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## ELECTION TACTICS.

THE results of yesterday's election for the two branches of the Benevolent Institution supplies another object lesson in a matter we have frequently referred to of late—the system of organisation in vogue in most of the divisions of English Freemasonry in regard to Charity voting, a question which seems to need increased attention year by year, from those who desire a return from the Institutions in proportion to contributions made to them.

The point is particularly marked in regard to those who were yesterday successful for the Male Fund, no less than seventeen of the twenty-seven annuities being secured by first application cases, which, however, it is fair to say, were nearly one half of the entire body who went to the poll. It is true the proportion of successes, seventeen to twenty-seven, was not so widely opposed to the proportion of candidates, twenty-eight to thirty-one (allowing for the six on the list who did not go to the poll), but what we specially wish to draw attention to is the manifest preference given to new cases as compared with those long on the list of candidates. While the successes of first applicants is fairly proportionate to the whole body of new cases, we find that twenty-four of the annuities were secured by Aged Brethren whose petitions had been passed less than two years previous to the day of election, in other words, seven second applicants were admitted in addition to the seventeen first cases, while the remaining nineteen candidates (one of whom was, however, dead before the papers were issued), had to be content with three prizes—one being secured on a third application.

To realise the full extent of the struggles of these older unsuccessful candidates we must bear in mind that they included twelfth, eleventh, tenth, seventh, sixth, fifth, and fourth applications, but the number of votes polled clearly proved that in the majority of the cases there was very little interest at work, and, probably, very little chance of ultimate success. But on the Masonic principle of all being equal, this disparity and disappointment is all the more marked, and should call forth something more than mere expressions of sympathy. The Brethren who apply have been recognised time after time as worthy of support, and it seems very hard that being so they should be forced by the stress of circumstances to wait year after year for the Masonic assistance that, in a measure, they are entitled to receive.

On the Widows side the preference for later candidates it not so marked, although here one half of the prizes were secured by first or second application cases, while the first fifteen on the list had to content themselves with three successes, and this notwithstanding

the fact that the number included fourteenth, eleventh, tenth, ninth, eighth, seventh, and sixth applications.

But much as one may deplore this state of affairs there does not seem to be any way of obviating it, unless the supporters of the Institution are prepared to consider the advisability of modifying the 37th Rule, which gives to the Committee of Management the power of admitting candidates who have attained the age of eighty years, if in their opinion efforts have been made to secure his or her election; but as the tendency of recent legislation has been to rather extend than curtail the compulsory qualifications of eligibility, there is not much chance of such a proposal as that being carried into effect unless very strong support could be shown in its favour. There are one or two now on the list to be carried forward who would come within range of a modified 37th Rule, and if their friends can demonstrate that they have really been in earnest in their past endeavours they might do worse than make a formal application for such an alteration as would bring their candidates within reach of the prerogative of the Committee of Management. It would at least open up the question for discussion, and would, we believe, demonstrate that a large number of supporters are in favour of increased facilities for older candidates, and would at once accord them further benefits if it was in their power to do so.

In concluding our remarks it is only necessary to point to yesterday's result on the Male side to prove the absolute necessity of combination at the present time if success is aimed at. The Provinces already efficiently organised are reaping the reward of their labours, those not so strong are making strenuous efforts in the same direction, but the other great division of English Freemasonry—London—is apparently content to go quietly on in the same old way, trusting to the special exertions of individual members rather than the more reliable operations of an organised body—but despite all this the Londoners managed to secure a fair number of annuities yesterday, when they showed much better than has often been the case.

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As a visitor at a recent meeting of the Bishopsgate Lodge, the Master of which offered 50 guineas with which to start a Lodge Benevolent Fund, Bro. J. H. Whadcoat congratulated the members and said he should like to see older Lodges following on the same lines, and considered that if it became the custom to endeavour to keep pace with the younger ones in this direction it would be well. Bro. Whadcoat has just proved his sincerity on this subject by contributing 250 guineas towards a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Royal Athelstan Lodge, of which he is at present time Worshipful Master. As recorded elsewhere in this issue other members of the Lodge have supplemented the handsome donation of its Master to such good effect that the Fund starts with a capital of over £500.

## SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall at Wells, on Thursday, 3rd inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan Prov. G.M., who was supported by Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England and D.P.G.M. The room had been effectively decorated, the walls being adorned with the banners of the various Lodges throughout the Province. There was a large muster of Brethren.

The P.G. Secretary, Bro. J. C. Hunt, Bridgwater, first called the roll of Lodges, and all were found to be represented. The P.G.S. next read the minutes of P.G.L. held at Highbridge on the 5th of May last year, and they were duly confirmed.

The P.G. Treasurer, Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, presented his annual statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £136 17s 5d, as compared with £107 8s 2d at the commencement of the year. The accounts were received and adopted, on the motion of Bro. Watts P.M. 53, seconded by Bro. Chaffin P.M. 261.

On the motion of Bro. Col. Perkins, Bath, seconded by Bro. Ashley, Bath, Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Lord Dungarvan made the following appointments to Provincial Office, and invested the respective Brethren with their insignia of power, the recipients of the favours being heartily received:

J. L. Bewsey P.M. 437	-	-	Senior Warden
R. Norton W.M. 446	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. R. White P.M. 379	-	-	Chaplain
C. L. Fry Edwards	-	-	Treasurer
E. R. Hayter P.M. 976	-	-	Registrar
J. C. Hunt P.M. 135	-	-	Secretary
J. T. Dunsford P.M. 291	-	-	Assistant Sec.
T. H. Mitchell P.M. 1953	-	-	Senior Deacon
Chas. Pfeiffer P.M. 1833	-	-	Junior Deacon
A. W. Moore P.M. 973	-	-	Sup. of Works
W. P. Buckley P.M. 976	-	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
J. R. Gill P.M. 906	-	-	Assistant D.C.
G. C. Strawbridge P.M. 261	-	-	Sword Bearer
O. W. Catford P.M. 814	-	-	Standard Bearers
R. Hole P.M. 2390	-	-	
C. R. Humphrey P.M. 2038	-	-	Organist
H. F. Lewis P.M. 1296	-	-	Pursuivant
T. Hockey P.M. 1197	-	-	Asst. Pursuivant
G. W. Styles P.M. 285	-	-	Stewards.
S. J. Hulbert P.M. 772	-	-	
J. A. Tucker W.M. 53	-	-	
B. Whitby W.M. 329	-	-	
A. J. Tonkin W.M. 1755	-	-	Tyler
A. J. Salter (Bath)	-	-	
S. Bigwood (Bath)	-	-	
	-	-	Asst. Tyler

The P.G. Secretary next read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee, which was of a very satisfactory character.

Several notices of motion were afterwards dealt with, including one by the P.G. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Capt. Peel Floyd, which was unanimously agreed to:—

“That the sum of 100 guineas be given as a donation from the funds of this P.G.L. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the amount be placed on the list for the R.W. Bro. Viscount Dungarvan P.G. Master of Somerset, who will preside at the Festival of this Institution in February next.”

It was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Else, “That the members of this Lodge desires to express and place on record their deep sympathy with the widow and family of the late Bro. Capt. George Homfray P.G.S.B. and D.P.G.M. Monmouth, in their sad affliction, and also the widow of the late Bro. H. B. Ffarington P.G.R.”

An anthem was then sung—some Brethren connected with the choir of Wells Cathedral taking part, and Bro. C. W. Lavinton, Cathedral organist, officiating at the organ—while the alms were collected. These amounted to £6 10s 2d, and were voted to the Wells Nursing Institute.

The P.G. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the majority of the members afterwards dined together at the Bishop's Barn, adjoining the Moat, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M. By permission of the Canon-in-residence, the Cathedral was kept open for inspection by the Brethren in the evening, and the Bishop of Bath and Wells allowed them to visit his palace gardens.

## NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON the 10th inst., the annual convocation of Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Beverley, by the invitation of the Beverlac Lodge, No. 281. There was a large attendance, amongst those present being Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel R. G. Smith P.G.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, &c. Telegrams of congratulation were received from Bros. C. L. Mason and W. Matthewman, the Provincial Grand Master and Secretary of West Yorkshire.

The roll having been called, the report of the General Purposes Committee was read and confirmed; the Treasurer's balance sheet was also presented and adopted.

Brother John Marshall (of Malton), the Provincial Grand Treasurer, having resigned his office, which he has held with conspicuous ability since the formation of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to him for his services, and his son, Bro. W. J. Marshall, was elected as his successor.

The Fitzwilliam Lodge, of Malton, gave a cordial invitation to the Grand Lodge to hold the next convocation in that town, and the Provincial Grand Master said the invitation should have favourable consideration.

Donations having been voted from the Benevolent Fund for the relief of poor and distressed Mark Master Masons, the election of the Committee of General Purposes and of Auditors was proceeded with.

The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, in an interesting speech, alluded to the prosperous condition of the Province. He thought that it might be found most convenient to hold future convocations at York. He expressed their indebtedness to the Beverley Lodge for their hospitality and the excellent arrangements. He then appointed and invested the following Provincial Officers for the year:—

Col. R. G. Smith, Hull	Deputy Grand Master
Thomson Foley, Beverley	S.W.
F. Creaser, Bridlington	J.W.
W. P. Cochrane, Middlesborough	M.O.
J. Kirby, Driffield	S.O.
J. S. Seals, Scarborough	J.O.
Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, Malton	Chaplain
W. J. Marshall, Malton	Treasurer
A. W. Walker, Malton	Secretary
J. Longford, York	Reg. of Marks
J. R. Lane, Beverley	S.D.
E. K. Spiegelhalter, Malton	J.D.
F. J. Halliwell, York	Inspector of Works
H. T. Hayes, Scarborough	D.C.
W. T. Newcombe	Assist. D.C.
T. G. Brogden, York	Standard Bearer
A. Harrowing, Whitby	Sword Bearer
H. Myers	I.G.

The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Beverley Arms Hotel.

The Old Masonians, which it is well known to our readers is an Association of ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will give a performance of H. J. Byron's original drama, “Blow for Blow,” at St. George's Hall, Langham Place, this evening (Saturday), at 8 p.m., the object being to aid the Benevolent and Grant Fund of the Association. It is to be hoped our Old Boys will be well supported in their endeavours, and that a good sum may be realised for the good of the cause they desire to benefit. Tickets and every information in regard to the Society may be obtained of the Secretary, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

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A telegram to the “Glasgow Evening News” announces that the Duke of Buccleuch has granted a site in the new town of Langholm to the local Freemasons to erect a Hall on.

