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LADIES AND FREEMASONRY.

FREEMASONRY, like many of the affairs of everyday life, appears to run in particular grooves by fits and starts, and the association of ladies with the Craft seems to be a special case in point. Sometimes we may go for weeks without meeting any mention of the two together, while at other times scarcely a day passes but something is brought under notice in which ladies are associated with the Craft. This is the case just now, and we do not remember having ever before seen so many references to the fair sex in association with Freemasonry as have come before us recently. There have been the annual record of Masonic Balls and Winter Festivities, in which ladies have taken a part, and which, we are pleased to say, seem to become more and more popular as year follows year. Ladies' nights have been given by many Lodges, and the doings at some of them have been recorded far and wide, as was notably the case in connection with the recent meeting of the Gallery Lodge, which called forth marks of approval—and verse—from one of the most important London daily papers; as well as from less pretentious sheets in all parts of the country.

But perhaps more important than all this are the articles that have lately appeared, alike in the press of this country and in America, as to special instances of Masonic knowledge possessed by ladies in different parts of the world. In these we are told that France has its duly constituted Lodges for women, America is threatened with the same, while Spain and other countries regularly recognise women as Freemasons, and can boast of many ladies of distinction among the members of the Craft under their jurisdiction. We cannot vouch for the truth of the statements thus put forth, but in many cases the details appear so real as to induce one to believe there is a certain amount of truth about them, even if all is not absolutely as it is set out.

Some writers, in dealing with this subject, adopt the line of argument that there is really nothing secret about Freemasonry, else the ladies would have found it out long since, and they sometimes write so vaguely as to make it next to impossible to decide whether they personally know nothing of the Craft, and are describing it from a purely outsider's point of view; or that they know a great deal, and are striving to lead readers astray in their desire to keep the world from a fuller knowledge of the inner mysteries of the Order.

A novelty even in this direction is to be found in the recent laying of the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall, to be erected at Exmouth, which is reported elsewhere in our present issue. The principal duties of the day were undertaken by the wife of a Past

Master, and from the sentiments she expressed on that occasion one is almost forced to regret that the laws of Freemasonry prohibit the initiation of ladies. She is so manifestly imbued with Masonic sentiments that she would be an acquisition to any Masonic body, and would probably set such an example to her Brothers—and Sisters it would then be—as would prove of great advantage to them in their daily affairs.

Taking, however, all the more favourable points into consideration, we are yet unable to advocate the opening of the Lodge door to ladies, and we think we are justified in saying that such a course is so opposed to the general wish of members of the Craft as to render its adoption virtually impossible. We do not begrudge them the foundation of societies on Masonic lines, or the association with members of the Craft in works of a public character, but think it well that they should stop there, and not even seek a participation in the inner secrets of the Craft, no matter how much they may appreciate its teachings or admire its practices.

NEW HALL AT EXMOUTH.

THE members of the Sun Lodge, No. 106, laid the foundation stone of their new premises on the 28th ult. For many years past the headquarters have been at the Beacon Hotel, but some time ago efforts were made to obtain a suitable site to build a Hall, which would be the absolute property of the members, and after several negotiations they were successful to obtain a piece of ground in the Ferry Road, where a first class Hall will be erected. Bro. A. Hayman is entrusted with the carrying out of the building, and the architects are Bros. Kearly and Ellis, of Exmouth. The building, says the "Devon and Exeter Gazette," will be classical in style, and composed of red brick with white stone facings. On the ground floor there will be a card room, billiard room, bar, and the necessary offices and the caretaker's rooms, while on the top floor will be situated the Lodge Room (40 feet by 27), and candidates' room. On the opposite landing will be apartments for the caretaker.

The ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone was fixed for three o'clock, and the weather being very fine a large number of persons had gathered in Ferry Road. The Brethren met at their headquarters, the Beacon Hotel, soon after two o'clock, and marched in procession to the site.

Worshipful Master H. Mann said they were met that afternoon to take part in a most interesting ceremony, and one which would be a red letter day in the annals of local Freemasonry. Mrs. Tucker-Pain was about to lay the foundation stone of a building which was to become the future home of the Freemasons of Exmouth. They had been desirous for many years of securing premises of their own in Exmouth, and had now met with success. It was hoped before many months had elapsed that the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Ebrington, would be present in that town to perform the opening ceremony. The Lodge was first started in 1759, and since then it had had many changes.

In 1866 the Lodge removed to its present headquarters at the Beacon Hotel. It was one of the oldest Lodges in the county, having attained its centenary in 1859. He might state that for seven or eight years there had been a most laudable desire on the part of the Brethren to possess a permanent building of their own. In Exmouth, where there was such a vast amount of building operations being carried out, the possession of a suitable site for a Masonic Hall was not an easy task. Four or five sites had been inspected and abandoned. But now they were all to be congratulated that they had secured one in a splendid position, and which would make an excellent Hall. It was his great privilege and honour to call upon Mrs. Tucker-Pain to lay the foundation stone of what would, in the near future, be the headquarters of the Sun Lodge, No. 106, and might it conduce to increased harmony and Brotherly love among them.

The foundation stone was then laid by Mrs. Tucker-Pain. It was inscribed as follows:—

"Sun Lodge, No. 106, founded A.D. 1756.
This stone was laid by Mrs. Tucker-Pain, wife of
Bro. R. Tucker-Pain P.M.,
March 28th, 1894.

W. Bro. H. Mann, Worshipful Master."

On the east side of the stone were the names of the Directors, the Secretary, Architects, and Builders. The Worshipful Master handed Mrs. Tucker-Pain a handsome silver trowel, the gift of Bro. C. Ellett, which bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Mrs. Tucker-Pain
on the occasion of her laying the foundation stone
of the Exmouth Masonic Hall,
March 28th, 1894, the gift of Bro. G. Ellett."

The stone having been declared well and truly laid by Mrs. Tucker-Pain, Bro. the Rev. C. Gordon-Browne P.M. Unity Lodge, No. 132, P.P.G. Chaplain Hampshire, delivered an address. He remarked that that Lodge was founded, as were all others, on the great principle of harmony. It was intended to promote Brotherly love and union, happiness and concord; supported by the pillars of strength, wisdom, and purity. May every prosperity and the love of the Most High be theirs. Masonry regarded no man for his worldly wealth, but rather for his virtue, honesty, and character. It commended them to universal benevolence, and might their efforts tend to the benefit of others.

