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#### UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

THE question of one recognised system of working being adopted for Lodges throughout the world, however much it may be deemed desirable, must be dismissed as an impossibility; for while the spirit of Freemasonry is the same wherever we go, there are innumerable minor variations in matters of detail, which it would be impossible to remove, no matter how zealously a scheme might be worked having that object in view.

In another column we give a report of a meeting of one of the Manchester Lodges of Instruction, at which a discussion arose as to the desirability of the Preceptor making regular visits to other such Lodges, in order that the working might be made more conformable with that of Emulation Lodges acting under authoritative sanction.

Without in any way wishing to discourage our Manchester friends we may first ask, where would they find the Lodges acting under authoritative sanction, whose working it is their desire to compare with their own? True, we have in London the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, meeting at Freemasons' Hall, and it enjoys the patronage and support of very many of the leading Masons of the day, but we should not have to seek very far to find many other leading Masons who would question the right of that body to say which is the only correct method of working, and decide the particular ritual to be used in the different ceremonies of the Order. It is a great pity that such is the case, but it is so, and must so remain until Grand Lodge takes some action to enforce Uniformity, a course the ruling body of the Craft will be loth to adopt, if we may judge by the experiences of the past, for we think we may safely say that opinions on this point have not very materially changed since the days when Bro. James Stevens took such active steps towards securing something in the way of authoritative action in this direction.

Grand Lodge would not then bestir itself in the matter, neither would it do so to-day, and as a consequence the Craft of England, like so many other Jurisdictions, remains without any official ritual, or any guide by which differences in regard to words or form of working can be adjusted.

But, after all, is there any reason why we should desire strict Uniformity? Is it not better that trifling departures in different parts of the country should be allowed to continue, rather than that any hard and fast rule should be laid down, and differences occur as a natural consequence? We commend the desire of our Manchester Brethren to seek for light, and we would suggest they carry out the scheme they con-

template, but we hope they will not attempt to force their ideas on their neighbours, or start a crusade having for its object the promotion of rigid uniformity. We should like to hear them discuss divergencies of working in a friendly way, but not make any effort towards creating a law on the several points of difference they would doubtless meet with, as we believe that any considerable perseverance in that direction would tend to create more unpleasantness than would ever be remedied by laws enforcing strict Uniformity. If the principles of the Craft are maintained in their integrity, we do not think it so very materially matters in what particular form its lessons are taught, that is to say, within narrow limits, such, for instance, as are represented by the well known formula, "tweedledum or tweedledee."

It is well known the Brethren of the West of England who devote special attention to the working of the Charities go thoroughly into the calculations necessary in order to express an opinion as to the prospects of the different elections, and they set it down that 2500 votes will be necessary to carry a Girls case at next month's election, while in the case of the Boys they estimate 3000 as the requisite number. These very large estimates are fully supported by past experiences, but they none the less give evidence of immense trouble having to be overcome before one of the coveted scholarships can be secured. Considering the price that has to be paid for votes the number necessary to carry a candidate seems altogether out of proportion to the benefits associated with a success. As has been pointed out in our pages in years gone by the calculations necessary to prove that the returns are out of proportion to the outlay are of a most intricate and voluminous nature, but it does not require much figuring to impress one with the idea that 3000 votes is a large number to be called upon to collect in order to win a scholarship, considering the amount that has to be paid for the one, and the monetary value of the other.

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A Masonic Service is to be held on Sunday, at the Church of St. Andrew's, Leytonstone, when the Harvest Festival will be celebrated. A dispensation has been obtained from the Grand Master for the wearing of Masonic Regalia, and every provision made for a successful issue, the object being to defray the debt on the Church. The workers are presided over by Bro. George Graveley as Hon. Sec. We hope the Brethren will succeed in their laudable desire.

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The Installation of Lord Llangattock as Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales took place at Cardiff, on Thursday, in the presence of a very large gathering of Craftsmen. The Earl of Lathom officiated as Installing Master, and was supported by Lord Kensington, Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, and many others of distinction in the Order. We shall give a full report next week.

#### CHESHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge held its annual meeting on Thursday of last week, in the Claughton Music Hall, Birkenhead. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Eigerton of Tatton, Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided. Bro. J. Salmon A.G.D.C. England and P.P.S.G.W. acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a large number of Brethren of high rank were present, the total attendance being about 550.

The roll of Lodges was called, and it appeared that the whole—forty-six in number—were represented. The minutes of the annual meeting, held at Nantwich in September last, and of special meetings held at Macclesfield in October, and Birkenhead in February last, were

confirmed.

Bro. T. E. Gibson Past Provincial Grand Treasurer presented the Auditors' report, which showed that the balances in the bank were as follow:—Fund of general purposes £98, as compared with £61 last year, being an increase of £36; fund of benevolence £167, as compared with £117 last year, an increase of £50, the two balances amounting to £266.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. J. Jackson submitted his accounts in detail, showing balances as given above, and they were adopted, votes of thanks being accorded to the Provincial Grand Treasurer and

the Auditors.

The annual report of the Committee of Benevolence stated that the receipts from all sources during the year amounted to £103, making with the balance in hand a sum of £220. The expenditure had been £52, leaving a balance in hand of £167.

In view of the fact that Lord Egerton the Provincial Grand Master had signified his intention of presiding at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held in July next, the Committee recommended that a grant of 100 guineas should be made from the Fund of Benevolence, in the name of the Province, for that Institution. Three petitions for relief had been presented, and in each case a grant of £20 was made. A girl and a widow had been elected on the funds of the Royal Masonic Institutions.

The second annual report of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution stated that the Institution had taken a firm hold on the sympathies of members of the Fraternity in Cheshire, and that the donations this year amounted to £507. The funds invested and standing in the bank amounted to £3,105. The total amount of invested funds was now £2,958, and the annual income

about £96.

Upon the motion of Bro. J. Salmon, the reports were

adopted.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in a brief address, said the absence of Lord Egerton was a misfortune, but at the same time the occasion of his absence needed no condolence. He had, in fact, taken a wife and therefore could not come. Sir H. Lloyd was glad to find the condition of Freemasonry in the Province so satisfactory. There had been one additional Lodge formed since their last annual meeting, and there was an increase of membership of 127, as against 178 in the preceding year. It was by no means so important that they should increase their numbers as that they should maintain the quality of those who became connected with the Masonic body. The position of their Charitable Institutions was especially gratifying, and he urged that cvcry step should be taken to give them that support which the good work they did so thoroughly justified. In conclusion, Sir H. Lloyd proposed that an address be presented to Lord Egerton on the occasion of his marriage.

The P.G. Secretary Brother R. Newhouse read the address, which was beautifully engrossed and illuminated with the arms of Lord Egerton and the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos. It conveyed expression of the esteem and regard of the Masonic Fraternity of Cheshire for Lord Egerton, and expressed the desire that his marriage might be crowned with every

The address was adopted, and the arrangements for its presentation were left with the Deputy Provincial

Grand Master and the P.G. Secretary.

Upon the motion of Bro. Skannett (Mersey Lodge, 447, Birkenhead), seconded by Brother T. Shaw (W.M. Wirral Lodge), Bro. E. Evans, of the Mersey Lodge, was elected P.G. Treasurer. Auditors having been appointed, the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follow:

o. G. H. Brown 597 -	•	-	Senior Warden
Captain Cooper 2386	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Hodgson 321	•	-	1
Rev. Hamilton King	2375	-	Chaplains
Enoch Evans 447 -	•	-	Treasurer
H. Nash -	-		Registrar
R. Newhouse -	-	•	Secretary
G. F. Bird 1576 -	-	•	Assistant Secretary
J. Mills 425 -	-		1
P. Duff 605 -	-	-	Senior Deacons
John Bell 104 -	-	-	) +
J. S. Appleby 941 -	•		Junior Deacons
H. Lomas 1957 -	•	-	Superintendent of Works
H. Gordon Small 2368			Director of Ceremonies
R. Stephenson 1166	•		Deputy Dir. of Cers.
J. Holland 428 -	•	-	)
J. Cooper 758 -	•	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. Hadden 2389 -		-	)
George Fountain 267		-	Sword Bearer
H. Powell Jones 1957	-	-	) (111111
A. S. Stringer 368	-	•	Standard Bearers
Millward Hughes 2496		-	Organist
T. Walker 461 -	-	-	Pursuivant
Thomas Perrin .		-	Assistant Pursuivant
R. Olive -	•	- )	,,
R. Powell -	-	- 1	
A. Craig Wallace -	•	-	Chamar 3
W. Richmond -	•	- 1	- Stewards
J. Simpson -	-	- 1	
J. Taylor	•	- }	
S. Smith	-	• ′	Tyler.
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Charity jewels were presented to several Brethren, and after the Deputy Grand Master had intimated that the next annual meeting would be held at Northwich the Lodge was closed.

Subsequently the members of the Order attended

service at St. Mary's Church.

#### CORNWALL.

THE deferred meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge has been fixed by the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe for Tuesday, 16th October, at Redruth. The arrangements made by the late Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, J.P.) will practically remain unaltered, says the "Western Morning News," so that it will be a melancholy satisfaction for the members to know that they will be carrying out the programme as arranged by their esteemed Secretary, whose decease occurred a few days prior to the day fixed for the original meeting. Thirty Lodges will be represented on the occasion, and as it is twenty-one years since the appointment of the present popular ruler (the Earl of Mount-Edgeumbe), the reports also being satisfactory, there should be a good gathering under the auspices of the Druid's Lodge, No. 589, Redruth.

#### DURHAM.

THE Annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, 25th inst., in the Assembly Hall, Darlington, there being a very large attendance of Provincial Officers, and Masters and Brethren of the several Lodges.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., presided, and he was supported by his Deputy Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the P.G.M. and the Deputy were saluted. The minutes of the Fund Committee were read by Bro. R. Hudson P.G.S., and the Committee's recommendations were adopted, namely, that seventy guineas be given to each of the following Charities:—The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons; fifty guineas to the Durham Masonic Education Fund; and grants of £20 each to the widows of two deceased Brethren.

The Rev. Canon Tristram moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

The standing orders were agreed to be suspended in order, under very exceptional circumstances, to relieve the widow of a Brother just recently deceased, and a grant was accordingly made.