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Bro. F. J. Horniman has signified his intention, says the “City Press,” of entertaining the Brethren of the Alliance Lodge at his residence, Forest Hill, early in July.

## FREEMASONRY IN TORQUAY.

THE regular meeting of the St. John's Lodge, No. 328, was held in the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Monday evening, 7th inst., when there was a very large gathering of members of this and sister Lodges in the neighbourhood. The Lodge was opened by Bro. T. A. Blackler W.M. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Worshipful Master called upon Bro. John Chapman P. Prov. G.D. Devon, to deliver a lecture upon the history of their Lodge. Bro. Chapman said:—

The history of St. John's Lodge, No. 328, is a subject in which I have felt a very deep interest for more than twenty years. It was in the year 1871 that I made a very diligent search for the old records of the Lodge. Those efforts only proved that the remote events were shrouded in oral tradition, and that the records had been lost; so that for the valuable links of reliable evidence there had to be substituted oral tradition. These, however, are not to be lightly esteemed, for there were several very trustworthy Brethren, founders of the Lodge, who lived long enough to hand down the facts connected with the early events of the Lodge to those now living, so that we have very little difficulty in tracing the landmarks of the founders of the Lodge. I well remember, in the spring of the year 1871, trying to obtain from the grandson of one of the founders some clue with regard to the original minute book and papers connected with the formation of the Lodge. The only information I could gather was in a letter from America, intimating that all had been consumed by a fire that had destroyed the household effects of this worthy Brother. While the archives of Grand Lodge and the limited records of this Lodge are not sufficient, or within the compass of our requirements, yet we have a little collateral evidence that will assist us in dealing with the past. Bro. William Taylor, our worthy Secretary, has placed in my hands all the material that he possesses in order that I might work out the events that have transpired in connection with the Lodge. "At our initiation we are taught to be cautious;" but some Masonic historians have overlooked this excellent advice. The efforts of a faithful historian should ever be to rigidly adhere to facts, without straining them to serve the purpose of any preconceived idea. Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, lays it down as an axiom that we should never take for granted that which we should first prove. Some of our Masonic historians have, unfortunately, disregarded this course. They have taken for granted that which they cannot prove. The result is that when some old parchment has been unearthed it has completely upset their preconceived ideas. They find that our present system of Freemasonry is more ancient than they imagined. "The 1717 theory is exploded," and the poor historian has to express his regret for being too hasty with his conclusions. I will therefore strive in the present case to give the past events of the Lodge from the records we have, and if I use any oral tradition it shall be such as shall be in harmony with established facts, in order that the events may be removed as far as possible from the sphere of speculation. The Warrant of Constitution that was granted to this Lodge dates back to the 8th March 1810. It had previously been granted to a Lodge in Carnarvon, under the title of the Snowdon Lodge, and was then numbered 494. The original Charter was dated 25th December 1786. There had been another alteration of the register of the listing of Lodges in the year 1792, by which it became 404, and when the Carnarvon Warrant was issued to the Brethren in Torquay, on the 8th March 1810, under the title of St. John's Lodge, it was numbered 616.

The Secretary of the Grand Lodge, in a letter dated 11th April 1892, gives me the following as the places of meeting since the Lodge was formed:—

- 1810, 8th March.—Torquay only.
- 1819.—Freemasons' Hall, Fleet Street, Torquay.
- 1827.—Royal Hotel, Torquay.
- 1833.—London Hotel, Torquay.
- 1836.—Union Hotel, Torquay.
- 1840.—Freemasons' Hall, Temperance St., Torquay.
- 1853.—Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Torquay.

The records of the Lodge, and from other sources with regard to the erection of the present Masonic Hall, reveal the fact that the foundation stone was laid on Thursday, 28th day of May 1857, by the then D. Prov. G.M., under the title of St. John's Lodge, No. 411, the number having been altered on the roll of Grand Lodge from 616 to 411. Bro. F. Thomas P.M. was the W.M. of the Lodge on that auspicious occasion, and was supported by Bro. Dr. C. Paget Blake, R.N., S.W., and Bro. E. Appleton J.W. The first intimation on this subject in the minute book appears in connection with a meeting held on the 17th of March 1857, when a report from the Building Committee was introduced. It was then "proposed by Bro. Dr. Paget Blake S.W. that in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee the building of the proposed Masonic Hall should be immediately commenced, and that the available funds of the Lodge, present and prospective, should be devoted to that purpose." The resolution was carried unanimously, and also one for the turning of the first sod for the building, on Monday, 23rd of March, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. With the exception of the foregoing statement, there is very scant information in the minute book with regard to the erection of the Masonic Hall; but it appears that an Emergency Lodge was held to meet the Prov. Grand Lodge for the purpose of assisting in laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall, at which there were about 130 Brethren present. We gather from the proceedings of the first meeting of the Lodge, after the laying of the foundation stone of the building, namely, 2nd June 1857, that Bro. Sherrard and Bro. Briscoe Hooper proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to the W.M. for his great kindness and energy in carrying out the arrangements of Prov. Grand Lodge, and also to Bros. Webber and Cash, who acted as Stewards for the day. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. E. Appleton for his energetic and gratuitous services as architect on the occasion. There was also a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Board of Health (Mr. Kitson) for his kindness in allowing the use of the Town Hall for the Prov. Grand Lodge. The next vote of thanks is one that opens up a matter of interest with regard to the history of a very pleasing event that took place in the Lodge four years after its formation. It was a vote of thanks to Mr. W. N. Peckins for the gift of a silver jewel that had been presented to one of the founders of the Lodge, in the year 1814. On the face of the jewel is engraved the following inscription:—"Presented by the Members of St. John's Lodge, No. 623-616, to Bro. John Simms P.M., for his unremitting zeal and attention to the duties of Masonry, and his assiduous exertions thereof in instructing the brethren. In the year of Masonry 5814, and of our Lord 1814." On the obverse side of the jewel is engraved:—"The St. John's Lodge, No. 623-616 at Torquay, Devon, according to ancient constitution of the Grand Lodge of England."

This early memento of Masonic zeal and ability in St. John's Lodge is now worn by the senior P.M., and reminds us of our worthy predecessor, and also forms an important link that binds us to the early history of Brethren. The events that were recorded in the minute book, as well as the ceremony in connection with the laying of the foundation stone, were regarded of sufficient importance that they specially resolved that the last vote should be forwarded to the "Torquay Chronicle," for insertion in that journal. These resolutions also place before us the names of those who took an active part in the erection of the building. But before we conclude this part of our notice of the efforts of the Brethren, we would not overlook the valuable services rendered by Bros. Bowden, Melliush, Goss, Harland and Whiteway. It is to be regretted that a more complete statement of facts connected with the erection of the building, the several changes of the Lodge premises, and the general working of the Lodge, were not recorded on the minutes. I have had the pleasure, however, of perusing a copy of both the "Torquay Directory" and the "Torquay Chronicle," each of which contained, at the time, an excellent report of the proceedings in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall.

From these reports we gather the fact that the Right Hon. Hugh Earl Fortescue Prov. G.M. of Devonshire

was seriously indisposed, and therefore unable to attend, so that the Deputy G.M. the Rev. John Huyshe laid the foundation stone. He was supported on the occasion by Bro. Dennis Moore Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Laidman Prov. Grand D.C., the Prov. Grand Wardens, the Chaplains, as well as many other distinguished Brethren in the Provinces. After the ceremony there was the usual Masonic banquet, and in looking over the toast list I was very much surprised to find a toast that ought not to have been given, if it really was given, as stated in the newspaper report. It ran as follows: "Bro. Lawrence V. Palk, the donor of the site of the New Masonic Hall." Most of us know in St. John's Lodge that Bro. Lawrence V. Palk was not the donor of the site; that we have paid the ground rent ever since the building was erected, and that at the present time, through the kind forethought of our W.M. Bro. T. A. Blackler, the agreement has been made to purchase the site on which the building stands.

It will be interesting here to supplement some important details connected with the erection of this building, that have been kindly supplied to me by Bro. Col. Appleton, who was the architect of the Masonic Hall, and who is also one of the trustees. It appears that the building committee consisted of Bros. Dr. C. Paget Blake, R.N., E. Appleton, Briscoe Hooper, and W. Webber, so that I think we may safely concede to these worthy Brethren the honour of having provided us with these important premises. The contractor was Mr. John Harvey, of Melville House, Torquay, better known in those days as Melville Harvey. Bro. Appleton had been for some time previous to the erection of the Masonic Hall an enthusiastic student of Ruskin; he therefore brought the fruit of the skill he had acquired into his plans for this building, and this explains how we got "the porch, the dormer, and the tessellated pavement," so distinctly marked as a feature of our Masonic Hall. The tessellated pavement was the gift of Mr. Herbert Minton, of Stoke-upon-Trent. The Bible, square, and compasses that are carved over the door, at the entrance to the Hall, was the gift and workmanship of our old Masonic veteran, Bro. John Sharland, one of the founders of the Lodge, whose death is recorded in the minutes of 4th June 1866.

(To be continued.)

#### CENTENARY: LODGE OF HOPE, No. 302.

A LODGE of Emergency was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Bradford Church Institute, and was attended by a large number of Freemasons from the Lodges of Bradford and district.

The Centenary Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England was presented by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master the Rt. Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., who expressed his great regret that his Parliamentary duties would compel him to leave immediately after the presentation, so that he was obliged to ask the Lodge to somewhat alter the course of the proceedings. He then addressed a few words to the Lodge, in the course of which he spoke of the high character of the Lodges of Bradford, and of their great liberality, and expressed the hope that every individual member of the Order in Bradford would do his best to uphold the reputation which their Lodges now enjoyed. He considered the fact that the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Hope (Bro. John R. Armitage) held the highest position in the Provincial Grand Lodge, that of Provincial Grand Senior Warden, was sufficient testimony to the opinion the Provincial Grand Lodge held of the several Lodges of the town. The Provincial Grand Master also presented centenary jewels to several of the Brethren of the Lodge of Hope, and afterwards printed copies of a short history of the Lodge were distributed amongst the Brethren. During the course of the proceedings the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," was sung, the solo being taken by Bro. W. Nichols.