The Worshipful Master, in thanking Mrs. Tucker-Pain for laying the foundation stone, spoke of the great interest both Mrs. Tucker-Pain and her husband manifested in the welfare of Exmouth and the district. He referred to the manner in which they had supported the Sailors' Rest in the town, the Saturday evening entertainments for the people during the winter, their furtherance of the cause of temperance among old and young, and the manner in which Mr. Tucker-Pain discharged his duties as a Guardian. The people of Exmouth admired the active ability displayed by Mr. and Mrs. Tucker-Pain for the benefit of the people among whom they resided.

Colonel Adams, as a Past Master in Freemasonry, seconded in an able and humorous speech, and the vote was unanimously carried.

In reply, Mrs. Tucker-Pain said she felt that a great honour had been paid her in asking her to lay the foundation stone. She thanked them heartily for the kind references made towards her husband and herself. It was difficult for a lady to speak on the subject of Freemasonry, seeing that Freemasons would have nothing to do with her sex. However, what they had heard that day was a convincing proof, if proof were necessary, that they held ladies in regard and esteem. She believed Freemasonry to be an excellent and good work; it encouraged all that was good and suppressed evil. It was a Brotherhood spread throughout the whole country, bound together by rules which she believed were rules of right. Freemasons must also be proud of the antiquity of their Order, and also of those great and noble principles which they held. It was well known that in all their processions they carried the Scriptures, and if they had the Bible and such harmony as had been spoken of they had a sure and certain foundation.

She was indebted to Mr. Ellett for his handsome gift, and could assure him that it would be placed among her richest treasures. She trusted that on that foundation stone there would arise an edifice which would meet the requirements of the Brethren, and be an ornament to the town in which they lived. She wished the Sun Lodge every success. In conclusion, she placed a cheque on the foundation stone, towards the building expenses. Mr. R. Tucker-Pain also returned thanks, and gave a cheque towards the same object.

Dr. Brushfield (Buddleigh Salterton), and Bro. Hunter Little (Prov. G. Lodge Monmouth), spoke on behalf of the Visiting Brethren, and the proceedings closed with the rendering of the National Anthem.

In the evening the members of the Sun Lodge and the Visiting Brethren dined together at the Beacon Hotel.

A contemporary cautions Brethren in respect of visitors to Craft Lodges having their regular certificates, and otherwise qualified, "as a spurious Lodge has lately been started in Swansea by the Grand Orient of France. This body has been cut off from all genuine Freemasonry, because of its laxity in regard to a belief in God, and future rewards and punishments; and is threatening to retaliate by starting Lodges on English soil, and so in America. It will be for the British Craft to not only object to such a course, but to see all such offenders are kept outside the regular Lodges."

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Dr. Salmon, of Penllyn Court, near Cowbridge, recently celebrated the 104th anniversary of his birth. He is the oldest member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and it is claimed the oldest Freemason in the world, having been admitted in the Jerusalem Lodge in or about 1811. Our venerable Brother was born on 16th March 1790, at Wickham Market, Suffolk, where his father was a doctor of medicine. We hope he may live to receive the congratulations of his brethren in future years.

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this most important occasion are earnestly requested to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being urgently needed.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Offices—5 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

ERRORS OF THE PRESS.

(Continued from Page 107.)

AN important house in New York had occasion to advertise for sale a quantity of brass hoppers, such as are used in coffee mills. But instead of brass hoppers, the newspaper read, "grass-hoppers."

During the Mexican War, one of the newspapers hurriedly announced an important item of news from Mexico, that General Pillow and thirty-seven of his men had been lost in a bottle (battle).

An American paper thus speaks of a self-made man:—"He arrived in California twenty years ago with only one shirt to his back; and since then he has contrived, by close application to business, to accumulate over ten millions."

The American and Continental Monthly, in a curious paper on blunders, gives the following cases:—"A publisher offered a hundred dollars for the best tail for his paper; a grocer advertised an invoice of boxes of pigs from Smyrna; and a New York landlord a louse to let, and possession given immediately."

Lawyer Benham, of the old Cincinnati Bar, was an orator, and very fond of showing off his classical learning before a jury. In a murder trial, in defending the prisoner, he warned the jury not to allow public opinion, which was against his client, to influence their verdict. "Gentlemen of the jury," he said, in concluding his appeal, "give up, drop entirely all feeling in this important matter, and be like the ancient Roman in his adherence to the truth, who, in its defence, most eloquently declared, 'Amicus Cato, amicus Plato, amicus Cicero, sed major veritas.'" The next morning the lawyer found himself reported in the newspapers as follows:—"I may cuss Cato, I may cuss Plato, I may cuss Cicero," said Major Veritas."

The Baron de Grimm, in his "Memoirs," mentions the extraordinary circumstance of an irritable French author, who died in a fit of anger, because a favourite work, which he had himself revised with great care, had been printed off with upwards of three hundred typographical errors; half of which had been made by the corrector of the press.

A Paris printer named Stephens, in order to secure perfect accuracy in his books, used to exhibit proof-sheets for public inspection—offering a reward to anyone who could detect an error in them, so that it might be rectified before printing. Yet one of his editions of the Testament is known as the "Pulres Edition," from the Latin word "plures" being mis-spelled, owing to the transposition of the letter l.

The wrath of the great Napoleon was once fearfully kindled against the Imperial printing office, because in a bulletin, by a misprint of voleur for valeur, the Grand Army was described as performing deeds of tremendous theft instead of valour. The outraged warrior could only be pacified by a personal inspection of the compositor's case, it being explained to him that the o's being placed above the a's, the offending letter o had dropped among the a's by accident.

Napoleon's nephew was also the victim of a printer's error. The historian Kinglake tells us that when the Second Empire was established, it was the intention of Louis Napoleon to simply style himself "Napoleon," but just before the coup d'etat, a minister of the Home Office, busy preparing provincial sentiment, wrote "Jue le mot d'ordre soit vive Napoleon!!!" The printer took the exclamations for III., the proclamation went out, was copied by the newspapers, there was no time for explanation, and the nephew of his uncle adopted the title.

A Cologne newspaper once announced that "Switchman Schultz was caught by the wheels of a locomotive yesterday, and was instantly killed. A similiar accident befell him last year."

A parallel incident is recorded of an Irishman named Gaff.

An American editor's obituary notice of a lady was intended to read:—"It is feared that her husband will not be able to bear her demise." The announcement appeared in print in the following ludicrous form:—"It is feared that her husband will not be able to wear her chemise."

