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## THE SCOTTISH ADMISSION QUESTION.

THAT Scotland is altogether behind modern ideas in regard to the enquiries made by its Lodges, and the regulations it officially enforces relating to the admission of candidates for the mysteries of Freemasonry, is further evidenced by the proceedings at a recent meeting of the St. Vincent Lodge, No. 553, at which, as reported by "The Trowel" in the "Glasgow Echo," there was a good deal of talking in regard to a motion "which wished to lay it down as a rule that candidates' names should be put on the circulars calling meetings of the Lodge."

This proposition, it appears, was the means of bringing out the largest number of members seen at the Lodge for a considerable period, so that we have evidence at the outset that the subject is one that interests our Scottish Brethren to a considerable extent, and we can also judge from the result of the vote on the proposition—which was defeated by 44 votes to 16—of the opposition with which the whole question is likely to be met when it is brought forward for serious consideration among the Brethren of the Scottish Constitution.

On submitting his motion the proposer said it was a great compliment to him that "his motion could bring out such a number of members of the Lodge, especially the Senior Magistrate of the city, who had not been seen there for four years." He then proceeded to support his proposition on the ground "that every member had a right to have a voice in the admission of every candidate to the Lodge. Besides, it was good for the candidate to have his name put on the circular, so that when he came into the Lodge he would not come as a stranger, but would be known to the members, and, if worthy, would receive the right-hand of fellowship. Masonry was too cheap. He considered it a strange thing that our ancient and honourable Order, around which our forefathers had built a wall of defence with such care, could be entered with much more ease than some of the little clubs in a city. Now that they were rich in benevolence, they should see that none became members who would be likely to be launched on the benevolent fund within a few months of their initiation.

The Grand Lodge of Canada was protecting herself from the Scotch Masons by refusing to receive in affiliation a member who had got his three degrees in one night; and at the June meeting of the Benevolent Board of New York seventy-two Scotch Masons applied for relief, against forty-seven English Masons and eighteen Irish, showing that there were more applications from Scotland than from England and Ireland put together. That showed that the quality of Scotch

Masons was not improving, and that they should now adopt some plan whereby the interests of the Craft might be protected. He mentioned, in conclusion, that his motion had the approval of the Grand Cashier, the P.G.L. of Glasgow Province, and Major F. W. Allan Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in the district."

Looked at from an English Mason's point of view it is matter of surprise that such a proposal and such arguments should be necessary in order to enforce a rule which English Masons are accustomed to, and which doubtless seems to us all absolutely necessary in order to guard the portals of Freemasonry from the inroads of unworthy or undesirable candidates. We venture to think very many of our readers will now learn for the first time that such laxity in regard to the admission of candidates into the Masonic Order exists really at their own doors, and it seems almost madness to stand by and allow such procedure when we, under the English Constitution, are being so continually urged to take even greater precautions than have hitherto been general, and to make more rigid enquiry into the capabilities of candidates before admitting them to a participation of the benefits of Freemasonry.

The report we have already quoted from goes on to state that an amount of oratory was forthcoming in opposition to the vote, among those who spoke against it being some of the Past Masters, and in the result, as we have mentioned, it was defeated by 44 to 16, so that, as the Brother who wished to enforce the rule said, it will be possible to secure admission to all the benefits of Freemasonry through this Lodge—and doubtless many others in Scotland are similarly circumstanced—with much more ease than it would be possible to enter some of the little clubs of any ordinary city.

Can it be right to allow this to continue without some protest being offered on the part of Sister Jurisdictions, the members of which are almost as much interested in the proper management of Freemasonry among their neighbours as those neighbours themselves? We have shown that the Grand Lodge of Canada is taking steps to protect itself against what it considers the irregularities of Scotland in one direction, but we do not think it would be equally possible to exclude Scotch Masons admitted without any previous proposition or notice to the members of the Lodge in which they were originally received.

Having once been admitted a Member of the Order there is no possibility of "un-making" a Mason, and on that account the greatest caution is necessary before allowing the first step to be taken, indeed the whole future of the Institution depends on the care

that is displayed in the selection and admission of candidates, and that being the case such proceedings in the initial stage as appear to be common in Scotland are not only a possible source of danger to local Masonry, but a positive menace to the Order at large.

#### OUTSIDE BENEVOLENCE.

**T**HE Earl of Lathom, presiding at the meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge at Lancaster on Wednesday, made a departure in the way of outside charity that must commend itself to all who desire to maintain the good opinion of the general public for the Masonic Order. It has been stated, as a detrimental feature in Freemasonry, that all its good work is confined to its own members. Even if this were true it would only be in accordance with the custom of many other institutions, but that it is not correct there is ample evidence to prove, and this action on the part of Lord Lathom is another instance in support of that contention.

He proposed that a collection should be taken up among the Brethren present at assemblies of Provincial Grand Lodge, and that the amount realised should be devoted, as was done in many other parts of the country, to some Institution belonging to the town or district in which they were assembled. Wednesday's collection was given to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties, and amounted to £36 2s 6d, a total that will give the Provincial Grand Lodge a voice in the charity benefitted, and will likewise prove that the members of West Lancashire, doing much in support of their own and the central Masonic Benevolent Funds, can yet find something for the outside world. The fact of Lord Lathom giving his endorsement to this popular method of commemorating Masonic visits to different towns will no doubt have a good effect generally, and will stimulate other Provinces to a fuller recognition of their duties in this direction.

#### INDIAN CHARITY.

**A**T the half-yearly meeting of the Bengal Masonic Association, held at the Masonic Hall, Bombay, on Thursday, 2nd ult., five children were elected to the benefits of the Association.

The "Times of India," referring to the matter, is glad to see by the report that the Association, established for educating the children of indigent Freemasons, is in a very healthy position, and that on this, its twenty-fifth anniversary, has one lakh of rupees invested. The subscription list from voluntary contributions and assessments is most satisfactory. No fewer than sixty-one children have received the benefits of the Charity, and at present there are forty-one children on the rolls. The education is entirely secular, and the children elected can be placed in any school at the option of the parents or guardians. The subscription list is open to all, whether Masons or not, and the charity is well worthy of support.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset is to be held at Clevedon, on Wednesday, 24th October.

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SPIERS AND POND LIMITED notify that the share transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 30th instant, both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing dividend warrants for the first instalment of 4s per share (less income tax) on account of the dividend for the year ending 31st March 1895, which will be posted to the shareholders on the 1st of October next.

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"Charley's Aunt" was produced on Friday night, 14th inst., at the Theatre Gluny in Paris under the title of "La Mairaine de Charles" and was most enthusiastically received by a thoroughly representative house.

#### MASONIC HOME FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

**I**T will be remembered we recently quoted a resolution passed by the Brethren of Montezuma Lodge, Santa Fé, inviting the Masons of the United States and Canada to co-operate in the erection of a national home for consumptives, to be governed and maintained by Masons for benevolent and charitable purposes.

The Santa Fé "Daily New Mexican," of 27th ult., referring to the matter, quotes "Las Vegas Optic," which says that Ex-Governor L. Bradford Prince attended the twenty-ninth Biennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in Topeka, in the interest of this proposed national Masonic Home for Consumptives, and then goes on to explain that the intention of the founders is: "to establish over in Santa Fé a Masonic Home for Consumptives which will increase in capacity as means are provided, until it shall be able to meet the wants of all the Masons and members of Masons' families throughout the entire land who are afflicted with pulmonary diseases. It is estimated that the number of sufferers who would gladly avail themselves of such an Institution, and to whom it would be the greatest of boons, exceeds 2,500 annually.

Citizens of Santa Fé have pledged themselves to donate a tract of 100 acres of land, or more if it be required, whereon to erect the Home. The Home is to be managed, controlled and conducted by Masons, and whenever practicable, Masons only shall be employed in every position connected with the establishment. It is contemplated that all impoverished or needy Masons, or members of such Masons' families, shall be admitted to the Home, and shall have all medical attendance, care and comfort, free of cost; that those admitted to the Home, who are able to pay, shall be charged only a reasonable sum, without view to profit, and that every effort shall be directed to make this a home for the suffering, not a mere hospital for the sick."

"Additional interest," says the New Mexican, "will be given the above kind words of the 'Optic,' when it is announced that Ex-Governor Prince returned home yesterday, and the local Masonic Committee last night had the pleasure of learning that their project had been endorsed by the Royal Arch Masonic delegates at Topeka, representing 150,000 Masons residing in every State in the Union. This was done on Saturday last by the adoption of the following: 'Resolved that the General Grand Chapter has heard with pleasure of the benevolent undertaking of the Masons of New Mexico for the establishment of a National Masonic Home for Consumptives at Santa Fé, and wishes to all those engaged in the work a hearty 'God Speed' and the fullest measure of success.' This is much better than many whose hearts are in this work had scarcely dared hope for. Indeed, it is most extraordinary for so conservative a body as the Royal Arch Masons to go so far toward endorsing even a fraternal Charity of its own Brethren. The local committee are feeling very jubilant over the progress of their undertaking and particularly praise this latest good work by Ex-Governor Prince."

Although very far removed from the operations of such a benevolent scheme as here referred to the Brethren of this country can but feel a pride in the proposal, which we hope is destined to be speedily brought to a successful issue. That such a scheme should be promoted at all is a subject for congratulation, but when it is members of the Masonic Order who are taking the initiative, the interest is enhanced, and our good wishes are uttered with greater enthusiasm. We hope to hear further of the scheme as it progresses, as we are of opinion that a knowledge of benevolent actions even in far off America is likely to arouse the members of the Order around us to greater efforts than are already accomplished on behalf of distressed members of the Order and their families.

The weekly meetings of the Camden Chapter of Improvement, No. 704, will be resumed at the "Moor-gate," 15 Finsbury Pavement, on Tuesday, 2nd October. We are asked to state that Comp. Edmonds and the other Officers of the Chapter will be pleased to meet all the old members and welcome new ones on that occasion.