The new rules and regulations of the Charities Committee of the Province were approved, on the motion of Bro. C. W. Barron, seconded by Bro. W. Barlow.

The P.G.M. expressed his thanks to Bro. R. Luck for the valuable assistance given to the Charities Committee, and acknowledged the great interest taken in the work of the Committee by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and the members of the Committee generally.

The roll of Lodges was called, when the whole were found to be represented by the W.M. or other Officers.

The W.M. of the Bede Lodge, Jarrow (Bro. Rigby), gave an invitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge to

hold its next Annual meeting at Jarrow. The Prov. Grand Master, addressing the Brethren, expressed his regret, which he was sure would be shared in by all present, that during the year they had lost by death a number of excellent Masons, and not only so, but personal friends. He specially mentioned Bro. B. Levy and Bro. W. Liddell, of Sunderland; Canon Crindhill, Bros. J. L. and C. E. Barnes, of Durham. The roll of Lodges, he remarked, showed that Masonry in the Province was in a very satisfactory condition. There was, after making deductions on account of deaths and other causes, an increase of thirteen members this year, the whole number being 2,695, which was the largest number of contributing members they had ever had reported to their Grand Lodge. Alluding to the fact that he was about to confer the office of Senior Warden upon Lord Barnard, he expressed the pleasure he felt that his Lordship was showing such zeal and activity in Masonry, and his wish that other men of prominence in the county would take a similar interest in the Craft. His Lordship's acceptance of the collar had relieved him of a great weight of responsibility. It was impossible that he and his Very Worshipful Brother the Deputy Provincial Grand Master could long continue to hold office, and it gave them satisfaction to know that when the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and himself were removed they would have a worthy and excellent successor.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed the following as his Officers for the year:

$\mathbf{Bro}$	. Rev. Canon Tristram	-	-	Deputy
	Lord Barnard 1650	-	-	Senior Warden
	T. G. Mabane 2418		-	Junior Warden
	Rev. S. M. Thompson 19	932	- 1	Ol alaina
	Rev. E. W. Drage 48	-	- Ì	Chaplains
	Fred Wade 1389 -	•	- '	Treasurer
	R. M. Wilkes 111 -	-	-	Registrar
	R. Hudson (re-appointed	1)	-	Secretary
	J. Lawrence 1379 -	´ •	- )	
	H. Palmer 124	-	- 5	Senior Deacons
•	G. Harland 1970 -	-	- Í	7 (- D
	R. Appleton 2104 -	-	- 1	Junior Deacons
	Richard Todd 80	_	<b>-</b> '	Superintendent of Wks.
	Thos. Dunn (re-appointed	ed)	-	Director of Ceremonies
	W. J. Jobson 48	,	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
	J. H. Johnson 1862	_	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
	G. J. Christopher 2135	-	-	Sword Bearer
	G. Barnet 2415 -	-	- 1	
	John Monkman 764		- 1	Standard Bearers
	T. Hutchinson 2039		• ′	Organist
<b>-</b> .	J. Joel (re-appointed)		_	Assistant Secretary
	H. Soderberg 1119 -	-	-	Pursuivant
	F. Toogood 661	_		Assistant Pursuivant
	Adam Dodds 48 -	-	- \	
	R. Cowey 80	_	. )	
	J. H. Leech 97 -		. 1	<b>7</b>
	T. Gibson 1418 -	-	- }	Stewards
	J. M. Chisholme 1932	_	- 1	
•	Geo. Murray 2135 -	-	- )	• •
	T. Grieve (re-appointed)	_		Tyler.
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Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed.

The annual banquet took place at the King's Head Hotel, Darlington, where a sumptuous menu was served to a large number of the heads of the Craft. Sir Hedworth Williamson presided, being supported by Lord Barnard, and many others.

#### DEVON.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter is to assemble at Totnes on 16th October, under the wing of the Pleiades Chapter, No. 710. Viscount Ebrington, the

respected Grand Superintendent, is expected to preside, says the "Western Morning News," and the attendance is anticipated to be larger than usual, as the town is easy of access for a great number of the Companions. There are 29 Chapters in Devon, being the largest in proportion of any Province in England. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter is to be held in the large room of the Seven Stars Hotel, the Masonic Hall not being sufficiently commodious.

#### WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE following is a list of the Officers appointed by the Earl of Lathom on the occasion of the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Chapter, as reported in our last issue:

Comp. E. H. Cookson	•	-	•	H,
G. Christie	•	-	•	J.
W. Goodacre	•	-	-	Scribe E.
H. Stones		-		Registrar
G. Duxfield	•	-	-	Deputy Registrar
J. A. Hignett		-	-	Principal Sojourner
Eli Brookes		-	-	First Assistant
C. Skinner		-	-	Second Assistant
J. G. Christian		•	-	Sword Bearer
T. Vernon		•	-	Standard Bearer
W. Dean	-		- 1	Ametric Circus Descrip
R. H. Webster			- 1	Assist. Stand. Bearers
R. G. Bradley	-		- '	Director of Ceremonies
C. Johnson	_	_	- )	
George Myers	-	-	- }	Assistant Dir. of Cors.
J. Pittaway		-	. )	
T. Vernon	-		. 1	Organist
J. N. Hampsfel	l		•	Assistant Scribe E.
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The joint banquet of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter was held in the Co-operative Hall, Church Street, Lancaster, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Prov. G.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. Goodacre Secretary and other Provincial Officers. There were 135 members present, the room being completely filled. In addition, Messrs. Ducksbury dined upwards of 300 of the Brethren at the County and King's Arms Hotels. The official banquet was a great success, and all passed off most satisfactorily.

The Right Hon. Chairman proposed the Loyal toasts, and in doing so referred in most Brotherly and eulogistic terms to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., as one who had the welfare of Masonry at heart. He was an example to all England in the diligence and devotion he displayed in the discharge of the duties he undertook.

The Rev. C. O. L. Riley proposed what he described as the toast of the evening—the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom. He spoke in high terms of the admirable way in which the noble chairman performed his duties. He had now held the distinguished position of Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire since 1872, and every year that had passed over had endeared him more and more to the Brethren. He hoped to find their noble chairman still presiding over the Province of West Lancashire when he returned from Australia in ten years. The toast was received in true Masonic fashion.

Lord Lathom, in responding, said his duties had been very pleasant to him during the twenty-one years he had been ruler of the Province. His Officers from time to time had worked most harmoniously with him, and he hoped his time might be as pleasant in the future as in the past. He thanked Bro. Riley for the kind wishes he had expressed, and hoped they would see him back again. The Officers of the Grand Lodge were toasted, and the Grand Secretary responded in a most admirable speech.

The Rev. W. Spence Assistant Chaplain proposed the health of Brother Robert Wylie Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past.

Bros. Lathom, N. W. Helme and J. W. Wearing responded.

Other toasts included the Masonic Charities, the Visitors, the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, and the Tyler's toast. A glee party contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the Brethren at intervals.

During the afternoon the Earl of Lathom complimented the Lancaster Brethren on the success which had marked the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the county town; the arrangements were most satisfactory in every way, and it had been one of the most pleasant and successful meetings he had ever attended. Bro. W. Goodacre bore similar testimony to the care and judgment displayed by the Lancaster Brethren.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

BY command of the Rt. Hon. the Earl Ferrers Prov. Grand Master the Annual meeting of this Grand Lodge will be held on Thursday next, 4th October, at the Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, under the auspices of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, which will be opened at 3 o'clock, Prov. G. Lodge being summoned for 3.30. The business is of the usual character, with the addition of a proposition to be submitted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, suggesting that a suitable memorial be raised to the memory of the late Bro. W. Kelly Past Grand Master of the Province.

The sixteenth Annual Report of the Provincial Masonic Charity Association has been issued, and is of a satisfactory character, several new subscribers having recently been enrolled. During the year this Association has contributed £162 15s to the Girls School, £10 10s to the Benevolent Institution, and £5 5s to the Boys School.

#### NORTH WALES.

THE Annual assembly of Royal Arch Masons of this Province was held on Friday, 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Portmadoc, under the presidency of Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West Provincial Grand Superintendent.

There was a fair attendance of members. The following were appointed as the Officers for the year:

Comp, Col. Henry Platt
R. J. David
J. G. Tuxford
T. M. Taylor
Edward Roberts
Griffith Jones
J. G. Pritchard
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The banquet was subsequently served at the Royal Sportsman Hotel.

#### WARWICKSHIRE.

THE Centenary of the Apollo Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, and in conjunction with it the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held at the Town Hall, Alcester, there being a large attendance of Brethren.

At two o'clock the Lodge was opened by Lord Leigh Pr.G.M., and at the conclusion of the business the company attended Divine service at the Parish Church. The service was a fully choral one, and a practical sermon was preached by the Rev. J. T. Owen P.G.C. (vicar of St. Paul's, Stafford) who took as his text Ezra vii., 27. The offertory was in behali of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund.

Subsequently Lord Leigh presided at the banquet, which took place in the Corn Exchange, and was supported by the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Ernest J. Seymour, and others.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Malvern College, on Wednesday, under the banner of the Royds Lodge, of which Dr. Pike is Master.

Some 200 Brethren were present. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart. M.P., the Provincial Grand Master presided.

At the conclusion of the business the Brethren adjourned in procession to the Priory Church. The service was fully choral, with an anthem, "Bear ye one another's burdens," specially composed for the occasion by Bro. F. W. Newton, who also presided at the organ. Rev. J. W. Kearns intoned the services, and Rev. Dr. Gregory Smith, vicar, pronounced the Blessing. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. F. Hough, vicar of Holy Trinity, Worcester, and Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The offertory amounted to £9 10s 6d, and will be devoted to various charities. After the service the Brethren returned to the College, and then dined at

the Imperial Hotel.

The result of the working of the Masonic Charities Association of Exeter is described as most satisfactory. During the last seven years sixty guineas have been subscribed by this means alone on easy terms, fifteen guineas being devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, twenty guineas each to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys, and five guineas to the Devon Educational Fund.

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Bro. W. S. Spaull and a few friends have kindly arranged to give a concert to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Battersea Rise, on Wednesday next, commencing at 7 p.m. The programme is a varied one, and includes two songs by Bro. Spaull himself, and will be followed by the Calisthenic and Marching exercises by the pupils, which have gained them so much credit in days gone by.

