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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, to be held on Wednesday, the 7th of next month, promises to be of more than usual interest, mainly on account of the competition for the office of Grand Treasurer, the excitement in connection with which election has induced the authorities to arrange for the opening of Grand Lodge as early as two o'clock, when the preliminary business, consisting of the usual elections, will be taken, the poll for Grand Treasurership remaining open until 7.15 p.m., after which no ballot papers will be received. The business before Grand Lodge other than the elections will be taken at seven o'clock, the usual hour, and from the agenda, of which we publish a copy in another part of this issue, we do not anticipate it will be of very protracted duration.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence contains but three recommendations, one for a grant of £60, and two for grants of £50 each, and these will no doubt be confirmed.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes refers to some unpleasant matters, the most prominent being the first mentioned, relating to the action of a Brother who was intrusted with the disposal of a sum of money voted by the Board of Benevolence, and whose conduct has called forth an edict of suspension from all Masonic privileges until the further order of the Board of General Purposes.

Then we have an unfortunate misunderstanding as to a vote in Lodge, which brings two Brethren under the ban of suspension for a term of six months, but as they appeal against this sentence of the Board it is not for us to here discuss the merits of the case. All we can do is to urge that as much leniency as possible be displayed, and that if the offence is rather a matter of misunderstanding than actual opposition to the Regulations of the Craft, it may be found possible to modify the decision of the Board of General Purposes.

Some valuable additions have been made to the Library and Museum of Grand Lodge, the most notable being the valuable collection of books, manuscripts, medals, &c., &c., of the late Major George F. Irwin, which we believe is the most valuable donation ever made to our national collection. It contains some rare treasures which will place the collection of Grand Lodge much above its former standing, and will, we hope, be fully appreciated by archæologists and students throughout the Craft generally. Bearing in mind the special value of the gift, which comes to Grand Lodge through the kindness of Mrs. Irwin, the Craft will readily endorse the action of the Board of General

Purposes, who sent a special illuminated expression of thanks to the donor, and this has been suitably acknowledged by Mrs. Irwin.

Now that it is shewn gifts for the Museum and Library are really appreciated by the ruling power of English Freemasonry, it is to be hoped that other Brethren, or their friends, will consider the expediency of making similar donations, whenever collections or single articles are available. We should like to see the display in the hands of our Grand Lodge increased to such proportions as would place it far and away above all other such collections in every part of the world, and a few such generous donors as Mrs. Irwin would soon make such a desirable result an accomplished fact.

The other business is of minor importance. The Auditor of Grand Lodge will present his annual account of the receipts and expenditure of Grand Lodge, and then the Appeal to which we have already referred will come on for consideration—we hope the complaint will be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

During the past quarter warrants for eleven new Lodges have been granted, the numbers ranging from 2493 to 2503. Of this number eight are for Lodges to meet in the provinces of England, one for a Lodge in London, one for South Africa, and one for Queensland.

On the whole the Craft has every reason to be satisfied with the prospects of the English Brotherhood, as exemplified in the programme of the business to be transacted at its next Quarterly Communication. One thing is at least certain—it will be an exciting meeting, from an electoral standpoint.

CONSECRATION AT THRAPSTON.

A NEW Mark Lodge was consecrated on the 8th inst. by the Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, who was assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary, and other Grand Officers. The Hon. J. Powys, son of Lord Lilford, was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Matier, whilst Sir A. de Capel Brooke was the Senior Warden, and Bro. Parsons, of Bedford, the Junior Warden. The Brethren afterwards retired to a banquet held at the White Hart Hotel.

The first annual supper of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, will take place at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Monday, the 5th March, at 6.30 for 7 o'clock. Bro. C. Schmidt W.M. of the Mother Lodge will preside, supported by his Officers. Tickets (4/- each) may be had of Bro. G. A. Peters (Secretary), 151 Balls Pond Road, N.

LOCAL CHARITIES: WEST LANCASHIRE.

A MEETING of those charged with the management of the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution for Aged and Distressed Freemasons was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. R. G. Bradley P.M. 249. There was a numerous attendance, and in the course of the proceedings an annuity of £26 was granted to each of six applicants. The 20th annual report of the Executive Committee (of which Bro. J. R. Bottomley is the Honorary Secretary, and Bro. T. J. Jarman the Honorary Treasurer) is as follows:—The Provincial Grand Secretary in his last report informed you that the number of Freemasons in this Province now totals 7,160, being an increase on the previous year of 403, but, notwithstanding this increase in the number of our members, the donations and subscriptions to this Institution are only £9 over the amount received last year. We are sorry to receive so little support from Lodges outside the Liverpool district, as out of sixty-six Lodges so situated, only twenty have subscribed to our funds, whilst, on the other hand, only one Lodge out of the forty-one town Lodges failed to make us some contribution. We do not expect these country Lodges to give so largely as town Lodges, but we certainly do think that every member ought to contribute at least the modest sum of half-a-crown a year, in addition to what may be granted from the funds of the Lodge. But whilst our income is standing still, our expenditure is gradually increasing, and during the past year has amounted to £236, distributed amongst thirteen poor Masons, against £165 to ten distressed Freemasons in the previous year. From the increased number of our members (which during the past nine years amounts to 2572), we may in future years expect more calls for assistance from this excellent Institution than have hitherto been made. It is therefore but prudent to prepare to meet any applications which may be made by those who are in distress. As we have alluded to the many Lodges who have not assisted, so we must, on the other hand, express our thanks to such Lodges as 823, 1182, 1387, 1473, and 2215; but the Lodge which has made the largest contribution ever received is the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, and, although not made in the exact style in which we should like to see it (half-a-crown from each member), yet we are content, and trust they will continue their liberal contributions. We also desire to thank all the other Lodges which are regular and consistent givers according to their means, and who, when the time comes to ask our aid, may do so without scruple and without diffidence.—*Liverpool Mercury.*

THE same afternoon, under the presidency of Bro. Captain J. D. Murray P.G. Treasurer, a meeting of the Governors of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution for Distressed Widows of Freemasons was also held at the Masonic Hall, when the applications of fifteen candidates were considered, the result being that all the appeals were granted, the gross sum thus voted in annuities being £263, the individual grants ranging from £12 to £26. The statement of accounts showed an income of £1,790 17s 6d, no fewer than 88 Lodges of the Province out of 107 having contributed. The fund had made possible the placing of fifteen widows on the benefits of the Institution. Bro. G. A. Harradon P.P.G. Treas. was elected as Treasurer, in place of Bro. R. Wylie, resigned, and Bros. E. Kite and J. Pittaway were re-elected as Honorary Secretaries.