Altogether 120 Brethren attended the Lodge. These included thirty-six Prov. G. Officers. Among those in the body of the Lodge were Bros. J. T. Last, C. Woodcock, A. W. Pullin, C. Skidmore, J.P., W. T. McGowen,

G. C. Gamble, J. Davis, A. V. Hammond, J. Moser, Dr. Mossop, Dr. Herbert White and Dr. Chas. Forshaw (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

In the evening a banquet was held at the Great Northern Victoria Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. John R. Armitage Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Hope and Provincial Senior Warden.

Bro. Henry Smith P.G.D. of England, in replying for the Grand Officers said the Grand Master (the Prince of Wales) had signed Warrants for a thousand Lodges since his installation in 1875, and during that time about three-quarters of a million had been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

The next toast was the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson P.M. 289, M.P., in giving which the chairman said that he had been in close correspondence with Bro. Jackson during the past week, and he knew from his letters how anxious Bro. Jackson had been to attend on this occasion and at what expense of personal trouble and inconvenience he had come to Bradford that afternoon.

In proposing the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Prov. Grand Officers, the chairman referred to the fact that Bro. Smith was the oldest member of the Lodge of Hope, having belonged to it forty-two years.

Bro. Wilson P.P.S.G.W. responded.

Bro. Henry Smith gave Success to the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, and the health of the Worshipful Master.

The Chairman, in responding, said that, as age went in Masonry, the Lodge of Hope was young. Masonry had existed no one could tell how long, but in Bradford it had been proved that it had existed about 200 years. The Lodge of Hope was, in fact, quite a "fin de siècle" institution. He hoped it would become a still more powerful body in the future. It had been the highest in the province, and for a while it was apparently under a cloud. When he was asked to occupy the position that he held that night it was with very mixed feelings that he responded, but he was very proud that he should be deemed worthy of holding the position. He went on to remark that Bro. James Ambler, who was present, was grandson of the first Master of the Lodge of Hope. His own maternal grandfather, after whom he was named, had been four times Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He believed that altogether this relative held office twelve times in the Lodge of Hope. As to himself, he had the pleasure of saying that he had been a Mason for thirty years during the sixty years of his life. During the time he had been a Mason there had been thirty Masters, and he believed that in that time only Bro. Gott and himself had been twice Masters of the Lodge, and out of twenty-eight Masters thirteen had gone and others had removed. He had every confidence that the Lodge, whose centenary was that day being celebrated, would continue to flourish.

Bro. W. T. McGowen proposed the Visitors. He said that there was a good deal of antiquity about Freemasonry. There were many things about it that were exceedingly curious and quaint, but there were also many things about it that were admirable. We lived in wonderful times. So a recent opera showed, the writer of which had included the song "Down with the churches, down with the steeples; down with the princes, down with the peoples," and afterwards "Down with every blessed thing." He would sing a song, the effect of which should be that whatever might go wrong, might the Lodge of Hope always go right. A man could not live without some social pleasures, and it was a delightful thing to be able sometimes to cast aside all the troubles and dissensions of life and meet with some friendly spirits, go through quaint old ceremonies, and above all find them flavoured with the delicious feeling of goodwill towards all men, and charity for the suffering. In this age the only thing that seemed to be settled was that everything should be settled on the principle of topsyturvydom. But there was nothing topsyturvey about the Lodge of Hope. Whatever their politics, let them fight away out of doors; whatever their religious views, let them stick to them; but saints and sinners, whatever their faith, whatever their politics, they could shake hands across the table and say "Brother." So long as men thought fit to act in the spirit of brotherhood there could be nothing but good coming from the Lodge of Hope. He had been amongst their charitable



Institutions, and he had seen other aspects of their Craft, and he believed that Freemasonry contained important elements for the help and comfort of man.

The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Gaukroger 61, Bateman Fox 208 and Charles Skidmore 1610. Brother Gaukroger referred to the fact that the Probity Lodge, of which he was a member, was established in the year 1738, and was the oldest Lodge, he believed, in the Province of West Yorkshire.

During the evening solos and glees were admirably rendered by Bros. C. Blagbro, W. Knight, D. J. Miller, H. Waddington, T. P. Sykes, C. W. O. Smith, A. P. Rendell, William Nichols and W. Thornton, Bro. F. W. Nicholson acting as accompanist.—“Bradford Observer.”

### GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 3rd inst., about 200 being present. The throne was occupied by Dr. James Middleton Provincial Grand Master of Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirkshires.

A letter was reported from the Grand Secretary of England, intimating that the Grand Master had been pleased, on the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to appoint the Earl of Haddington to be representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in room of Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, resigned, and also to approve the appointment of the Earl of Lathom, C.B., as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Secretary submitted a statement of the number of intrants recorded in the books of Grand Lodge in each year between 1800 and 1893, both inclusive, showing a grand total of 230,074, and 2447·59 as the average annual registration in the 94 years embraced in the return. In respect of the loose system obtaining in Lodges during the early part of the present century, several thousand intrants were never reported for registration. The lowest number, 661, occurred in 1832, the year of the first visitation of cholera to the country. In the first decade of the present century the highest number of intrants, 2785, was attained in 1810; in the next, 3073, in 1814; in the third, 2541, in 1825; in the fourth, 1213, in 1833; in the fifth, 1169, in 1850; in the sixth, 2765, in 1860; in the seventh, 4319, in 1868. In 1877, the year in which the business departments of Grand Lodge were reorganised, the number of intrants was 5365; in the ninth decade 5828 was reached in 1889; while the first year of the tenth decade, 1891, furnishes the highest number of intrants ever before enrolled in any one year, the figures reaching 6078. The marked decrease of intrants in 1893 might, it was added, be attributable to depression of trade at home and in the colonies.

On Sunday evening, the 29th ult., a special Masonic service was held at St. Paul's, Deptford, when Bro. the Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A., Chaplain Ordnance Lodge, preached. A dispensation had been granted for Brethren to appear in regalia, and accommodation was provided in the vestries of the church for this purpose. There were about 400 Freemasons present, representing thirty-three Lodges. The prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Hodson, assisted by the curates, and the lessons by Dr. Hodson and Bro. Pakes P.M. Bro. Horsley preached an excellent sermon, says the “South Eastern Herald,” in which he insisted upon the fact that the doctrines of Freemasonry were founded upon the Bible. A collection in aid of St. Paul's Restoration Fund realised £44 7s.

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We learn with pleasure that a new monthly, “The Masonic Visitor,” edited by the Rev. C. W. Ganly P.M. 116, &c, is about being issued in the interests of Irish Freemasonry. The journal will supply a want long felt, and under such capable editorship, the “Carlow Sentinel” has no hesitation in predicting an unqualified success to the undertaking. It will be published at 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, at 3s 6d per year, post free.

### ERRORS OF MASONIC WRITERS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

IT does seem a terrible pity that Brethren before they “rush into print,” do not make themselves familiar with the elementary facts of Masonic History. Unless they do, better far to let such work alone.

We have just been shown a historical sketch of the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, Bradford, from 1794 to the present year of Grace, in which two or three most flagrant errors appear, and which ought not to have been printed in such a pamphlet, intended as it is, not only for the information of the members, but as a souvenir of a most interesting and important celebration.

The Lodge was warranted on 23rd of March 1794, by the R.W. Bro. Richard Slater Milnes as Provincial Grand Master of Yorkshire, by authority (as it is stated on the document inserted in the “Sketch”) of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England. Signed on Bro. Milnes' behalf by Wm. Spencer “A.D.P.G.M.”

This clear statement leads the writer of this History of 302, Bradford, to observe, “The Lodge of Hope was constituted under a Warrant issued by the *Grand Lodge of all England* at that time established at *York*, and exercising certain of the powers of Grand Lodge.”

This is a most serious error, for the Charter was granted under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, having its head quarters at *London*; and had no connection whatever with the body at *York*, thus noted. Besides, in 1794 it *had literally died out*!

Then it is gravely asserted that “the *London* and *York* Grand Lodges were united in 1813,” which was some twenty years after the latter organisation had collapsed; another inexcusable error, for it was the two rival Grand Lodges in *London* that united.

We much deplore the publication of such a travesty of Masonic History.

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Grand Patron and President:  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.  
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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 18th May 1894

W. Bro. JOHN A. FARNFIELD,  
Patron, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer and Trustee,  
in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 27 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 65 Candidates, and 16 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 54 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

## MALES.

No.	Votes.	No.	Votes.
1 Bro. F. Long ...	4524	16 Bro. W. H. Gill ...	2857
2 J. W. Avery ...	4377	17 W. W. Boniface	2827
3 J. W. Lakin ...	4002	18 C. Ship ...	2808
4 T. Alcock ...	3846	19 W. Dodge ...	2784
5 G. F. Swan ...	3343	*20 E. G. Burton	2732
6 C. B. Claydon	3257	*21 E. A. Singard	2713
7 H. Adams ...	3248	*22 H. Haigh ...	2706
8 H. J. Smith ...	3245	*23 J. W. Turner	2677
9 W. H. Myers	3212	*24 R. Glover ...	2671
10 A. Finch ...	3191	25 T. C. Johnson (de-	
11 J. H. Spencer	3157	ferred) ...	2583
12 J. Neave ...	3081	26 J. Bagshaw (de-	
13 T. Hopkinson	2961	ferred) ...	2550
14 J. B. Sargeant	2948	27 G. Fox (deferred)	2498
15 R. W. Hammond	2929		

## WIDOWS.

No.	Votes.	No.	Votes.
1 Mrs. S. Welsford ...	5907	11 Mrs. Ann Bailes ...	5300
2 A. Thomas ...	5825	*12 Sarah Mann	5296
3 E. Ough ...	5768	*13 Maria Vile ...	5238
4 S. Wills ...	5732	14 Emma Pickett	
5 M. J. Clifton	5708	(deferred) ...	5228
6 A. M. Taylor	5677	15 Mary White	
7 C. Morris ...	5671	(deferred) ...	5088
8 H. A. Platt ...	5585	16 C. M. Seabrook	
9 M. A. Parker...	5576	(deferred) ...	5042
10 Eliza Mills ...	5523		

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked \* are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

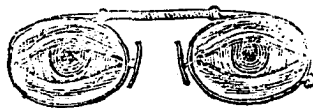
The three lowest on the Poll (both Male and Female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order,

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron and Secretary.

18th May 1894.