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From a report we publish elsewhere of the Installation meeting of the Exmoor Lodge, No. 2390, it will be seen the Brethren of Minehead have determined on the erection of a Masonic Hall there, and the scheme in connection with its building has now been approved. We tender them our congratulations, and hope their efforts to provide a permanent home for Freemasonry in their midst may meet the fullest success.

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The Transvaal Government intimate that friendly societies within the Republic will shortly be placed on the same footing as in the adjacent colonies, says a contemporary, from which we also learn that Freemasonry has made rapid progress in the Transvaal, where, by special dispensation of the Grand Lodge of England, several Lodges under the English Constitution are now working. The comparatively few Boers who have joined the Craft belong to Lodges working under the Netherlands Constitution, the ritual and oral ceremonies of which are necessarily in the Dutch language.

#### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of the late Bro. D. Davies, who had held the office of high sheriff for the borough of Carmarthen since 1886, took place from his residence in Quay Street on Tuesday, at noon, the interment being at the cemetery. Besides members and officials of the corporation and the borough police force, there were present several members of the local Masonic Lodge, to which the deceased belonged, and a large number of the most influential men in the town.

The funeral of the late Bro. Michael Hynes took place at Smithdown Road Cemetery, Liverpool, on the 14th. Deceased was a member of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, and the Everton Lodge, No. 823. There were a good number of friends and Brethren assembled at the graveside to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory.

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. E. M. Parvin, wife of Bro. Newton R. Parvin Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which took place on the 2nd inst., at Cedar Rapids, U.S.A., and offer our fraternal sympathy with her husband and father-in-law, both of whom are well known throughout the Masonic world, as zealous workers in the cause.

#### CEREMONY AT DORNOCH.

N Tuesday of last week the foundation stone of Embo Pier was laid with Masonic honours by Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland.

The St. Gilbert Lodge of Freemasons formed in the Schoolhouse, and after the Lodge was opened the various bodies were arranged and formed into procession outside the village of Embo, there to await the arrival of the ducal party.

Shortly before noon, Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland arrived, accompanied by the Duke, and the party at Dunrobin Castle, Her Grace being received by

the local Harbour Committee.

With the assistance of a dozen stalwart fishermen the carriage was unyoked and the horses taken therefrom, and with the aid of these sons of the sea, the ducal carriage was conveyed to its destination. The procession, headed by the life boat crew, followed by the Naval Reserve and fishermen, accompanied by the Oddfellows, the rear being brought up by the Masonic Lodge and the ducal carriage, then proceeded to the scene of the day's operations.

Arriving at the site of the harbour, the procession opened up in the usual manner, allowing Her Grace to pass through, followed by the St. Gilbert Lodge of Freemasons, to the point where the foundation stone was to be laid. Then the Rev. Mr. Macdonald, F.C., offered up prayer, and the ceremony proceeded under the direction of the Rev. Donald Grant Master of the St. Gilbert Lodge of Freemasons and Chairman of the Local Committee.

Two verses of the Hundreth Psalm were sung, and Her Grace was thereupon presented with a silver trowel by the engineer and contractors, and asked to perform the function of laying the foundation stone. Mr. Forbes, of the firm of contractors, was on the scene, and performed his duties with the utmost despatch. On the stone being hoisted and lowered into its place, by Mr. Forbes, Her Grace declared the stone "well and truly laid" amid the most enthusiastic cheers of the assembled multitude. Valuables being deposited in the cavity of the stone, "the corn, wine, and oil" were sprinkled Ultimately, his reverence (Mr. Grant) declared the stone to be laid with due Masonic honour. After two verses of the Psalm, "O God of Bethel by whose hand," had been sung, the rev. gentleman delivered a speech, paying a high compliment to the house of Sutherland for the generous spirit which they had exhibited towards the scheme.

The Duke of Sutherland returned thanks, and after Her Grace had performed the ceremony of christening a boat lying at the new pier, the assemblage retired, and wended their footsteps toward the schoolhouse.

Mrs. Barrow, of the Castle, Dornoch, kindly provided refreshments. Mr. D. M. Munro, Clashmore Hotel, was

purveyor. About two thousand were present.

Prior to breaking up, the Rev. Mr. Grant as Master of the Lodge moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Barrow for her great consideration and kindness, and Captain Mackintosh, Proncy, moved a similar compliment to the Rev. Mr. Grant, as chairman of the local committee.

Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Moyes entertained the officials to dinner, which wound up the proceedings.—"Highland News."

#### NOVEL LODGE QUARTERS.

BARR Castle, in the town of Galston, Ayrshire, the scene of many a bloody war and ecclesiastical wrangle in past centuries, and for many years uninhabited, has been in part restored by the Freemasons of Galston St. Peter's Lodge, 331, and the main hall of the squared building formed into a Lodge Room. A more fitting place for Masonic meetings than this ancient pile of masonry could hardly be conceived. The walls have withstood the storm of the elements and of war since, it is computed, somewhere in the 13th century. The walls measure nine feet thick of solid masonry, and the roof of the lower chamber is arched with stone and lime. From the floor to the centre of the arch roof the height is 25 feet. The rough walls have been plastered half

way up, while the roof from the beginning of the arching has been left bare.

The hall is well lighted with two large windows, one at either end of the hall, and for lighting up after dark there are fifteen gas jets. With the exception of the plaster and the wood floor, the interior of the hall of the Castle has not been altered. Adjoining the hall there are two small rooms formerly called cells, and in the north east of the Lodge Room a large recess into which, in course of time, the Lodge may be able to build an organ. There is another Lodge Hall above the one now formed into a Lodge Room, reached by a circular stair, and hopes are entertained that this hall also may be restored. In the meantime the Lodge and the members have exhausted their resources in the work of restoration so far, and have still £40 or £50 to make good.

Up to the 17th century the owners were the Lockharts of Barr. The property is now owned by Brother the Duke of Portland, and he has, through his factor, Brother Joseph Turner, acted most generously with the St. Peter's Brethren, granting them a ten years' lease of the Castle at a nominal rent, and at the same time made a gift of £25 to assist in putting the place in proper repair. Brother Turner has also made several gifts to the Lodge, and Brother the Hon. Thomas Cochrane, M.P., Provincial Grand Master has gifted the sum of £5.

The building was consecrated for Masonic purposes on Saturday 15th, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire.—"Glasgow Evening News."

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A well known member of the Craft, in the person of Bro. C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, has taken up the representation of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and has opened an office at 10 Fore Street, City, where we hope he will receive a share of the patronage his friends and acquaintances have to place in this branch of business. The Company he represents has invested funds of upwards of thirty-eight millions, and enjoys the reputation of being the largest and richest Insurance Company in the world, with a great and increasing business in England, consequent on the special features it has introduced.

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### GIRLS SCHOOL.

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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 1852, 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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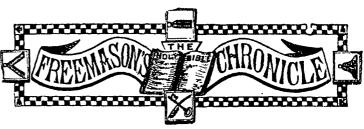
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SATURDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 1894.

We understand the late Bro. W. Kelly P.Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland left £5,000 for old age pensions under Corporation management at Leicester, a gift quite in keeping with the well known kindly sentiments of our departed Brother.

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Bro. Arthur Fry, the business manager of the Lyric Theatre, London, has informed a representative of a weekly contemporary of an incident which he calls unique in the history of Masonry. It was when he was touring with a theatrical company in South Africa, and during the time he was there the Transvaal war was raging. He had become a volunteer during the war. They were at Pretoria. He says:—"In order to keep up the charter of the Lodge we obtained permission to hold a Lodge in the Masons' Hall. It was on the opposite side of the lagaar to where the soldiers were stationed. All the Masons in the camp availed themselves of the permission, and on this very night a personal friend was initiated. Before the Lodge opened we had to knock bricks out of the walls to serve as loopholes in case of an attack, and our arms were stacked in the preparing room, ready to meet any emergency that might turn our friendly gathering into a fight for life. Fortunately we were left alone, but in returning to camp a heavy fire was opened upon us by the Boers."

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We may remind our readers that the weekly meetings of the Camden Chapter of Improvement will be resumed at the "Moorgate," 15 Finsbury Pavement, on Tuesday next. Comp. Edmonds again asks us to express his desire to see all the old members at the opening, and he further hopes to see a large number of new members.

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The Installation meeting of the Bradstow Lodge, No. 2448, was held on Wednesday, at Broadstairs, when Bro. Arthur George Harvey was placed in the chair, the whole of the work being fautlessly performed by Bro. E. H. White the outgoing Master. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

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The Installation of the Chough Lodge, No. 2264, took place on Thursday, when Bro. J. W. Dewsnap W.M. installed his successor, Bro. George Scott Miller. Our report of the proceedings will appear next week.

#### A COSMOPOLITAN MASON.

NOT only is it a matter of congratulation for the members of Sackville Lodge that G Cooper has joined No. 1619 and taken office as Chaplain, but also the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex may be congratulated on so distinguished a Mason identifying himself with this county. It will interest many to read the following notice of the Masonic career of Brother Canon W. H. Cooper, F.R.G.S., who has had Masonic experiences that few Masons can boast of. Canon Cooper's maternal Lodge is No. 40, Belfast, Ireland, where he was initiated, passed and raised in 1856. At that time Bro. Cooper was an ensign in Her Majesty's Service and, his regiment being ordered to Dublin, he was made an honorary member of No. 6, in which Lodge he was raised to the degree of Mark Master Mason. Two years later, being then quartered in Devonport, he joined Lodge Sincerity, of which Lord Valletort, now the Earl of Mount-Egdcumbe, was the W.M. Having in 1860 taken holy orders, he served in two curacies for three years at home, and then volunteered for missionary work in the colonies. On his arrival in Australia he was appointed to a rough mission in the mountains, and although there was no church or school, he found that a Masonic Lodge had been started in the town of Woodspoint, which was the centre of his district. This was the Alpine Lodge, and was situated in the middle of the Australian Alps. Bro. Cooper acted as Chaplain to this Lodge for eighteen months, and on his removal to Melbourne joined No. 12, Meridian Lodge. He also joined a Lodge under the Scotch Constitution and was appointed District Grand Chaplain Victoria (S.C.). In 1870 Bro. Cooper moved to New Zealand, where he affiliated to St. Augustine's Lodge, Christchurch, and in 1872 was appointed District Grand Chaptain (E.C.), which appointment he held for five years. During his residence in New Zealand he was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Western Pacific Chapter, Hokitika, and also was one of the founders and first W.M. of Akaroa Lodge, Canterbury; he was re-elected for a second year as W.M. of this Lodge. In 1877 he was obliged, from ill-health, to go to New South Wales, where he joined Glen Innes Lodge, of which he was installed W.M. in 1879. Returning to England after 17 years absence, he, in 1885, organised the formation of a new Lodge, No. 2098, Harlesden, London, of which he was first W.M. After his arrival in British Columbia Bro. Cooper took the greatest interest in the welfare of the Craft. He became a member of the Mountain Lodge, Donald, a member and the Chaplain of Kamloops Lodge and was first W.M. of the new Lodge at Spallumcheen, of which Lodge he was the most active promoter. When sent, in 1882, by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to inspect the missions of the society in Canada and the North West, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales directed the Grand Secretary of England to give Bro. Cooper a general letter of commendation to all Masons in the Dominion and the United States. There are few Masons who have had so extensive an acquaintance with the working of the Craft in the Colonies, both under the Grand Lodge of England and under Local Grand Lodges No one is better able to speak with authority as to the world wide influence of Freemasonry than Bro. Cooper, he having visited the Masonic Lodges nearest the North and South Poles, and while he was "exalted" on the western shores of the Pacific, he is also a member of the Grand Lodge which is situated on the eastern shores of the same ocean.—"Sussex Courier."