CORNWALL.

THE ninth annual meeting was held at Truro, on the 16th inst. The statement of accounts showed a total sum of 190 guineas available for distribution by ballot, and various votes of five and ten guineas respectively were drawn. The officers were thanked for their services and re-elected.

VICTORIA.

AT the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Freemasons' Charitable Institution of Victoria, held at

the Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, it was announced that the donations received from Lodges and members for the past year were £161 2s 9d, as against £226 2s 6d received during the previous year, but considering the very great depression that existed over the colony, the decrease, the Committee of Management thought, was not greater than could be anticipated. The special amounts received during the year included the sum of £85 7s 7d from the late District Grand Lodge Scottish Constitution; £10 from the Board of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of Victoria; and £131 12s 10d being dividend of 1s 3d in the £ on the Institution's deposits in the Land Credit Bank.

LECTURES IN LODGES.

EVERY Masonic Lodge is under many more obligations to its individual members than would at first thought seem possible. When a Lodge accepts a candidate who has petitioned in good faith, it assumes a debt, not easily discharged, and one which is never paid in full until the last clod of earth has been placed on the little mound that marks his last resting place on earth.

When a candidate presents himself for initiation he should be received decorously, and should be informed by the W.M. or some old member of the fraternity, that the ceremonies through which he is about to pass contain many important and useful lessons; that these lessons are not to be taught by flash lights thrown upon his mentality, to be forgotten as soon as the last ray fades from the screen, but to be pondered—to be studied earnestly, prayerfully, with a view to gaining the largest amount of benefit possible, not only to himself, but to all who may need the helping hand of the philanthropist.

No indecorous conduct should on any account be permitted in the Lodge or preparation room, nor should it be necessary to tell the candidate that nothing had been done in a spirit of levity, because levity can claim no place in Masonic ceremonies. In a church, where persons of all ages and conditions are admitted, levity is not tolerated during services, then why should such a body, composed entirely of men who theoretically at least have arrived at an age that has put away boyish things, be guilty of a breach of decorum in the presence of a candidate who is entitled to the highest possible amount of benefit to be derived from our initiatory ceremonies? No person is allowed to receive the degree until all fees are paid.

If a member is in distress, from any cause, he is entitled to the sympathy of the Lodge, which should be shown in the manner best calculated to relieve his distress; but it may be well, in connection, to say that sympathy, either abstract or material, may be easily wasted; consequently, care should be taken not to be so wasteful as to run the fountain dry.

While a Lodge may owe a needy member pecuniary assistance, it at the same time owes him an education in fortitude and self reliance that ought to prevent any man of ordinary ability from becoming a dependent.

It means that the Officers of a Lodge ought to be competent to give instruction to the members; that the members ought to have sufficient intelligence to profit by such instruction. It means that Masonry is not for amusement, but for mutual improvement. Not play, but work. It means that we are making a mistake in shelving the patriarchs of our Lodges, where temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice are the cardinal virtues.

Call upon good, intelligent men for lectures upon any topic concerning the welfare of humanity, and see that your W.M. delivers a lecture, or part of a lecture, on one of the first three degrees of Masonry at least once during his term of office. You will be astonished to see how much talent you have in your Lodge, and will cease to be divided into factions on account of incompetent members crowding to the front. When you require your W.M. to be something more than a parrot, you will have cropped the wings of some of your most ambitious disturbers.

Dedicate your Master's chair to wisdom, and insist

that no ignoramus shall desecrate it, and your Lodge will cease to be seriously in debt to its members.—*Constellation.*

FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION.

FREEMASONS ought to be interested in the ceremony which is reported to have been performed at Segovia. The Bishop of that diocese discovered that his dean, Don Andres Gomez, a very learned man, and a prolific author, was not only a Republican but even a Freemason. This was, indeed, horror upon horror's head. Who cannot picture the episcopal emotions over this staggering revelation? When the bishop in "Les Misérables" discovers that Jean Valjean has stolen the candlesticks in return for his hospitality, he shows a merciful forbearance which melts the heart of the fugitive from the galleys. But burglary is a trivial offence compared with Republicanism and Freemasonry in a dean. The Bishop of Segovia knew his duty, and he performed it without flinching. First he took the culprit to task, and made him see the iniquity of having belonged for thirty years to a local Lodge. Don Andres seems to have been very penitent, and we trust that no cynic will say that he made the best of a bad job. Henri Quatre said that Paris was worth a mass, and so he turned Roman Catholic; and Don Andres may be reported by malicious gossips to have come to the conclusion that a deanery was worth an abjuration of the local Lodge. At all events he recanted, and was received again into the bosom of the Church with an effecting ritual. When he had sworn repentance and absolute submission, he was conducted to an inner room, where his "upper garments" were taken off, and the Bishop flogged him, while the priests chanted "Miserere Mei." It is a pity that the members of this local Lodge could not have been invited to witness this edifying penance. It might have moved them to contrition, in which case the Bishop would doubtless have been charmed to flog them all round. There is evidently a mediæval simplicity at Segovia, at all events amongst the clergy, and it makes us feel how poor and prosaic a world it is in which we who are not Segovians are doomed to live. The Freemason in this island is in no humour for submitting to flagellation. He holds up his head in presumptuous indifference to ecclesiastical opinion. We are afraid that even Catholic bishops in England would hesitate to whip their deans for the errors of Don Andres Gomez. When Professor St. George Mivart humbly submitted to the authority of the Vatican there was no talk of taking off his "upper garments." This was a serious oversight.—*Eastern Daily Press.*

The woodwork of the old Masonic Lodge for Mother Kilwinning, which was demolished recently, is said to have been oak which formed part of the Spanish Armada, wrecked between Ardrossan and Stevenston. Portions of this wood have been distributed among the brethren of the Craft throughout the country, and are much prized by them as souvenirs of the ancient Lodge-room.