## WEST LANCASHIRE.

ON Wednesday a most successful gathering of the Fraternity took place at Lancaster, under the presidency of the popular Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. Numerous trains were run from various districts, and a large number of people availed themselves of the accommodation. Fully 800 Brethren assembled in the Palatine Hall to receive the Provincial Master and Past and Present Grand Officers, and the capacity of the building was tried to the utmost.

The P.G.M. on entering, was saluted with the usual honours, after which the roll of the Lodges in the Province was called, when it was found that all were represented.

The accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were presented, and duly passed. They showed a prosperous condition of financial affairs. The minutes of the last annual meeting were also passed.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, in his annual report, stated that the last year was one of steady prosperity. Four new Lodges had been created in the Province, and 647 candidates initiated during the twelve months. The number on the roll now amounted to 7,261. All the Lodges had made satisfactory returns, and had paid their fees. The Benefits and Charity Committee has distributed £95 during the past term, and also given £65 during the last week. The library had been increased by very valuable donations, and one Brother had been elected on the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The West Lancashire Masonic Institution continued to do excellent work. Its income for the year was £1,938, and expenses just under £1,653. The invested capital was increased by £700. There were now 212 children being educated and otherwise cared for by the managers of this Institution. The Alpass Institution had had a most successful year. Its income was £1,950, and this pleasing result had been largely due to the efforts of the Stewards of the festival in October, which had been presided over by Lord Skelmersdale. The Stewards themselves contributed £1,500. The annuitants had been increased to thirty. When the occasion arose the West Lancashire Lodges were not unmindful of outside claims. At the festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Lord Skelmersdale presided, and the Province nobly responded by contributing £2,500. In conclusion, the report acknowledged the excellent work of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, special mention being made of the services of Brother W. Simpson P.G.S.W.

The Earl of Lathom said it was very pleasing to have heard such a very favourable report as that just read. He congratulated the Brethren on having received so good an account of the state of the Lodges and the Province generally. The report relating to the Charities was, indeed, excellent. They all seemed to be in a very flourishing condition, which was only right in the circumstances under which this Provincial Lodge was placed. He thanked them most sincerely for the way in which they came forward to support him at the festival of the Royal Institution for Girls. Owing to a sudden bereavement he was himself unable to be present on that occasion, but he was happy to have heard, as he did on all sides, that his son took his place extremely well. Respecting the increase of Lodges, to which the report had alluded, he was, of course, glad to hear that Masonry was progressing; but, at the same time, he hoped no petition for a new Lodge would be sent in unless there was a very good ground for wishing an additional Lodge to be established in this or that place. It was useless to multiply Lodges. It might take young Masons a long time to pass the chair, but they ought to have the patience which their predecessors possessed. He hoped, therefore, that there would be no more petitions for the mere sake of promoting young Masons to office. Having thanked Bro. Simpson for his services, the Prov. G.M. said he wished the present meeting to make a new departure by taking up a collection, as he found to be the custom at many Provincial meetings which he had attended. The contributions could be devoted to the Masonic charities or to some Institutions belonging to the town in which they were assembled. On this occasion he proposed the collection should be given to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the

Northern Counties. The Provincial Grand Lodge would then obtain votes enabling them to place candidates on that foundation. In conclusion, he moved that an address be engrossed and forwarded to the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Highness the Prince of Wales, congratulating him upon the birth of a grandson and ultimate heir to the throne.

Brother R. Wylie Deputy Provincial Grand Master seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The next business was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, to which considerable interest was attached. Dr. J. D. Crawford P.M. 680 and Bro. E. R. Lathom P.M. 594, were proposed. The latter very gracefully withdrew, and Bro. Crawford was unanimously elected amid cheers.

On the motion of Bro. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Rev. J. B. Spencer, one hundred guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was announced that the collection for the Royal Albert Asylum was £36 2s 6d.

The following Brethren were invested by the Prov. Grand Master as the Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale	-	-	Senior Warden
N. N. Helme	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. C. O. L. Riley	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. R. S. Stoney	-	-	
Dr. Crawford	-	-	Treasurer
R. Robertson	-	-	Registrar
J. M'Carthy	-	-	Deputy Registrar
W. Goodacre	-	-	Secretary
J. W. Wearing	-	-	Deacons
F. G. Hubbard	-	-	
J. Fletcher	-	-	
T. M'Wear	-	-	Junior Deacons
J. Hatch	-	-	
Joseph Lee	-	-	Superintendent of Works
C. Skinner	-	-	
Roger White	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. J. Jarman	-	-	
W. Roberts	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Lewis Peake	-	-	
J. H. Thomas	-	-	Sword Bearers
C. A. Arden	-	-	
M. Alexander	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. Tarbuck	-	-	
J. Kilby	-	-	Organist
G. S. Smith	-	-	
T. Mason	-	-	Assistant Secretary
G. Bolton	-	-	Pursuivant
J. Ellershaw	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
J. Cunliffe	-	-	Stewards
J. Milne	-	-	
J. H. Smith	-	-	
J. Rigby	-	-	
T. Vernon	-	-	Tyler.
W. J. Worden	-	-	
W. H. Ball	-	-	

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire was afterwards held, the Earl of Lathom Provincial Grand Superintendent presiding. After the transaction of ordinary business it was resolved that twenty-five guineas should be voted from the funds of the Chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Comp. Fletcher (1070, Southport) was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Officers were invested.

On the suggestion of the Prov. Grand Superintendent it was resolved that in the future meetings of the Prov. Grand Chapter should not be held on the same day as those of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but that they should be held in the spring of each year, the next meeting to be held at Easter 1895.—“Liverpool Post.”

A Lecture will be delivered under the auspices of the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, on Monday, the 24th inst., by Brother William James Hughan, P.S.G.W. of several Foreign Grand Lodges, P.S.G.D. of the Grand Lodge of England, Hon. Member of Lodges 279 and 523, &c., &c., upon “The Continuity of British Freemasonry, a retrospect of five centuries.” The Lodge will be opened at 6 p.m., for the Installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the Lecture will commence at 7 o'clock.

## RED APRON LODGES.

HAVING been asked at different times to devote some attention to the qualifications of the Grand Stewards of English Freemasonry, and the privileges possessed by the Lodges which have the right of nominating them every year, we had much pleasure in inviting the co-operation of Bro. W. J. Hughan, the eminent Masonic writer, who has favoured us with the following particulars in regard to the matter, he prefacing his remarks by saying that his comments "must be brief." We are convinced they will be none the less appreciated on that account, although we can imagine our readers, like ourselves, would have liked to hear more on the subject from so high an authority. Bro. Hughan says:

The best account of the matter is to be found in the "Freemason" for July and August 1886, and is by my friend and Brother, Henry Sadler, and there is also my article on "The Country Stewards' Lodge" in the "Christmas Number" of the same year, with two illustrations of the special medal worn by its members. This Lodge, having collapsed long ago, need not now be referred to at any length. Besides these two sources of information there are Bro. John Lane's invaluable "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," his "Centenary Medals," and his "Handy Book to the Lists, &c." that might be consulted with advantage. A still earlier notice of the "Red Apron Lodges" is to be found in the "Freemason," 1884 (p. 605, &c.) by Bro. E. L. Hawkins, and is one of considerable interest.

Almost as soon as the Grand Lodge of England was formed there were "Grand Stewards;" for the Feast then, as now, was an important matter, and required careful and competent regulation. The highest number reached appears to have been twelve, in 1728, and a dozen annually, for many years, managed the Festival who were really volunteers accepted in open Grand Lodge, or nominated by Brethren who had previously served in that capacity. Bro. Sadler has been at considerable pains to trace the Lodges to which these Brethren belonged, but the enquiry is too extensive, and concerns the last century, so I shall not quote from him now save to say that some are still represented in the selected list. The same excellent authority points out that the first mention of a special colour for the Grand Stewards' clothing was in 1731, *red* being agreed to by the Grand Lodge, hence the above title.

The "Grand Stewards' Lodge" was formed in 1735, for Brethren who had been, or were Grand Stewards. For some time it took its place on the Register according to date of constitution, but later on was placed at the head of the Roll, and has so continued to the present time. Originally this arrangement did not give satisfaction, but doubtless as time rolled on and it was found that the Feasts were well arranged—presumably at considerable cost or loss to the Stewards at all times—the innovation was accepted without complaint, and finally the Craft became reconciled to the change. It was, and is, a Lodge of *Master* Masons, so no "work" is done, and the members are recruited from the regular Lodges, the honour of being a Grand Steward being much valued in this country.

What is known as the Grand Stewards' Jewel—a very choice and pretty decoration—was designed by Brother *Hogarth*, probably in 1735. Some doubt has been suggested as to this point, but Bro. Sadler's researches have, to my mind, proved most conclusively that the *Hogarth* Jewel is genuine, and we are indebted to that great genius for the handsome decoration.

Those interested in the subject can see fine specimens in the Library of the Grand Lodge, and also of the Supreme Council 33°. The latter deserves to be more widely known, because of its varied and most valuable character, and the National Craft Library is increasing in leaps and bounds under the esteemed Sub-Librarian's fostering care.

I need not refer to the Lodges from which the Grand Stewards were selected under the "Modern" régime, until the *blessed union* of 1813. Many of the particulars noted by Bro. Sadler are very curious indeed, and especially so as to the rules of these Grand Stewards.

