should be repaid without delay, and none more so than Bro. Berry, who, in a manner quite characteristic of him, set to work at once, and by looking up the brethren in arrears, and impressing the necessity of economy and even of self-denial on the part of the brethren generally, has succeeded in his very noble effort. I, as the Immediate Past Master, and therefore the one under whom the very desirable end has been attained, desire to express to Bro. Berry my own personal appreciation and thanks, and I am sure, brethren, you will sincerely join with me in this, because, through your W.M., you have requested me to present Bro. Berry with a memento of this happy occasion, which, though small, may serve in years to recall to him the pleasure one must always experience in the consciousness of having accomplished a good work."

Bro. Threlfall then presented to Bro. Berry a beautiful jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

Bro. R. H. BERRY,

By the Brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, for his services as Treasurer, 1889-1893.

19th January 1894.

Concluding, Bro. Threlfall said "May your health be such as to enable you to wear this jewel for many years to come, and may nothing transpire to prevent you from joining us at our meetings as you have hitherto done, where your services have been so highly appreciated."

Bro. T. T. Sefton W.M. said: "Bro. Berry, let me add to what has been said by our worthy and Worshipful I.P.M., by expressing the peculiar pleasure which I experience in participating in the presentation which had just been made. If Bro. Threlfall is gratified at your success in removing all liabilities during his term of office, I also am more than pleased that I should be the first W.M. to

whose care the furniture and jewels of the Lodge have been committed as the absolute property of the Lodge."

Bro. Berry, in reply, "Your kindness this evening, brethren, has quite taken me by surprise, as I was not prepared for it, and did not expect any further recognition than that which I have already received on the presentation of the balance sheet, because I have only done what every brother tries to do, and that is what I considered to be my duty. I thank you very much for the beautiful jewel, and the generous remarks used in the presentation of it. I hope to give you many opportunities of seeing it, as it is my intention to continue my regular attendance at the Lodge as hitherto. May the Albert Victor Lodge continue in prosperity."

The usual festive board followed the close of Lodge business.

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MOLESWORTH LODGE, No. 1954.

BROTHER Martin Thomas was on Monday, 5th inst., impressively installed W.M. by Bro. B. F. Edyvean P.P.G.W. At the termination of the business the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Assembly Rooms, where a capital spread was provided by Bro. R. Bonney. Subsequently the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

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GROVE LODGE, No. 1957.

ON the 25th ult., the annual festival was held at the Cock Inn, Hazel Grove, when Bro. A. F. Grundy was installed W.M. by Bro. Charles Higginbotham I.P.M., assisted by Bro. J. P. Bardsley P.M. P.P.G.St.B., Henry Lomas P.M., and G. R. Brady P.M. P.P.G. S.B. The Officers were invested.

Afterwards the brethren sat down to banquet, which reflected great credit on the host, Bro. James Gosling. Bro. A. F. Grundy W.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. C. Higginbotham with a Past Master's jewel. He thanked the brethren, and then asked the W.M. to accept from him his portrait, which he would like to have hung in the Lodge along with the portraits of the previous Masters of the Grove Lodge.

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PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2114.

BROTHER John Bain was, on the 15th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, duly installed Worshipful Master. The ceremony was performed by Bros. J. W. Griffiths, the retiring W.M., and John Duncan P.M. During the evening, after the installation banquet, a musical entertainment was provided.

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BROWNLOW LODGE, No. 2131.

ON the 25th ult. the installation was held in the Town Hall, Ellesmere. The ceremony of installing the W.M.-elect (Bro. A. C. Minshall) was performed by Bro. H. R. Giles. The W.M. subsequently appointed and invested his officers. The banquet, to which the brethren adjourned, was held at the Bridgewater Hotel, and did the highest credit to Bro. J. S. Knight, as caterer. The newly-elected W.M. presided. The usual toasts were honoured.

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FAIRFIELD LODGE, No. 2290.

ON Tuesday, 6th inst., there was a large gathering at the Lodge-rooms, Fairfield, Liverpool, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. A. Wright as W.M. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Barrett. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers.

A banquet followed, admirably served by Bro. Templeton. During the evening the retiring W.M., Bro. Barrett, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members as a memento of his most successful year of office.

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MINNEHAHA LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 22nd ult., Bro. W. A. Brabner W.M. As it had been arranged that this night was to be what was termed a "ladies' social," the work of the Lodge was got through very expeditiously, so as to enable the brethren to meet their partners and friends of the fair sex, whom they escorted to the dinner which had been very admirably provided by the manager, Bro. Thomas Willgress Donald.

This over, the party adjourned to the Masonic room, which had been fitted up to represent a drawing-room, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Songs, etc. were indulged in, Bro. Ferneley, the accompanist, being thoroughly at home both on organ and piano. The following is a list of those present.—

Bro. W. A. Brabner W.M., wife, and daughter; Bro. F. W. Wollaston I.P.M., wife, and daughter; Bro. Cyril H. Beaver S.W.; Bro. Charles Harrop J.W., wife, and the Misses Harrop; Bro. Joseph Hilton Treas., and daughter; Bro. Martin Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., wife, and daughter; Bro. Fred Hilton P.G.D.C. J.D., and wife; Bro. J. Crompton Wood Chaplain, and wife; Bro. Seth Wrigley P.M. D. of C.; Bro. T. M. Ferneley Org.; Bro. C. Duckworth, and wife; Bro. Sam Luke, and wife; Bro. Nagib Fiani; Bro. J. W. Lloyd P.M.; Bro. E. Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE); Bro. W. W. Hitching, and wife; Bro. G. R. Ward; Bro. Abm. Lord (Imperial George, 78), and daughter.