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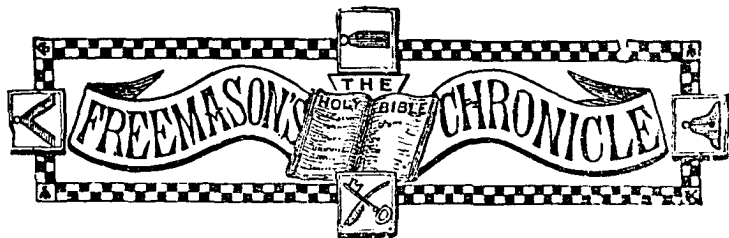
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N.B.—Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, and Lord Justice Mellish decided in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suit.—See Times of 24th July 1873.



SATURDAY, 19TH MAY 1894.

## THE INSTITUTIONS, &c.

### Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE annual visit of the Stewards and friends to the School at Battersea Rise took place on Monday of last week, when a numerous and brilliant company assembled. The principal event of the day was the distribution of prizes to the successful pupils, and this duty was undertaken by the Countess of Lathom, who was accompanied by the Earl of Lathom, Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, the Earl of Euston, &c. The distinguished visitors were received by the members of the House Committee, headed by Sir John B. Monckton, chairman of the month; the Secretary; Miss Davis, the head Mistress of the School and other officials.

The programme included the usual musical entertainment by the pupils, a trio with forty-eight hands at eight pianos, and a duet, with thirty-two hands, supplying the very best of evidence of the efficient tuition given the children in this direction. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the Calisthenic and Marching exercises by the pupils, which called forth the customary applause.

We append a list of prize winners, it being explained that no Girl, however meritorious, can take more than three prizes, but this rule does not apply to Gold or Silver Medals, or the Cambridge Local or College of Preceptors' Examinations.

### PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Gold Medal for Proficiency (With £5 by the late Bro. William Winn) Florence Bexfield.

Silver Medal for good Conduct (With £5 by the late Bro. William Winn) Nellie Cooper.

Cambridge Local Examinations (17 entered, all passed):

SENIOR.—Class II. Honours. Gold Medallist, 1892 (Distinction in French and Music) Bertha Dean. Satisfied Examiners Hester Burt (Silver Medallist, 1893), Evelyn Conti.

JUNIOR.—Class I. Honours (Distinction in Religious Knowledge, English, and Music) Florence Bexfield. Class II. Honours (Distinction in Religious Knowledge) Nellie Cooper, Helena Tims. Class III. Honours (Distinction in Religious Knowledge and French) Ethel Sanders. (Distinction in French) Mabel Bohli. Satisfied Examiners Kathleen Holman, Mary Baverstock (Distinction in Religious Knowledge), Winifred Chinnick, Nellie Harvey, Dora Ireson, Alice Smith, Olga Tettenborn, Edith Woodbridge, Myrtle Speed.

General Improvement and Industry in 1st Class. Ada Turton.

College of Preceptors' Examination (41 entered, 40 passed):

PRIZE WINNERS.—Margaret Carter, Constance Green.

General Proficiency in Lower Classes. 3rd, Annie Wilson. 4th, Emily Martin. 5th, Rose Davies. 6th, Gertrude McLeod.

Needlework. Isabella Lane, Mabel Edmeston, Mabel Cookes, Winifred Belton.

Order and Attention (As proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year) Jessie Codling, Margaret Griffith.

### PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Religious Knowledge (Bro. Robert Grey)—Florence Bexfield, Nellie Cooper, Helena Tims, Ethel Sanders, Kathleen Holman, Mary Baverstock.

English Subjects (Bro. A. C. Spaul)—Florence Bexfield.

Arithmetic and Mathematics (Bro. Thomas Fenn)—Nellie Cooper.

Music—First Prize (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Bertha Dean (Honour Certificate, School Exam. of Associated Board, Higher Division).

Second Prizes (The Wentworth Little)—Elsie Mackey, Nellie Cooper, Ethel Davis.

Third Prizes (An Ex-Pupil)—Frances Ace, Dorothy Besley.

Singing (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Helena Tims.

French (Bro. Eugene Monteuvils)—Bertha Dean, Ethel Sanders, Mabel Bohli.

Drawing (The John Boyd)—Winifred Turner, Isabel Pinder, Winifred Chinnick, Olga Tettenborn.

Good Conduct—First Prize (The Supreme Council 33°)—Frances Ace.  
Second Prizes (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Ethel Michael, Grace Goodchild.  
The Best Perfect (Bro. Ralph Clutton)—Bertha Dean.  
Cookery—First Prize (Bro. H. A. Hunt)—Adelaide Harling  
Second Prizes (Bro. T. W. Whitmarsh)—Winifred Turner, Margaret Carter.  
Third Prize (Bro. T. Loveridge)—Maude Longshaw.  
Usefulness in Domestic Duties (The Yates, St. James Lodge, No. 842)—Isabel Pinder, Edith Woodbridge.  
Calisthenics and Deportment (Bro. Col. James Peters)—Mabel Edmeston, Adelaide Harling.  
Swimming (Lady Monckton)—Mary Baverstock, Alice Smith, Ethel Sanders.  
Amiability (Bro. John Faulkner) Selected by her Schoolfellows—Edith Woodbridge.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

General Proficiency (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Alice Wakefield.  
Arithmetic (The Henry Levander)—Catharine Castle.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE annual election was held yesterday, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C., Patron and Treasurer of the Institution.

As already announced twenty-two vacancies had been declared on the Male Fund and fourteen on the Widows, and these were increased, by deaths since the issue of the papers, to twenty-seven and sixteen respectively, which numbers were subsequently admitted to the benefits of the Institution, the polling on behalf of the several candidates being as follows :

MALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

		Forward	To-day	Total.
20	Long, Francis	...	657	3867 4524
46	Avery, James William	...		4377 4377
40	Lakin, John William	...		4002 4002
42	Alcock, Thomas	...		3846 3846
48	Swan, George Frederick	...		3343 3343
55	Claydon, Charles B.	...		3257 3257
25	Adams, Harry	...	8	3240 3248
27	Smith, Henry James	...	1456	1789 3245
65	Myers, William Henry	...		3212 3212
24	Finch, Andrew	...	1090	2101 3191
45	Spencer, Joseph Huntley	...		3157 3157
58	Neave, James	...		3081 3081
60	Hopkinson, Thomas	...		2961 2961
19	Sargeant, Jabez Benjamin	...	871	2077 2948
37	Hammond, Richard Wetherell	...		2929 2929
62	Gill, William Henry	...		2857 2857
21	Boniface, Walter William	...	10	2817 2827
50	Ship, Charles	...		2808 2808
32	Dodge, William	...	4	2780 2784
52	Bruton, Edward George	...		2732 2732
64	Lingard, Edward A.	...		2713 2713
49	Haigh, Henry	...		2706 2706
44	Turner, John William	...		2677 2677
5	Glover, Richard	...	253	2418 2671
47	Johnson, Thomas C.	...		2583 2583
29	Bagshaw, John	...	728	1822 2550
4	Fox, George	...	142	2356 2498

UNSUCCESSFUL.

28	Robson, George	...	294	2198 2492
57	Dinnis, Francis	...		2442 2442
34	Pickering, Edwin	...	2	2278 2280
59	Childs, William James	...		1727 1727
17	Brown, George Thomas	...	664	722 1386
30	Whiteley, George	...	309	803 1112
10	Kilshaw, John	...	6	973 979
26	Eastabrook, Joseph	...	562	361 923
36	Long, James	...		636 636
11	Gillard, James P. W.	...	312	214 526
1	Musham, John	...	304	201 505
51	Hawkins, William Henry	...		462 462
6	Miller, Henry	...	217	112 329
2	Nichol, Robert	...	271	41 312
56	Collie, John	...		279 279
13	Moxon, John	...	212	36 248
3	McLean, William John	...	224	13 237
43	Hill, James	...		122 122
61	Mott, James	...		99 99
54	Clements, George Henry	...		87 87
7	Windsor, Henry	...	53	29 82
14	Graham, William B.	...	29	16 45
22	Priest, John	...	17	21 38
8	Pitts, Robert	...	17	13 30
15	Hubbard, Robert William	...	18	12 30
35	Comyn, John	...		29 29
31	Hatton, Peter Valentine	...	18	2 20

16	Sullivan, Dennis	...	12	2 14
12	Clark, David	...	1	12 13
9	Stockman, Thos. S.	...	10	— 10
38	Pearson, Joseph	...		1 1
63	Kessell, Solomon	...		— —
18	Stanford, Thomas	...		Dead
33	Burton, Gilbert Henry	...		Dead
39	Brown, William	...		Dead
53	Wilkins, Frederick William	...		Dead
23	Robinson, Benjamin	...		Removed
41	Gomersall, Joshua	...		Withdrawn

WIDOWS.—SUCCESSFUL.

		Forward	To-day	Total.
16	Welsford, Sarah	...	4378	1529 5907
14	Thomas, Amelia	...	3861	1964 5825
25	Ough, Elizabeth	...	2105	3663 5768
22	Wills, Sarah	...	3512	2220 5732
37	Clifton, Mary Jenkins	...	871	4837 5708
40	Taylor, Ann Maria	...		5677 5677
17	Morris, Catherine	...	3347	2324 5671
54	Platt, Helena Antonia	...		5585 5585
35	Parker, Mary Ann	...	966	4610 5576
29	Mills, Elizabeth	...	922	4601 5523
41	Bailes, Ann	...		5300 5300
21	Mann, Sarah	...	11	5285 5296
5	Vile, Maria	...	989	4249 5238
32	Pickett, Emma	...	1461	3767 5228
4	White, Mary	...	4127	961 5088
43	Seabrook, Charlotte Martha	...		5042 5042

UNSUCCESSFUL.