Ben Jonson was once asked to revise a sermon which was full of typographical errors; but he declined the task, wittily remarking that it should be sent to the House of Correction.

Thomas Carlyle went one day to a printer, urging him to expedite a work of his which was in hand. "Why, sir," said the printer, "you are really so hard upon us with your corrections. They take up so much time." The Sage of Chelsea replied that he had had works printed in Scotland without so much delay. "Yes, indeed, sir," answered the printer, "we are aware of that. We have a man here from Edinburgh, who, when he took up a bit of your copy, dropped it like a red hot cinder, and cried out, 'Oh, preserve us, have you got that man to print for?' Goodness only knows when he will be done with his corrections."

Burke, the celebrated orator, was careless in regard to his M.S.; for one of his most spirited effusions received so many corrections and interlineations that the compositors refused to correct it, preferring to take down the types and re-set the whole. The manuscript of the late Dean Stanley was very illegible, and it is therefore no wonder that one of his works contained an amusing printer's mistake, "the horns of the burning beast" appearing instead of "the thorn of the burning bush."

Dr. Robert Chambers says of Sir Walter Scott that "he was a rapid writer, but he was not correct. In his manuscript, sentences were often left unfinished, and much of his poetry is as slovenly as his prose. He did not even read over what he had written before sending it to the press."

Robert Burns on the other hand was very painstaking in his corrections, and Milton evinced great anxiety in this respect. Ovid cared nothing about correcting, whereas Virgil spent eleven years in correcting the *Æneid*; Shakespeare, it is stated, never altered a line; Addison used the utmost care in his corrections; but Steele was just the opposite to him.

Mr. John Randall, writing in the Notes and Queries. (1890), says:—"When the subject of printers' errors is being discussed, it ought in fairness to be borne in mind that if a writer makes a slip and it is detected by the printer, the error is corrected by the author, and the public knows nothing about it. When, on the other hand, the printer makes a mistake, it is multiplied many times, and a thousand people may independently discover one error. If authors would take the trouble to write more distinctly when treating of difficult subjects and mentioning proper names, printers errors would be fewer."

"Book of Rarities," by Bro. Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov.G.T.
(To be continued.)

One of the most cheering signs of the times is the sympathetic attitude now adopted towards ladies by Freemasonry. For long the two were supposed to be antagonistic. There is a legend that a lady whose husband was a Freemason hid herself in an eight-day clock which stood in the lodge-room, to find out the secrets, and only escaped the just penalty for such hardihood by the assembled brethren acceding to the tearful request of her spouse to initiate her into the mysteries in order to preserve them inviolate. But in the present day Freemasons are much more bending to women—if the latter content themselves with less inquisitiveness—than formerly. The other day a lady was selected to lay the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall in the South-West of England, and on Saturday the Gallery Lodge—which may be considered the centre of literary Freemasonry—gave what was called a "Ladies' Night" in Anderton's Hotel, when the wives, sisters, and aunts of members were entertained to all the conviviality and none of the mystery which the Order commands. This augurs well for the future. It is even whispered among outsiders that part of the mystic ceremony—in which only the initiated can take part—consists in singing a rollicking ditty of which the refrain is:

No moral can more the ladies adore
Than a free and an accepted Mason.

This, however, may be only rumour; the fact remains that ladies are gradually making their way into Freemasonry.—*Daily Telegraph*.

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Her Royal Highness THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 12th April 1894,
HENRY SMITH, Esq., Treasurer, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, V.-Patron, in the chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 22 GIRLS into the Institution, from a list of 40 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED :—

No. on List.	Name.	Votes.	No. on Poll.
34	Bleakley, N. R. K.	3419	1
33	Duke, B. S.	3259	2
31	Abbot, E. G.	2962	3
15	Holloway, L. F.	2939	4
27	Eagle, D.	2905	5
26	Jowett, M. E. A.	2891	6
19	Clever, V. M.	2866	7
29	Edmeston, M. E.	2837	8
12	Olver, E. G.	2833	9
13	Brown, E. H.	2819	10
5	Lloyd, E. M.	2770	11
16	Whitcombe, M.	2750	12
14	Brereton, M. E.	2714	13
18	Thomas, K. G. V.	2665	14
6	Rosewarne, N.	2636	15
24	Hardy, E.	2628	16
21	Eddevane, E.	2602	17
32	Summers, E. M.	2418	18
39	Caron, P.	2416	19
3	Seward, F.	2226	20
35	Thompson, N. M.	2068	21
28	Maslen, M. I. V.	2038	22

The number of votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.
OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
12th April 1894.

THE 106th Anniversary Festival will take place on Wednesday, 9th May next, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro G.M. and Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire, Western Division.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being urgently needed.

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AT A QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 13th day of April 1894,

V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron and Trustee (P.G. Treasurer), in the chair.

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of 30 BOYS from an approved list of 43 CANDIDATES, the following being declared SUCCESSFUL:—

No. on List.	Name.	Votes.	No. on Poll.
27	Stride, L. F.	2729	1
4	Owen, H.	2629	2
11	Irons, G. D.	2573	3
26	Ainsley, H. R.	2550	4
35	Goulden, A.	2490	5
42	Frost, B.	2482	6
37	Lord, H.	2452	7
13	Gabbutt, F. H. J.	2402	8
30	Garraway, H. L.	2399	9
14	Colman, C. P.	2350	10
34	Harrison, P. E.	2344	11
22	Richardson, B. L.	2275	12
2	Goss, E. P. M.	2270	13
28	Packham, A. E.	2264	14
32	Warner, N. S. H.	2253	15
8	Woodliffe, G. L.	2227	16
43	Huskinson, A. W.	2188	17
16	Hind, H. E.	2181	18
29	King, A. E.	2178	19
21	Davies, R. N.	2137	20
24	Howell, K. C.	2111	21
15	Messenger, J. W.	2088	22
6	Norbury, H. W.	2080	23
31	Fenner, F. E.	2078	24
18	Scantlebury, W. S.	2069	25
10	Procter, G. A.	2009	26
17	Crane, A.	1975	27
36	Muir, H.	1959	28
33	Brooks, R. H.	1917	29
12	Greenwood, L. A.	1809	30

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the office.

By order,
J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.
London, 13th April 1894.