The programme was as follows:—Miss Brabner and Miss Wollaston—Pianoforte solos, Bro. Thomas—songs, King's Minstrel and Within the Minster, Miss Harrop—She wandered down the

mountain's brow, Bro. Fred Hilton—Jolly Jenkin, Miss Thomas—Star of Normandie, Bro. Beaver—Selections on the Fairy Bells, Bro. Brabner—Humorous Love Song (which gained an encore), Bro. Harrop and daughters—Trio, Oh! Memory, Bro. Wollaston—Love's Golden Summer, and Bro. Harrop—Mona.

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WOODGRANGE LODGE, No. 2409.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Princess Alice, Forest Gate, on the 17th ult. The Lodge was opened by Bro. A. H. Hardwick W.M., supported by Bros. R. G. Tucker and A. R. Trew Past Masters. Bros. Carter, Henson, and Ellis were raised, and Bros. Ross and Searle passed. Other Masonic business being transacted, the Lodge was closed, but one little pleasant episode deserves recording. The Secretary announced that a handsome album had just been received from Bro. J. G. Stevens, in which the portraits of the various Masters of the Lodge might be placed. After the supper, provided by the host Bro. Homewood, the usual toasts were proposed and received in wonted Masonic fashion.

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DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE Romans held a festival in February each year in honour of the god Terminus, and the members of the above Lodge, had they felt disposed, might with equal propriety have celebrated their terminalia at the meeting held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The Lodge has just attained its first year of existence, having been attended with a prosperity which is phenomenal. Good luck seems to be in the ascendant, for upon the evening referred to three additions to its numbers were registered. The first was a joining member in the person of Bro. John Henry Maybury, Strangeways Lodge, No. 1219, the others being initiates, viz., Messrs. Henry Bryant Rudolph, Reddish, and Harry Eastwood, Levenshulme.

The ceremony of initiating Mr. Rudolph was undertaken by Bro. Bridge Hopkinson P.M., and that on behalf of Mr. Eastwood by Bro. Wm. T. Schofield W.M. P.P.J.G.D., they being assisted by Bro. Fred Warburton J.W., who explained the working tools and rendered the ancient charge.

The election of Officers then took place, and resulted in Bro. William Boden S.W. being chosen as Worshipful Master-elect; Brother James Andrew P.M. P.S.G.D. Treasurer; and Bro. Warburton J.W. Charity Representative. Bros. Thos. T. Hardicker S.D. and Oates Rushton were selected to audit the accounts, and a Committee, consisting of the W.M., the Past Masters, and Secretary, was appointed to arrange for the forthcoming Installation and Festival of St. John.

At the festive board, Bro. Schofield W.M. was congratulated upon his restoration to health and strength.

Besides those already mentioned there were present:—Bros. Simeon Mamelock P.M. Treas., Clement John Hall Secy., Philip Whyman J.D., T. Kinsey I.G., Robert Meggitt D. of C., Geo. A. Bowden and T. H. Stott Stewards, A. G. Bryce Org., Thos. D. Lightfoot, Wm. Leigh, J. T. Whittle, C. Houston, J. B. Marshall, Arthur Scarlett, T. H. Wooler. Visitors:—Bros. Arthur Keymer W.M. 2368, T. A. Lowe W.M. 2482 P.P.G.St.B. (W.L.), J. W. Markland I.P.M. 2368, W. Baron S.W. 1219, Wm. Morecroft J.W. 1318, and E. Hicks 613.

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ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

THERE was a large assemblage of the members of this new Lodge on the 2nd inst., when Bro. J. H. Hawkins, acting I.P.M. presided, and was supported by the officers and several visitors, among whom were Bro. John L. Mather P.G.A.D.C., Bro. Brown P.G.Std.Br., and P.Ms. Harlow, Hobson and Ellis. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of the following brethren as joining members: Dudley Hardy, of the Old Concord, No. 172, and Frank H. Hiatt and Murray Carson, both of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319. Bros. Thomas Fraser, Frank Parker and L. W. Harris were raised to the sublime degree by Bro. J. H. Hawkins. Bros. Sidney Jousiffe, W. E. Garstin, John Mann and R. S. King were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremony being performed by Bro. C. A. Hooper. Messrs. Ludwig Ehrlich, Harry Wodehouse Perkins and Christopher Albert Osborne having been ballotted for and approved were then admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by Bro. W. Sargent Lee. The various ceremonies were admirably worked and elicited the cordial approval of the Brethren.

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ST. GEORGE MARK LODGE, No. 383.

AT the annual meeting, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Bro. J. E. Weald was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. Reynolds. The W.M. invested his officers, after which the brethren and visitors partook of supper together.

BRITONS NEVER SHALL BE SLAVES, is one of the most popular of our national songs, for it is the opinion of every Englishman that liberty of speech and action is the birthright of every freeman. As a matter of fact it is impossible for slavery to exist under the protecting shadow of the British flag. In the same manner men cannot remain bound by the tyrannic shackles of disease if they will place themselves under the healing influence of Holloway's Pills and Ointment. Their success in all parts of the world is now a familiar story, and it is only necessary to say here, there is no known disorder that cannot be speedily relieved or cured by them.