The "Red Apron" Lodges, the date of their establishment, &c., now are:

1	Grand Masters' Lodge ... ..	of A.D. 1755*
2	Lodge of Antiquity ... ..	Time Immemorial
4	Royal Somerset House &c. Lodge	ditto.
5	St. George's and Corner-stone Lodge ...	of A.D. 1751*
6	Lodge of Friendship ... ..	" 1721
8	British Lodge ... ..	" 1721
14	Tuscan Lodge ... ..	" 1722
21	Lodge of Emulation ... ..	" 1723
23	Globe Lodge ... ..	" 1723
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony ... ..	" 1725
29	St. Alban's Lodge ... ..	" 1728
46	Old Union Lodge ... ..	" 1735
58	Lodge of Felicity ... ..	" 1737
60	Peace and Harmony Lodge ... ..	" 1738
91	Lodge of Regularity ... ..	" 1755
99	Shakespeare Lodge ... ..	" 1757
197	Jerusalem Lodge ... ..	" 1771
259	Prince of Wales's Lodge ... ..	" 1787

\* "Ancient" or "Atholl" Constitution.—Dates are from the Grand Lodge Calendar.

These eighteen Lodges continue as arranged at the Union, save as to two, which replaced the same number that retired. All vacancies in the List are filled by the M.W.G.M., but so highly is the privilege valued that it is not likely either of the eighteen will fall out of the line. The Grand Stewards are chosen by the members from these Lodges, one from each, annually. I believe the system is unique, and has, beyond question, worked exceedingly well.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE usual monthly meeting was held on Wednesday evening, in the Board Room of Freemasons' Hall. After the formal opening Brother Letchworth Grand Secretary informed the Brethren that Brother Robert Grey the President of the Board was unable to be present. Brother James Brett Senior Vice-President took the President's chair, Brother Cottebrune took the chair of the Senior Vice-President, and Brother W. P. Brown Past Grand Standard Bearer acted as Junior Vice-President. From G. Secretary's Office attended Bros. E. Letchworth, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant G.S., W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee. The other Brethren who were present included W. Vincent, George R. Langley, George B. Chapman, W. Fisher, W. M. Bywater, Henry Garrod, T. W. Whitmarsh, Charles J. R. Tijou, Major-General Frederick Gadsden, S. H. Goldschmidt, James Bunker, Charles Dairy, E. C. Mulvey, Walter Martin, S. Valentine P.G.P., H. Massey, G. Mansford, George Hill, Charles E. Collins, R. J. Rogers, C. H. Webb, J. Pickett, M.D., H. R. Dewson, Ed. C. Talbot, R. Pain Walkden, and Charles Schmidt.

The Board first confirmed a recommendation made at the August meeting to the Grand Master for £40. They then considered fifteen new cases, which were qualified through Lodges in the London District, and at Bradford, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Kidderminster, Cyprus, Liverpool, Hyderabad, Bristol, Sunderland, Harrow, Halifax (Nova Scotia), and Cleckheaton.

One of the cases was deferred on account of being incomplete, but £255 was voted to the remainder, in one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £50, one to the Grand Master for £40, and one for £30. Four petitioners were voted £20 each, four £10 each, and three £5 each.

It is expected many very prominent members of the Craft will be present on the occasion of the Installation of Lord Llangattock as Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, at Cardiff, on the 27th inst. In all probability these will include the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, Lord Kensington, Viscount Dungarvan, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bro. Vassar Smith the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, and others. Among the local Masons attending the ceremony will be the Mayors of Newport, Neath, Aberavon and Swansea. The tickets for the banquet are limited to 400, of which 370 have already been applied for, so that members of the Order who desire to attend should make application to Bro. J. Munday without delay.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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## PETITIONS TO THE GRAND MASTER.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been directed to your report of Grand Lodge's proceedings, wherein you say, "The motion standing in the name of Bro. Peter Le Page was not brought forward, as that Brother was again absent, and it is hoped we have now heard the last of his proposal."

I do not for a moment think that you intend any disrespect to me personally, but as to my proposal, is it wise to hope that the last of it is heard, when the reason for bringing it forward has never, —so far as I know— come under your notice? I exceedingly regret my absence from Grand Lodge, for had I been present I would have raised a discussion on the meaning of Rule 218, pointing out that evidently it was open to an interpretation differing from that which is generally accepted by the Craft. This I think would have been readily seen by Grand Lodge when the following fact would have been stated, viz., a Petition signed by most of the P.Ms. of the three Guernsey Lodges was sent some time since to the M.W. Grand Master in accordance with Rule 218, but up to the present the petitioners cannot get to know if it was presented, the Grand Secretary refusing to answer the question.

I would have taken up the same line of argument as Bro. R. Eve, who is reported to have said, "Grand Secretary was an Officer of Grand Lodge, and the Brethren had an undoubted right to call upon him, if they wanted an answer to certain matters, and they ought to have it." The Grand Secretary excuses himself by saying that he is not at liberty to disclose the particulars of private conversations. In my correspondence with Grand Secretary, on the motion which stood in my name, I have pointed out that there is a very wide difference between demanding to know if a communication has reached its destination, and asking for a report of confidential conversations. What then is the natural inference of such reticence? I take it to be this, that if no affirmative answer is given, the petition has not reached the M.W. Grand Master and that Rule 218 is interpreted by Grand Secretary in a manner different to that generally accepted, and, if so, then the sooner it is expunged (or altered so as to be understood) the better.

Yours truly,

PETER LE PAGE P.M. AND P.Z. 243.

The Masonic world at Cardiff is so highly excited just now that if one perceives a Mason approaching one has to dive down a side street and escape. A magnificent ceremony is to take place soon, when Lord Langattock is to be installed as Worshipful Master of —, but, stay! I will not venture further. I never could quite disentangle one Masonic title from another, and I fear I shall only succeed in getting into trouble if I am rash. Freemasons are a noble body of men, and their Craft one of the noblest and purest. There are many of them who regard it as a religion, and its liturgy is a kind of Sacred Scrip for guidance through life. The Brotherhood of man is not a sordid or weak ideal, and, indeed, the only fear one has about it is that the mere pronouncement of words and the payment of a subscription cannot arouse the feeling in one who has it not. On the other hand, the form of words is so impressive, so succinct, so imperious, that it is impossible to pronounce them amid the solemnities of admission without a feeling of awe and reverence. The effect is a lasting one which, on the character of most Masons, leaves a deep impression. This tribute one can at least pay to the Craft; this amongst many. For a more humane and generous and benevolent institution was never conceived.—"South Wales Echo."

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Our Scottish friend "The Mallet" learns from an Ayr contemporary that the Masonic panel for the Burns statue in Ayr, subject "The Jolly Beggars," has been received by the committee, and will be shortly placed in position. Mr. David McGill, London (a native of Kilmarnock, by the way), who was entrusted with the work, has given those interested every satisfaction. There is still a small amount required to meet the expenses, so it is not too late yet for those Lodges who have not subscribed to send to Brother T. Duncan, High Street, Ayr, a contribution.

## ENERGY AND ITS RESULTS.

WE remarked in our last issue that it was wonderful what a little energy on the part of a W.M. would do for his Lodge. But a good example is not confined in its good results to one Lodge; other Lodges are fired with a spirit of emulation and the good travels. The energy which prompted Bro. Walker to give three degrees in one evening at the Ooty Lodge, and thus establish a record, has prompted more than one other W.M. to compete as record-holder. At the last regular meeting of Lodge Universal Charity, in Madras, the W.M. Brother the Rev. J. T. Lawrence conferred the three degrees one after the other, and the Lodge was properly opened and closed in each degree, so that the whole of Craft Masonry was worked during the evening.

We rejoice to see this activity, for with all these degrees there must be candidates, and it means progress. But we tremble to think of the results, if W.M.s go in for record-breaking. The three degrees, the full openings and closings, the tracing board, lectures and the charges, all crowded into one sitting, would be a little more than any but extremely ardent Masons could contemplate serenely.—"Indian Masonic Review."

THE forthcoming Exhibition of the Royal Photographic Society, which will open to the public on Monday, 24th September, reminds us that the art is one of the past generation, since it forms the thirty-ninth of an unbroken annual series held by the Society. The Photographic Society of London, as it was first styled, was founded in 1853, with the warm support of both the Queen and the Prince Consort, who became its Patrons, and were frequent visitors at its earlier exhibitions. In 1876 its name was changed to the Photographic Society of Great Britain, and within the last few months, at her Majesty's command, this title has been altered to that of the Royal Photographic Society. Its presidents have been selected from both the scientific and artistic worlds, and have included Sir Charles Eastlake, Sir Frederick Pollock, Captain Abney, and Sir H. T. Wood, the present holder of the office. The Exhibition will be held as on former occasions in the Gallery of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, at 5A Pall Mall East, and will be inaugurated by a Soirée on the evening of Saturday, 22nd September, remaining open to the public from the Monday after that date until 14th November. Photographic Lantern slides will be exhibited on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings between the hours of seven and ten. The Judges on this occasion are:—Art Judges—F. P. Cembrano, Col. J. Gale, Seymour Lucas, A.R.A., F. M. Sutcliffe, B. Gay Wilkinson jun. Technical Judges—Chapman Jones, A. Pringle, J. W. Swan, F.R.S.

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JESSIE RACHEL FISHER (Aged 9).

Her father, Bro. Henry James Fisher, Collector for Kent Water Co., was initiated in the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, on 23rd January 1873, and remained a subscribing member until his death, 26th November 1893. He was Organist of the Lodge for some years, and served the several offices up to S.W. Her mother also died 12th January 1894, leaving four children. This most distressing case is strongly recommended. Proxies will be thankfully received by Miss Fisher, c/o Mr. Gregory, Shirley Villa, Sidcup.

BOYS SCHOOL.

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LLEWELLYN BATESON LLOYD (Aged 7).

His father, Bro. Geo. L. Lloyd, Manufacturer's Agent, was initiated in the Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374 in 1891. In consequence of ill-health (consumption) he was recommended a voyage to the Cape, and died on board the ss. Rosslyn Castle, on 1st January 1894, after two days sail, at the early age of thirty-three, leaving three young children dependent upon the mother, who is almost entirely unprovided for. He was a subscriber to the Masonic Charities. Proxies will be gratefully received by Mrs. Lloyd, 95 London Road, Hastings.