Everybody interested in correct working in Freemasonry will, says the *Evening News and Post*, hope that Bro. S. Pope, Q.C., will be well enough to preside at the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The working of this Lodge, which meets weekly all the year round, and its high state of excellence, is mainly due to Bro. Thomas Fenn, who is, indeed, a power in Masonry, and has as much as anyone to do with H.R.H. the Grand Master's selection of the Grand Officers of the year. Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., although a strong United Kingdom Alliance man, is the most genial of Masons, and that rare bird on the Freemasons' earth, the strictest of teetotalers. He is none the less as popular at Freemasons' Hall as he is in the Parliament Chamber of the Middle Temple, where he has his Royal Grand Master as a brother bencher. Mr. Pope is Recorder of Bolton, and, not without allusion to his commanding presence, is affectionately known as Bolton's Baby. He used to try to get into Parliament, but he is wiser now, when the retirement of Lord Grimthorpe has left him and Mr. Littler, Q.C., to fight for the leadership of the most lucrative branch of the profession, the Parliamentary Bar, for no M.P. may appear as counsel before a Parliamentary Committee.

CAN YOU SWIM, is a query we often see as the heading of many newspaper articles. In these days it is the duty of everyone to become acquainted with this very necessary accomplishment, not merely as a means of its being a source of self gratification, but because it may help us in a sudden emergency to save life. For the same reason it is also of importance that we should try and learn the best remedies to employ in case of sudden illness. This knowledge is soon gained, as the fame of Holloway's Pills and Ointment, as the best means of cure for all complaints, has travelled throughout the world. They save many thousands of lives annually.

Terry's Theatre.—Mr. Weedon Grossmith has taken the management of this theatre for a short time, for the purpose of producing a bright, merry, rollicking farce by Mr. Arthur Law, entitled "The New Boy," but it is possible that the term of his agreement may become extended. Given that a man of thirty years can pass muster as a boy of fourteen, the story is feasible enough, though it is hardly fair to expect or look for probability in farcical comedy. A widow of massive proportions finding herself in straightened circumstances on the death of her husband, marries a diminutive little fellow who loses his money in a bubble company, and as a last resource pays a visit to Dr. Candy, LL.D., not M.D., a former admirer. Here they learn that the Doctor has left all his fortune to the lady, under the impression that she is still a widow; and proposes that she shall become matron of the school; while mistaking the husband for the son, he accepts him as the new boy. Then the fun commences. Taken out by the French Master, an enthusiastic football player, Archibald Rennich is well nigh killed in a Rugby game. His sufferings under the school bully culminate in his being marched off to jail for stealing apples, and sentenced to receive a dozen strokes of the birch. This last indignity is spared him, however, and their plot being discovered the Doctor generously smothered his passion for his old love, and "the happy ending" is arranged. Mr. Law is fortunate in having such capital exponents of his characters, for a slip might have been fatal. A more comical figure than the husband school-boy, as played by Mr. Weedon Grossmith, has not been seen for many a long day. The narrative of his troubles in the school dormitory is intensely funny, and secured the applause it so well deserved. The magnificent Gladys Homfrey forms a splendid contrast to little Archibald, and renders the part of the sorely tried wife exceedingly well. Mr. J. Beauchamp acts the old pedagogue to the life, and Mr. Kenneth Douglas is also most excellent as the "bully." Messrs. J. D. Beveridge and Sydney Warden give two capital character parts, and Miss May Palfrey must receive credit for her charming portrayal of Nancy Roach, who flirts with the school boys and loves the French teacher. A very neat one act play entitled "The Gentleman Whip" precedes the farce, and is well worth seeing, on account of the admirable acting of Mr. Fred. Volpe, Mr. J. R. Hatfield and Miss Esmé Beringer.

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Our brethren of the Clones Lodge, No. 881 (I.C.), one of the oldest Lodges in Ireland, contemplate the erection of a Masonic Hall in the town, and have already secured several promises of support.

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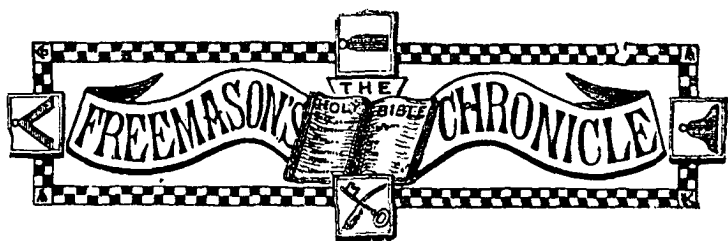
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SATURDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 1894.

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

All Letters must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE RECENT CEREMONY AT BOSCOMBE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of 6th January last you give an extract from the "Hampshire Independent" to the effect that the last time a similar ceremony to that which took place at Boscombe (when the Provincial Grand Master laid the foundation stone of a new church) was performed by the Hampshire Masons was in 1792. This is incorrect. The last time was in 1874, when the present Prov. G.M., assisted by his Officers, laid the foundation stone of the new chancel of All Saints' Church, Landport.

Yours, &c.,

T. F.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication, on Wednesday, 7th March 1894. Grand Lodge will be opened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon punctually, and will not be closed until after 7 o'clock:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th December 1893, will be read and put for confirmation.

2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

3. Election of a Grand Treasurer. Brothers Alderman and Sheriff Joseph Cockfield Dimsdale P.M. No. 1, London; Charles William Hudson P.M. No. 315, Brighton; and William Mason Stiles P.M. No. 1987, London, the only nominations.

4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz:—

A Brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London	...	...	...	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Amity, No. 171, London	...	...	...	60	0	0
A Brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London	...	...	...	50	0	0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that a Complaint was referred to them by the Board of Benevolence in August last against a P.M. of Lodge No. 319, Lymington, for having applied to his own use the greater part of £10 confided to him by the Board of Benevolence for the relief of a Brother in distress.

The Brother failed to comply with the Summonses sent to him from the Board until the November Meeting when, after investigation, the Board arrived at the conclusion that of the sum of £10 he had properly expended only £4 6s 4d, for the purpose for which it was intrusted to him. The Board thereupon ordered him to repay to the Grand Secretary within one week the balance, amounting to £5 13s 8d, which he promised to do. At the meeting of the Board in December, he having failed to obey the order of the Board, was summoned to shew cause why he should not be suspended. He appeared before the Board on the 16th January, and after declaring his inability to pay, threatened to publish the correspondence between himself and the Grand Secretary in a pamphlet form, which threat he refused to withdraw. It was resolved that he be suspended from all Masonic privileges and rights until further order of the Board.

The Board have further to report the investigation by them of a complaint by Brother John Bussey against Brother Maxfield Mead for having, on the 21st November last, being then W. Master of the Bromley St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1805, illegally displaced him from the office of S. Deacon of that Lodge. It appeared that the W.M. laid the cause of his complaint against Brother Bussey before the Lodge when 43 members were present. The W.M., although still remaining in the Lodge, temporarily left the chair, which was then taken by Brother Tom Green P.M., who put a resolution to the vote that the complaint was well founded; 12 voted for and 2 against, the remaining 29 refraining from voting.