Our contemporary, "Masonic Tidings," thus records an imaginary conversation at the door of the "Grand Lodge Above":

St. Peter.—Well, who are you?

Fraternal Brother.—I'm a jiner.

S. P.—Did you take a Masonic paper?

F. B.—Yes.

S. P.—Pay for it?

F. B.—N-no.

#### MASONIC HALL AT JERUSALEM.

OW many Royal Arch Masons in India know that during the labours of the Palestine Exploration Party in 1867, a curious and interesting vault of great antiquity was discovered "in the bosom of the holy Mount Moriah," amongst numerous secret passages and chambers under the site of King Solomon's Temple? The explorations were under the immediate direction of Bro. Capt. (now Sir Charles) Warren, of the Royal Engineers. During their subterranean investigations near the west wall of what in old days was the Temple enclosure, and just south of one of the modern entrances into the Court of the Haram-es-Shereef, known as the gate of the Chain (Bab-el-Silsileh), the explorers came upon a series of vaults which appear at one time to have served as secret store chambers. The remains of a secret passage leading to the Temple were also found close by. In one of the passages of this series of vaults an opening was discovered leading into a very ancient vault, which the explorers appropriately named the Masonic Hall. The following is Sir Charles Warren's description of it, extracted from his book, "The Recovery of Jerusalem."

"The entrance opens down to it from the north, the floor of the little passage leading to it being about 3 feet above the crown of the Arch, so that there is a steep shelving passage into it. I was lowered down by means of a rope, and was considerably surprised to find myself in a large rectangular vaulted chamber of ancient construction, with a column or pedestal sticking up from the

centre.'' "On examining further, the chamber was found to have originally been 23 feet from east to west, and 20 feet 4 inches from north to south, but 10 feet 4 inches has been added at the south, so that it is now 30 feet 8 inches in length; but the Arch over the southern portion is not of the same date as that of the northern, and to conceal this the column was raised in the centre under the break, and two point durches thrown over from the column to the sides, the span of each being about 10 feet. The column has since fallen in part, and much of the ribbed arch; the silt has closed up over it, and thus the stump of the column is found projecting through. It is to be remarked, that the 10 feet added on to this chamber occupies the position which the secret passage would have held, and is under the street. The walls are built of square stones extremely well jointed, and looking as if laid without mortar. At each corner there were pilasters with capitals, but that at the north-east angle alone is in a moderate state of This chamber has preservation. every appearance of being the oldest piece of Masonry in Jerusalem, with the exception of the Sanctuary walls, and perhaps as old as they."

Such is Sir Charles Warren's description of this interesting discovery, which, unfortunately, is not now accessible to visitors to Jerusalem. It is, perhaps, a little disappointing to learn what the column in the centre really was, but we must remember that something else may have been concealed under the silt which lay deep in the chamber.—Oswald G. Wood, P.Z. 391 (E.C.) in the "Indian Freemason."

THE Jura-Simplon Railway Company, of Switzerland, announces that the office in Shaftesbury Avenue will remain open throughout the Winter for the convenience of intending visitors to Geneva, Lausanne, Vevey, Montreux, Sierre (Montana), &c. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have been staying at Montreux, and were enchanted with the many excursions they made to the environs. Their Royal Highnesses ascended the Rochers de Naye many times, to admire the magnificent panorama seen from the summit.

Royal Aquarium.—An Anamite Theatrical Company from Saigou Anam, now performing at the Antwerp Exhibition, will make their first appearance in this country here on Monday next. The Troupe, consisting of about thirty Anamite Men and Women will, with an introduction of Japanese, perform a series of War Illustrations, National Songs and Dances. A meeting of the Mikado of Japan with the Emperor of China will be represented, followed by a miniature battle illustrating the present war between the Chinese and Japanese. The Anamites are the chief attraction at the Antwerp Exhibition, upwards of 2,000 persons having visited the performance daily. The dresses are exceedingly handsome and costly, and the stage fittings, decorations and appurtenances are said to be most beautiful, and to have cost 40,000 francs. In their own country the Anamite Entertainments ordinarily last 6 hours, and on special occasions whole days and weeks. At the Aquarium the incidents of a week's performances will be shown in each half hour. The Great Central Stage Performances are at the present time especially attractive, and will be added to next week. The National Chrysanthemum Society holds its first show of Chrysanthemums here on the 10th, 11th and 12th of October. The great St. Stephen's Hall Skating Rink opens of Monday.

This week's number of "Cassell's Saturday Journal" contains the commencement of "In Shadow of Shame," by Mr. Fitzgerald Molloy. There also appears the first of a series of papers by Mr. Max Pemberton on "Celebrities of the Day," dealing with the turning points in their career. Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Alma Tadenia. Mr. Walter Besant, Mr. Henry Irving, and Mr. A. W. Pinero are the subjects of this first article

#### REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

#### METROPOLITAN.

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#### ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

THE members of this Lodge re-assembled after the summer vacation at the Offices of the Popler District Board of vacation at the Offices of the Poplar District Board of Works, on Thursday of last week, when Bro. C. W. Raymond I.P.M. presided in the absence of Bro. Ayres Moore W.M. and was supported by the following Officers: Bros. F. J. Waterson S.W., C. R. Allen J.W., Jas. Y. Mosey Secretary, W. H. Farnfield P.M. Treasurer, W. Bland S.D., E. Waterson J.D., J. C. Carpenter I.G., and a large number of Brethron and a large number of Brethren.

The Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, after which the minutes

were read and confirmed.

Mr. John G. Gibbon, having been balloted for and approved, was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. In the second degree Bro. Francis H. Hagan was passed as a Fellow Craft; while in the third Bros. John Goodfellow, John J. Oates, and Percy Coward were raised as Master Masons. The various ceremonies were ably

worked by Bro. C. W. Raymond.

Bro. F. J. Waterson S.W. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. H. Farnfield, one of the founders of the Lodge, was re-elected Treasurer. On a show of hands Brother C. Patrick P.M. was re-elected Tyler of the Lodge. Bros. Turner, Osmond and Lindsay were appointed as the Audit

A Past Master's collar and jewel were voted to Bro. Moore for his services during his year of office. This concluding the business of the meeting, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to supper, after which a pleasant evening was

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Bro. Frank J. Waterson W.M.-elect was born in Poplar, on the 15th June 1851. He was initiated into Freemasonry on 13th July 1887, in the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, and has regularly worked him and the saints Lodge and the saint He is his way through the various offices leading to the chair. He is well versed in the ancient charges and landmarks, and being highly esteemed by the Brethren there is no doubt that his term of office will be both pleasant and prosperous. We tender him our hearty good wishes.

#### KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

THE Installation meeting of the Lodge was well attended at Ladbroke Hall, on Saturday 15th inch

Ladbroke Hall, on Saturday, 15th inst.

After the confirmation of minutes of the last regular Lodge and Lodge of Emergency, ballot was taken for the election of four gentlemen, proposed at the last meeting. This being unanimous in their favour, and they being in attendance, they were subsequently initiated in a masterly manner by the W.M. Bro. W. B. Neville, who had previously been Installed as Master by his predecessor, Bro. J. J. Mackay.

Bro. Mackay alluded in teeling terms to the recent death of Mrs. Linscott, the proprietiess of Ladbroke Hall, who for some years had contributed so much to the comfort of the members, in a

kind and courteous manner, and he moved that a letter, expressive of sympathy and condolence in their bereavement, should be sent to the family. This was seconded by Bro. Read Secretary, and carried unanimously.

The Looge being closed, the Brethren adjourned to the hall,

where a choice banquet was provided by Mr. Linscott. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were very happily presented

by the W.M., who was quite at home in his new office.

The Grand Officers toast was responded to by by Bro. Cochrane P.G.T. and Bro. G. Read G.S.B.; that of the Visitors by Bros. Goffin, Mekta, Hillier, and Rev. C. J. Smith.

The health of the four initiates was warmly received and

responded to by each.

During the evening the Brethren were charmed by the delightful singing of the Misses Greta Williams and Kate Cove, Messrs. Charlish, Allen, and Bros. Mackay, Ortner, and F. Norman, and, altogether, the meeting, says the "Kensington News," was a complete recognition. complete success.

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#### DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

N Emergency meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Wednesday of last week, under the presidency

The ballot was taken for Messrs. P. Goldacker, H. J. C. Highway, and C. Hearsey, and proving unanimously in their favour, they were initiated.

The W.M., Bros. Cochrane, Folkard, C. Woods and Shannaw having spoken on the question, on the proposition of Bro. Baldwin it was resolved to hold the next meeting at the Alexandra Hotel.

On the proposition of Bro. Westley a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Clemow, for kindly affording the Lodge a temporary home at Anderton's Hotel, and for his good treatment during that time.

After the banquet, which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly received, Bro. Cochrane P.G. Treasurer responding

on behalf of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Beaven I.P.M. proposed the W.M., and referred to the services of Bro. Harvey in this Lodge as well as in another. The W.M. responded.