* * * The Ninety-sixth Anniversary Festival will be held on the 27th June 1894, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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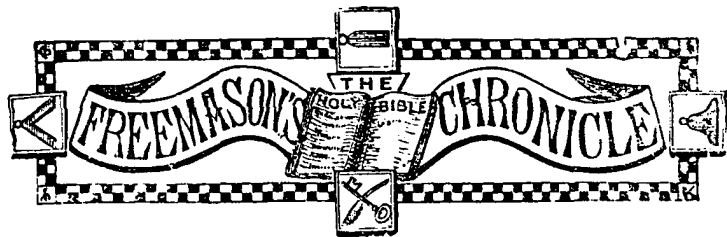
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SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL 1894.

THE INSTITUTIONS.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, under the presidency of Bro. H. Smith P.G.D. D.P.G.M. West Yorks., Vice-Patron and Treasurer of the Institution.

On the motion of Bro. J. H. Matthews, seconded by Bro. James Brett, the chairman was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

A vote of condolence, moved by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, and seconded by Bro. A. C. Spaul, was unanimously passed and ordered to be communicated to the family of the late Captain S. G. Homfray Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire, who for a long series of years was a prominent figure at all the elections of the Masonic charities, and one of their warmest supporters.

The election of Girls into the School was then proceeded with, twenty-two being elected from a list of forty candidates. The names of the successful, with the votes polled by each, are given in our advertisement column. The following are the details in regard to the unsuccessful candidates :

	Brought forward.	Polled to-day.	Total Polled
Hicks, Jessie Winifred	1464	463	1927
Harwood, Nellie Margaret B.	1297	436	1733
English, Elizabeth Kate	42	1444	1486
Frostick, Grace	294	1010	1304
Roberts, Dorothea Agnes	—	1242	1242
Vigor, Esther Louisa	90	1124	1214
Cammack, Maud Mary	504	503	1007
Sculley, Eileen Clara	384	618	1002
Jarvis, Violet Constance	—	986	986
Lucy, Constance Ruby Primrose	—	892	892
Morris, Gertrude	—	546	546
Andrews, Florence Rosalie	268	166	434
Brinjes, Maude Elizabeth	—	424	424
Tubbs, May Aline	165	217	382
Manley, Madeline	—	167	167
Caudwell, Emily	55	32	87
Pearce, Bertha Kathleen	—	19	19
Robinson, Agnes Marion	—	8	8

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE Quarterly Court was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. Trustee of the Institution in the chair.

It was agreed that the proposal from the Province of Kent for the purchase of a perpetual presentation should be accepted.

Bro. Charles E. Keyser M.A., F.S.A., J.P., P.G.D. was elected Treasurer of the Institution, Bro. Letchworth Grand Secretary having resigned that position on account of his numerous engagements. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Letchworth for his services as Treasurer.

Thirty boys were afterwards elected into the School. A list of those successful is given in our advertisement column. The following were unsuccessful :

	Brought forward.	Polled to-day.	Total Polled
Youngs, Herbert	748	615	1363
Harrison, Frank Sutton	—	1080	1080
Radford, Philip	—	917	917
Miller, Alec Stewart	—	783	783
Vernon, Arthur Stanley	—	384	384
Martin, Reginald Guy	111	266	377
Sellentini, Erdmann Friedrich Wilhelm	—	316	316
Vockins, Reginald Cecil Hadland	—	255	255
Blackler, William John Robert Woodgate	136	92	228
Baker, Arthur	—	207	207
Thomas, Percy Alexander	71	109	180
Hurst, John Henry	1	6	7
Holland, Walter	—	7	7

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WANDERERS LODGE, No. 1604.

THIS Lodge, which is largely composed of military men belonging to the Home command, held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when there was a large gathering of members and visitors, among them the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, who has for many years filled that office in the Wanderers Lodge; Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P., &c.

The usual routine disposed of, Bro. Ogg, the retiring W.M., installed his successor Bro. Thomas Sims in a most impressive manner, and the new chief appointed his Officers as under: F. W. Ogg I.P.M., H. E. Fraser P.M. 2206, 2331, P.P.G. St.B. Herts S.W., W. Thatcher J.W., Capt. Butterworth P.M. Treas., R. J. Scott Sec., Smales S.D., H. Gardiner J.D., Roberts I.G., Engel Org., Lewis D.C., Mann and Brooking Stewards, and Young Tyler.

At the banquet which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Sergt.-Major Gardiner singing the solos. Bro. Simpson responded to the toast of the Grand Officers, and alluded in kindly terms to the hearty reception he himself had always met with at the hands of the Brethren of "1604," with whom he had been associated for many years, and which acquaintance had produced many pleasant and sacred memories which had left no sting behind. He was very delighted with the manner in which the Installing Master had performed his duties, and the way in which the W.M. had concluded the work was a happy augury for very great happiness, and a high standard of excellence for the forthcoming year.

Bro. Ogg proposed the toast of the W.M., and spoke of his good qualities and the earnest way he had climbed up the ladder of promotion, faithfully discharging the duties of each office in succession until he had reached the chair, the duties of which he was sure the W.M. would discharge with the same zeal, courtesy, and efficiency as he had those of the minor offices. He hoped the Brethren would find their new Master plenty of work, which he was quite competent to perform. The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

The W.M. afterwards gave the toast of the Immediate P.M. in eulogistic terms, and presented that Brother with the usual P.M.'s jewel, the gift being suitably acknowledged. Bro. Barnett responded for the Initiates, and the remaining toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening a high class selection of music, songs, recitations, &c. was given under the direction of Bro. Engel, the Organist, among the artistes being: Misses Victory and Morse, Messrs. Hermann Samuels, and Chas. Solomon, Master Herni, Bro. Sergt. Brown, &c.

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STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

THE installation of Bro. W. H. Fruen as Worshipful Master took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Thursday of last week.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. H. Mascall W.M., who at once proceeded to initiate Messrs. Hipgrave, Cook, Russell and Sharp; after which Bros. Morgan, Brooke, and O'Connor were raised.

Bro. Mascall vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Bolding, who in a very impressive manner installed Bro. W. H. Fruen.

The Worshipful Master presented Bro. Mascall with the Past Master's jewel that had been voted him by the Brethren, and warmly complimented him on having arrived at the end of a very successful year of office. Bro. Mascall replied in suitable terms.

The W.M. closed the Lodge, and the Brethren adjourned to banquet, which was fully appreciated by those present, forming, as they did, one of the largest gatherings that has met in the Stuart Lodge for some time.

Bro. P.M. Mascall proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master, and in very complimentary terms congratulated the Brethren on the selection they had made in the choice of a Master.