The resolution was declared carried, and Brother Bussey was displaced in contravention of Article 140, which requires such resolution to be carried by the majority of the Brethren present.

It was resolved:—That Brother Maxfield Mead the W. Master for the time being, and Brother Tom Green the P.M. who temporarily occupied the chair and declared the resolution carried, be suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges for a period of six months.

The Board recommend that the thirteen Lodges ordered by Grand Lodge, at the last Quarterly Communication, to be summoned to shew cause why they should not be erased, being in distant parts, the consideration of their erasure be deferred until the next Quarterly Communication.

The Board have to report that the following Presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks.

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
The Minerva Lodge Directory, 1893	M. C. Peck P.G.Std.B.
Records of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294	
An old Royal Arch Apron	Thos. E. Bee.
The valuable Masonic Collection of the late Major George F. Irwin	Mrs. Irwin.
Portrait of R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.	Prov.G.L. of Hants and I. of W.
The Obelisk and Freemasonry	Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.G. Chaplain.
Sundry Provincial Masonic Calendars:—	
Warwickshire	Edmund Worrall P.P.G.W. Warwickshire.
Cambridgeshire	W. P. Spalding P.G.Swd.B. Cambs.
Hants and I.W.	G. F. Lancaster Prov.A.G. Secretary.
Suffolk	N. Tracy Prov. Grand Sec. Suffolk.
Gloucester	R. V. Vassar-Smith Dep. P.G.M. S.G. Deacon.
Derbyshire	William Naylor P.G.S.B. Prov. G. Sec.
Durham	
Transactions of Prov. G.L. of Durham, 1883—93	Robert Hudson P.G.S.B. Prov.G.Sec.
Sundry Calendars of the Grand Priory of Lancashire	Henry Thomas P.P.G.D. E. Lanc.
Old Masonic Jewel	John Read, G. Organist Grand Chapter.
The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, its Work and Future	J. Morrison McLeod Sec.

In consequence of the special value of the Masonic collection of the late Major Irwin, comprising as it does a large number of printed books, manuscripts, medals, &c., the Board resolved that a vote of thanks to Mrs. Irwin be engrossed on vellum, handsomely illuminated and framed.

This has been done, and Mrs. Irwin has acknowledged the receipt thereof with much gratification.

The Board also submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of February instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £3,766 16s 5d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £160, and for Servants' Wages £100, and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £53 19s 5d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.,
20th February 1894.

6. Report of Brother John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1893.

7. Appeal by Brother W. Maxfield Mead I.P.M. No. 1805, and Brother Tom Green P.M. No. 1805, against a decision of the Board of General Purposes suspending them from all Masonic rights and privileges for six months for acting contrary to Book of Constitutions, Rule 140, in holding that a Resolution displacing a Brother from office had been duly carried by the Lodge.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- No. 2493—The Vale of Eden Lodge, Appleby, Westmoreland.
- 2494—The Humber Installed Masters' Lodge, Hull, N. and E. Yorkshire.
- 2495—The Goodacre Lodge, Bootle, Lancashire (W.D.).
- 2496—The Wirral Lodge, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
- 2497—The Carville Lodge, Wallsend-upon-Tyne, Northumberland.
- 2498—The Germiston Lodge, Germiston, S. African Republic.
- 2499—The North Kent Lodge, Bexley Heath, Kent.
- 2500—The Old Boys' Lodge, London.
- 2501—The Ixion Lodge, Buckhurst Hill, Essex.
- 2502—The Gatwick Lodge, Horley, Surrey.
- 2503—The Cleveland Lodge, Townsville, Queensland.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Joseph Cockfield Dimsdale P.M. Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, London (by Bro. Frederick Gordon P.M. Lodge No. 1, London).

Bro. Charles William Hudson P.M. Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton (by Bro. Sir William Thackery Marriott, Q.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Sussex).

Bro. William Mason Stiles P.M. the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, London (by the Right Honourable Lord George Francis Hamilton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex).

N.B.—Brother William Shurmur P.M. William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, Chingford, who was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer in December by Bro. Samuel Hart-Baker P.M. No. 1260, London, has withdrawn.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

MARK MASONRY.

LANGLEY LODGE, No. 28.

BROTHER J. M. Gerhold P.P.G.O. was installed as Worshipful Master on the 1st inst. at Cardiff, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. H. Taylor P.G.J.W.

Subsequently a banquet (served by Bro. Bland) was held at the Angel Hotel, when the usual toast list was gone through.

Among those present were Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray P.G.M.M. of Monmouthshire, and Bro. the Rev. Jonathan Marsden D.P.M.M. of South Wales.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at Hayle, and proved one of the largest gatherings for many years. The W.M.-elect, Bro. W. Veal, is well known, and many members attended to honour him. The banquet was provided by Bro. H. Champion, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

KING CHARLES THE MARTYR LODGE, No. 267.

AT the regular meeting of this Lodge, at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, Bro. Ragau Martin was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. B. Rix, the outgoing W.M. In recognition of the invaluable services Bro. R. A. Dallas Beeching P.P.G. Regr. Kent had rendered to the Lodge during the past fourteen years as Hon. Sec., he was awarded hearty thanks, and presented with a jewel. A Past Master's jewel was also awarded to Bro. B. Rix. A banquet subsequently took place at the Calverley Hotel.

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 379.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Liskeard, when Bro. John Smale Dingle S.W. was installed. At the close of the meeting the Brethren adjourned to the Stag Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by the host, Bro. Cleave. The usual toasts were given.

LEGOLIUM LODGE, No. 457.

THIS Lodge was formed at Castleford a year ago, the founders and first members being members of the Copley Lodge, No. 111, Leeds. Bro. G. F. Carr P.G.T. and P.M. of Copley was the first W.M., and the Lodge has made very satisfactory progress. At its first anniversary meeting on the 2nd inst., Bro. Thos. B. Wilson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Wm. Flockton P.G.S.O. and P.M. of the Copley Lodge.

ROYAL ARCH.

FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 477.

AT the regular meeting at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton Street, Birkenhead, on the 12th inst., there was a goodly gathering to witness and participate in the presentation of a valuable gold hunting watch to Comp. Sam. Jones S.E. of the Chapter, as a token of respect and high esteem, after twenty-five years' service. The presentation was made by Comp. John Morris P.Z., who, after a short history of the Chapter since its formation in March 1845, referred to Comp. Sam. Jones's connection with it for a quarter of a century. During that period Comp. Jones had filled various offices, passed through the chair of First Principal in 1875, and from 1876 to the present time performed the duties of Scribe E. Comp. Morris laid stress on the fact that the Companions were under special obligations to Comp. Jones, for the faithful manner in which he had held the Chapter together in time of adversity, and attributed its present flourishing condition to his unwearied and zealous efforts in the face of every difficulty.