38	Barter, Sarah	...	1465	3531 4996
47	Dayson, Hannah	...		4988 4988
26	Whitehouse, Esther	...	2022	2885 4907
20	Rolfe, Hannah	...	1047	2907 3954
12	Best, Elizabeth	...	72	3674 3746
48	Foottitt, Eliza Ann	...		2205 2205
39	Holmes, Juliet	...		2034 2034
1	Rigarsford, Sarah	...	604	567 1171
18	Stanton, Ann	...	514	282 796
31	Sutton, Elizabeth Anna	...	8	778 786
53	Kinsey, Harriet	...		542 542
24	Blight, Sarah	...	327	5 332
50	Dickinson, Eliza Emma	...		277 277
3	Mannington, Eliz. Atkinson	...	245	25 270
23	Wagner, Katherine E.	...	245	25 270
8	Russell, Olivia	...	228	14 242
6	Foot, Mary Ann	...	224	6 230
10	Cowell, Nancy	...	173	15 188
19	Meador, Sarah	...	145	7 152
52	Huxham, Ann Catherine	...		151 151
2	Salisbury, Jane	...	98	30 128
9	Olive, Elizabeth	...	47	42 89
15	Cartledge, Annie	...	23	50 73
13	Clarke, Elizabeth	...	19	23 42
7	Ionn, Elizabeth	...	27	6 33
42	Randall, Margaret Vernon	...		30 30
49	James, Clara	...		28 28
46	Neville, Ann	...		25 25
34	Schofield, Ruth	...	22	— 22
33	Yates, Hannah Binns	...	9	6 15
36	Deller, Arabella	...	2	13 15
30	Snart, Mary Ann	...	5	8 13
51	Banning, Ann	...		9 9
27	Miller, Margaret	...	1	4 5
44	Gosby, Phoebe Eliz. Cole	...		5 5
11	Lemon, Charlotte	...	—	4 4
45	Scargill, Sarah Jane	...		— —
28	Nichol, Harriet Emma	...		Dead

The results having been declared, Bro. Terry (Secretary of the Institution), announced that the highest on the unsuccessful lists (Bro. Robson and Mrs. Barter), would each receive £7 from the John Hervey Benefaction Fund ; the next highest (Bro. Dinnis and Mrs. Dayson) £6 7s each from the same source ; and the third highest (Bro. Pickering and Mrs. Whitehouse) £5 each from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the different cheques being then and there handed to the recipients or their representatives amid the applause of the company, who fully appreciated the efforts thus made to lessen the bitterness of the disappointment the old people must feel at being so near the realisation of their desires, and yet deprived of them.

It was announced that there were 698 spoilt votes on the Widows side, one proxy for 287 votes being unsigned, and one for 120 not filled in for any candidate. The spoilt Male Votes were below 500 in number.

The proceedings terminated with hearty votes of thanks to the Scrutineers, acknowledged by Bro. G. W. Verry and Bro. Fairchild ; votes in regard to the advertising and publishing of the proceedings of the day ; and a hearty compliment to the chairman, who was thanked for his continued interest in the Institution and his desire to at all times work for its benefit.

## CLERICAL BLUNDERS.

A FAILING to which all extemporary speakers are liable, is that of word twisting, or aphasia, where brain and tongue do not work in concord, or as some people designate it, "putting the cart before the horse," e.g., "The sun shall not smite thee by night, nor the moon by day." Another instance of this is contained in the story of a celebrated actor, who, in the mechanical recital of his lines, told the audience that he would not "lay surgery on his poll," in place of "perjury on his soul."

An Irish clergyman is reported to have said with the utmost feeling, "Sorrow may endure for a joy, but night cometh in the morning."

A local preacher once gave out the first line of Heber's missionary hymn thus:—"From Iceland's greasy mountains," instead of "From Greenland's icy mountains." Another absent-minded parson, who wished to impress upon his congregation that "we should not bow the knee to an idol," astonished them by saying that "we should not bow the eye to a needle," while another, anxious to prove to his hearers the necessity of doing something, said, "If we cannot all beat the trumpet, we can, at least, blow the drum."

A clerical gentleman once made this startling announcement:—"My brethren, we all know what it is to have a half-warmed fish" i.e., half-formed wish—"in our hearts," while one individual has been known to speak of "Kinquering congs," instead of "conquering kings." He must be a relative of the other clergyman, who gave out his text from the "Colostle to the Epissians." A minister, whose subject was the "Good Samaritan," exclaimed, "A certain man went down to Jericho. Ah, yes! he was a certain man. Would that we all, like him, were certain men—certain of the way we were going." A clergyman once through rapid utterance, referred to the "duff and demb." Seeing that he had made a mistake, he remarked—"My hearers will readily see that I intended to say 'demb and duff.' Then he gave it up as hopeless."

"The Rev. Mr. Imlack, of Murroes," says the Rev. Paxton Hood in his book on Scottish characteristics, "was an able man, but a very absent-minded one, and once, in a public service of considerable importance, he spoke of all ranks and degrees of persons, 'from the king on the dunghill to the beggar on the throne'; but, suspecting rather than perceiving the mistake, he proceeded instantly to amend his error by saying, 'No, my friends, I mean from the beggar on the throne, to the king on the dunghill.'"

Spurgeon tells of a preacher who, in reading the account of the miraculous provision of food for the multitude, made the next clause read—"And they *did* eat!"

On one occasion the verse "And the prophet said to his sons, 'Saddle me the ass; and they saddled him,'" was read thus:—"And the prophet said to his sons, 'Saddle *me* the ass;' and they saddled him!"

"I beleive oor minister's in the habit o' gemblin," said one Scotchman to another, "last Sabbath he said in his prayer, 'O Thou, who hast the king of hearts in Thy hands,' instead of 'O Thou who hast the heart of kings in Thy hands.'" The reply of his friend was, "It looks bad, we maun seen what the Session say aboot it."

A parish priest once made a humorous and unthinking oration at a christening. Taking the infant in his arms, he thus addressed the bye-standers: "My friends, there is no knowing what glorious destiny may be in store for this child. I hope, and judging from his countenance I believe that he will live to be an honour to his country, and to his parents. He may, for anything that I know to the contrary, grow up to be an admiral in the army, or general in the navy! He may be a judge upon the bench! Who knows but he may one day be Lord Mayor of Dublin, or even—when we get our rights—King of Ireland!" Then turning to the nurse, "Biddy," said he, "what is this child's name going to be?" "Mary Anne plaze your reverence," answered Biddy, and a hearty laugh went round.

An old couple once presented themselves before the Rev. Mr. Warneford, of York, to be married. He began the marriage service with, "I am the Resurrection and the Life!" "Stop, sir," interrupted the bridegroom, "we have come to be married!" "Umph!" growled the vicar, "you are much fitter to be buried!"

A clergyman in Pittsburg married a lady with whom he received the substantial dowry of ten thousand dollars, and a fair prospect of more. Soon afterwards, while occupying the pulpit, he gave out a hymn, read the first four stanzas, and was reading the fifth:—

"For ever let my grateful heart  
His boundless grace adore,"

when he hesitated, and exclaimed, "Ahem! the choir will omit the fifth verse," and sat down. The congregation, attracted by his apparent confusion, read the remaining lines:—

"Which gives ten thousand blessings now,  
And bids me hope for more."

I have often met with instances where an individual, through confusion of ideas or of sound, was utterly unable to express himself correctly, and each attempt to do so only increased his difficulty. In ordinary circumstances of life, this failing is simply laughed at and forgotten, as in the case of a woman who, in her admiration of two bears which were being exhibited at the Zoological Gardens, Manchester, exclaimed to a companion, in a burst of rapture, "Oh! Mrs. D—, what beautiful coats those bears have; wouldn't they make nice sealskin jackets?" But the mental transpositions of a certain worthy divine, although laughable, were extremely unfortunate, and attended by more serious results. Upon one occasion, the cleric referred to being very nervous, gave out to his congregation what should have been the following hymn:—

"This world is all a fleeting show."

He however rendered it, "This world is all a sheeting flow," which caused a smile on the part of his listeners, and only increased the preacher's confusion; he commenced again—"This world is all a

sheeting flow," which only made matters worse. Again he essayed to correct himself, and with desperation said,—"This world is all a floating she." Then he slammed the hymn-book down, and after a vigorous application of his handkerchief to his perspiring forehead, remarked—"Brethren, for some reason I cannot read the hymn as it ought to be read; we will therefore omit it, and the choir will please sing the grand old lines beginning—"Just as I am without one flea."

In good old times, when hymn-books were scarce, it was the custom in many of the Dissenting churches for the clerk to read out a line or couplet of a hymn, so that those who were without books might unite in the singing. There is the well-known story told of the minister of a Methodist chapel, who, having left his spectacles at home on one occasion, intended to announce to his congregation that the singing would be dispensed with. He arose and said:—

"My eyes are dim, I cannot see;"

and immediately the choristers commenced singing the words to the tune of the "Old Hundredth." Surprise and mortification rendered him almost breathless; but he made an effort to stammer out:—

"I meant but an apology."

This line was taken up by the congregation in the same manner, when the dominie, becoming excited, exclaimed:—

"Forbear I pray, my eyes are dim."

But remonstrance was vain; the singers went on till, in accents of despair, he again cried out:—

"I do not mean to read a hymn,"

a declaration so palpable, that it silenced the vociferous singers.

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## NEW MASONIC WORKS.

1. A History of the "Fidelity" Lodge, No. 289, Leeds, is just ready for circulation. It is written by Bros. Scarth and Braun, and to subscribers is half a guinea per copy, but is likely to be considerably raised in price on publication, as the size is much increased since its issue was originally contemplated. The work will include a mass of information, besides the portion devoted to No. 289, and I feel assured will be a most welcome volume.

2. Bro. Alexander Howell's History of the "Phoenix" Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth is now in the binder's hands. The volume is an enormous Book, with fine illustrations and splendidly got up. The Work includes many most interesting particulars of the old Chapter (original No. 3) and the ancient Encampment of Knights Templars from 1791.

In several respects this magnificent tome is most important, for it concerns the Royal Arch from 1769 and contains reproductions of old minutes of the Mark and Royal Arch from that year. This is years older for the Mark than traced before, and doubtless their not being known until now is due to the minute Book being in cypher. Bro. Thomas Dunkerley worked the Mark Degree in 1769 at Portsmouth, and the K.T. is also referred to in the Records earlier than any others traced in this Country.

The Subscription price is one guinea, in quarto size, but in the large paper edition it is three guineas; the latter being a most sumptuous book. Copies may be had from the Author, 109 High Street, Portsmouth.

3. "The York MSS." are being edited by Bros. T. B. Whytehead and Joseph Todd, two most competent Craftsmen for that duty, and Bro. M. C. Peck, of Hull (Market Place), is the efficient Printer and Publisher. The work will give all the five copies of the "Old Charges" domiciled in the York Lodge, No. 236, and also the "Scarborough MS." with facsimile of portions. This will be a capital publication, valuable and interesting, and most accurate withal. The price of issue will be 5s.