The W.M. replied and thanked the Brethren for the great honour they had conferred on him.

During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given.

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SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

THE installation meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 22nd ult. Bro. Stuart Field Bygrove Senior Warden having been unanimously elected by the Brethren at the previous regular Lodge meeting to fill the chair, was regularly promoted to the chief dignity.

Bro. James Letchford W.M. opened the Lodge, and the minutes of the previous regular Lodge meeting and the audit meeting were read and confirmed. He then proceeded to instal his successor in a very impressive manner.

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren were given by the Installing Master, after which the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. James Davies, and the able manner in which he performed the ceremony for the first time was a guarantee of a very successful year of office. In the new W.M. the Skelmersdale Lodge sustains its reputation as the possessor of a long series of W.M.'s thoroughly acquainted with and perfect masters of all the details and workings of the three degrees.

Several gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, after which the W.M. closed the Lodge.

The Brethren then adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where a splendid banquet was provided by Mrs. Venables. The W.M. was ably supported on his right and left by the Past Masters of his own and other Lodges, the Senior and Junior Wardens occupying the chairs at their respective tables. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were honoured.

Bro. James Hill P.M. and Treasurer proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said that in him the Lodge had an enthusiastic Mason, and one who would do his work well, who would study the comfort and happiness of all the Brethren, and follow in the footsteps of the Worshipful Masters who had preceded him.

The W.M. thanked the Brethren for the very kind and hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast, and expressed his great anxiety to do all in his power for the welfare of the Lodge, as he had hitherto done, and trusted the Brethren would bring him plenty of work to do during his year of office.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Initiate in a few well-chosen words, and welcomed him as a member of the Lodge. The Initiate responded in a most impressive speech. He trusted, in due time and with perseverance, to attain to the high position in Masonry which the W.M. occupied.

The toast of the Visitors, a very popular one in the Skelmersdale Lodge, was next given by the W.M., who said they had been favoured by the presence of several very influential Brethren. In the name of the Lodge he gave them a hearty and cordial greeting. He considered the presence of Brethren was the one great means of cementing the bond of unity which should exist between all Masonic Lodges.

Several visitors replied, thanking the Brethren for the very kind and hospitable reception which had been accorded to them, and congratulating the W.M. upon the excellence of his working in the Lodge during the ceremony of Initiation.

The toasts of the Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge were duly proposed and responded to, after which the Tyler's toast terminated a most successful and enjoyable evening.

During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given by several of the Brethren and Visitors, under the able direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, the talented Organist.

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KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

THE members gave their eighth annual ball on the 30th ult., at Ladbroke Hall. Mr. J. Lings Bareham's well-known band was in attendance. The M.C.'s were Bros. Bean and Vassie, and the Stewards, whose sole desire appeared to be to minister to the comfort of the guests, were Bros. J. J. Mackay W.M., W. B. Neville, J. W. J. Clarke, and Lewis Beale Secretary. After supper, excellently provided and served by Mr. Linscott, the W.M. proposed the toasts, which were heartily received.

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GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE annual ladies' night and entertainment was held on the 31st ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Bro. J. C. Manning W.M. presiding. During the proceedings a handsome gold bracelet was presented to Miss Moore, sister of the I.P.M., Bro. C. K. Moore, in recognition of the Lodge's appreciation of her brother's services. The banquet was followed by a musical entertainment, in which the following artistes took part: Bros. Dalgety Henderson, A. Weston, Otto Dene, Percy Shepherd, Algernon Lee, M'Call Chambers, Charles Conyers, Will Edwards, and Alfred Stacey. Bro. John Proctor gave some inimitable recitations, Bro. Carel Blintz a violin solo, and Bro. W. L. Barritt and Radcliffe flute solos and duets. Bro. Edwin Bending accompanied the performers, with his usual ability.

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WAKEFIELD LODGE, No. 495.

ON the 10th inst., a banquet was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield, to celebrate the jubilee of this Lodge. Amongst the large company was Bro. Statter, J.P., of Snapethorpe Hall, the first Master of the Lodge.

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LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 574.

ON Friday of last week there was an unusually large attendance of Officers and Brethren at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, under the presidency of Bro. J. Napoleon Day W.M., for the purpose of doing honour to Bro. Charles Edward Keyser, of Aldermaston Court, Past G. Deacon of England, who, on the proposal of Past Master Stephen Knight, seconded by the W.M., had been unanimously elected as a Joining Member of the Lodge, together with Bro. the Rev. W. Muirhead Hope, curate of St. Nicholas, and Provincial Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire.

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GUNDULPH LODGE, No. 1050.

THE Council Chamber, at the Guildhall, Rochester (the use of which had been specially granted to the Freemasons by the Mayor) was filled with Brethren from the city and also from various parts of the Province of Kent on Wednesday, 4th inst., on the

occasion of the annual Festival of the Lodge, among those present being several distinguished Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Gundulph Lodge is named after the Bishop who built Rochester Cathedral, the Tower of London, Malling Abbey, and other edifices, and was himself a distinguished Freemason. Founded 30 years since, the Lodge is in a highly flourishing condition, and numbers among its members many of the leading men of the city, whilst it bears a high character for the good work it is doing in the cause of charity.

The ceremony of installing the new Master (Bro. G. H. Russell) was very ably performed by Bro. S. J. Brice junr., who received at the close a well-deserved vote of thanks for the ability and impressiveness with which the ceremony had been rendered.

The newly-installed Master then appointed the Officers for the ensuing year.

A not uninteresting portion of the after proceedings was the presentation, on the part of the Lodge, of a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. S. J. Brice, given in appreciation of the very able manner in which he had presided over the Lodge during the past year.

At the close of the business the Brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, High Street, and partook of the annual banquet, which, it may be remarked, was exceedingly well served by the new proprietress of the Hotel. Under the presidency of Bro. Russell, the customary toasts were given and ably responded to, the pleasures of the evening being considerably enhanced by the excellent musical programme arranged under the direction of Bro. T. Oldroyd.