The W.M. proposed the Initiates, in fitting terms, and Brothers Goluacker, Highway, and Hearsey responded.

The W.M. proposed the Visitors, and especially thanked Bro. White for acting as J.D. on a minute's notice. The Visitors responded, each expressing a hope that they might again attend the Lodge

The W.M. eulogised the Past Masters, and Bros. Beaven and

Westley responded.

The W.M. referred to the respective services of the Treasurer

and Secretary.

Bro. Steele Treasurer, in thanking the Brethren, expressed a hope that the very popular S.D. Bro. John Lyle might soon be restored to health, and be present among them again with his cheery face and pleasant company.

Bro. Folkard Secretary promised that he would do whatever fell to his lot with all his heart.

Bros. Langdon S.W. and Woods J.W. replied for the Officers, and a pleasant meeting, says the "Clapham Observer," concluded with the Tyler's toast.

The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the exertions of the W.M., Bros. Langdon, Shannaw, H. C. Mitchell, and White,

while the Organist presided at the piano.

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#### WALTHAMSTOW LODGE, No. 2472.

THE September meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday at Bro. F. J. Hallows, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow. At five o'clock p.m., the hour for which the Brethren were summoned, it was inconvenient for the Worshipful Master Bro. W. Harris P.M. 1662 to attend, and his place was taken temporarily by Bro. William Shurmur P.M. The number of Brethren present showed the interest taken by all the members in the welfare of the Lodge. Among the Past Masters of other Lodges who are members of this Lodge were Bros. Wildash, N. Fortescue, McGowan and S. H. Baker (Treasurer).

Bro. McGowan was Senior Warden, and Bro. N. Fortescue took the chair of Junior Warden for Bro. William Gower, who was attending the dedication of a Masonic Temple at Christiana by

King Oscar of Sweden.

Among the Visitors were Bros. Charles Thompson I.G. 2192, K. M. Yoeman 2467, H. Massey 160 P.M. 619 and 1928, H. W. Loft 177, G. H. Pizey 2374, Henry Muscatt I.P.M. 1632, A. J. Scott 1613, W. S. Hooper 1987, J. R. Friend 2574 and George W. Fry W.M. 59.

Bro. William Shurmur raised Bros. Frank and Lionel Budd and Henry Osborne to the Third Degree, and at the close of this long ceremony Bro. W. Harris the W.M. arrived, and performed the remaining business, Initiating Messrs. Lewis Fowler Pool and Sydney Vincent Harris. The fact of the J.W's attendance at Christiana was communicated to the Worshipful Master and Brethren by Bro. S. Herbert the Secretary, who read a telegram from Bro. Gower to that effect, and the Norwegian and Swedish Brethren were congratulated on having established a Masonic

After the closing of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to a choice banquet provided by Bro. F. J. Hallows, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts. There was some excellent music and singing between these compliments and the Brethren were indebted to Mrs. Friend, the wife of Bro. J. R. Friend, for some

of the best of this part of the entertainment.

Bro. Shurmur, in proposing the health of the W.M., said there was no Brother more zealous in promoting the success of the Walthamstow Lodge than Bro. William Harris, there were also no one more anxious to promote the comfort and pleasure of the Brethren. All the Brethren would agree in congratulating Bro. Harris on his rendering of the ceremony of Initiation that evening, which was as pleasing to the Brethren Initiated as to the other members of the Lodge.

Bro. W. Harris W.M., in replying to the toast, which was most cordially received, said he felt himself hardly worthy of Bro. Shurmur's kind words, for he felt he had many shortcomings, but he threw himself on the indulgence of the Brethren. He was not perfectly satisfied with his performance that evening, for he had done the ceremony much better in times past. However, it was a great pleasure to him to have Initiated Bros. Pool and Harris, who he knew to be good men of Walthamstow, and he thanked Bro. Cunningham for introducing them. He (Bro. Harris) had the welfare of the Lodge at heart, and he wished he had more time to

bestow upon it. Perhaps in the future he might be differently situated. He thanked the Brethren heartily for their kindness.

The Master then immediately proposed the health of Past Masters Shurmur and Wildash. He could say nothing fresh about Bro. Shurmur; they all knew his value; they knew what a sincere Freemason and man he was; it was an honour to know him personally, and he felt deeply indebted to Bro. Shurmur, who was always ready to come to any Mason's assistance as he had come to his assistance that evening, when other engagements prevented his attending at the opening of the Lodge. The Brethren felt very proud that Bro. Shurmur was connected with this Lodge; it was practically through him that the Lodge came to be consecrated. They hoped he would be spared many years to be associated with them. Bro. Shurmur was really the promoter of Freemasonry in Essex; it had made wonderful bounds in the county and in the Walthamstow district in particular since Brother Shurmur took it up. The Walthamstow Lodge sprang from the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, which was the topic of the hour with the Freemasons of London. Bro. Shurmur was the Preceptor of the Lodge, from whom they got the best of instruction. Bro. Shurmur was the cause of there being such good Freemasons in that part of Essex. As to Bro. Wildash he was a good, zealous Mason. He had not had to do much work in this Lodge, of which he acted for the first year as Immediate Past Master, but in another Lodge he had done a good amount of effectual work, having been the means of sending large sums of money to the Masonic Charities. Brother

Wildash had in his Lodge a very successful year of office. There were but few meetings he did not attend. He took an active part in the welfare of Walthamstow; was chairman of the Local Board, devoted a good deal of his time-which was very valuable-to it in fact, in every good work in the town they found the name of John Henry Wildash to the fore. In saying this he hoped his few

remarks would be taken as thoroughly sincere.

Bro. W. Shurmur P.M., who was the first to respond, having thanked Bro. Harris and the Brethren for their recognition of his services, said he very much sympathised with Bro. Harris in his inability to be present at the opening of the Lodge, but he knew a very pressing emergency was the cause. Bro. Harris's disappointment was somewhat lessened by the knowledge that the ceremony of Raising would not be performed in a slipshod way. He had done his best, and if he had given the Brethren pleasure he was thoroughly rewarded. It was always a pleasure to him to do anything he could to further the interests of the Walthamstow or any other Lodge with which he was associated. Bro. Harris had alluded to the fact that he was Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. That being the case the Brethren would naturally expect him to do the ceremonies in an intelligent manner. From the great attention the Brethren gave while the ceremonies were being performed it was but fair to infer they appreciated the work. In conclusion he could assure them that his services would be always most readily given.

Bro. Wildash P.M. also thanked Bro. Harris for the nice things he had said, but one of his remarks was not altogether correct —that he had done a great deal for Freemasonry. Now, he did not wish to take on his shoulders any honours he did not deserve. He did not believe there ever was a worse Master than himself, speaking from a working point of view. He was proud to say he was a working man, and it had been said to him, "Don't you over do it, old boy; Take it easy." When he was a Worshipful Master he did very little; he was always present after the ceremony, and some Brethren used to say he made a very good chairman at the festive board; but no one said he did the work thoroughly well. One good thing was he knew his weakness and that he could not remember the whole ritual. However, he understood the Charity side, and he set himself to it. They founded a Benevolent Fund, and sent up a sum of £800 or £900 to the Masonic Charities. He was happy to say he was President of the Fund, and he believed that where they got £500 or £600 in the days he spoke of they could get as many thousands now.

Bros. L. F. Pool and S. V. Harris replied to the toast of the Initiates, which met with a very cordial reception. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by the Visiting Brethren. The Treasurer and Secretary each responded to the joint toast proposed and drunk in recognition of their services. Bro. McGowan replied for the Officers. The Tyler's toast wound up an exceedingly

pleasant evening.

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#### EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE principal business transacted at the meeting of this Lodge. held at the George Hotes, Heaton Norris, on Monday, the 17th inst., was the election of Officers, Bro. B. Goodfellow being selected to replace Bro. Henry Wilson in the position of W.M. Bros. A. Pemberton, H. T. Fisher, and W. A. Vaughan were appointed Auditors.

The W.M. made a very touching reference to the death of Mrs. Pemberton, widow of a late Past Master of the Lodge, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence to the family.

Monday, 15th October, is the date fixed for the Installation.

#### UNITY LODGE, No. 1332.

T the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Crediton, Bro. Benjamin C. Cleave, J.P., was unanimously elected Master for the year. Bro. J. Templeton was chosen Treasurer and Bro. W. Wollacott Tyler.

#### CASTLE LODGE, No. 1436.

T the monthly meeting of the Lodge, held at Sandgate, the Brethren accorded Bro. the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield P.M. Chaplain, a hearty vote of congratulation, on his being appointed to his new living in London.

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#### ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

HE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on I Friday, 21st inst., Bro. Thos. T. Sefton W.M. So far as numbers was concerned the attendance was all that could be desired, and this was a pleasing feature, as the Brethren were enabled to accord a hearty welcome to Bros. Alfred Hardcastle P.M., and L. F. Kinsman, the former hailing from the Pioncer Lodge, Queensland, and the latter from the Zetland Lodge, Leeds, both visitors.

The principal business of the evening was the passing to the second degree of Bro. Alexander Henry Sellers, he having proved his proficiency by answering the necessary questions in a very satisfactory manner.

At the festive board Bro. Hardcastle gave a very interesting and humorous account of the Lodges in Australia, showing how they differentiated from those in England, mentioning the fact

that Freemasonry had been of very great value to him while travelling over the colonies, a friendly hand being always held out to him, and Brethren putting themselves to disadvantage for the purpose of giving information.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the same being relieved by songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Bros. Clough, Tom Bradbury, and E. Roberts.

#### ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. John Fisher Prov. G.S.D. Worshipful Master. There was a good attendance of Brethren, including Brothers D. Hagan, Verita, 20, Cairo, and R. Sugden, St. Mirrin, 129, Paisley, who were Visitors.

The usual festive board followed, when Loyal and Masonic

toasts were submitted and duly honoured.

#### EXMOOR LODGE, No. 2390.

T the last meeting of the Lodge, at Minehead, Brother G. H. A Kite, Solicitor, of Taunton, was installed as Worshipful Master. The installing Officer was Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Som. P.G.D. England, who was supported by several Provincial Grand Officers and many Visiting Brethren.
Sir Alexander Acland Hood, Bart., M.P., late of Apollo Lodge,

Oxford, who has recently become a member of the Exmoor Lodge,

was heartily welcomed.

A sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds to the Steward's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a scheme for building a Masonic Hall in Minehead was formally

The Brethren afterwards dined together at the Plume of Feathers Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., and the usual

Masonic toasts were honoured.

#### DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 13th inst., Bro. William Boden W.M.

There were also present:—Bros. W. T. Schofield P.M. P.S.G.D., Fred Warburton S.W., T. T. Hardicker J.W., Clement Jas. Hall Sec., Robert Meggitt S.D., John Kinsey J.D., Geo. A. Bowden I.G., T. H. Stott, Oates Rushton, B. Hopkinson P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Arthur Scarlett Org., C. Houston, J. B. Marshall, Robert Hamilton, Thos. D. Lightfoot, H. B. Rudolph. Visitors:—Bros. Jno. H. Radeliff W.M. 322, W. H. Taylor J.D. 322, E. Edmondson J.D. 323, John Nicholson P.M. 322, G. W. Bingham 852, Frederick Evans 1013 and 2482, William Morton 163, and

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Messrs. Samuel Kew, Manufacturer, Cheetham, and J. Fairbairn, Commission Agent, Manchester, were successfully balloted for and afterwards initiated, these ceremonies being followed by the raising to the sublime degree of Bro. Richard Chiswell, and in the capable hands of the W.M., Bro. Hardicker J.W., and Bro. Schofield P.M., it goes without saying that the work throughout was well performed.

At the festive board which succeeded, Bro. Boden W.M. proposed the health of the Initiates. He congratulated the Lodge upon such an acquisition as these two Brethren, saying further that they had received into their ranks that day those whom he might in all fondness of heart term Brothers, and he hoped they would long remain such.

Bro. Kew thanked the Brethren for so kindly initiating him into the Order, and expressed a sincere hope that as a man and a Mason he would never disgrace the vows which he had taken, but on the contrary justify all that had been said of him.

Bro. Fairbairn was glad to endorse what Bro. Kew had said, and hoped he should succeed in an endeavour to make himself acceptable to all. He fully realised what the term Brother meant, and should endeavour to act in this wise, keeping in view the principles which had been prominently placed before him.

Bro. Schofield proposed the health of the W.M., saying that after the long recess there had been no diminution in the power of performing work on the part of any officer, and especially congratulated the W.M. upon the part he had taken, saying that he had even

excelled his usually very praiseworthy efforts.

Bro. Boden said, in reply, he had experienced very much pleasure in listening to the hearty manner in which the toast proposed by Bro. Schofield had been received. He hoped he might be spared to remain a member of the Duke of York Lodge for many years, and concluded by wishing his Brethren health and prosperity.

Bro. Fred Warburton S.W. proposed the health of the Visitors. according them a hearty welcome. He said there was no doubt as to the manner in which the Brethren of the Duke of York Lodge extended their hospitality. The harmonious feeling with which they had commenced still prevailed in their yet young Lodge. The

Officers always tried to aim at successful working, and they invariably invited the criticisms of those who came to visit them.

The Visitors responded. Bro. Jno. H. Ratcliff W.M. 322 congratulated them upon the marvellous success of the Lodge, and the number of members they had succeeded in gaining; spoke very highly of the work performed by the W.M. and Bro. Schofield, and took the opportunity of paying a special tribute to Bro. Hardicker J.W. for the splendid manner in which he had rendered the E.A. Charge.

Other toasts followed, the proceedings being varied by an excellent selection of songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Howard,

Morton, Kew, and Roberts.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

A FTER a two months vacation, this popular Lodge resumed its meetings at the Old Room's Hood, William Control of the Control o meetings at the Old Boar's Head, Whithy Grove, Manchester, on Thursday, the 13th inst. A large number of Brethren put in an appearance, amongst whom were the following: Bros. James W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor, Geo. T. Lenard Treas., Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Secretary, H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.S.G.D., Geo. Rideal P.M., J. Bamford P.M., W. Dyson Fryer P.M., J. Selby P.M., H. J. Harrison, J. Whittaker, E. Whittaker, W. Jones. Visitor:—Bro. Jacob Smith, No. 41.

The Lodge was opened at the hour of 6 p.m., by Bro. Harrison acting W.M., the other principal Officers being Bros. Warburton S.W. and Bamford J.W. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken as joining members for Brothers Samuel Butterstall Bishard J. 1911. for Brothers Samuel Butterworth, Richmond Lodge, 1011, John Butterworth, Dramatic, 2387, Jonathan Whittaker, Blair, 815, Jas. Sturgeon, Townley Parker, 1083, and Edward Whittaker, Blair,

815, the same being successful in each case.

The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at an early hour, and the Brethren, numbering near fifty, adjourned to a substantial tea, which had been provided by the hostess, Mrs. Stopford. This was followed by a social board, a very pleasant evening being

Spent.

During these proceedings an interesting discussion, promoted by Bro. Warburton, took place as to the advisability of the Preceptor paying occasional visits to the principal Lodges of Emulation. was considered that by adopting a practice of this kind the working might be made more conformable with that of Emulation Lodges acting under authoritative sanction. The matter, however, was deferred for further consideration. Bro. Warburton intimated that he would take an early opportunity of bringing the subject forward in open Lodge.

The second meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday last, the following being present:—Bros. J. W. Abbott Preceptor, G. T. Lenard Treasurer, Alfred Hebden Secretary, H. J. Harrison, H. G. Jackson, J. Townley Trotter, Fred Walnisley, Alfred Hepworth, Ed. Whittaker, Jno. Whittaker, Walter Marshall, Edwin Nickson, J. J. Dean, and Ed. Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors:

Bros. Geo. W. Davies 1459, and William Giller 1607.

Bro. H. J. Harrison acting W.M. opened the Lodge, being supported by Bros. Jackson S.W., Trotter J.W., Edward Whittaker

S.D., Walmsley J.D., and Dean I.G.

The ceremonies of Initiation and Passing were rehearsed, with Bros, J. Whittaker and E. Nickson as the respective candidates. Both ceremonies were carefully performed by Bro. Harrison, he being assisted by Bro. Trotter, who presented and explained the working tools of the first degree.

There were two propositions for joining members, who will be balloted for in due course. The Lodge was closed by Bro. Harrison

at 9 p.m.

At the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, 11th October, the ceremony of Raising will be rehearsed.

## ROYAL ARCH.

#### JOHN HERVEY CHAPTER, No. 1260.

N Emergency meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Comp. F. Dangerfield M.E.Z., who was supported by G. Bartholomew H., J. R. Reep J., Dr. Jabez Hogg Treas, C. J. Pembury S.E., Foss acting S.N., J. Goodinge P.S., A. Goodinge 1st Assistant, Smith 2nd Assistant, Rosedale P.Z., Salmon P.Z., Goodman, Varley, and

The Chapter having been opened Bro. J. Dangerfield of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241 and Bro. W. Crimp of the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686 were excluded into the R.A. degree in an impressive manner by M.E.Z. Comp. Dangerfield. The three lectures by the Principals were perfectly rendered, and secured the interest and attention of the whole of the Companions who were

The Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to banquet, after which the Loyal and Arch toasts were honoured.

The toast of the M.E.Z. met a specially hearty and warm greeting. Dr. Hogg, in proposing it, said Comp. Dangerfield's working and general rendering of the beautiful ceremony was beyond all praise. The admirable manner in which he had been supported by his Officers was a sure sign that for many years to come the working of the John Hervey Chapter would be of a very high character.

Comp. Dangerfield tendered his thanks for the kind expressions towards himself, and particularly for the praise accorded his Officers. He was pleased to know they were one and all appreciated.

Other toasts followed.

#### MASONIC TRIALS.

THE custom of Masons in Mississippi, seeking information relating to questions of Masons in Mississippi, seeking information relating to questions of Masonic law, is to send their interrogatories to the standing committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, rather than to the Grand Master. The committee is composed of three members, who through correspondence reach their decisions and communicate them to the interrogator. The opinions of the committee are reported to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, when, if adopted, they become the law of the jurisdiction, but until so adopted they are regarded as being merely advisory, worth as much, and no more, than the

opinions of any other equal number of well informed Brethren. The Grand Master's labours are greatly lessened by those of the committee, as he only determines such questions as call for executive action. When in doubt he may require the advice of the committee, and as he is required to report his decisions to the next communication of the Grand Lodge, he has the advantage of feeling certain of their being approved, as it is only in the rarest instances that both the committee and the Grand Master are reversed. At the recent meeting at Holly Springs, the committee submitted seventy-eight answers which it had given during the year, all of which were adopted by the Grand Lodge, with slight verbal changes in two.

As is always the case, questions relating to the administration of Masonic Discipline were out of all proportion, in number, to those dealing with other topics. This discouraging feature of its reports induced the committee to offer some reflections upon the general subject of Lodge trials, and the duty of Masons toward each other, when one is charged with crime, independent of its

replies to specific interrogatories.

The committee said: It is doubtless owing to the fact that Masons have all the weaknesses to which our human nature is heir, that like other men, they cannot take up a charge of misconduct against a Brother, and investigate it with the entire fairness and impartiality which their obligations demand. It would be untruthful to deny that passion and prejudice are not always barred out of the Lodge Room by the Tyler's sword, and humiliating as the confession is, it enters so often as to sometimes cause us to fear that it may be true that the entire Masonic fabric is built upon the sand, unfitted to withstand disaster and adversity. While all admit that no man has a right to sit as a partisan in a Lodge trial, and that one who does so is false and foresworn, how many have voted at Lodge trials, who had made up their minds as to the issue involved before the trial began? No one can, in good conscience, sit as a judge in a controversy which he has decided before he hears the evidence. One finding himself in such a situation has no right morally, or Masonically, to take part in the decision, but he should leave it to those who can judge it fairly and honestly, to decide it. In the words of the greatest Mason of the age, the late Bro. Albert Pike, "Those who are invested with the power of judgment should judge the causes of all the persons uprightly and impartially, without any personal consideration of the power of the mighty, or bribe of the rich, or the needs of the poor. That is the cardinal rule, which no one will dispute, though many fail to observe it. But they must do more. They must divest themselves of prejudice and preconception. They must hear patiently, remember accurately, and weigh carefully the facts and the arguments offered before them. They must not leap hastily to conclusions, nor form opinions before they have heard all. They must not presume crime or fraud. They must neither be ruled by stubborn pride of opinion, nor be too facile and yielding to the views and arguments of others. In deducing the motive from the proven act, they must not assign to the act either the best or the worst motives, but those which they would think it just and fair for the world to assign to it, if they themselves had done it; nor must they endeavour to make many little circumstances that weigh nothing separately, weigh much together, to prove their own acuteness and sagacity."