4. Bro. William Dixon is preparing a History of all the Lincolnshire Lodges, and will make a most attractive volume. He is most zealous and able for the duty, and possibly may publish the work at 3s 6d nett. His address is St. James' Terrace, Lincoln.

I have written an Introduction for Nos. 2, 3 and 4, and hope to get out a 2nd edition of my "Old Charges" before this year ends.

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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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## METROPOLITAN.

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## ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 19.

THE ordinary meeting was held on Thursday, 10th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. John Henry Whadcoat, who was supported by Bros. A. D. Green I.P.M., M. Smith S.W., E. G. Young J.W., H. Glenn P.M. Treas., C. B. Barnes P.M. Secretary, W. F. Stauffer S.D., G. R. Carsberg J.D., W. Stacey I.G., W. M. Bywater P.M. P.G.S.B. D.C., W. Pound P.M. Stewd., W. P. Campbell-Everden Org., G. Gilbert Tyler.

Bro. T. A. Williams having been passed to the second degree, says the "City Press," the Lodge proceeded to consider the lines on which they should form a permanent benevolent fund, towards which the W.M. had contributed the handsome sum of 250 guineas, while several other Brethren had made the total up to over £500. The W.M. was warmly thanked for his noble gift, and for his labour in connection with the settlement of the preliminaries incidental to the establishment of such a fund. At the close of the business the Brethren adjourned to banquet.

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## SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THE local Freemasons have been recently entering into a fraternal competition, says the manipulator of the "Bells" in the "Islington Gazette," to see who can give the largest and most brilliant Installation ceremony. First, Herbert Sprake at Highbury, then Brother Glass at Anderton's, and now Brother A. J. Cave jun., at the Agricultural Hall, have vied with each other, with the result that I must award the Installation cake to the last named, for both in numbers, in length of ceremonies, and in the profusion of good things of this earth, the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, on Friday, fairly beat all records.

Some people imagine that Masons do no work; and we hear of "knife and fork" Lodges, but this could not be justly charged to the Sir Hugh Myddelton, for four and a half solid hours were devoted to Lodge business before any one was allowed to go from labour to refreshment, and so enthusiastic was the new Master that the dinner was one hour and a half late. Don't call the "Myddelton" a knife and fork Lodge after that.

The "Myddelton" used to be the worst housed Lodge in Islington. Sometimes it met in a passage in Barford Street, sometimes in the Hall Company's office, sometimes in the cloak-room, and I won't be certain that a Lodge of Emergency has not been called on the roof. Let that be as it may, a glorious change has now come over the scene, for the Agricultural Hall can boast a charming suite of rooms, designed by Bro. Probyn, I believe, that offers all that the most fastidious could demand in the way of Lodge Room, dining-room, and luxurious ante-rooms. "The Ancient Bird" will have to look to its laurels in the face of such a vigorous competitor. The new dining-room is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever, and hung as it was with the emblazoned banners of the noble army of Past Masters, presented on Friday a brilliant appearance. The Lodge Room is spacious, accommodating over a hundred Brethren, I should think, and has every requisite for the ancient and mystic ceremonies. The adjacent lounge, with its soft-cushioned couches, and its very easy chairs, where the weary Brother may retire to smoke and meditate, is another exceptional advantage.

Bro. Cave was installed by his predecessor, Bro. F. C. Everitt, and very impressive was the ceremony, for the Myddeltons are celebrated for the excellence of their Craft masonry.

When the new Master took his seat, he went to work at once, and initiated three aspirants, these being Messrs. Ernest Andress, R. C. Beaumont, and Saliba Hashan. These were the gentlemen responsible for cooling the soup—but no matter.

The Lodge was full of local celebrities. Bro. Double-dyed Narrow-majority M.P. for India and Clerkenwell, was there, and Bro. Charles Dearing the younger, Bro. Niblett, Bro. Dr. G. Brown, Bro. Glass of fashion and mould of form, Bro. Preceptor Weedon, the veteran Bro. John Osborne, and others, as the nigger says, too humorous to mention.

The after-dinner speeches were restricted to about six words each, there being an excellent supply of music soft and sweet, such warblers as Egbert Roberts, James Bayne, R. Evans, Bishop, and Goldsmidt, being turned on in rapid succession to charm our ears. Altogether, the gathering was a high success, and Masons went away murmuring that Bro. A. J. Cave jun. had made some of them sit up—and their wives too, I fear, judging by lateness of the hour, when feast was done and "the Banquet Hall deserted."

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## CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

THE annual ladies' banquet was held on the 3rd inst., in the Venetian Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant, Bro. G. Bruce-Johnston W.M. presiding. Bro. Geo. Higginson I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and congratulated him upon the efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office.

The W.M., in reply, said he not only thanked Bro. Higginson for the kind way he had proposed his health, but also for the guidance and instruction he had afforded him in his Masonic duties; he felt it to be a great honour to be W.M. of the Creaton Lodge, and to preside over that festive gathering, and that honour had been enhanced by the cordial way in which the toast had been received.

The W.M. next proposed the continued success of the Creaton Lodge, coupling with it the name of the energetic Secretary, Bro. J. J. Cantle P.M., who during his reply stated that the Lodge, through its respective stewards, had contributed over two thousand pounds to the Masonic Charities.

The toast of the Ladies was proposed by the W.M. in felicitous language, and Bro. Wedmore made a suitable response on their behalf.

The Visitors and Officers of the Lodge followed, and the company separated shortly before midnight, after spending an evening which was rendered the more enjoyable by the excellent programme of music furnished by Miss Florence Bethell, Mr. Albert Cox, and Bros. Bartlett, Cantle, Lovett-King, and Noel; the recitation of Bro. Reynolds, and the ventriloquism of Bro. Russell.

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## PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON, No. 1996.

THE Installation meeting took place on Monday, 7th inst., at Acton, when Bro. C. S. Sutton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Kent, was placed in Office as Worshipful Master.

After the ceremony, at a banquet held in the Berrymead Priory, Acton, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the Brethren to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. William Hirst 15, P.Z. 1602, the inscription it bore being as follows:

Presented to

Bro. William Hirst P.M.,

on passing the chair, as a mark of esteem from the Brethren.

1894.

The Lodge previously unanimously voted him five guineas on his Steward's list.

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## PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1743.

THE fourth Annual Dinner of this Lodge took place on the 30th ult., at the Old Parrs Head, Knightbridge Street, E.C. Covers were laid for some thirty-six Brethren, amongst whom were such well known Masons as Bros. Talbot P.M., W. Packer P.M., A. Deans W.M. 13, J. J. Newland W.M. 1949. Bro. R. Poore P.M. occupied the chair, and was faced by Bro. G. S. Dauntton in the Vice. After a capitally served and much appreciated repast, which did ample credit to the host and landlord, Bro. Martin, and fully supported his reputation as a caterer of no mean order, the Queen and the Craft was proposed by the Chairman, and received with the usual honours. The toast of the Visitors was given and replied to by Bros. Talbot P.M., Captain Marshall (of Australia) and J. W. Stevens. A musical treat followed, Bro. Hopkins giving an exhibition in campanology, and as an encore by special desire executed in his inimitable manner "The Lost Chord," the skilful handling of the bells evoking much applause.

Bro. Poore P.M. proposed success to the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, and in doing so urged the members to emulate the example of some of the Officers, by attending more frequently and introducing new members.

Bro. Packer P.M. having sung "My sweetheart when a boy," and "My pretty Jane" and "Sally in our Alley" as encores, which were enthusiastically received, Bro. G. T. Dauntton, the Secretary, replied for the Lodge, endorsing the Chairman's remarks.

The Officers of the Lodge were then toasted. Bro. J. W. Martin-dale the Treasurer and Bro. Dauntton responding.

The Benevolent Association was the next toast, coupled with the name of Bro. F. W. Robinson, who in his reply made a very earnest appeal for subscriptions to the Institutions.

The Committee and Stewards, Bros. Bedell, Fells, Dauntton, Haines, Newland, Robinson, Sims and Wade received a hearty recognition; acknowledged by Bros. Bedell and Wade. Bro. A. Chevalier sang the "Message." Bro. A. Wells also obliged, and Chas. Norman with "The Smile no longer there." Whistling Slavery," etc., supplied plenty of merriment. Bro. T. F. Noakes ably presided at the Piano. The evening's pleasant proceedings terminated close upon midnight.

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## HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

THE celebration of the sixty-seventh anniversary of the laying of the foundation-stone of the home of this Lodge was duly recognised on the 7th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street, Hull.

The opening proceedings were of a more than ordinarily interesting nature, taking, as they did, the shape of two presentations. The first of these was to Immediate Past Master William Clark Bradley of a handsome silver tea service, as a mark of esteem and respect for his services during his year of office. At the request of the Worshipful Master Bro. James Wildbore, Bro. Henderson P.M. handed over the souvenir, which was suitably recognised.

Bro. Tesseyman P.M. then presented to Bro. W. D. Keyworth P.M. P.P.G.S. Wks., a purse of money, subscribed for by the members of the Hull Lodges, for his long and arduous duties as almoner.

The recipients having returned thanks, the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall to do honour to the annual celebration already referred to. The Worshipful Master presided, and, in addition to the Officers of the Lodge, also received the support of the following members of sister Lodges:—Bros. J. Y. Torr W.M. Minerva Lodge, William Thirk S.W. Alexandra Lodge, J. C. Savill Sec. Kingston Lodge, W. J. Close J.W. Kingston Lodge, &c. A lengthy toast list was honoured.

## ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

AT the monthly meeting held at Plymouth, on the 1st inst., the members presented to Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.G. Chap. of Devon, a set of four salt cellars and spoons in solid silver, as a wedding gift. The W.M. Bro. Goad said the present was made by the Lodge as a mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Lemon to the Order generally, and the high esteem in which he was held in the Province. Bro. J. B. Gover P.P.G. Sec., the oldest member of the Lodge, said Bro. Lemon had ever been ready to give his services to the Order, and he possessed the largest number of votes for the great Charities held by any Brother in the Province.

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## ADAMS LODGE, No. 158.

THE annual Installation was held on the 1st inst., at the Co-operative Hall, Sheerness, when Bro. Major V. H. Stallon was placed in the chair of the Lodge, and subsequently invested the Officers for the year.

After the work of the day the company adjourned to the Britannia Hotel for the banquet, the attendance being upwards of eighty, including the popular Deputy of the Province, Bro. J. S. Eastes, who in the course of his remarks later in the evening made a forcible speech on behalf of the Charities. The regular toast list was gone through.