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TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE regular meeting was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester, on Monday, 9th inst., Bro. Francis Long W.M. There were also present:—Bros. John Morris I.P.M., P. E. Land S.W., Ramsey Knight J.W., Geo. Burslem P.M. Treasurer, J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, Chris. A. H. Preston S.D., W. Yeadon (acting) J.D., John Done I.G., Jos. Kershaw P.M., W. Blears P.M., J. Rathbone P.M., Walter Lees, H. Mogridge, E. Dewsbury, M. Seanor, C. F. Davies. Visitors: J. R. Ashworth W.M. 1161, J. Schofield 1161, J. MacCallum P.M. 1993, L. H. Keay 1219, J. A. Carse J.D. 1375; N. Jones Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, when the Brethren adjourned for tea. On re-assembling, the E.A. charge was delivered to Bro. C. F. Davies by Bro. P. E. Land S.W. Bro. Davies subsequently answered the necessary questions and was passed by the W.M. Bro. Burslem gave the explanation of the second Tracing Board in fine manner. After hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visiting Brethren the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

At the social board the health of Bro. Davies was proposed by Bro. Preston S.D. and drunk with enthusiasm, the newly passed Brother expressing himself much impressed with the ceremonies.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors in glowing terms. Bro. Burslem proposed the health of the W.M. and spoke in a very eulogistic way of the manner the W.M. performed his work, as also did his Officers.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters and spoke of the truly Masonic feeling that existed between the P.M.s., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge, and their ever willingness to give at all times their assistance and advice when required.

The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with songs from Bros. Lees, Ashworth, MacCallum, Schofield and others. Bro. Keay ably presided at the piano.

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ATLINGWORTH LODGE, No. 1821.

AT a monthly meeting held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, the occasion being a musical evening, opportunity was taken to present Bro. B. Burfield P.M. Assistant Prov. G. Secretary with a testimonial. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Arthur Loader, who was supported by the Officers and other Brethren.

After the usual Lodge business had been transacted, the company adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where, after supper had been discussed, the special incident of the evening took place.

The Worshipful Master made the presentation on behalf of the Brethren. It consisted of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, suitably inscribed, together with an album containing the names of the subscribers. The present was handed over amid loud applause, and Bro. Burfield, who met with an extremely cordial reception on rising, briefly, but suitably acknowledged the gratifying token of respect and regard entertained for him by the Brethren of Atlingworth Lodge. He warmly appreciated such a gratifying mark of their Brotherly feeling towards him, though the presentation was an entire surprise to him. He had, he said, been honoured in 1884 by being elected as W.M. of the Lodge; he had acted as Secretary for two or three years, and had been pleased to give what time he could spare to further the interests of the Lodge and Freemasonry in general. He was gratified to see that the Brethren had appreciated the manner in which he had discharged his duties.

The musical attractions of the evening were of a very enjoyable character. Glee, madrigals, and part songs were efficiently given by Bro. Geo. May, Bro. Albert James, Bro. William Coates and Bro. George Stubbs, under the direction of Bro. Coates, while further variety was introduced by Bros. G. Perren, A. C. Latter, E. H. Payne, R. Willard, Plumbridge and R. Smith. Bro. W. Norman Roe P.P.G.O. acted as accompanist.

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COTEHELE LODGE, No. 2166.

THE annual meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at Calstock. There was a good attendance. Bro. W. Grills W.M.-elect was

presented for installation by Bro. Down P.P.G.S.W., and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Pearce.

The Brethren adjourned to the Ashburton Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured; capital songs were sung and a most enjoyable evening spent. Formed in 1887, the Lodge has continued to make satisfactory progress, and now numbers over 30 members.

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MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on the 27th ult., Bro. W. A. Brabner W.M. There were also present: Bros. F. W. Wollaston I.P.M., Cyril H. Beever S.W., C. Harrop J.W., Joseph Hilton Treas., M. Thomas P.P.G.D. Secy., Fred Hilton Prov. G.D.C., J. Crompton Wood Chaplain, Edwyn A. Smith Org., Humphrey C. Lilly Std., E. Roberts Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Sam Luke, Thos. Hamnett, Nagib Fiani, S. H. Stubbs, W. W. Hitching, F. Todd, G. R. Ward. Visitors:—Bros. J. M. H. Blamey W.M. 163, J. Robt. E. Birkett 1375, T. H. Black 1170.

After the confirmation of minutes, Bros. Frederick Todd, Callender Lodge, No. 1052, and Andrew Ferrie, Century Lodge, No. 2349, were successfully balloted for as Joining Members, after which Bro. S. Harold Stubbs was questioned in the usual way, and having answered satisfactorily he was raised by Bro. Brabner.

The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. Wollaston I.P.M., while Bro. Fred Hilton Prov. G.D.C. acted as Deacon throughout the ceremony.

This over, the Brethren retired to partake of dinner, which was followed by the usual festive board.

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HARDWICK LODGE, No. 2373.

THE anniversary took place at Chesterfield, on the 27th ult., under peculiarly favourable circumstances, says the "Derbyshire Courier," and there is little doubt that the Lodge has now a successful and useful career before it. The members met in the Masonic Hall, when there were many Brethren present.

The Lodge having been duly opened, Bro. L. F. Shaw installed Bro. W. T. Buckland. The new W.M., who was very cordially received, invested his Officers.

After the conclusion of the business, the Brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where Mr. Joseph Warner had provided a sumptuous repast. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and the health of the newly-installed W.M. was proposed and received with the greatest cordiality.

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VALE OF EDEN LODGE, No. 2493.

THE first ordinary meeting was held in the Masonic Hall of the Tufon Arms Hotel, Appleby, on Saturday. The following gentlemen were initiated: Messrs. John Bell, M.A., William Hewitson, and Doctors Smith, Bell and De Montmorency. Messrs. J. M. Nicholson, M.A., Barrister-at-law, of Kirkbythore; R. E. Leach, M.A., F.G.S., of Appleby; and Dr. Bryan, of Brough, were nominated for initiation. Bro. James Postlethwaite Watson was elected Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. George Thomas appointed Secretary.

After the business was over the Brethren were entertained to supper in the banqueting room of the Tufon Arms Hotel, by the Worshipful Master, Bro. C. R. Rivington. A numerous company, including amongst others Bro. J. Thompson Provincial Grand Treasurer of Durham was present. The usual toasts followed, and the members of the Lodge expressed the hope that this was but the first of many similarly pleasant reunions. Mrs. Watson excelled herself in the supper arrangements, and received thanks on all hands.

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UNITY AND PERSEVERANCE CHAPTER, No. 580.

THE installation meeting took place in the Chapter Room at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Ormskirk, on 13th ult., when there was a fairly large attendance of Companions. In the course of the evening, Bro. R. C. Ivy, Lodge No. 580, and Bro. R. Jonas, Lodge No. 1403, were exalted. The subjoined were installed the Principals of the Chapter for the ensuing twelve months:—Comps. A. J. Brooks Z., Rd. Turner H. and Rd. Winrow J.