The remarks of Comp. Morris were endorsed by Comps. Thor-

burn, Gamlin, Coveney, Enoch Evans, Owen Jones, G. H. Brown, and Jas. Clarke. Comp. Jones thanked the Companions for the very handsome and tangible expression of their approval of the services he had been able to render to the Chapter and its members. Comps. Morris, Parry, and Proudman contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening by capital rendering of several songs.

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EVERTON CHAPTER, No. 823.

THE members of this, which is one of the largest and most influential bodies in Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of West Lancashire, met together on Thursday, the 8th inst., to assist the retiring Z (Comp. J. Hunter) in giving his successor a cordial welcome. The installation ceremony was worked in a most impressive and able manner by Comp. R. W. Gow P.Z. D.C. On the adjournment to the banquet, which was served in excellent style by Comp. J. Casey, the M.E.Z., in a very feeling speech, presented Comp. J. Hunter P.Z. on behalf of the Chapter, with a Past Principal's jewel, in token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by every member of the Chapter, and as a memento of his past services.

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HOLMESDALE CHAPTER, No. 874.

ON the 6th inst. a communication was held at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells. The Officers present were:—Comps. R. Stevenson Z., J. Abrey H., R. Martin J., W. T. Hammond N., Fletcher S.E., A. T. Simpson P.S., A. H. Tester 1st A.S., C. Graham Treasurer, Grover and Allen Stewards, and a majority of the members. The usual routine of business having been gone through, the election of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. A satisfactory statement of accounts was produced by the Treasurer, showing a balance in hand. The Bye-laws having been read, and a report given as to the recent Provincial visit, the Chapter was closed. Supper was held at the Swan Hotel, and the P.Z. (Companion T. Ryder) gave the toast of the retiring Z., who suitably responded.

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HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

AN emergency meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., on the 30th ult. Comps. Alman M.E.Z., Dehane H., Laundry J., Cumming Treas., J. Stephens P.G.J.W. Bucks. S.E., Holroyd S.N., Ruddall P.S., Brandon P.P. Chapter opened. Bros. Peall and Jeffries were balloted for, unanimously elected, and in due course exalted in a faultless manner. This being the Z's first candidates, the Companions were delighted to find him so perfect in his work, which elicited the warmest praise, and promised a bright future for the old Chapter, and to bring back its prosperous days.

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DUKE OF FIFE CHAPTER, No. 2345.

THE first election meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Companion S. Cochrane (Grand Treasurer England) M.E.Z. Brothers C. W. Munslow and J. Mitchell were exalted. The elections resulted unanimously as follows:—Comps J. Wyer H. as M.E.Z., J. W. Folkhard J. as H., A. Harvey S.N. as J., J. Andrews P.S. as S.N., C. Woods S.E., J. Randall P.S., Boswell as 1st A.S., Bonner as 2nd A.S., Munslow Steward, J. Michell Assistant Steward, A. Robertson Treas., Patrick P.Z. Janitor. It was unanimously resolved to present Comp. Sam Cochrane with a P.Z.'s jewel at the end of his year of office. The bye-laws were read. The Companions afterwards dined together.

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BOROUGH LODGE, No. 424.

ON the 19th inst., a large number of brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Half Moon Lane, Gateshead, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Robert Stewart. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Henry Potts, of South Shields, accompanied by full choral rites. After the ceremony the newly installed W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing twelve months.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared for them under the direction of Bro. Geo. Adie, and the rest of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner with songs and glees by a musical party, consisting of Bros. Heppell, White, Lyall, Guthrie, Self, and Adamson, under the direction of Bro. W. J. Davidson Organist.

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CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

ON the 20th inst., the brethren celebrated their annual festival, when Bro. E. K. Spiegelhalter, F.R. Met. Soc., was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. W. Walker P.M. P.P.G.D.C. There was a good attendance of members, and visiting brethren from York, Scarborough, and other Lodges in the Province, including some distinguished Grand and Provincial Officers. The usual banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, the newly-installed W.M. presiding, and the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 1028.

THE twenty-ninth anniversary was celebrated on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the George Hotel, Alfreton. There was a large gathering of brethren, not only from the province of Derbyshire, but also other parts of the country. The elected W.M., Bro. James Stuart, now of Nottingham, was installed by Bro. J. T. Shardlow. After the installation the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, for their annual banquet, which had been prepared by Bro. Schofield. The Worshipful Master was supported by Bro. T. E. Briddon I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Hoskins P.G.S.W., and other Provincial Officers.

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BARNARD LODGE, No. 1230.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Newgate, Barnard Castle, on Friday, 2nd inst., when Bro. A. H. Sevier was installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. R. Thompson, the retiring Master. During the evening's proceedings the W.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Thompson responded. He said that the presentation had come as a great though agreeable surprise, and he hoped that he would prove worthy of their regard.

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HANDYSIDE LODGE, No. 1618.

AT the annual festival at Saltburn, on the 14th inst., Bro. W. Hooper was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. D. Dixon P.M. There were several visitors present, including Bro. W. J. Orde-Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire.

After the ceremony the brethren dined together at the Queen Hotel.

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FOREST LODGE, No. 1852.

THE installation meeting was held on the 14th, at the Town Hall, Mansfield. Bro. Alderman Patterson (ex-Mayor) was installed Master of the Lodge, and subsequently invested his Officers. At the close of the installation the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided. After the repast the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and were repended to.

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TORRIDGE LODGE, No. 1885.

THE installation festival was held on the 12th, at Great Torrington, there being a good attendance. Bros. Charles Burt P.M. 538, F. W. Chamberlain 1608, Rev. F. H. Russell 311 were admitted as Joining Members of the Lodge. The Installation ceremony was performed by Past Masters Hazley and Tural, Bro. Grant S.W. being duly installed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to Bro. Tapley's Globe Hotel where a banquet was served and the usual toast list submitted.

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MINERVA LODGE, No. 1942.

THE annual festival took place at the Lodge-room, at the Town Hall, Fenton, on the 30th ult. Bro. John Stephensen P. Prov. G.S.B. was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. John Foster. In the evening the annual banquet was held, when about fifty brethren sat down to an excellent repast, which was admirably catered for by Bro. Edwin M. Youd J.D., of the Royal Oak Hotel, Fenton.