Votes and interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

FREDERICK SAMUEL LANG (Aged 9.)

Son of the late Frederick Alexander Giles Woolgar Lang, Master Tailor, of 114 Seven Sisters Road, Holloway, N., who was initiated in the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, on the 17th of October 1882, and was a subscribing member to the time of his death, October 1890. Votes will be thankfully received by Bros. T. G. Hodges, E. T. Mackrill, C. W. Allen, and Mrs. F. Lang, 8 Bird Street, Oxford Street, London, W.



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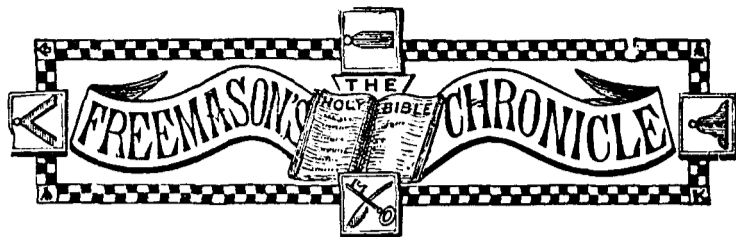
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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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### PROVINCIAL.

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#### NEW FOREST LODGE, No. 319.

**T**HE Festival of the Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, 11th inst., at the Lodge Room, Bugle Hotel, Lymington, when the attendance was augmented by the presence of a number of Visiting Brethren.

The Lodge was close tyled at noon, and after the transaction of some regular business, the Brethren were "called off" until 3 p.m. On re-assembling, Bro. J. W. Jolliffe the S.W. of the Lodge and W.M.-elect, was duly Installed as Master for the ensuing year, the impressive ceremony of Installation being performed by Bro. H. Doman P.P.G.S.D. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the new W.M. invested his Officers.

His next duty was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. R. Hayball, a gift from the Brethren to mark their appreciation of his able services in the chair during the past year, and Bro. Jolliffe carried out this most pleasing duty in a happy manner.

Bro. Hayball suitably acknowledged the compliment paid him, and trusted his successor would have an equally pleasurable term of Office.

Votes of thanks were also given to the various outgoing Officers of the Lodge.

Later the Brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Dore P.M., when a thoroughly Masonic evening was spent together. Both the outgoing and incoming W.M. were the recipients of the heartiest of good feelings, Bro. Hayball being complimented on the very successful manner in which he had filled the chair—and towards Bro. Jolliffe nothing but good wishes were expressed that during the coming year the New Forest Lodge, under his rule, would enjoy a period of much prosperity and progress.

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#### ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

**T**HE regular meeting was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Bro. James Morrison W.M. There were also present:—Bros. C. H. Beever I.P.M., Alfred Pickford S.W., Charles Rawle J.W., Henry Nall P.M. Treasurer, Jno. G. Bromley P.M. Secretary, Thos. A. Holland S.D., W. T. Hesketh D.C., J. Coupland I.G., Wm. Rushton Organist, A. Redfearn, S. Tiller, J. M. Crone and E. W. M. Beebee Stewards. Past Masters Arthur A. Moss, W. Dyson Fryer, B. R. Howell, Jas. Laidlaw P.P.G.D., and Edward Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). A. G. Bateman, Jno. Southern, W. Moul, J. Martin, H. W. Bloomer, the Baron de Minciaky.

Bro. Holland received a cordial welcome upon his return from a lengthy residence abroad. The only business of importance which calls for especial mention was a proposition that the sum of five guineas be given from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

Bro. Nall P.M. announced that the picnic held during the vacation had been a financial success. He reverted in pleasurable terms to the assistance which had been rendered by Bros. Pickford S.W., and Chas. Rawle J.W., which drew from the latter the following very spirited remarks:—"I join with the S.W. in thanking you most heartily for the cordial manner in which you have drunk our healths, and for the warm appreciation you have expressed of our services at the picnic. Speaking personally, I can only say that I feel myself competent to enter the Royal Academy, so proficient have I become in the art of drawing (Bro. Rawle here referred to the drawing of corks, one of the duties undertaken by him). Although the day was wet, our picnic was a splendid success. The rain descended from above, but beauty reigned below, and the inclemency of the weather only induced a closer inspection of, and a deeper delight in the charms of the fair ones who had accompanied us. And here I must make a protest against the conduct of some of our married Brethren at the banquet. When other single members together with myself were acknowledging the toast of the unmarried members of the Architect Lodge, we were rudely decried by the married portion. I ask our W.M. if our lot is not pitiful enough without being railed at? It is all very well for you, married Brethren; you have your bosom comforters,—we have not, and are indeed objects of your sympathy. Is there anything more sad than to make one's lonely pilgrimage through this weary world and be deprived of those pleasures, those delights, those joys which the society, the companionship, and benevolence of the fair sex alone can bestow upon mortal man?

But I assure you, Brethren, that if our W.M. will only organise another picnic, and if he can induce those ladies to come again, in

the same quantity, if he will coax them to come with kindly feelings uppermost in their hearts, and a willingness to capture and be captured, I, for myself, would say, 'Let me like a soldier fall.' I wish for no happier fate."

The proceedings were enlivened with songs, recitations, &c., from Bros. Morrison, Nall, Martin, Coupland, Rushton, Holland and Roberts.

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#### JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

THE Annual festival was held on Tuesday, 11th inst., at Torquay, when Bro. John Wm. McKellar was installed Worshipful Master by his predecessor Bro. W. Winget, assisted by Bro. Blamey P.M. P.P.G.J.D.

During the evening Bro. W. Winget was presented by the Officers and Brethren with a Past Master's jewel, in token of their appreciation of his conduct in the chair during his year of office; the presentation being made on behalf of the Lodge by Bro. John Lane P.M. P.P.G. Reg.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall of the Lodge, where an excellent supper was provided by Bro. W. J. Nosworthy. The usual Masonic toasts were given and acknowledged.

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#### UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

AT the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Friday of last week, at Landport, Bro. C. Martin (Royal Yacht Osborne) was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

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#### LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502.

AT the regular meeting of the Lodge held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Monday, Bro. W. W. Mellor W.M. in the chair, Bro. Henry Gabriel Treasurer was presented with a handsomely-framed and artistically illuminated address on vellum, together with a massive gold jewel emblematic of his office. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

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in appreciation of his services as Treasurer of the Lodge for seven years, and of the Fund of Benevolence for ten years.

At the banquet subsequently held, the health of Bro. Gabriel was proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M. and enthusiastically received by the Brethren.

Bro. Gabriel, in responding, expressed his thanks for the handsome testimonial presented to him, and the hope that he might be enabled to further promote the welfare of the Lodge.

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#### URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, the 10th instant. There were present:—Bros. W. H. Jolliffe W.M., John Walton jun. J.W., Ed. L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., Geo. R. Lloyd P.M. P.G. Treas. Secy., Walter Bowers S.D., Geo. G. Mends J.D., G. A. Myers P.M. Prov. G.D.C., J. Bowers P.M. Org., J. Hardwicke Marsh I.P.M., R. Swindells P.M., Peter Heaton P.M. P.P.G.S., J. Walton P.M., T. Wm. Bone P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), G. G. R. Mends, E. W. Barratt, W. H. Ashworth, W. Hallard, Jas. Plowman, A. Hawkins. Visitors:—Bros. J. W. Kent W.M. 2279, T. B. Rimmington P.M. Treasurer 1774, J. Thorpe 322, W. H. Houldsworth 633, Thomas M. Johnson 992, W. H. Godley 1814.

After the confirmation of minutes, a ballot was taken for Mr. James Fisher Mends, Urmston, and this being favourable, that gentleman was prepared and duly initiated by Bro. Lloyd P.M. Treas., who was assisted by Bro. Swindells P.M., and Walton J.W., the former presenting and explaining the working tools, and the latter rendering the Ancient Charge, the ceremony with such a triad of workers being an exceptional treat to all who witnessed it. Upon this occasion Bro. Mends sen. elected to take the position of Deacon, and piloted his son through in a manner which evinced that he had the interests of Masonry thoroughly at heart.

Before the Lodge was closed, a special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Geo. G. Mends for the interest he had shown in the Lodge, and in matters connected with the Craft. Bro. Peter Heaton P.M., who made the proposition, reverted to the fact that Bro. Mends had been the means of bringing his two sons into their midst, a fact which spoke volumes for his personal appreciation of the Institution, and he could not let this opportunity pass without some effort being made to obtain a permanent record of such enthusiasm.

Bro. Littler P.M. who seconded the proposition, spoke in equally eulogistic terms, adding that his own knowledge of Bro. George Mends would allow him to emphasise all that Bro. Heaton had said on his behalf. It was a very exceptional thing to observe a parent performing part of the ceremony in which his own son was candidate, while at the same time another son was an interested spectator of the scene.

The proposition was enthusiastically carried, and the Secretary was instructed to record it on the minutes of the Lodge.

At the festive board, in response to the toast of the newly-initiated candidate, Bro. Mends jun. expressed the gratification which he had derived from becoming one of their number. He

also said that he had been very much impressed by the ceremony, and he thanked them most heartily for the enthusiasm which his name had evoked.

Bro. Marsh I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said that he anticipated there would be some additional work for their next meeting, which intelligence would be gratifying to them. The W.M. responded.

In replying to the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Lloyd P.M. touched upon the ceremony of that evening, and said that having previously initiated the father and brother, he felt that it was like taking the whole of the family. If Brother Mends jun. followed the example of his parent, the members of the Urmston Lodge would have no cause to regret the fact that he had become one of them.

Other toasts followed, the proceedings being varied by songs, sketches, &c., which were rendered by Bros. W. Bowers, Lloyd, Roberts, Godley, Myers, and Bone, Brother J. Bowers presiding at the piano.

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#### WHITWORTH LODGE, No. 1932.

THE Annual meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Spenny-moor, on Wednesday, 12th inst., when Bro. Thomas Black was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. Brown. A large company of members and visiting Brethren were present.