It seems strange that any Mason should be in doubt as to his duty towards his Brother who is in arrest by the civil authorities, but the fact that each year the question recurs, seems to show that there has been a want of elementary instruction as to the duty of a Mason in the Lodges. Masters should spare no pains to impress upon the minds of initiates the great fact that there is nothing taught or required in the Lodge which conflicts with our civil, moral or religious duties, and that within this qualification there

is no shortened cable tow in Masonry.

A great crime is alleged to have been committed in the community, and it is but natural that those most affected should feel outraged thereby. The courts of the country indict and try the accused, the State omitting no effort to prove guilt, and the accused and his friends rallying round him seek to show his innocence. As Masons we take no part; as citizens, we should discharge our duty by upholding the laws of the land, but these laws nowhere require us to condemn unheard one accused of crime; their entire theory is that one is presumed innocent until proven guilty, and it is no part of good citizenship to join in popular clamour against the prisoner at the bar; rather, it dictates that we should let the law takes its course, by neither throwing obstacles in the way of those whose duty it is to vindicate it, nor by taking sides against the defendant make his situation more intolerable. Is a Brother accused of crime? The duty of a Mason begins and ends with seeing that he has a fair and impartial trial, with an opportunity and the means of making his defence, and such other assistance as he himself would have a right to demand, if in like distress. But beyond this no Mason has a right to go. Of all the men in a community, a Freemason is bound by the highest considerations of duty to uphold the law; the obligations he owes as a citizen to the State and community are re-enforced and emphasised by those which he owes to the Fraternity.

When the courts are through with their investigation, the Lodge must take up the matter and investigate it as if there had never been a court created. By its own process, and in its own way, regardless of public or private censure, giving that weight to the evidence to which it is fairly entitled, it dispassionately judges of the guilt or innocence of its Brother, as good Masons only dare to do; it acts with Justice, it deliberates with Impartiality, and decides with Equity.-Frederick Speed, in "Voice of Masonry.

H.R.H. the Grand Master will pay a visit to the Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, the Duke of Devonshire, at Chatsworth, during November.

#### THE ROMANCE OF COMMERCE.

THE following particulars are given in the "Methodist Times" in regard to the firm whose head at the present time is Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall Past Grand Treasurer of England Past Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and one of the most liberal supporters the Masonic Charities has ever had, and who, as herein described, is assisted by Bro. H. B. Marshall jun., likewise a liberal supporter of our Institutions:

THE rapid growth of the trade of MESSRS. HORACE MARSHALL and Son has necessitated the transference of most of their huge business to new premises overlooking the Thames Embankment. A few days since we paid a visit to that palatial establishment. Temple House, as the new structure is called, is a magnificent building in the Italian style, constructed of red brick and Portland stone.

The present head of the firm is Mr. Horace Marshall. Fiftyfour years ago his father, Mr. William Marshall, started the business in Leadenhall Street. Mr. Horace Marshall was then a boy, and he commenced life by taking charge of the first railway bookstall opened in the United Kingdom, at Fenchurch Street Station, in 1840. It was that boy who made this great business, now the second largest newspaper publishing house in London. On the day that Temple House was opened, 224,995 copies of the morning daily papers were sent out—a total only exceeded by the great firm of Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, who issue some 300,000

copies a day.

Mr. Horace Marshall has built up this huge business from very humble beginnings by qualities which always ensure success. For thirty-five years he opened his warehouse at half-past one in the morning (for it is in the small hours of the morning that the publication of newspapers takes place), and during all those years he only missed one day. By such close attention to business, by sterling honesty and fair dealing was success attained. Though comparatively little known cutside his immediate circle, Mr. Marshall is a type of the citizens who have made England great. Round the walls of his sanctum in his new business abode hang many illuminated addresses, testifying in eloquent terms to the esteem in which he is held by his Brother Masons—for he is a Freemason, and has held high office in that body; by the various charities which have benefited by his princely philanthropy, and last, but not least, by his own employées. His praise is in all the Churches. We believe he is connected with none; for Mr. Marshall is in religious matters far ahead of his generation. He is now where, in the good days that are to come, we trust the various branches of the Church of Christ may find themselves. He believes there is only one Church—the Church of Christ. He has outgrown the petty distinctions of sect. We believe he is as much a Methodist as anything. Every good work has his sympathy and his liberal financial aid. Many people sympathise with every good work—and stop there. We need only remind our readers of one example of this noble philanthropy, to which year by year we are delighted to call attention. Mr. Marshall publishes the "Methodist Times"; and every year since the foundation of this journal every farthing of the publishers' profits has gone into the coffers of our "Worn-Out Ministers' Fund."

Mr. Marshall is a member of the Corporation of the City of London, a magistrate, and a guardian of the poor. Probably Parliamentary and other honours are within his reach if he cares for them. But unostentatiously, without self-seeking, without ambition, he is content to discharge conscientiously the duties that lie nearest to his path in life. England wants many such citizens, many such business men. They are the real secret of her greatness.

Mr. Marshall's son and partner, Mr. Horace Marshall jun., is following in his father's footsteps. An old Dulwich boy, he completed his education by graduating at Dublin University (of which he is an M.A.), and then entered on commercial life. His thorough knowledge of his business and his genial courtesy eminently fit him to carry on his father's commercial and philantheonic work philanthropic work.

As a director of the "Methodist Times" he takes a deep interest

in the welfare of this paper.

It is pleasant for us, who are so intimately connected with this great publishing house, to be able to bear testimony to the kindly relations that have always existed between employers and employed in this firm. There is nothing perfect in this world, but there are few houses where the relations between masters and servants are more nearly ideal. The late Charles Kingsley prided himself on the length of time his servants remained in his house. There is no better test of a master's character. The Messrs. Marshall take pride in the same fact. Their present manager has been with them for thirty-six years. This is one of the secrets of their

One interesting historical relic we must mention in closing. In the new sanctum there stands a little desk which possesses an almost national interest. It was that used by Horace Marshall sen., on the first English railway more than half a century ago. It looks wonderfully new, for it has recently been polished up to suit the grandeur of its new surroundings; but what a history of patient, quiet, honest, hard work it would have to tell, could it speak. Some people are in a great hurry to be rich, but to success in business, as to success in learning, there is no royal road. There would be fewer gigantic financial smashes if all our young people learned the lesson that those who reach the top first must climb the hill.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle has graciously consented to become the President of the New Barnet Choral Society, which is being warmly supported by several well known Brethren and others of influence in the district.

#### FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA.

THE Hon. S. J. Way Pro Grand Master of South Australia, in narrating a memorable tour he took a few years ago, an account of which appeared in the local Masonic journal at the time, and in the "New Zealand Craftsman" of 16th March last,

"May I now detain you with a word about what I saw of American Masonry? It is estimated that in Great Britain and Ireland there are about 400,000 Freemasons, of whom there are not more than 200,000 subscribing members of the Craft. But on the great continents of North America there are fifty-seven Grand Lodges and 650,000 affiliated Masons, that is, subscribing members. I think these figures show the enormous development of the Craft in America. Among the grandest buildings of the great American cities you will always find the Masonic Temple, or the Masonic Grand Lodge. The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is one of the finest Masonic buildings in the world. Masonry in Philadelphia dates since 1715. Unfortunately, the evening I was in that city I had to address a valedictory meeting, and was therefore unable to attend any of the Lodges. Whilst in Washington I had the pleasure of paying a visit to the 'Lebanon' Lodge of the District Columbia I also made the accompany of the property of the columbia. of Columbia. I also made the acquaintance of an honoured member of the Craft in the person of P.G.M. Brother Singleton the Grand Secretary, who two years previously was made the recipient of a handsome presentation on the occasion of celebrating his jubilee in Masonry. At the 'Lebanon' Lodge I had the opportunity of noticing the differences in the working of the Lodges in America, England, and Australia. Freemasonry is the same throughout the world, but there are differences in working to which I must not refer, as we are not meeting in Lodge. The Grand Lodges in America take a closer supervision of the working of the Blue Lodges than we do. Everything undergoes the closest scrutiny before the visitation of the Grand Master. The night of my visit was also that of the visitation of Grand Lodge, and during the evening the Grand Master had a presentation made to him of a trophy of roses. At Boston the building is not equal to the Masonic Temple in Sydney, but it possesses a splendid library. I was welcomed at the 'Columbia' Lodge in this jurisdiction. The last Masonic Temple that I visited in America was at New York. They boast there that they have the finest temple, the finest Grand Lodge, and the finest Grand Secretary in the Masonic world. I was not prepared to dispute the first and second statements, but when they made the third I am sure they had not had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Cunningham. Major Ehlers is, however, a man of conspicuous administrative ability, and I have brought away with me the most grateful recollections of his fraternal attentions during my visit. The New York temple is not equal to the temple at Philadelphia in its exterior, but I doubt if in its internal accommodation the latter equals that of New York. The Grand Lodgeroom seats 1,000, while they have their Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Egyptian, Livingstonic and other Lodge-rooms decorated in the highest style of art. The last is not named after the great African explorer, but after an early Grand Master, a distinguished lawyer of New York. The temple was erected at a cost of 1,750,000 dols., or between £30,000 and £40,000. That is something to be surprised at, but every penny of that amount was paid in the year 1879. I think you will agree that that is something to be proud of. They may, however, be still prouder of the fact that the rental from the basement, which is let to a large banking or insurance company, and of the Lodge-rooms, reach 11,000 dollars, every penny of which is available for distribution amongst Masonic charities. Utica they have schools for boys and girls, and a home for distressed Brethren, the buildings being worth from £30,000 to £40,000, all paid for. There are 723 Lodges under the jurisdiction of the New York Grand Lodge, with a membership of 80,000, and I am glad to learn from my friend, the Grand Secretary, that we might shortly expect the establishment of fraternal relations between that Grand Lodge and our own."-" Masonic Visitor."