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## NEW FOREST LODGE, No. 319.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Bugle Hotel, Lymington, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The ceremonies of the day were impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. C. R. Hayball, and at the close the Brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Dore Past Master, and spent a pleasant evening together.

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## CHURCHILL LODGE, No. 478.

THE fifty-third annual festival was held on Monday, 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford, when Bro. Mark Weyland P.P.G.D.C. was installed Worshipful Master for the second time, the ceremony being ably performed by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. F. M. Davies P.P.G.S.D.

During the evening the Duke of Marlborough and Mr. G. B. Grundy were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Valentia, occupying the Master's chair during a portion of the ceremony.

There was a large and distinguished company present.

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## OAKLEY LODGE, No. 694.

A LARGE gathering assembled at Basingstoke on Monday, the 7th inst., when Bro. J. M. Brooks was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the interesting and impressive ceremony being performed by the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach.

The W.M. appointed his Officers. There were a number of distinguished visitors present from neighbouring Lodges, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet was served by Bro. A. A. Aylward, of the Feathers Hotel, the catering giving the greatest satisfaction.

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## TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

AT the monthly meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, 9th inst., an interesting event took place in the shape of a presentation to the wife of the I.P.M. Bro. John R. Day. The gift was a drawing-room clock, made of pierced gilt brass, relieved with enamelled panels, on which are very beautiful floral designs.

The W.M. Bro. B. T. Scott, in making the presentation on behalf of the members, referred in felicitous terms to the manner in which Bro. Day had discharged the duties of his Office during the past year.

Bro. Day feelingly responded, and thanked the Brethren on behalf of Mrs. Day for their gift.

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## LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1343.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Grays, on the 16th inst., when Bro. W. J. Godwin W.M. installed his successor Bro. F. Spencer Guy, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of Brethren and Visitors, including a goodly array of Provincial Grand Officers, was admirably rendered by Bro. Godwin, who was subsequently presented with the handsome P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge.

The new Master invested the following Brethren to assist him in carrying out the business during the year: W. J. Godwin I.P.M., C. Westwood S.W., J. W. Pelling J.W., Rev. F. Haslock Chaplain, James Howell P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, G. R. Cobham P.M. P.Z. P.G.S. of Works Secretary, I. G. Wingrove Organist, Edward Ayres S.D., Joseph Weymouth J.D., Joseph Copstick I.G., W. B. Heagerty P.M. P.P.G.R. D.C., C. Cobham P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Asst. D.C., R. T. Bristow, G. H. Silverwood and F. G. Bird Stewards, and G. Martin Tyler.

Bro. Howell was elected as the Lodge Charity Representative, and the Report of the Audit Committee having been received, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the company adjourned to the banquet room, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

## LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502.

AT a recent meeting a presentation was made at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, to the "father" of the Lodge, Bro. Ralph Robinson P.M. P.P.G. Registrar, who recently celebrated his golden wedding. The presentation, which took the form of a handsome illuminated address, was handed to the recipient by Bro. W. W. Mellor W.M. Bro. S. J. Henochsberg also referred to the good services which Bro. Robinson had rendered the Lodge. Bro. Robinson replied in suitable terms.

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## MERLIN LODGE, No. 1578.

THE annual festival was held last week at the Masonic Hall, Pontypridd, when Bro. Joseph David was installed W.M. for the year, the Installing Master being Bro. the Rev. David Phillips, Radyr.

Subsequently the Brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet at the New Inn, the W.M. presiding.

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## ANCIENT BRITON LODGE, No. 1675.

THIS flourishing Lodge, consecrated seventeen years ago, assembled in the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 30th ult. There was a numerous assembly of members and visiting Brethren, when Bro. Samuel M. Leigh, having completed his year as Master, vacated the Office, and Bro. John H. G. Peak S.W. was duly installed in the chair.

The Worshipful Master Elect was presented for installation, and the ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith P.P.G.R., one of the founders, and first W.M. of the Lodge. Having been installed Bro. Peak invested his Officers for the year.

The duties of the Lodge having been concluded, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet, the menu for which reflected credit upon the caterer, Bro. R. Capper.

The postprandial proceedings were of a most enjoyable and interesting nature, made the more so by the high musical performances of the Brethren so well known in connection with this Lodge. who executed the high-class programme arranged by Bro. D. J. Davies Mus. Dir., with their usual ability. During the evening Bro. S. M. Leigh was the recipient of a beautiful Past Master's jewel with suitable inscription as a souvenir of his Mastership, and the Brethren to show their further appreciation, and as a token of respect and in commemoration of his silver wedding, presented him with a case of high-class cutlery for his wife.

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## PRUDENCE AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 1953.

BRO. W. PLANK S.W. was installed on the 10th inst., at Chard, the ceremony being performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. invested the Officers.

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## RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

ON Tuesday, 1st inst., Bro. Stephen Abell, one of the first Initiates, was installed into the chair of K.S. amid the hearty congratulations of a large number of his many friends and Past Masters, the company numbering about ninety. Banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, under his genial presidency, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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## FREDERICK WEST LODGE, No. 2222.

THE Installation meeting took place on Tuesday, 8th inst., at Bro. Mayo's Castle Hotel, East Molesey, under the presidency of Bro. J. Ellinger W.M., who was supported by J. H. Mayo S.W., Lockett J.W., Thomas P.M. Treasurer, T. Weaver P.M. P. Prov. G.D.C. Secretary, J. T. Mayo S.D., J. Parrott J.D., H. J. Fricker as I.G., W. Lane Tyler, together with Bro. J. D. Langton P.P.G.D. Surrey Honorary Member, J. Wortley, Dr. J. J. Knox, Giles and others, accompanied by the following Visitors, Dr. N. Goodchild P.M. 704, T. Pennington W.M. 1638, W. Chapman P.M. 889, R. Porter P.M. 1360, J. D. Thomas P.M. 22, J. Hewitt P.M. 2146, H. Barton S.W. 946, J. E. Shand P.M., &c.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed Bro. J. H. Mayo was presented and duly installed into the chair of the Lodge, and he subsequently appointed the following as his assistant Officers:—Ellinger I.P.M., Lockett S.W., J. T. Mayo J.W., Thomas P.M. Treasurer, Weaver P.M. Secretary, Parrott S.D., Purkess J.D., Wortley I.G., Parsarum D.C., Knox Steward, Lane Tyler.

A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Ellinger, for his services to the Lodge, especially during the past year as Worshipful Master.

Letters were read from the Grand Master, the Deputy and Secretary of the Province, regretting their absence from the meeting.

Three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed.

A choice banquet followed, served under the personal supervision of Bro. Mayo, and at its conclusion the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the remarks of the different speakers being interspersed with songs, &c.

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## SCARISBRICK LODGE, No. 2295.

THE Installation meeting was held on the 1st inst., when Bro. R. A. Chadwick was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the

ceremony being most impressively performed at the Masonic Rooms, Lord Street, Liverpool. The newly-installed Master invested his Officers.

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#### CARRINGTON LODGE, No. 2421.

THE members celebrated their installation meeting in the British Schoolroom, Amersham, on the 28th ult., when about fifty Brethren attended. Brother Tower W.M. presided, and letters of regret and best wishes were read from Lord Carrington and other distinguished Brethren.

Bro. J. J. Thomas was installed the third Worshipful Master of the Lodge, the ceremony being ably performed by the outgoing Master. All the other offices will be held as last year.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Town Hall (which was handsomely decorated for the occasion), and sat down to a banquet supplied by Bro. Bennett, of the Crown Hotel, who likewise carried out all the arrangements in a highly satisfactory manner.

After the cloth was cleared the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, whilst vocal music and recitations contributed not a little to the evening's pleasure.

The proceedings were marked by two pleasing incidents, viz., the presentation of a P.M. collar to Bro. Tower, the outgoing Master, as a mark of esteem from the Officers of the Lodge; and a gift to the Lodge by Bro. Bennett of a handsome portrait of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales in Masonic Regalia as G.M. of the Order.

During the past year there has been a large increase in the membership of this young Lodge, its popularity and rising strength being very encouraging.

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#### ST. OSYTH'S PRIORY LODGE (INSTRUCTION), No. 2063.

THE Lodge closed its session on Wednesday, 9th inst., by a dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Clacton-on-Sea, between thirty and forty being present. The guests included the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Ralling, who in the course of the proceedings, on behalf of the members, presented to Bro. Walter F. Reed, the Preceptor, a jewel as a slight acknowledgement of his able services during the past year. Much regret was expressed at the absence of the Preceptor-elect for the next session (Bro. J. Starling), who has been on a holiday and was prevented returning home by the serious illness of his wife. During the evening a telegram was received from him reporting favourably of Mrs. Starling's condition and wishing success to the gathering.

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#### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

HELD at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on the 24th ult. Present: Comps. Altman M.E.Z., Dehane H., Laundry J., J. Stephens P.P.J.G.W. Bucks. S.E., Cumming Treas. Chapter was opened in due form and the Minutes confirmed. The Officers of the year being elected, Comp. Dehane (Charity Representative of Essex) was installed into the chair of Z. for the second time in this Chapter, evidently to the great satisfaction of the Companions. Comp. Dehane is one of the best workers in Arch Masonry, and it is owing to his unremitting care and perseverance the great success of the Hornsey Chapter is due.

Comp. Dehane installed his H. and J. in a most admirable manner, investing his Officers with a few kindly words to each, impressing upon them the necessity of making themselves thoroughly masters of their different duties, and to keep up the prestige and reputation of the Hornsey Chapter, viz. Comps. Laundry H., Holroyd J., Stephens S.E., P.P. Cumming Treasurer, Rudall N., Peall P.S., and Baxter 1st A.S., Brandon 2nd A.S. Business being ended the Chapter was closed.

The Companions adjourned to the banquet, which was served under the supervision of Comp. A. Clemow.

The toasts and speeches were short and very much to the point. The health of the M.E.Z. Comp. Dehane being most enthusiastically received.

In returning thanks he expressed the great pleasure it was to him to feel sure the Companions supported him in bringing about success to their Chapter.

The healths of the H., J. and Officers were given in the most sincere terms and being heartily responded to, the toast of the Janitor brought the evening's proceedings to a very happy conclusion.

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#### BLAGDON CHAPTER, No. 659.