The Worshipful Master subsequently invested his Officers, and the Brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John in the Town Hall, a programme of toasts and sentiment being gone through, and a pleasant evening passed.

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#### BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE Installation meeting was held on Monday, when Bro. Geo. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G.Std.B., who has for some years been the active and efficient Secretary of the Lodge, was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. T. J. Ralling, and at its close the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers.

The new W.M. was unanimously elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

Before vacating the Chair the outgoing W.M. Bro. Geo. Brown Prov. G.Swd. B. initiated two new members.

The Brethren afterwards dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel, a capital repast being well served by Mrs. Hickford, the comfort of the Brethren being well looked after by her nephew, Bro. E. E. Eve. Before dinner a handsome button-hole bouquet (the thoughtful gift of Miss Philbrick, sister of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex) was handed to each Brother present.

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#### ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 2423.

THE Festival of St. John and the Installation of Bro. Sergt. Major Russell, of Hawarden, as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, was celebrated at the Masonic Rooms, Connah's Quay, on Wednesday, 12th inst.

Although only a three year old Lodge, it has had a flourishing career, and now numbers nearly 70 members. Besides wiping off the heavy initial expenditure in the way of furniture and regalia, and contributing something like £60 or £70 in charity, the Lodge stands now with a handsome credit at its bankers, thanks to the energy, in a great measure, of the retiring W.M. Bro. E. Blane and his excellent co-adjutors.

The Installing Officers were Bros. E. Blane and J. D. Bolton, and Bro. Russell having been installed into the chair as the representative of King Solomon according to ancient usage, he invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

The Lodge having been closed in solemn form, the Brethren repaired to the Hare and Hounds Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was catered by Bro. Prince.

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#### ECCLESBURNE LODGE, No. 2425.

ON Monday the second anniversary of this Lodge was held, by a special dispensation, at the Parish Room, Duffield, the W.M. elect being Bro. Alfred Kerry, solicitor, of Duffield and Derby.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Dr. Hoskyns, in the presence of a large assembly of Brethren, and the newly-installed W.M. regularly appointed his Officers.

At the close of the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where the annual banquet was held.

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#### LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE first meeting after the recess was held at the Club House, Birch Lane, Longsight, on Wednesday, 5th inst., there being present:—Bros. Councillor Thomas Uttley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. W.M., Henry Grimshaw S.W., W. Gadd J.W., Fredk. G. Berry P.M. Treas., Councillor John Fythian Secretary, Alderman Lloyd Higginbottom S.D., Henry Sheard J.D., E. H. Ritson I.G., Henry Wood Std., F. W. Lean P.M. Prov. S.G.D., Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), G. H. Russell, Chas. Coatman, Fredk. Grammer, W. A. Bacon, Arnold Swindells, Thomas Glynn, and others.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. Charles Coatman was passed to the degree of F.C., by the W.M., the charge

in the S.E. being delivered by Brother Grimshaw S.W., and the working tools by Bro. Gadd J.W. The election of Officers then took place with the following result: for W.M. Brother Grimshaw S.W., Senior Warden Bro. Gadd J.W., Treasurer Bro. Berry P.M., Auditors Bros. Lean and Russell.

After the close of the Lodge, the Brethren partook of an excellent tea, being joined for the first time by their lady friends, the latter also having the privilege of participating in the enjoyment of the festive board which subsequently followed.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Pythian proposed the health of Bro. Coatman, explaining that he was now more than half way through his degrees. There was something to be learned in whatever degree was taken, and he commended to his careful consideration the various lessons which had been taught him. With regard to the ladies, he admitted that many had formed wrong impressions of their ceremonials; they were here, however, this night, and could see for themselves their mode of procedure; concluding with a request that they should join the Brethren in drinking the health of their newly-passed Brother.

Bro. Coatman, in response said he was pleased to have advanced another step in Masonry, and expressed his thanks to the Brethren for the favour they had conferred upon him.

Bro. Grimshaw proposed the health of the W.M., coupling with it the name of Mrs. Uttley. The speaker said he was in duty bound to give a tribute where a tribute was due. Bro. Uttley must not be allowed to vacate the principal chair which he had filled with such conspicuous ability, without receiving proper recognition. In conjunction with Past Masters Lean, Pythian, Berry, and others, he had piloted them through their first year in a manner which had been highly creditable, for to his wonderful ability in managing Lodge business he had added a great amount of diplomacy. He possessed a great number of virtues with but very few faults, and had performed the ceremonies in a superb manner. If the ladies only knew what those ceremonies were they would feel equally as delighted as himself with Bro. Uttley.

The W.M., in response, thanked Bro. Grimshaw for the kind expressions which he had uttered with regard to himself and wife. He explained his position with regard to the Lodge and its formation, and expressed himself to the effect that he was never so much at home as in Masonry. Like a soldier, he went where duty called him, and he had experienced much pleasure in being connected with the Longsight Lodge, and in the work he had done on its behalf. During his year of Office no dissatisfaction had arisen, there had been no friction, and their meetings seemed like family gatherings. He had thought it advisable to have the ladies present upon the last evening of his Mastership, so that they might see what was done. He commended his various Officers, saying that a better set no W.M. could possibly possess. When visitors had been present in their Lodge they had always applauded and gone away satisfied.

Other toasts followed, which were pleasantly relieved by songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Brown, Miss Bowman, the Misses Dearden (who played amongst other pieces selections on the mandolin from the opera of the Bohemian Girl), Bros. Chas. Coatman, Jones, Baron, E. H. Ritson, Jas. Robinson P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M.

During the evening Bro. Uttley W.M. took occasion to deliver to those assembled the following, culled principally from an oration by Bro. Thomas Wm. Tew, late Provincial Grand Master of West Yorks. He said:—I trust you will permit me to take advantage of this gathering to state to the guests who are as yet non-members of the Craft, a few of the principles which regulate the existence of Masonry, the reasons which have led to the establishment of a Lodge here, and the good results which I hope may arise therefrom. There exists in many minds considerable ignorance respecting the real character of Freemasonry, and very amusing are some of the popular conjectures respecting its supposed secrets, methods of initiation, &c. It is a common opinion that Freemasons in their Lodges raise his Satanic Majesty in a circle, and then, when they have done with him, they lay him again with a noise or a hush as they please. Another idea is that in order to give a newly-made Mason the faculty of taciturnity, we make an indelible print upon some part of his body with a gridiron or with a cook's red-hot Salamander, or poker.

Such absurdities might, in a superstitious age, create a certain feeling of awe for the mysterious fellowship; but in the present time can only provoke a laugh amongst wise men. If tacitly allowed by the Order, it might have a tendency, however, to rob our Institution of that veneration which I think it may justly claim, a veneration founded upon that marvellous bond of union which, existing for 3,000 years, still flourishes and keeps strong amongst men of all climes, all races, all sects. True, its character may in some respects have changed, yet it still retains the essential part of its original spirit.

Taking its rise in remote ages, it was possibly at first but a society of builders and artificers, or more correctly perhaps a union of Masons and Architects. We know that the custom of different Crafts binding themselves together to the exclusion from employment of any but their regularly initiated members was common in ancient times, that it is even yet retained on the continent, and exists to some extent also amongst ourselves as in some of the learned professions. In accordance with the spirit of the age, members of these communities were bound to secrecy as to their modes of working; they were also bound as Brethren to assist one another in difficulty and distress, and employed signs, tokens, and particular words, which, when reciprocally given, served to distinguish them by night as well as by day.

I daresay that all present have heard of the Egyptian mysteries. All branches of learning and science in the remote ages were kept secret in the hands of the priesthood and of the initiated. Mathematics, geometry, astronomy, architecture, nay even music, rhetoric, and logic were taught by them, as well as religion, ethics, and history. After a lapse of centuries, a body separated them-

selves for the more exclusive practice of constructing temples and stadia, and passed over into Ionia more than a thousand years before the Christian era. Those men are regarded as the first founders of Freemasonry as a distinct society.

The King of Tyre, who assisted King Solomon in the building of his Temple, is said to have been the Grand Master of these Ionian artificers. To King Solomon himself was attributed our present system of constitution. The Brethren of the middle ages alone constructed all the ecclesiastical buildings of the pointed and Norman styles. As the architects of our magnificent cathedrals and abbeys, we owe to their organisation as Freemasons a deep debt of gratitude.

Then, the high estimation in which the Craft was held, induced kings, emperors, and nobles to seek admission as honorary members, and by degrees, through the changes which took place in political and social life, its existence as an operative body, ceased. But though we are no longer able builders, or skilful handicraftsmen, or the sole depositaries of architectural knowledge, yet our ancient formulas are still preserved,—formulas which bind all Masons together in Brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Though now shadows of the past, the retention of the old ceremonies is interesting in the eyes of the antiquarian, as being a kind of title deed showing our ancient and honourable origin.

As a cosmopolitan society for the practice of benevolence, we claim your consideration in the present day. The amount of sorrow Masonic compassion has relieved, the opportune assistance it has rendered, the anxious and terrified households which it has prevented from being broken up,—these are the results of the system which the "great day" can alone fully disclose.

What we want is not intellect, enterprise, earnestness, business activity,—these are already conspicuous in this locality; but what we need is more cordiality between man and man, greater consideration for others, less reference to self, more unity of purpose, a greater disposition to forget differences.

These are the lessons which Masonry inculcates largely, perpetually, emphatically, and to disseminate these principles has this Lodge been formed. And holding as I do the principles I have enunciated, can I do otherwise than echo the aspiration, "All the world a Lodge, and every man a Brother!"

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#### HADRIAN LODGE, No. 2483.

THE Annual Installation meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Drill Hall, Westham, Pevensey. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Edward W. Stillwell, who was well supported.

The chief business of the meeting was the Installation of Bro. H. J. Capon as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being admirably performed by the retiring W.M., and the charges being impressively delivered by Bro. W. E. Morrison P.P.G.W. The W.M. appointed his Officers, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective posts.

The retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties during the past year.

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren sat down to banquet under the presidency of the newly Installed Brother H. J. Capon.

The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured, the Provincial Grand Secretary responding for the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, while Bros. R. W. Loosemore and W. E. Morrison acknowledged the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past.

Bro. E. W. Stillwell I.P.M., in proposing the Worshipful Master, said that on vacating the chair he had the honour of installing Bro. H. J. Capon as W.M. for the ensuing year. He had experienced great pleasure in doing so, for he felt that he was installing a Brother in whose hands the prestige and credit of the Lodge were safe for another year. It had been said that Brother Capon was a young Mason, but, though young, he was a worthy, well-trying man, and the Brethren were all proud of him. In submitting the toast he was sure all present would heartily wish Bro. Capon a year of satisfaction and pleasure both to himself and the Lodge.

The W.M., who was warmly applauded on rising to respond, thanked the Brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the too flattering remarks of Bro. Stillwell. He would, he said, do his utmost to maintain the high character of the Lodge, but remarked that though he had been fortunate in seeing the admirable work of Bro. Stillwell, he was unfortunate in having to preserve the high level attained by that Brother. It had been truly said that he was a young Mason, but he was sure the Brethren would bear with him, and assist him in carrying out the duties of his high office.

Several toasts of a complimentary character were afterwards submitted, Bros. J. C. Foran and T. W. Dean responding for the Visitors; Bro. E. W. Stillwell acknowledging the Immediate Past Master; Bro. R. Francis and W. R. Griffin replying on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought the gathering to a close.

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#### THOMAS RALLING LODGE, No. 2508.

THIS Lodge held its last regular meeting of the first session of its existence on Saturday, 15th inst., when Brother Frank Griffiths was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the Worshipful Master Bro. T. J. Ralling P.A.G.D.C. and Prov. Grand Sec., after whom the Lodge is named.

The election of W.M. for the ensuing year followed, and Bro. E. C. Lewis S.W. was unanimously chosen. The Brethren afterwards dined together.

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UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their annual Installation on Thursday, when a successful and pleasant meeting was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. Bro. Charles Schmidt the W.M. of the past year presided at the initial stage of the proceedings, there being a large attendance of members to support him—among them Past Masters Gieseke (Treasurer), Free (Secretary), E. Hill, J. Stroud, W. Hayward, and S. Toye—together with a goodly array of Visitors.

The proceedings having been formally commenced the minutes were confirmed, and the W.M. advanced his Lodge and regularly raised Bro. D. Cooper Duncan to the third degree. The reception and adoption of the Auditors' Report was the next business, and this having been disposed of the event of the day—the Installation of the new Master, Bro. Samuel Toye Past Master, was proceeded with, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. John Mason, who officiated in the unavoidable absence of Bro. James Terry, who, we regret to learn, is indisposed.

Having been saluted in regular form the new Master proceeded to appoint the following as his Assistant Officers: E. M. Jeffery S.W., G. A. Peters J.W., C. Gieseke P.M. Treas., C. J. Free P.M. Sec., H. Hyde S.D., W. A. Bray J.D., H. B. Brown I.G., E. Hill P.M. D.C., A. Butcher and A. J. C. Miller Stewards, W. Sherwin Organist, T. Bowler Tyler.

After the investments the work of the Installation was completed and the Master proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so he desired that a vote of thanks should be passed from the Lodge to their Brother Mason, who had efficiently discharged the duties of Installing Officer that day. All must have been gratified at the way in which the ceremony was performed; as it had been most impressive and was likely to make its mark on those who had heard it.

The Immediate Past Master seconded the proposition. He felt particularly obliged to Bro. Mason, who had really performed a work he himself should have undertaken, but he felt the Installation was beyond his power, and hoped the Brethren would excuse his having secured a more capable Brother to perform this part of the work. The vote was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Mason briefly acknowledged the compliment paid him.

The next duty the Master regarded as a particularly pleasing one, being the presentation to the Immediate Past Master of the jewel which had been voted from the Lodge, in recognition of the very able and efficient manner in which Bro. Schmidt had discharged the duties of his office during the term of his Mastership. In presenting it the W.M. expressed the hope that in years to come the recipient might regard it as evidence of the kindly feelings entertained towards him in the Lodge, and as a mark of appreciation of services faithfully discharged in its behalf.

Bro. Schmidt replied, tendering his thanks for the presentation, and expressing the pride he felt in the knowledge that the members considered he had done his duty. He hoped to continue his connection with the Lodge for very many years, and trusted he would have many opportunities of advancing its welfare.

Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the visitors the Lodge was closed and the company adjourned to the banquet hall, where the remainder of a pleasant evening was spent.

The Visitors included Bros. J. J. Williams 153, W. W. Morgan 177, James Smith P.M. 933, J. Mason P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, W. V. Woodman 1549, C. J. R. Tijou P.A.G.P. England, R. Drysdale P.M. 1766, H. Herman 1602, J. L. King 1339, W. Jones 2264, V. Lamare 1922, C. Westwood 1343, G. F. Gildersleeve S.W. 1278, F. Toye S.D. 1278, A. Benlow P.M. 619, John Simpson 177, W. C. Ferris 1901, F. S. Gill 1922, E. Hartley 1278, Thomas Cohn P.M. 192, &c.

At the conclusion of the repast the Master submitted the usual loyal toasts, and then gave that of the Grand Officers who, he said, were very much engaged in Freemasonry, or rather he might perhaps say that they had won their high office by engaging themselves very much in the work of the Craft.

Bro. C. J. R. Tijou Past Grand Pursuivant responded, and having tendered thanks on behalf of the body he represented, said he considered it most unfortunate East London did not see more of the Grand Lodge Officers. Whether it was the fault of the Worshipful Masters or Secretaries of East End Lodges in not inviting Grand Officers to the regular meetings of their Lodges or whether they did not care to come so far east he could not say, but certain it was they were generally conspicuous by their absence, and as a result he was usually the only Grand Officer present at any meetings he attended. He was, however, aware that other Officers of Grand Lodge had opportunities of visiting the district, and did not avail themselves of it, which he might venture to say was wrong, as he felt wearers of the purple should make themselves conversant with what was going on among their Brethren of the blue. It stimulated the latter body to more energetic action, for it must be remembered that activity in the one branch led to preferment to the other. While claiming that the Officers of Grand Lodge had much to do he felt it was also true that much of the work of the Craft was carried through by the wearers of the light blue, who could not help feeling that as soon as promotion came to a Mason gout or something of the sort kept him away from general assemblies of the Craft. If the majority of the Grand Lodge Officers did not care to attend the meetings of the Board of Benevolence for five hours at a time, as some of them had to do, they might at least make some effort to occasionally grace some of the Installation meetings with their presence. He spoke thus plainly because he hoped that some day East London would receive that full recognition in Grand Lodge that he considered was its due. Some years ago a proposal had been made to divide London into districts, and the East End took an active part in that movement, as then the district

would have received better recognition, but he was not an advocate of the steps then proposed. He would much rather see greater activity and more united action in the district, and then it would no doubt follow that more honours would come their way. He specially urged the Masons of the east to secure proper representation on the Board of Benevolence. At least two of the elected members of that Board should come from the east end Lodges, whereas now they had only one of their number among the chosen twelve. After continuing further in the same strain the speaker concluded by saying that it was the apathy of East London in the past that had led to its being so neglected.

The Immediate Past Master gave the toast of the W.M. The Lodge now had a good Mason in the chair, who would no doubt manage their affairs satisfactorily. He deserved that the members should pay him due honour.

Bro. Toye acknowledged the toast. The present was the second time that he had had the honour of representing the members in the Upton Lodge. He was gratified that on each occasion his election had been unanimous. He thanked the members for their confidence, and should endeavour to faithfully discharge the duties of his office. He felt a few words of explanation were due to account for his selection. The Senior Warden Bro. Millington did not desire to go on to the front, and it became necessary to choose one of the Past Masters to take the management of the Lodge—hence he was in his present proud position. It must not be thought, however, that their Bro. Millington had no interest in the work, the fact that only a few years back he qualified as Governor of all the Charities in one year was in itself proof that he had the true spirit of Masonry at heart. He regretted the break in the continuity of promotion, as he felt it was always best for Brethren to go forward in rotation, but when a Brother felt he was not able to take up the responsibilities of the chair it was far better he should stand aside than do anything likely to injure the Lodge. They must all hope that Bro. Millington would ere long take the position he was justly entitled to in their midst.

The next toast was that of the Installing Master, and with it the W.M. connected that of the Charities, Bro. Mason being so intimately associated therewith. He was, in fact, an important part of the Benevolent Institution. They tendered him their heartiest thanks for having come forward that day and discharged the duties of Installing Officer, and he was sure the way in which Bro. Mason had carried out the work entitled him to the thanks of the whole of the members of the Lodge. As they had the Masonic Institutions to couple with the toast it made it a very comprehensive one. Brother Toye spoke of the amounts being spent year by year by the Institutions, with one of which—the Benevolent—Brother Mason had been associated for many years. That Institution alone provided annuities for upwards of 400 old people, who each received quarter by quarter amounts that carried them through life, and as such it was worthy of their warmest sympathy.

Bro. Mason replied. He felt the Institutions spoke for themselves pretty loudly. The Girls School was carrying on a grand work and the Boys School was likewise doing all that lay in its power to relieve the necessities of the younger members who needed help from the Craft, but beyond these was a third fund—the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows—which was doing much to relieve the closing days of the aged, and was equally deserving the support of the Craft. Unfortunately the last two years their Annual Festivals had not realised enough to pay the Annuities they were actually pledged to, and the prospects were anything but bright for the next. Of course they would be reminded that a year or two before they had celebrated their Jubilee, and had then met with phenomenal success, but that did not help them in their present shortcomings, the special receipts in connection with that Jubilee having been devoted to a special purpose, and not being intended to pay current Annuities. Bro. Mason made a special appeal to the Brethren of the east end of London, and we hope the result of his advocacy will soon make itself apparent in additions to the Stewards' list.