#### PURELY PERSONAL.

ORD Llangattock is back again at his seat in Monmouthshire. His great house properties in the South of London are increasing in value, as fast at least as those of Lord Cadogan.

WYCOMBE is losing one of its biggest families for a while. Lord and Lady Carrington are leaving their Buckinghamshire residence for Aberdeenshire, where they have been provided with quarters by the Queen.

A Duke of Devonshire in embryo in more senses than one is Mr. Victor Cavendish, who has just left Holker. He closely resembles his uncle in face, voice, manner, and method. There is a great similarity indeed between the members of the great Cavendish family. Common sense and deliberation are found in them all, perhaps pre-eminently in the Duke and his nephew and heir.-'Evening News."

The Special Autumn Number of the "Warehouseman and Draper," just issued, in addition to purely trade subjects, supplies interesting articles on "What will be Worn," the newest and latest phase of fashion, accompanied by a large number of charming engravings. The number is a handsome production, and as a trade journal must be of keen interest to every draper.

THURSDAY, the 4th of October, has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Autumn Exhibition (the thirty-third) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

#### NEXT WEEK.

#### Monday.

25 Robert Burns, F.M. Hall 69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's 144 St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel

188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern 1625 Tredegar, London Tavern 1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Ma-

sonic Hall 1858 Caxton, Freemason's Hull 2020 St. Botolph, Albion

2098 Harlesden, Harlesden 2242 Tyssen Amherst, Hackney 53 Royal Sussex, Bath

107 Philanthropic, Lynn 113 Unanimity, Preston 119 Sun, Square and Compasses, Whitehaven 135 Perpetual Friendship,

251 Loyal, Barnstaple 328 St. John, Torquay

dence, Truro 338 Virruvian, Ross

353 Royal Sussex, Winshill 395 Guy, Leamington

422 Yarborough, Gainsborough 428 Sincerity, Northwich 431 St. George, N. Shields 441 Three G. Prinpl., Cambridge 482 St. James, Handsworth

622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne 694 Oakley, Basingstoke 889 Royal Gloucestershire,

850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne 928 Friendship, Petersfield 959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich 977 Fowey, Fowey

1045 Stamford, Altrincham 1050 Gundulph, Rochester 1051 Rowley, Lancaster 1070 Starkie, Southport 1071 Zetland, Saltash

1077 Wilton, Blackley 1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry 1180 Forward, Birmingham

1211 Goderich, Leeds 1239 Wentworth, Sheffield 1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter 1264 Neptune, Liverpool 1302 De Warren, Halifax

1312 St. Mary, Bocking 1399 Marlborough, Woodstock 1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft

1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham

1573 Caradce, Swansea 1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge 2039 Londonderry, Sunderland

2166 Cotehele, Calstock 2240 Arrow, Kington

2322 East Lancashire Centurion, Manchester

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Colonial Board, at 4 9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall 101 Temple, Ship and Turtle 172 Old Concord, F.M. Hall 217 Stability, Anderton's 765 St. James, Bridge Ho. Ho. 1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons' H. 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Limehouse 1381 Kennington, Kennington Pk 1397 Anerley, Anerley 1472 Henley North

1693 Kingsland, Highbury 2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel

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804 Camarvon, Havant 847 Fortescue, Honiton 948 St. Barnabas, Linslade 960 Bute, Cardiff

974 Pentalpha, Bradford 995 Furness, Ulverston 1002 Skiadaw, Cockermouth Bridgwater 1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith

154 Unanimity, Wakefield 1134 Newall, Manchester 156 Harmony, Plymouth 1197 Nyanza, Ilminster 199 Peace and Harmony, Dover 1222 Saint Kew, Weston-surer-

Mare 1244 Marwood, Redcar 331 Phœnix of Honour and Pru- 1282 Ancholme, Brigg

1336 Square and Compass, Wrexham 1367 Beaminster Manor, Bea-

minster 1488 St. Eleth, Amlwch 1509 Madoc, Portmadoc

1780 Albert Edward, Southampton 1785 St. Petroc, Padstow 1807 Loyal Wye, Builth

1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham 1970 Hadrian, S. Shields Gloucester 1981 Arnold, East Molesey 2032 Richmond, Richmond 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell

2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon 2136 St. Michael, Bishop's Stort-

ford 2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne

2290 Fairfield, Fairfield 2295 Scarisbrick, Southport 2475 Border, Blackwater

#### Wednesday.

511 Zetland, Anderton's 1298 Royal Standard, Highbury 1491 Athenæum, Criterion 1585 R. Commemoration, Putney 1687 Rothesay, Frascati

74 Athol, Birmingham 94 Phœnix, Sunderland 137 Amity, Poole

159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse 164 Perseverance, Sidmouth 168 Mariners, Guernsey

279 St. John, Leicester 282 Bedford, Tavistock 287 Unanimity, Stockport

298 Harmony, Rochdale 326 Moira of Honour, Bristol

327 St. John, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-'lyne 417 Faith and Unanimity, Dor-

chester 429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate

471 Silurian, Newport, Mon. 611 Marches, Ludlow 643 Royal, Filey

645 Humphrey Cheetham, Manchester 678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth

838 Franklin, Boston 929 Wavency, Bungay 970 St. Anne, East Looe 992 St. Thomas, Lower Brough-

ton 1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey 1004 Athole, Douglas, I. of Man

1010 Kingston, Hull 1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool 1063 Malling Abbey, W. Malling 1085 Hartington, Derby

1167 Alnwick, Alnwick 1205 Metham, East Stonehouse 1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich 1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-

1333 Athelstan, Atherstone

1335 Lindsay, Wigan 1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh

1431 St. Alphege, Solihull

1461 Clausentum, Woolston

1478 Longleat, Warminster 1532 Beceive, Carlisle

1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore 1620 Marthorough, Liverpool 1660 Arleedon, Frizington 1736 St. John, Halifax

1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool 2042 Apollo, Liverpool 2193 Queen's Jubilee, Nelson

2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells 2324 Fairfield, Long Eaton 2368 Allan, Cheshire

2382 Loyal Hay, Hay 1829 Burrell, Brighton 2391 Orde-Powlett, Middles-boro, 1874 Lechmere, Kidderminster 2453 Duke of York, Cardiff 2464 Longsight, Longsight

2490 Ampthill, Ampthill

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27 Egyptian, Anderton's 45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav. 2350 Corinthian, Hindley 192 Lion and Lamb, Cannon St. 2386 Clarence, Chester Hotel

227 Ionic, Criterion 538 La Tolerance, F.M.H.

742 Crystal Palace, Sydenham 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge Hse.

1216 Macdonald, Camberwell 1425 Hyde Park, Paddington

ville Place, W.

1772 Pimlico, Westminster 1790 Old England, Thornton Hth. 1950 Southgate, New Southgate 2271 St. Pancras, Midland G. Ho. 2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford 306 Alfred, Leeds

2411 Clarence and Avondale, Leytonstone 24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-

Tyne 31 United Industrious, Canterbury

38 Union, Chichester 41 Royal Cumberland, Bath 57 Humber, Hull

110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil 114 British Union, Ipswich

123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks 195 Hengist, Bournemouth 219 Prudence, Todmorden 230 Fidelity, Devonport

249 Mariners, Liverpool 254 Trinity, Coventry 266 Naphtali, Heywood

269 Fidelity, Blackburn 289 Fidelity, Leeds clesfield

300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne 1993 Wolseley, Manchester 305 Apollo, Beccles 2433 Minerva, Birkenhead

309 Larmony, Farcham 317 Affability, Manchester 360 Femiret, Northampton 362 Doric, Grantham

419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton 462 Bank Terrace, Accrington 509 Tees, Durham

531 St. Helen, Hartlepool 539 St. Matthew, Walsall 633 Yarborough, Manchester

703 Clifton, Blackpool 792 Pelbam Pillar, Grimsby 856 Restormel, Lostwithiel 976 Royal Clarence, Bruton

1012 Prince of Wales, Bury 1231 Savile, Elland 1284 Brent, Topsham

1304 Olive Union, Horncastle

1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington

1384 Lquity, Widnes 1473 Lootle, Bootle 1500 Walpoie, Norwich

1504 Red Rose of Lancaster, Padiham 1513 Friendly, Barnsley

1557 A.bert Edward, Hexham 1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm 1659 Wathing St., Stony Stratford 1776 Vale White Horse, Faring-

don

1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst 2043 Kendrick, Reading 2169 Osborne, East Cowes, Isle of

Wight 2255 Philbrick, Chingford 2317 Bisley, Woking

2321 Acacia, Bradford

554 Yarborough, London Tav.

706 Florence Nightingale, Woolwich 890 Hornsey, Anderton's

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1489 Marquess Ripon, Highbury 1627 Royal Kensington, F.M.H. 1707 Eleanor, Liverpool Street 1627 Royal Kensington, F.M.H. 1765 Trinity College, 13 Mande-2076 Quatuor Coronati, F.M.H. 2488 Eccentric, Café Royal

44 Friendship, Manchester 242 St. George, Doncaster 291 Rural Philanthropic, High-

bridge 375 Lambton, Chester-le-Street 521 Truth, Huddersfield 574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope,

Newbury St. John, Wellington, Salop

698 Ryde, Ryde, Isle of Wight 709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford

751 Eastnor, Ledbury 837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon 936 Adair, Aldeburgh 998 Welchpool, Welchpool 1009 Shakspere, Manchester 1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle

1295 Gooch, New Swincon 1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

1405 Southwell, Nottingham 1561 Morecambe, Morecambe 1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford 1664 Gosforth, Gosforth 1754 Windsor, Penarth

295 Combennere of Union, Mac- 1838 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton

2491 White Rose of York, Sheffild

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1572 Carnarvon, Albion 446 Benevolent, Wells, Somerset 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall 1949 Brixton, Kennington 2202 Regent's Fark, Regent's Pk. 2466 Cheerybles, Freemasons' H. 1096 Lord Warden, Walmer 633 Yarborough, Manchester 1994 Villiers, Hampton Court 637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent 1223 Amherst, Riverhead 1388 Canynges, Bristol 1458 Truth, Manchester

1460 Thames Valley, Halliford 1550 Prudence, Plymouth 1567 Elliot, Feltham 2054 Wilson Iles, Rickmansworth

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