THE annual Convocation took place in the Mechanics' Hall, Blyth, on the 9th inst., Comp. Alfred H. Lake Z. presiding. The ordinary business of the Chapter having been got through, and the exaltation of candidates taken place, Comp. John Tweedy was installed in the chair as Z., R. Laing as H., and W. Robson as J.

Reference was made to the death of the Grand Superintendent of the Province Col. Addison Potter, C.B., and a vote of condolence to the relatives was unanimously passed. It was also decided to forward to the Provincial Chapter a letter expressive of sorrow at their late Companion's decease, and the loss the Province sustained.

An adjournment was made to the Star and Garter Hotel, where the annual dinner was held, the after proceedings being under the presidency of Comp. Tweedy the Z.

## MARK MASONRY.

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#### WALTON LODGE, No. 161.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Sandon Hotel, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. A. L. Porter of Lodge 2215, and Bro. Albert Brown of Lodge 1893, were advanced to the Mark, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Harry Thomas W.M., whose year of office has so far been very successful, six Brethren having been advanced in as many months, and it may be added the Walton Mark Lodge is now one of the strongest in the province of Lancashire.

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#### ST. ANNE'S LODGE, No. 351.

THE annual meeting was held at East Looe, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when Bro. R. H. Shapcott S.W. was installed W.M. most ably by the retiring W. Master, Bro. V. J. Maddock P.G.J.W. The Brethren dined together at Bro. T. Cook's Ship Hotel, where a pleasant evening was spent.

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#### DUNELM LODGE, No. 356.

A MEETING was held on the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, for the purpose of installing Brother Henry Palmer as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. Joseph Lawson P.P.G.C. The members afterwards sat down to the usual banquet.

#### GREAT TRIENNIAL HANDEL FESTIVAL.

MR. A. MANNS has now completed the musical arrangements for the Handel Festival which takes place at the Crystal Palace at the end of next month. The solo vocalists for the performance of the "Messiah," on 25th June, will be Madame Albani, Miss Marian McKenzie, Mr. Ben Davies, and Mr. Santley. The intermediate day (Wednesday, 27th June) will, as usual, be devoted to a selection from other sacred and secular works by the great composer. Some of the numbers are given on account of a general desire to hear established favourites. Others are selected because they best display the grandest effects of the Orchestra or Chorus, and others again because they are either Choral or Orchestral gems that it has not been possible to produce at previous Festivals. The solo vocalists on the Selection day will be Madame Albani, Madame Melba, Miss Ella Russell, Madame Clara Samuell, Miss Marian McKenzie, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Ben Davies, and Mr. Santley. Choruses from "Deborah," "Jephthah," "Joshua," "Solomon," "Acis and Galatea," and "Dryden's Ode on Cecilia's Day" will be included in the programme; also such favourite airs as "From mighty Kings," "Ombra mai fu," "Let the bright Seraphim," "O had I Jubal's Lyre," "Sound an alarm," "Love in her eyes," "Waft her, Angels," "Love sounds th' alarm," "Honour and arms," and "Nasce al bosco."

The solo vocalists for the performance of "Israel in Egypt," on Friday, 29th June, will be Miss Anna Williams, Madame Clara Samuell, Miss Clara Butt, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Norman Salmond, and Mr. Andrew Black.

The Grand Full Rehearsal will take place on Friday, 22nd June, the vocalists being Miss Anna Williams, Miss Ella Russell, Madame Clara Samuell, Miss Marian McKenzie, Miss Clara Butt, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Norman Salmond, and Mr. Andrew Black. The programme will include, in addition to airs and duets, the principal Choruses in the "Messiah" and "Israel in Egypt," and also those in the Selection day programme.

The Chorus will number nearly three thousand five hundred performers. London supplies over 2,500 singers, the remainder being drawn from the Cathedral cities of the kingdom, the busy hives of Yorkshire and Lancashire, and other musical centres in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

The Orchestra will number about five hundred skilled instrumentalists, drawn from all parts of the United Kingdom. The performers on stringed instruments alone number more than four hundred.

Mr. Walter W. Hedgcock has been appointed organist to the Festival in the place of Mr. Eyre, who has resigned through ill-health.

#### ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY.

IT is said that Freemasonry was originated by King Solomon. The number of wives he had to support made female society somewhat monotonous with him, no doubt, and we presume the poor man was obliged to invent something that would give him a chance to get out occasionally and have a little fun with the boys. —"Mascot."

Big day at the Custom House.—What is believed to be the largest cheque drawn at one time for duty on Tea was paid into the Custom House on a recent Saturday by Mr. Lipton, the well-known Tea Merchant and Planter of London, Ceylon, and India, for his regular weekly clearance of Tea. It was for no less than £35,365 9s 2d and represented over one-half of the week's average of the entire revenue from duty on Tea imported into the whole of the United Kingdom.

## Masonic Sonnets, No. 90.

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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## The Grand Lodge of All.

A HUNDRED years in His Most Holy sight  
Is as a moment, for His creatures here  
Have scarcely time to see earth's greatest Light  
'Ere they are called to no sublunary sphere.  
Let us, my Brethren of The Mystic Tie,  
We who would work by Level and by Square,  
Ever be led by His All Seeing Eye,  
And ever by His Sacred Law prepare  
For that abode no human Masons made,  
That Temple reared by His Almighty skill,  
Where through the centuries that never fade  
We bend subservient to Our Master's will,  
Our earthly labours o'er, we safely stand  
And open Lodge in His own Promised Land.

Winder House, Bradford,  
7th May 1894.

The foundation stone of the new Masonic Temple at Johannesburg, in connection with the Gold Fields Lodge, is to be laid on 24th May. It will be a very handsome structure, says the "Cape Argus," and cost £8,000.

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The Brethren of Somersetshire have already shown their determination to support their Provincial chief (Lord Dungarvan), who will preside as chairman at next year's Festival of the Benevolent Institution, by voting 100 guineas from the Provincial funds to be placed on his lordship's list. But beyond the mere fact of giving the money the enthusiasm with which the vote was agreed to augurs well for the support of the whole body of Brethren of the Province.

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How to deal with members in arrears is a question of considerable importance to several Lodges. Nearly every Lodge in Victoria has members in arrears who are not in a position to pay up. There is generally a

disinclination to lose good members who may for the time being be short of funds and at the same time a disinclination to pay 7s per annum Grand Lodge dues for them. Some Lodges have resorted to the device of placing these members in a "suspense list," thus attempting to free themselves for Grand Lodge dues and save the members from the ignominy of exclusion and deprivation of Masonic privileges. This is altogether wrong. There can be no such thing as a suspense list. So long as members remain on the books of the Lodge, dues must be paid to Grand Lodge for them. To relieve Lodges of Grand Lodge dues, the members in arrears must be returned either as dead, resigned, or excluded since last return. Brethren in arrears can resign without paying up. By doing so they prevent the accumulation of arrears and relieve their Lodge from Grand Lodge dues. Though they resign, they cannot, however, claim a clearance until they pay up or have their dues remitted. This is the only legitimate way to meet the case. When a Brother thus resigning feels himself in a position to pay dues he can rejoin, and the Lodge can, if it feels so disposed, remit the whole, or a part, of his arrears and joining fee.—"Australasian Keystone."

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LODGE MEETINGS FOR  
NEXT WEEK.

## Monday.

1 Grand Masters, Freemasons Tavern  
8 British, Freemasons-hall  
21 Emulation, Albion  
1694 Imperial, Cloot's Restaurant  
77 Freedom, Gravesend  
236 York, York  
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham, Devon  
270 Royal Faith and Friendship, Berkeley  
284 Shakespeare, Warwick  
302 Hope, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge  
312 Lion, Whitby  
359 Peace and Harmony, Southampton  
388 Prudence, Halesworth  
1208 Corinthian, Dover  
1255 Dundas, Plymouth  
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives  
1337 Anchor, Northallerton  
1443 Salem, Dawlish  
1447 St. Matthew, Barton-upon-Humber  
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge  
1502 Israel, Liverpool  
1564 St. John, Woking  
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston  
1674 Caradoc, Rhyl  
1741 Montgomerie, Diss  
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke  
1814 Worsley, Worsley  
1895 Thames, Henley  
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham  
1977 Blackwater, Maldon  
2074 St. Clair, Landport  
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester  
2114 Prudence, Liverpool  
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth  
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby  
2327 St. Oswin, N. Shields  
2349 W. Lancashire Century, Blackpool  
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield  
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield

## Tuesday.

259 Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole  
253 Tyrian, Derby  
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Wareham  
1390 Whitwell, Millom  
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool  
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton  
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool  
1678 Medway, Tonbridge  
1726 Gordon, Bognor  
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport  
1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Portsea  
2025 St. George, Plymouth  
2328 Albert Victor, York  
2339 Mistley, Manningtree  
2405 Ionic, St. Helens

## Wednesday.

212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant  
82 Foundation, Cheltenham  
220 Harmony, Garston  
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth  
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk  
1723 St. George, Bolton  
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1760 Leopold, Scarborough  
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
1967 Beaconsfort, New Brompton  
2019 Crook, Crook  
2149 Gordon, Hanley  
2216 Egerton, Swinton  
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne  
2320 St. Martin, Castleton  
2357 Barry, Cadoxton  
2385 Godson, Oldbury  
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames  
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs

## Thursday.

51 Angel, Colchester  
78 Imperial George, Middleton  
132 Unity, Ringwood

202 Friendship, Devonport  
215 Commerce, Haslingden  
324 Moira, Stalybridge  
346 United Brethren, Blackburn  
348 St. John, Bolton  
1345 Victoria, Eccles  
1392 Egerton, Bury  
1404 St. Vincent, Bristol  
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees  
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield  
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport  
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness  
1971 Army and Navy, Aldershot  
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming  
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover  
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria  
2215 Anfield, Anfield  
2263 St. Leonard, Sheffield  
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool  
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake  
2387 Manchester Dramatic, Manchester  
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool  
2463 Bootle Wilbraham, West Derby  
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

## Friday.

197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall  
1303 Pelham, Lewes  
1391 Commercial, Leicester  
1435 Annesley, Nottingham  
1712 St. John, Newcastle-upon-Tyne  
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge  
2371 Felix, Felixstowe  
2380 Beneventa, Daventry  
2415 Tristram, Shildon  
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

## Saturday.

1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone  
1965 Eastes, Bromley  
2421 Carrington, Amersham