The next toast was that of the Immediate Past Master, which was given from the chair. Bro. Toye said their Bro. Schmidt had performed his work in such a manner as to win their regard. The difficulties he laboured under in the matter of dialect—if he might so term it—were considerable, and when they came to consider what he must have accomplished so as to make himself as perfect as he had done he was more than ever entitled to their esteem and regard.

Bro. Schmidt, in response, said he very much felt the flattering way in which the Worshipful Master had referred to his work. If he could believe their utterances he might certainly feel that he had won the gratification of the members.

Now followed a very pleasing feature in the day's proceedings. Bro. Carrow, one of the initiates of the past year, saying he had a very pleasant duty to perform on behalf of the newly admitted members of the year, who desired through him to express the great pleasure they had experienced and the kindly instruction they had received from the ruler of the Lodge, Bro. Schmidt. They trusted he would live long to wear the signet ring he was desired to present in the joint names of the year's initiates, and that for many years to come their friend and Brother would be able to continue his actions for the benefit of the Lodge. The presentation was a complete surprise to the retiring Master, and was generally regarded as a most pleasing departure from the dull routine of custom.

The Master next proposed the toast of the Visitors, who were accorded a hearty welcome.

Brother Smith 933 was the first to respond, referring to the pleasure he felt in being again present as a Visitor. He had the satisfaction of installing the present Master on the occasion of his first promotion to the chair of the Lodge, and they had since worked together in various Lodges of Instruction and elsewhere, so that he had some authority for saying that the Brethren of the Order were always pleased to see Bro. Toye, and readily congratulated him on his well merited preferment.

Bros. Miller, Lamare, Morgan and others likewise responded.

The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next heartily received, and Bro. Free in replying gave a brief resumé of the work of the Lodge, tracing it from the time of its removal from Upton in 1885 to the present time. During the period of its meeting at the Three Nuns the Lodge had materially altered, and had won a name for its charitable proclivities. From June 1890 to the present time they had paid in nearly £450 to the Masonic Charities, in itself proof of the truth of his words. Personally he was particularly pleased that such a statement was possible, but it must not be forgotten that the Lodge Benevolent Fund had enabled them to do much in other directions as necessity arose. He hoped the Lodge would be always worked as satisfactorily.

The other toasts included those of the Past Masters, the Officers, and, finally, that by the Tyler.

The event of the proceedings in the Board of Installed Masters was the presentation to Bro. C. Hill of a collar and jewel of office from the Officers of the Lodge, a gift that was well deserved and heartily accorded.

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#### BURDETT COUTTS LODGE, No. 1278.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, when Bro. William Henry Toye, who has efficiently discharged the duties of Master during the past year, brought his labours at the head of the Lodge to a satisfactory conclusion by installing as his successor Bro. J. J. Hall.

The members were loud in their expressions of approval of the services of Bro. Toye, and presented him with a massive gold jewel, bearing the following inscription:

Presented

by the Brethren of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278,  
to

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY TOYE P.M.,

in recognition of valuable and efficient services, rendered during his year of office as W.M.

Sept. 19, 1894.

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#### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### DALHOUSIE CHAPTER, No. 860.

THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, 13th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Comp. Christian M.E.Z., who was supported by Comp. Poole H., Clark J., Burlinton Treas., Shipway S.E., Markland P.Z., Jenkins P.Z., Bond P.Z., Clark, Mansell, Michaelson, Bell, Wade, Richardson, Redcal and A. Clemow. Visitors: Comps. Chas. Poole 1347 and Chapman 847.

The Chapter having been opened and the minutes confirmed the chief business of the meeting—the election of Officers for the new year—was proceeded with. Comp. W. G. Poole was chosen as M.E.Z., T. Clark H., T. Glass J., R. Burlinton Tr., G. Shipway S.E., C. W. Mayo S.N., C. Berry P.S., W. C. Bell 1st Assistant, G. Chant 2nd Assistant, T. B. Dodson P.Z. Steward.

The Chapter was subsequently closed, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment, after which the customary toasts were honoured, songs, recitations, &c., being interspersed.

The meeting was an enjoyable one, and brought to a happy conclusion the successful year of office of Companion Christian as M.E.Z.

THE Midland Railway Co. is continuing its special accommodation for Autumn Holiday makers, and this week announces an excursion—the last of the season—to most of the Midland towns, the Lake District, Scarborough, &c., on Saturday next, the return tickets being available for the 1st or 4th prox.

THE London and North Western Railway Co. also publishes particulars of cheap excursions to many of the places of interest on its system, leaving London on Friday, Saturday and Monday, 1st October, for short periods. In the case of these excursions also they are set down as the last of the season.

According to the "Figaro," Signor Crispi is about to be expelled from the fraternity of Freemasons, of which he has long been a member. For some time past his political attitude has excited a good deal of hostility in the Lodges. His recent speech at Naples especially is held by many to constitute direct advances to the Vatican, which is the last Masonic apostasy. A movement for Signor Crispi's expulsion soon arose. The Lodges of Turin and Milan have united in petitioning the Grand Master of the Italian Lodges to this effect, and these will most probably be supported in their demand by others. Should the Council of the Order refuse to pronounce the expulsion a secession is expected. The majority of the Lodges would then sever their allegiance to the Italian Grand Master, and place themselves under the rule of the Grand Orient of France.—"Westminster Gazette."

#### NEXT

##### Monday.

- 79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
- 1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hot.
- 1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall
- 1745 Farringdon Without Hol-
- born Viaduct Hotel
- 1828 Shepherds Bush, Bush Hot.
- 48 Industry, Gateshead
- 62 Social, Manchester
- 148 Lights, Warrington
- 491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
- 557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
- 1177 Tenby, Tenby
- 1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-u-L.
- 1258 Kennard, Pontypool
- 1325 Stanley, Liverpool
- 1753 Obedience, Okehampton
- 1991 Agricola, York
- 2068 Portsmouth Temperance,
- Landport
- 2257 Powell, Bristol
- 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Man-
- chester
- 2429 Research, Leicester

##### Tuesday.

- 141 Faith, Anderton's
- 186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
- 1158 Southern Star, Bdge. House
- Hotel
- 1441 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall
- 253 Tyrian, Derby
- 299 Emulation, Dartford
- 310 Union, Carlisle
- 564 Stability, Stourbridge
- 497 St. Cybi, Holyhead
- 943 Sincerity, Norwich
- 1007 Howe and Charnwood,
- Loughborough
- 1016 Elkington, Birmingham
- 1052 Callender, Manchester
- 1358 Torbay, Paignton
- 1390 Whitwell, Millom
- 1479 Halsey, St. Albans
- 1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
- 1580 Cranbourne, Hatfield
- 1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liver-
- pool
- 1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
- 1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
- 1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
- 1726 Gordon, Bognor
- 1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
- 1834 D of Connaught, Landport
- 1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
- 1942 Minerva, Fenton
- 1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Pt'sea.
- 2025 St. George, Plymouth

##### Wednesday.

- 753 Prince Frederick William,
- Frascati
- 754 High Cross, Tottenham
- 898 Temperance in the East,
- Poplar
- 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
- 2332 Borough of Greenwich, East
- Greenwich
- 32 St. George of Harmony, Liv-
- erpool
- 82 Foundation, Cheltenham
- 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrews-
- bury
- 163 Integrity, Manchester
- 220 Harmony, Garston
- 257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
- 304 Philanthropic, Leeds
- 439 Scientific, Bingley
- 461 Fortitude, Newton Moor
- 540 Stuart, Bedford
- 651 Brecknock, Brecon
- 724 Derby, Liverpool
- 996 Soudes, East Dereham
- 1039 St. John, Lichfield
- 1083 Townley Parker, M'chester
- 1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
- 1219 Strangeways, Manchester
- 1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
- 1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbeldon
- 1633 Avon, Manchester
- 1714 Albert Edward, York Town,
- Surrey
- 1723 St. George, Bolton
- 1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1760 Leopold, Scarborough
- 1775 Leopold, Accrington
- 1793 Sir Charles Bright, Tedding-
- ton
- 1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
- 1953 Prudence and Industry,
- Chard
- 1967 Beacon Court, N. Brompton
- 1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
- 2019 Crook, Crook
- 2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
- 2194 Gordon, Hanley
- 2216 Egerton, Swinton
- 2320 St. Martin, Castleton
- 2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
- 2357 Barry, Cadoxton
- 2385 Godson, Oldbury
- 2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
- 2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
- General Committee, Girls School,
- Freemasons' Hall, at 5
- 65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
- 507 United Pilgrims, Bridge
- House Hotel
- 766 William Preston, Cannon
- Street Hotel
- 1524 Duke of Connaught, Ander-
- ton's
- 1563 City of Westminster, Café
- Royal
- 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Ma-
- sonic Hall
- 1816 Victoria Park, London Tav.
- 2192 Highbury, Cock Tavern
- 2264 Chough, Cannon St. Hotel
- 2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of
- Court Hotel
- 39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
- 78 Imperial George, Middleton
- 111 Restoration, Darlington
- 202 Friendship, Devonport
- 346 United Brethren, Blackburn
- 348 St. John, Bolton
- 410 Grove, Ewell
- 590 La Cesaree, Jersey
- 594 Downshire, Liverpool
- 636 De Ogle, Morpeth
- 707 St Mary, Bridport
- 772 Pilgrims, Glastonbury
- 787 Beaureper, Belper
- 803 St. Andrew, Biggleswade
- 807 Cabbell, Norwich
- 904 Phoenix, Rotherham
- 935 Harmony, Salford
- 954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
- 966 St. Edward, Leek
- 1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
- 1163 Emulation, Birmingham
- 1166 Clarendon, Hyde
- 1313 Fernor, Southport
- 1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-L.
- 1345 Victoria, Eccles
- 1392 Egerton, Bury
- 1404 St. Vincent, Bristol
- 1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tee
- 1421 Langthorne, Ilford
- 1437 Liberty Havering, Romford
- 1505 Emulation, Liverpool
- 1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-
- Moors
- 1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
- 1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-T.
- 1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
- 1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness
- 1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
- 1971 Aldershot Army and Navy,
- Aldershot
- 2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
- 2184 Roy. Victoria Jubilee, Rain-
- ham
- 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria
- 2215 Anfield, Anfield
- 2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
- 2369 Peace, Wigan
- 2335 Cycling & Athletic, L'pool.
- 2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
- 2387 Manchester Dramatic, Man-
- chester
- 2418 Hedworth, S. Shields
- 2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
- 2463 Bootle Wilbraham, W.D'rby
- 2474 Hatherton, Walsall
- Council, Boys School, F.M.H. at 4
- 602 North York, Middlesboro'
- 810 Craven, Skipton
- 1303 Pelham, Lewes
- 1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
- 1391 Commercial, Leicester
- 1435 Annesley, Nottingham
- 1712 St. John, N'castle-on-Tyne
- 1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
- 2371 Felix, Felixtowe