The Companions afterwards dined together (Comp. Taylor being the caterer) under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

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CAMDEN CHAPTER, No. 704.

AT Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on the 22nd ult., Comp. Bolton M.E.Z. The minutes having been confirmed, Comp. Dr. Goodchild P.Z. installed his son Dr. J. Goodchild as M.E.Z., Comp. Nottingham H. and Edwin Styles J. The Z invested Comp. Bolton I.P.Z., H. Slyman Treas., Dr. Goodchild S.E., Copplestone N., Captain Lurcock P.S., W. H. Goodchild 1st Assist. and Smith 2nd Assist.

The Visitors included Comp. Britton and Middleton, with Comp. Edmonds Hon. Member. Bro. Cartwright was exalted by the new M.E.Z. in a most exemplary manner, ably supported by his Officers. Chapter was then closed.

The Comps. adjourned to an excellent banquet served under the personal care of Comp. A. Clemow, and this reflected the highest credit on him and his staff.

The Loyal toasts were received heartily. The health of the M.E.Z. was proposed by P.P. Bolton, who spoke in the highest praise of the M.E., alluding to the excellent way in which he discharged his duties that evening. The perfect and impressive manner in which he had exalted Comp. Cartwright was especially pleasing to them, gratifying to himself, and an honour to the Chapter.

The M.E. in reply said he was deeply indebted to Comp. Bolton for his kindness. His great desire was to maintain the reputation of the Chapter for good working, and the kindly feeling that existed. From the hearty way the toast of his health had been received he was sure he should receive every assistance from his Officers, and the support of the Companions.

The health of the I.P.Z., Comp. Bolton, was proposed by the M.E. in very feeling terms. He expressed the great sorrow they all felt in his state of health. They were pleased to meet him again. The members had voted a P.P. jewel for his valuable services. He felt it a great honour that almost the first duty he did was to present him with this mark of the esteem and affection they all entertained for him.

Comp. Bolton thanked the M.E.Z. and the Companions very sincerely for their great kindness and sympathy. He felt a great deal better, and hoped to be with them frequently. They had made the duties of M.E.Z. so pleasant to him that it was with great regret he went out of office. Looking back he felt he ought to have done more, and he looked at many things in a different light from what he did when they occurred. He thanked them for their beautiful gift. His earnest endeavour to discharge his duties have evidently met their entire approbation.

The M.E. in proposing the toast of H. and J. said he had known them many years. Comp. H. had followed him in office year by year, and the Comps. were pleased to see him so near the chair in the Chapter. Comp. J. was an excellent Companion, discharging any duty he might be called upon; singing for their pleasure, accompanying on the pianoforte, and in fact doing everything that could possibly add to their comfort.

Comps. H. and J. thanked the M.E. and Companions briefly, but very much to the point.

The health of the Exalte followed, and Comp. Cartwright, an old Craft Mason, thanked the M.E. for so kindly exalting him. What he heard and the beautiful sentiments expressed, together with the solemnity and the impressive manner in which the ceremony had been conducted, had made a strong impression on his mind. He would endeavour to discharge his duties as a Royal Arch Mason.

The toast of the Visitors was duly given, Comp. P.P. Britton, Gladmuir Chapter, and Middleton responding.

The toast of the P.Zs. and Officers followed, and the Janitor's toast closed a very successful meeting.

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INVICTA CHAPTER, No. 709.

THE installation meeting took place at Ashford, on the 14th ult. The following are the Officers for the year:—Comp. B. Snell, M.A., Z., Jno. Brothers P.Z. H., Jno. Creery J., F. Hughes-Hallett P.Z. S.E., Robert Elliott P.Z. Treasurer, Charles Loud S.N., C. Igglesden P.S., Julius Kingsford 1st A.S., George Wilks 2nd A.S., John Cooke Janitor. The Companions subsequently dined together at the Kent Arms Hotel.

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JOHN HERVEY CHAPTER, No. 1260.

AT the Holborn Restaurant, on the 14th ult., there were present Comps. Dangerfield Z., Bartholomew H., Reep J., Dr. Jabez Hogg Treas., Pembury S.E., Goodinge P.S., Goodinge jun. Assist. S., Evan P.Z., Halsey P.Z., &c. A proposal by Comp. Reep was discussed, and other business being disposed of the Chapter was closed, and the Companions proceeded to banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured.

Dr. Hogg, in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., said they were much indebted to him for the great interest he displayed in the Chapter, and his earnest endeavours to put new life and vigour into its working. The impressive manner in which he rendered the ceremony of exaltation was an honour to the Chapter and to himself.

In reply, Comp. Dangerfield said he was extremely pleased the Companions had received the toast of his health in such flattering terms. He had certainly availed himself of every opportunity of perfecting himself, and was fully repaid by the kind remarks that had been made. He was anxious that the John Hervey Chapter should hold a front rank, and by the kind assistance of the Officers he hoped to fully maintain its reputation.

The toast of the H. and J. followed, each of those Companions replying. Comp. Reep announced that if there was not a candidate for the next meeting a rehearsal of the exaltation ceremony would be given, so as to prove to the members that the Officers were fully qualified to discharge their duties, and meant to maintain the true spirit of emulation.

Replying to the toast of the Past Principals, Comp. Hogg stated the meeting was really the silver wedding of the Chapter, which had had many vicissitudes. It was now in a more flourishing condition than ever. He hoped he should be among them for many years to come, to witness its still further advancement.

Other toasts and replies were given, after which the Chapter was closed. A very nice selection of music under the direction of Dr. Haskings gave considerable pleasure.

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TRAFFORD CHAPTER, No. 1496.

A MEETING was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester, on the 21st ult., Comp. Joseph Kershaw M.E.Z. There was a good attendance.

Bro. Oscar Katz, Merchant, Piccadilly, Manchester (Ardwick Lodge, No. 2185) was successfully balloted for and afterwards exalted by Comp. Kershaw.

The usual festive board followed, when Loyal and other toasts were honoured. That of the newly-exalted Companion was proposed by Comp. Jacobson, to which Comp. Katz replied, saying that he was grateful to them for the very hearty manner in which his name had been received. He had been very much pleased with the ceremony; it was something entirely new, and he liked it. It would be his constant aim to keep inviolate the secrets which had been entrusted to him. In conclusion he thanked Comp. A. Jacobson Scribe N. for proposing him, and Comp. J. C. Gillman P.P.G.J. Scribe E., who had seconded the proposition.