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PORTCULLIS LODGE, No. 2038.

THE installation of Bro. Henry Pittard as Worshipful Master took place in the Lodge-room, at the Hanging Chapel, Langport, on the 8th inst. The installing master was the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Elso. After the ceremony the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers. Subsequently, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., the brethren partook of a banquet at the Landport Arms Hotel, the company including brethren from Bristol, Bridgwater, Taunton, Yeovil, and Glastonbury. The tables were admirably laid, and the catering of Bro. and Mrs. Bosling was all that could be desired.

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PANTILES LODGE, No. 2200.

THE members held their meeting at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on the 17th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. C. J. Gallard. The whole of the officers were present, and about forty-five Brethren. Bros. A. Birchman and H. Adams were raised. Bros. J. C. Dudeney and H. R. Rosenberg passed, and Messrs. J. H. Fairhead and J. Jones initiated. Such a large assembly of Brethren at an ordinary Lodge had not been witnessed before. Mr. T. C. Wilson was nominated as a candidate, and Bros. J. S. Morris and G. T. Hammond as joining members. Supper was held at the Wellington, and forty-two sat down.

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CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on the 5th inst., Bro. D. P. Schloss W.M. There was a good attendance of members.

Mr. Oscar Albert Samson, Merchant, who had been proposed by Bro. Colonel Clarke, J.P., P.M., and seconded by Bro. Colonel Rocca, P.M., was balloted for, and afterwards initiated. Following Lodge

business was a capital dinner, which in turn was succeeded by the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, the same being varied by songs, &c., from several brethren.

HORWICH LODGE, No. 2324.

THE usual monthly meeting was held at the Bridge Hotel, Horwich, on the 13th. There was a full attendance of members, visiting brethren being present from London, Bolton, Hindley, Radcliffe, and Wigan. W.M. Varley presided over the proceedings. The Rev. T. Storey Bates, Curate of the Horwich Mission Church, was initiated.

MINERVA LODGE, No. 2433.

ON Friday, the 2nd inst., there was a large and influential gathering of members and visitors at the Masonic Chambers, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead, to welcome Bro. William George Speth P.M. 183.

The Minerva Lodge, consecrated in September 1892, was founded for the purpose of reading and discussing papers on subjects cognate to Freemasonry, such as archæology, mythology, science and art, and formed generally on the lines of the "Quatuor Coronati." Since its foundation, the Lodge—the first of its kind in the Provinces—has prospered greatly, and the interest of the members in the papers read at the meetings steadily increased, every paper leading to very interesting discussions among members and visiting brethren. The present W.M., Bro. John Armstrong Prov. G.S. of W., is indefatigable in his efforts to ensure success, sparing neither time nor labour to attain that end.

Bro. Speth, honorary member of the Lodge since its formation, on this occasion paid the members the compliment of travelling specially from Margate for the purpose of reading a paper on "The Degrees of Ancient (pre-1717) Freemasonry," and by a careful dissection and comparison of existing documents, such as M.S. Rolls of the Constitutions, gleanings from the 17th century writers and diaries, catechisms, the Book of Constitutions, &c., to arrive at some conclusion as to the nature and numbers of the ceremonies of the Craft in the traditional epoch; to follow these up through the transitional era, and to trace their development into the present three-degree ritual.

The paper throughout was most able and interesting, and for nearly two hours secured the undivided attention of those present. During the reading of the paper, Bro. Speth passed round for inspection several facsimile M.S. Rolls of Constitutions; a first edition copy (1723) of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England—the first Grand Lodge in the world, and other Masonic literary curiosities. But the gem of the exhibits was the Scarborough M.S. Rolls of Constitutions, the property of the Grand Lodge of Canada, loaned to Bro. Speth upon his depositing his cheque for fifty pounds for its safe return, and exhibited for the first time in England on this occasion. From endorsements on the back the roll is known to date prior to 1705, but how it reached Canada is uncertain. Bro. Holt W.M. of the Zetland Lodge, who was present at the meeting, mentioned the fact that there was a considerable migration of Yorkshiremen to Canada in the 18th century, that Toronto was formerly called York, and that there is a place called Scarborough in the neighbourhood of Toronto. It is, therefore, probable the roll reached its present resting place through the medium of one of the emigrants referred to.

Upon the conclusion of the proceedings a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Speth, for his able and exhaustive paper, and by him suitably acknowledged.

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BURDETT COUTTS LODGE, No. 1278.

THE Annual Ball and Bohemian Concert of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, was held at the Cannon St. Hotel, on Wednesday, 14th inst., and was a most successful gathering of brethren and friends. Dancing commencing at 9 to the strains of Layton's Quadrille Band, with Bros. Perkins P.M. and Strickling as M.Cs. At the same time the chair was taken in the Smoking Room, where several well known Artistes and Brethren contributed to an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental Music. At 12 the large company adjourned to supper, covers being laid for 220. This was served in a manner which gave universal satisfaction. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Toye, was supported by Bros. Arter I.P.M., G. Ward Verry Sec., Crutch Treas., and was faced by Bro. J. J. Hall S.W., and F. Gildersleeve J.W., and on giving the usual toasts met with a most enthusiastic reception. Bro. Arter I.P.M. gave the W.M. Bro. Corbett replied to the toast of the Ladies, after which the company adjourned to the Ball Room, where dancing continued. It was 6:30 a.m. before the company departed, and brought to an end one of the most successful gatherings held in connection with the Burdett Coutts Lodge. The arrangements of the evening were well carried out by the Stewards, Bros. F. Toye, F. Islip, H. Lloyd, C. Callaghan, and Dr. Haskins Organist, who wore special favours manufactured by Bro. Toye & Co., of 17 Clerkenwell Road.

KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

AT the meeting held at the Railway Hotel, Highbury, on the 6th inst., Bro. L. Simon I.P.M. presided as W.M. Bros. J. R. Clarke and A. Wright were passed, and Bro. R. E. Clarke was raised. £5 5s was voted for the list of Bro. H. J. Hazel P.M., as Steward for the Girls School. The Lodge was then closed. Bro.

Simon presided at the after banquet, which was liberally and well prepared and served by Bro. Tuck, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured.

CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

THE installation meeting was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. After opening the Lodge and confirming the minutes of the December meeting, the auditors' report was taken, and proved the Lodge to be in a sound financial condition, and the Brethren evinced their satisfaction by passing a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. L. Corden was then passed, and Bro. W. Wood was raised. The installation of Bro. G. Bruce-Johnston followed and was carried out by Bro. G. E. Higginson in a way that elicited well-merited and general praise. The new W.M. invested his Officers, Bro. J. J. Cantle and Bro. E. A. Austin remaining respectively as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. J. Kift, on being re-appointed Organist, was presented with a handsome jewel as a mark of appreciation of his services for the past fifteen years. At the banquet which followed, the usual toasts were proposed, interspersed with songs from Miss Ethel Winn, Bro. J. J. Cantle, W. Noel, Chas. Ellison, and C. Spencer West (flute solo).

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on Saturday, 27th ult., Bro. W. W. Langley W.M., Parson S.W., A. Parson J.W., W. M. Stiles Treas., Scurrah Sec., Powell S.D., Dobbs D.C., Johnson Org., P.Ms. Lewis, Nottingham. Bros. Bemberton, Knight, Elliot, Kenney, Dr. Andrews, Adam, Mason, Ashby, Griffiths, Codner, Lorrick, Mone, Hardy. Visitors: C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, Curtis 2271, Blatchford 704, Edmonds 1507, E. Storr 167. Lodge being opened, Bro. Kinney was passed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. Edward Levick, William Condner, Thomas Moore, Benjamin Fuller and William Whittick, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the W.M. Bro. Langley showing his perfect knowledge of the ritual, and gaining great praise for his beautiful and impressive delivery. The Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet. The Loyal toasts were given and received with great heartiness. Bro. P.M. Scurrah in proposing the health of the W.M. congratulated him on the great success that had attended the Lodge, and also on his genial and kind courtesy, and his great ability as a W.M. The W.M. thanked P.M. Scurrah for the kind way he had proposed his health, and the Brethren for their generous support. Nothing could give him greater pleasure than to add to the harmony and success of the Hendon Lodge. He could not speak in too high praise of Bro. Scurrah and the P.Ms., who had but one object, and that was to make the Hendon Lodge in their new home a great success. P.Ms. Lewis and Nottingham replied for the Past Masters. The toast of the Initiates was received heartily, and in their replies the newly admitted members thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their kindness. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary followed. Bro. Stiles thanked the W.M. for his kindness, and particularly in reference to his candidature for the post of the Grand Treasurership, thanking the Brethren for their support, and impressing on their minds the necessity of being at Grand Lodge and recording their votes. Bro. P.M. Scurrah also thanked the Master for his kindness, and asked the Brethren to support their Lodge of Instruction at West Hampstead. The toast of the Visitors was given by the W.M. in pleasing terms. He expressed the great delight felt by the Lodge in having Visitors, and trusting they had enjoyed themselves. Bro. P.M. Storr thanked the W.M., and impressed the candidates with their new duties as Masons.

Bro. Scales also replied, the visitors felt all had done their utmost to make them comfortable. There was one thing he had at heart, and with the W.M.'s kindness he would allude to that which was in all their thoughts, and that was the success of their old friend and Bro. W. M. Stiles. It did seem strange to him that opposition should come in the person of Bro. Alderman Dimsdale. His qualification as a Mason was not very great, in comparison to the other Candidates for the Grand Treasurership, and no doubt in a few years he would be elected Lord Mayor of London, and then the M.W.G.M. would very likely appoint him a Grand Warden. The Office of Grand Treasurer was really the only one for which Brethren had the right to nominate and to support a Brother they wished to see in office. In this instance they had nominated Bro. W. M. Stiles, who for twenty years had worked hard for Masonry, being a Vice Patron of the three Institutions, and a Steward for the Charities fourteen times, which must convince the Brethren that he was a kind and benevolent Brother. To such Brethren we should be desirous of showing appreciation. The toast of the Officers and Tyler then brought to a finish a very happy evening.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday of last week, at Drury Lane Theatre, when Bro. Thomas Catling (Past Master of the Savage Club Lodge) was elevated to the chair of this, his Mother Lodge, the ceremony being performed by his predecessor in office, Bro. Harry Nicholls. There was a large and brilliant assemblage of Craftsmen, about 200 being present.

After the principal business of the day, the newly installed Master appointed the following as his assistant Officers: Bros. Oscar Barrett S.W., Henry Neville J.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Chap., J. S. Fleming Treas., J. H. Matthews P.D.G.D.C. Sec., Will. E. Chapman S.D., Luigi Lablache J.D., Sir Edward Lawson, Bart., D.C., G. M. Maxwell I.G., John Cook Org., F. B. Rendle and W. A. Baskcomb Stewds., and R. Goddard P.M. Tyler. The usual

addresses were given to Master, Wardens and Brethren, after which the W.M. rose, and presented to Bro. Nicholls a handsome Past Master's jewel. In the course of his remarks Bro. Catling referred to Bro. Nicholls's serious illness more than a year ago, when the Brethren had been afraid it would have interfered with the performance of that Brother's duties in the chair. They were happy to find he had completely recovered from his dangerous malady, and diligently executed the duties of his office. Bro. Harry Nicholls, in acknowledging the gift, said it would always remind him of a very pleasant year of office, in which he had been ably supported by all the members of the Lodge. He should ever value it as a reminder of that happy period. There was one other point about it: it was the only Masonic jewel he wore that he had not paid for himself.

A vote of condolence was passed with the widow of the late Bro. Henry Pettitt, one of the twelve founders of the Lodge, and a vote of congratulation to Bro. Sir Augustus Harris on his recovery from a long and serious illness was unanimously carried, and a telegram to that effect was sent to him at Hastings, from which place a message was received, apologising for not being able to attend, and wishing the Lodge every success and enjoyment. A vote of thanks was likewise passed to the Honorary Members, who had presented a handsome banner to the Lodge. The remaining work was of a routine nature, and at its conclusion Lodge was closed, the Brethren adjourning to the Freemasons' Tavern for banquet, after which the customary toast list was gone through.

Proposing the health of the Grand Officers the W.M. spoke of the assistance the Lodge had received from Grand Officers in years gone by, and expressed the gratitude of the members for what they had done. The services, freely and generously rendered on many occasions, had been highly appreciated by the Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master of Somerset (Viscount Dungarvan) acknowledged the compliment.