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### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON the 3rd inst., in the presence of a numerous concourse of Brethren, and business and other friends and acquaintances, the remains of Bro. W. S. Vines, of the Lathom Hotel, Houghton Street, Liverpool, were interred at the Anfield Cemetery. The cortege was one of considerable length, nearly twenty carriages following the hearse. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths, and was preceded to the grave by over 150 Brethren who had been associated with the deceased. The burial service was most impressively read by Bro. the Rev. W. Passfield of All Souls' Church. From the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, of which the deceased was a P.M. and the Treasurer up to the time of his death, there were present the Master and several members, while from Lodge 220, of which deceased was also a P.M., the Worshipful Master, and several others attended.

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THE remains of the late Bro. S. Norton, referred to in the "Bristol Mercury" as one of the old landmarks of Weston-super-Mare, were interred there on the 10th inst. The regard in which deceased had been held was abundantly manifested by the numerous attendance at the funeral obsequies, including as it did representatives from the whole of the public bodies of the town. The Freemasons—deceased was one of the oldest subscribing members of St. Kew Lodge—numbered thirty, each member carrying a spray of acacia; the Oddfellows, of which he was an old hon. member, were next represented, as were also the Town Commissioners, the Gas Company, of which deceased had been Vice-Chairman, and various other deputations from kindred societies, and also a large number of fellow-tradesmen. The service at the Cemetery Chapel and also at the grave was taken by the Rector (Rev. Preb. Salmon) in the presence of a very large congregation of those who wished to testify by their presence a measure of respect to one who had endeared himself to all. There were a large number of floral wreaths and the general closing of business establishments during the hour of interment was ample evidence of the respect and esteem which the deceased enjoyed in his lifetime.

### IN THE SECRETARY'S PLACE.

IT is by no means a sinecure or chapel of ease. If the membership of the body be large the work of the Secretary is correspondingly great. The Brethren do not always take this fact into proper consideration, and fondly imagine that the office of Secretary is largely honorary and his duties comprised in the receiving of dues and reading minutes. On the contrary, his duties are onerous in the extreme. As is the case in all cities where the roll of minutes is large, his work extends from week to week with unerring regularity. The members think that because he is paid a small salary he should shoulder all the blame for any little irregularity which may occur, and while he may not receive public censure, still he may receive the same in silent thought. We overheard a resolution of thanks offered and passed in praise of a Secretary's work. Few, if any, of these tokens of approbation are tendered, and yet there is no official in the Lodge more richly deserving of the same. His work is for the years to come, and when he is dust may be read, pondered over, and criticised. The Master or Wardens may be excellent Officers, but their mistakes or blunders do not go down in black and white. Those of the Secretary do; at least his work in after years stands as open for inspection as upon the night when the action transpired. He is the mouthpiece of the Lodge. Through pen and voice he speaks the spirit of the body of which he is the tongue. His duties are multifarious. If the members have to be notified of some special event he must carefully attend to same, and if one be overlooked, then he is subject to as much censure as though all had suffered. His minutes must be free from blunders—for his is no pleasant position to stand in while some sagacious old Past Master calls attention to some lack of parliamentary form or omission of accuracy in the wording of a resolution. In nearly all the Masonic bodies the labours of the Brother Secretary are not confined to the short space of time in which the Lodge is in session. If there be a talkative, contentious element in the Lodge, resolutions and amendments follow each other in rapid succession. The writer held the place for three years, and knows whereof he speaks when he says the work of the Secretary in all its minutia and detail is really the work of an expert bookkeeper, and, as a general thing, but poorly appreciated. It was only the other evening that in a large Masonic body in Detroit, the Secretary was "called down," by the finance committee in its report because he had accommodated the Brethren by waiting for the fee which should accompany the applications in several instances. The Brother Secretary said but little, but from the expression on his face evidently did a heap of thinking, and the next application coming to him without the

collateral accompaniment of the "long green" will be silent until the lucre speaks.

So, Brethren, where you have a good Secretary, appreciate his work and hug not the delusion that his place is one that any Brother could as ably fill. Such is far from being the case, and even the mere routine of his work demands from him as much attention, earnestness and care as the most important.—Exchange.

### SECRET SOCIETIES AND SECRET TRIBUNALS.

THOUGH many Societies claim to be of earlier origin, the Order of Knights Templar is the first one of which the date of foundation is known. They were not, it is true, strictly speaking, a Secret Society; but they are as fully entitled to that term as the Freemasons, the Rosicrucians, the Illuminati, or any other. They had mysterious rites of initiation, badges and Lodges; they were, in fact, the real source from which Freemasonry sprang. Contemporary with the Templars was the famous Syrian sect of the Assassins. Their name describes them. The band was founded by Hassan-ibn-Sabbah, the 'Old Man of the Mountain,' and consisted of himself and his dupes. They were a mere band of fanatical murderers, without political or religious excuse.

The Assassins are said to have numbered forty thousand men, and European Princes leagued with them. After the death of Hassan, internal dissension arose, and finally they were exterminated by the Mongols in 1256.

In pleasant contrast to the grim realism and fierce barbarity of the middle ages are the Troubadours and Minnesingers, most graceful and poetic of conspirators. That they were heretics and plotters, is true; but they were heretics only to the fierce rancour of the Inquisition; and they plotted only against the gloomy tyranny of feudal France, wandering over Europe, preaching the canons of the Joyous Science, the religion and cult of Love, as mysteriously sweet as their own 'Romaunt of the Rose.' They were in some measure a secret society, for they had grips and passwords, and they held 'courts of love' ostensibly for the settlement of affairs of gallantry. But harmless though they were, the restless suspicion of Rome was upon them; they had sung songs derisive of the Pope, above all in the 'langue d'oc,' 'the language of heretics;' they were in league with the Albigenses. They perished with their unhappy allies beneath the iron heel of the father of Simon de Montfort.

The Holy Inquisition was established in 1208 by Pope Innocent III. in Languedoc, for the suppression of the Albigenses and Troubadours, as above stated. From its establishment in Spain five-and-twenty years later, it rapidly spread all over the Continent. It gave the death-blow to the Knights Templar; in 1481 it drove the Jews out of Spain.

An attempt was made to re-establish the Inquisition in 1814, and many persons were imprisoned; but the time for even the mummery of persecution was past. The people broke out into revolt, burnt the prisons, and drove away the familiars. In 1820 the Holy Inquisition was blotted out.

After the Company of Troubadours, the most attractive secret society is certainly that of the Rosicrucians, or the Society of the Rosy Cross. It was theirs to invest the debased art of alchemy with a fantastic charm, none the less graceful because it was unreal. They were very closely connected with the Troubadours, holding the 'Romaunt of the Rose' as the epic of their order. Their professed aim was the restoration of the 'sciences'—that is, alchemy and astrology—to their true spheres. Their tenets and ceremonies were of the most graceful and poetical description, very different from the stern Vehmic code and the crude mummery of other secret societies. Their beliefs were worthy of their general character. The sect spread into Scotland and Sweden and throughout all Europe. It gradually became merged in the Craft of Freemasons.

An article giving an account of the principal secret societies would be incomplete without some mention of the Illuminati, a sect which attracted a great deal of attention, and to which, as to the Nihilists of to-day, a very exaggerated influence and power was attributed. It was founded by a student, Adam Weishaupt, in 1776, and had political and educational aims. Space does not permit us to give the long list of degrees and classes into which the Illuminati were divided. There were three main stages—Nursery, Masonry, and Mysteries, which were again divided and subdivided.

The dawn of the last decade of the nineteenth century sees the extinction of the last remnants of any true secret society; they have become obsolete, unnecessary, ineffective. As for any modern so-called 'secret society,' it is a curiosity; its place is in the museum, together with the rust-eaten thumbscrews and tarnished symbols. They are as harmless and as useless as these.—"Chamber's Journal."

THE Association for the Promotion of Home and Foreign Travel is making special efforts to open up Ireland to the Tourist, and is certainly deserving of encouragement in that laudable direction, as it may safely be said the more intimate association of Englishmen with the Sister Isle would lead to many advantages on both sides. The Association urges that next year there will be no great centre of attraction on the Continent, such as the present Antwerp Exhibition, and therefore proposes to use every endeavour to induce a large proportion of the crowds that this year have visited Antwerp, to spend their next holidays in Ireland. It has already inaugurated series of Lantern Lectures, dealing with some of the more beautiful parts of Ireland, and hopes by this means to bring Ireland—too long neglected by the tourist and holiday-maker—into line with the better known pleasure resorts of Europe. Further particulars may be had at the office of the Association—41 Gracechurch Street, E.C.