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MIDDLESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 276.

ON the 19th ult., the annual installation and festival was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Middlesborough, Bro. W. P. Cochrane being installed W.M. at the hands of Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Past Grand Master Overseer of England.

After the ceremony dinner was partaken of in the Hall, Bro. J. Watts, of the Royal Exchange Dining Rooms, purveying.

FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 277.

ON the 10th inst., the Brethren celebrated their annual festival at Freemasons' Hall, Malton, when Bro. W. J. Marshall Asst. P.G. Sec., was installed as W.M., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.G.O. Eng. and P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks. The W.M. afterwards invested the Officers for the year.

The usual banquet was subsequently held at the Talbot Hotel, the W.M. presiding.

DRIFELT LODGE, No. 291.

THE installation of Bro. Fras. Creaser, C.C., P.P.G.R.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, Driffeld, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Colonel R. G. Smith Deputy Prov. Grand Master N. and E. Yorkshire. The Officers were subsequently invested.

BOROUGH OF GREENWICH LODGE, No. 332.

THE installation meeting took place on the 27th ult., at the King William the Fourth Hotel, East Greenwich, when Bro. W. H. Burney S.W. was placed in the chair and saluted in due form. He invested his Officers. Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.O. England was the Installing Officer, and did the work splendidly, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the Lodge.

Bro. Carter was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel for services rendered to the Lodge, and as a mark of the esteem of the Brethren, and then the Lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the handsome Assembly Room of the establishment in excellent fashion.

The general curiosity has at last infected the Masonic body, and led to the formation of a Lodge of initiated Masons and distinguished literary men, organised for the express purpose of investigating the arcana of the craft. This Lodge, *Quatuor Coronati*, has existed now for nearly ten years, and surreptitiously publishes its Transactions, as becomes a secret society, three times a year. The volume for 1893 is before us as we write. It is handsomely illustrated with engravings and photographs, and full of curious and interesting lore relating to the craft. But none of these writers divulges any more about the Secret of the Freemasons than is already known to any common uninitiated man. A piquant note of interrogation is indeed their keynote. Various charges are given, that of the old Lodge of Dumfries being particularly quaint; the Tabernacle is exhaustively figured and mystically studied, and the Tau, the tracing board, and various articles of the Masonic costume are the subjects of significant but discreet papers. But as for revelations—trust a Freemason! It is very interesting, very stimulating, and very unsatisfactory to the curious Gentile, and after a studious perusal the mystery of the Freemasons, we are assured, remains a mystery still. In these days of indiscretion and democratic curiosity the craft is certainly to be congratulated on having a secret that is so difficult to reveal.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

"The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," refers to a spherical copper piece, measuring about two and a half inches in diameter and an eighth of an inch thick. On one side is engraved the name and number of a Lodge which was struck off the roll of Grand Lodge in 1848. The engraving is Lennox (J.G.) Kilwinning, No. 247 Lodge, 1772. There is on this side also the Square and Compasses and Level. On its converse are crowded a great many Masonic emblems, the all-seeing eye, the sun, moon, and stars, and a beautifully formed arch, under which is a figure supposed to represent King Solomon. Our contemporary says it would be interesting to get an explanation of the use and meaning of the token, or to know if any similar engraved piece of last century exists. Can any reader assist?

The Earl of Haddington, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, recently opened a three days bazaar in the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh, the object being to clear off a debt of £1,050 resting on the hall erected by Lodge Trafalgar, No. 223. In declaring the sale open, the Earl of Haddington, having stated the objects of the bazaar, and briefly sketched the history of the Trafalgar Lodge, went on to say that he was aware that ladies were ignorant of Masonic subjects, but he was also aware that they had—he would not say curiosity, but that they thirsted for knowledge. That was a characteristic of the fair sex. They would like him to tell them all about it, but, alas! he could tell them very little. But he would tell them this much, that Freemasonry was not an institution which men joined for the purpose of enjoyment, good fellowship or bad fellowship. Founded on the basis of brotherly love, relief, and truth, it inculcated the principles of morality, truth, honour, and virtue, and bound together a brotherhood in the sacred tie of unity by the bands of mutual charity—charity in the highest acceptation of the word; and no man who acted up to the principles of Freemasonry, no man who acted up to the vows and obligations which he had undertaken at his initiation, could possibly be a bad citizen, a bad husband, or a bad father. The Lodge was to a man for the time being a place where he could rest from the turmoil and the troubles of daily life, a place where he met peace, unity, and comfort, and a place where he was taught those glorious lessons of love to God and goodwill towards men which were, or ought to be, the characteristics of every Freemason.

Mrs. J. E. H. Gordon writes to the *Gentlewoman*: "I have often thought it would be a desirable plan to form a woman's 'Freemasonry Union,' and that certain orders of merit should be granted by a woman's Grand Council to women who have distinguished themselves in any branch of art, science, literature, or who have proved themselves worthy of having a mark of esteem bestowed upon them by their fellow-countrywomen, by displaying a genius for the organisation of practical charities or schemes of benevolence."

The members of the Manchester Masonic C.C. know how to enjoy themselves, says "Wheeling." On Good Friday they were at Rhyl, and next day they were disporting themselves at the pretty little resort Bettws-y-Coed. Secretary Moss reported the roads in grand condition.

A dramatic and musical entertainment in Lostwithiel Churchroom, on the 5th inst., in aid of Masonic charities, was taken part in by Mr. and Mrs. Minards, of Lanreath, Mr. Albert Collings and Miss Carrie Wood, of Plymouth, Mr. C. E. Milner, A.C.O., Organist of St. Bartholomew's, Lostwithiel, and others. The entertainment was very enjoyable, and thoroughly successful.

A considerable stir has been made, says the "East London Advertiser," in the Jewish community by an article in the *Paris Figaro*. The Jew is described as the parasite of the modern world, whose sole ambition is to enrich himself. His success in France is attributed largely to his hold upon the Freemasons, who are said to have succumbed to Hebrew influence since 1848.

The "Hull Daily News" understands that Major Smyth, who has been for many years Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Lincolnshire, contemplates an early retirement, and that he will be succeeded by the Earl of Yarborough, who is already the Grand Master of the Mark Masons in that county.

The Leighton Buzzard Masonic Ball, which was given in the Corn Exchange, was an unqualified success, and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.