The next toast was that of the Past Masters of the Lodge, submitted from the chair. Bro. Catling said he was going to give the name of a Brother who had done his work not only during the past year but so ably that day. Those who knew him most intimately loved him and esteemed him the best; he was all round—as a Mason perhaps he ought to say “on the square”—a really good fellow. He would say much more if he were not present; he had done so pretty often in print; never before had he had the opportunity of proposing his health, and he did so with sincere pleasure because he personally felt he was greatly indebted to Bro. Nicholls, and that he should be more indebted to him. Bro. Nicholls was undoubtedly too a very zealous Officer; he was the first initiate to work up to the chair; and he had shown great spirit in doing so; and he had done everything in the sincerest and truest spirit of Masonry. With regard to himself Bro. Nicholls had shown the most kindly feeling; it gave him confidence that was necessary, and he must confess that he needed much of that feeling, coming as he did after three “well graced actors,” Bro. Fernandez, Bro. Bancroft and Bro. Harry Nicholls. They had had apologies from several of their Past Masters: Sir John Gorst expressed his desire to be present, and it was only by the trouble of Her Majesty's Government that he was not there. Sir Henry Isaacs was a P.M., and he showed his interest in the Lodge by giving the brethren a noble entertainment at the Mansion House. Bro. Nicholls was the great worker of the day, and the brethren would forgive him if he called on him to respond to the toast.

Bro. Harry Nicholls desired first to thank the W.M. and the brethren in the name of those worthy and distinguished brethren who were on his left hand that year only, as next year he would be at the other end of the table. The W.M. had referred to his work that day, and also to the work he had performed during his year of office. He wanted to tell the brethren that it was owing to one Past Master present that day that he had been able to enter into that work with that enthusiasm which had met with the brethren's approbation—he referred to Bro. Parkinson. Bro. Parkinson initiated him into Freemasonry, and it was through his impressiveness and the magnificent manner in which he performed the duties of his office that he fell into the *raison d'être* as a Past Master that day; Bro. Parkinson so impressed him with the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry that he felt it was only due to Bro. Parkinson to say so. There were other distinguished Past Masters, and they all knew what he felt and thought of them. Now, to come to himself for a moment. He had had a few good “notices” in his time; he wished he had thought of it and brought them down; they would have made very interesting reading; but they had always been in print, and he had not been able to reply to them; but he was able at last to face a journalist, and tell him that he highly appreciated what he had done. He did not mind admitting there had been occasions when he had gone into corners and made use of very bad language; but on the whole the notices had been most favourable. Now, it was quite impossible for him to thank the brethren in adequate terms for the manner they had received the toast of his health. Once before he had had that day to thank them for favours received, and he made use of an expression that his year of office would be a memorable one to him. It was only then, sitting at the table, he realised how good they had been. Twelve months ago, when he first sat in the chair, he hardly knew on the previous evening that his voice would be able to travel the length of the Lodge. But, thank God, he was able to make his voice heard, and he had been able to do it since; he had been able to do it that day to the best of his skill and ability, and assured them his year of office would be a memorable one. He had had some sorrow; he had had some joy; he had lost some good friends, but he had made some new and valued ones. Well, the time was getting short, and he must go to another place. So then his health being disposed of, he must now ask the Brethren to bear with him a few moments, whilst he performed what was to him, perhaps, the greatest pleasure that day—to propose the health of the W.M. Without “giving him away” at all, Bro. Catling said to him the other day—“I say, if I propose your health, will you propose mine?” Well, he jumped at it, because once again the Brethren

would see the advantage of working together. Well, it was unnecessary for him—he could not give Bro. Catling such a good “notice” as Bro. Catling had given him; it was not his business; but what he knew of the excellent work Bro. Catling had done in other places—Masonically and otherwise—he felt sure they all knew Bro. Catling was the very ablest man to fulfil the duties of Master of the Drury Lane Lodge. It was impossible for him to go on much further; he felt they were rather resolving themselves into a little mutual admiration society; but it was sincere and heartfelt he assured them, and therefore without further words he would ask the Brethren to drink the health of the W.M.

Bro. Catling, in responding, said it would be a difficult task for him to reply to but that he was assured that he might rely upon their kindness for any shortcomings. He had almost thought himself like that “fly in amber”—“how he ever got there”—in the chair. He, a journalist, whose work was with the pen, and not the tongue—to be Master of that Lodge, and have his name inscribed on the banner presented by their honorary members. It was only because he had shown some of that ability which the first Lord Lytton put into words—“Man has no majesty, like earnestness.” He had no majesty, but he had endeavoured to be earnest in what he had done in regard to Masonry. Bro. Catling referred to his first desire to become a Mason, communicated to one of the founders of the Drury Lane Lodge—Sir Augustus Harris; to his impressive initiation by Bro. Parkinson, and his subsequent dealings with the Craft wherein he had met many of the leading actors of the day, and had seen thrown aside any hostility—supposed to exist—between the stage and the press. He should do the best in his power to uphold the honour and dignity of the Lodge during his Mastership.

The Master next proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupling with it the names of several distinguished guests. Bros. General Laurie and Professor Garner replied, the latter giving an amusing account of his travels in Africa, and his researches there among the monkey tribe.

The toast of the Officers was acknowledged by Bro. Oscar Barrett, after which the Tyler brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

The meeting was altogether a great success, the musical entertainment being especially good.

Masonic Sonnets, No. 85.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D. 295 and 2417 (E.C.), Hon. Mem. 1242 (E.C.) and 24 (S.C.)

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BUILDING.

All men are Builders in this earthly sphere—
Some build a mansion, some a humble cot;
Some raise a palace stately, yet severe
Which quickly crumbles and is soon forgot.
There is a House not built by human hands,
Where dwells our glorious Architect Divine;
'Tis reared upon a Mount in beauteous lands
Know ye the Password and the Mystic Sign?
Have ye built here my Brethren of the Square
So that its door be opened to your Knock?
Have ye the Fortitude and Strength to dare
To climb the steep that lead you to its Rock
And face the Tyler with a dauntless breast
And give him Proof you've Laboured for your Rest?

Winder House, Bradford,
1st February 1894.

ROSICRUSIANS.

THE York College held its annual meeting on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, St. Saviour's Gate, York, when Bro. W. H. B. Atkinson, of Pontefract, was installed as Celebrant for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. Wm. Flockton, of Oulton. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, the Chief Adpt. The Officers for the ensuing year were invested, and the other business of the meeting was transacted, including the reception of five candidates, that interesting ceremony being performed by Bro. Flockton, the retiring Celebrant, as his final official duty. The College meets quarterly, each time at a different place, and is a Masonic Archaeological Order, the spring and summer fixtures being usually at some place interesting from its historical or archaeological associations.

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