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THE SCHOOL QUARTERLY COURTS.

THE half-yearly election meetings of the two central Educational Institutions of the Craft will be held next week, that for the Girls on Thursday, and that for the Boys the following day.

The business is of a specially pleasing character, inasmuch as at both Courts resolutions will be submitted with a view to an increase in the number of declared vacancies, an addition being possible in the case of each School, by reason of the withdrawal of a child from the respective Institutions. Of course these increases only appear at present in the form of recommendations from the respective Boards of Management, but there is little question that they will be agreed to, and in that case there will be twenty-one vacancies to fill for the Girls School, and eighteen for the Boys, and we should not be at all surprised if it were found possible to declare yet another vacancy in regard to the latter fund before the Election is started upon, but time must prove that question one way or the other.

We have already briefly referred to the constitution of the lists of candidates for these elections, but there has been a change in the case of the Boys, which now stands with forty-three accepted candidates, one lad (No. 9, Holland) having been withdrawn, he being selected as the first beneficiary under the Eastes Presentation from the Province of Kent. The Girls list remains with forty-two approved candidates, so that there are a total of eighty-five candidates to compete for thirty-nine vacancies (with the possibility of an increase to forty), or a very near approach to a possibility of admitting half the approved applicants.

There is a special Notice of Motion standing in the name of Brother Eve for the Boys Court, the members of which will be asked to confer the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron on Bro. W. F. Smithson P.G.D., one of the most zealous workers the Institutions have ever known. His special efforts—if with such general advocacy any part of his good work can be singled out as special—have been directed towards the proper representation of West Yorkshire among the supporters of the Institutions, and it is only necessary to refer to past results from this District to see how successful he and others have been in their self-imposed task.

Bro. Smithson is already a Vice-President of the Institution, but he will none the less appreciate the suggested compliment on that account. We are convinced the honour will be agreed to, and many will share with us in regretting that an even more tangible "reward of merit" is not possible for one who has done, and is continuing to do, so much for the Boys School and the other Benevolent Funds of the Craft.

CONCERT AT THE GIRLS SCHOOL.

ON Wednesday a very pleasant meeting took place at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Battersea Rise, when a concert was given for the amusement of the children by Bro. W. S. Spaul and a few friends. The House Committee of the Institution extended a cordial invitation to a number of supporters of the School who apparently greatly appreciated the attention. After a pianoforte solo by Mr. Gordon Graham Bro. Spaul gave "Sunshine above," displaying his fine baritone voice to advantage, and winning an encore in the second part by his rendering of Roedel's "The Charmed Cup." Mr. Joseph O'Shaughnessy, who has a very nice tenor voice, of unusual range and power, gave "The Sunlit Highway" in the first part, and Blumenthal's "The Evening Song" in the second. Miss Florence Stone, sang "The Promise of Life" and "Zuyder Zee," which latter elicited a rapturous encore, to which she kindly responded with "Molly and I, and the Baby," which was also well received. Miss Ada Bateman, whose beautiful contralto voice and clear enunciation of the words were greatly appreciated, sang "The Gift," and "By the River," both in excellent style. Recitations were given by Mr. Will Gibson, and Mr. Oscar Berry, the latter being apparently an old favourite, as he was warmly greeted on his appearance. Both parts of the programme were brought to a conclusion with violin solos by Mr. Rowarth, who was accompanied by Mrs. Rowarth, to whom the Institution is mainly indebted for a vast improvement in the singing of the pupils. Altogether the concert was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Sir John Monckton proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes who had provided the entertainment and his remarks were endorsed by the children in such a way as to show their appreciation of what they had listened to.

The Alexandra Hall, in which the entertainment took place, was then cleared, and the pupils of the School went through their calisthenic exercises, winning the usual praise for the precision and careful placing they observed; the whole of the exercises being carried out without a single error, and when it is mentioned that 168 girls of the 263 at present in the Institution took part in the drill it is proof that all receive the same kindly attention and consideration.

The members of the House Committee present included Bros. A. C. Spaul (Chairman), Sir John Monckton, J. H. Matthews and H. A. Hunt.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has appointed Tuesday, 8th January next, for the consecration of the new Sherborne Lodge, at Stroud. The ceremony was originally intended to take place in November, says the "Cheltenham Examiner," but has been postponed in consequence of the probable absence from England during that month of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Vassar-Smith, whose Brethren will be especially pleased to learn that there has been a considerable improvement in his health of late, and it is hoped that a Mediterranean trip this autumn will complete his recovery.

SOUTH WALES.

WITH every accompaniment of Masonic pomp and ceremony the Installation of the Right Hon. John Allan, Baron of Llangattock as Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales took place at Cardiff on Thursday of last week, and passed off with the greatest *clat* and success. Such a ceremony as that witnessed in Cardiff had not been seen in the memory of the oldest Freemason in the Eastern Province.

Members of the Craft to the number of 1,000 gathered from all parts of South Wales and from Provinces far outside, and from noon until 1.30, the hour at which the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced to assemble, the precincts of Wood Street Hall, which had been secured for the Installation ceremony, were the scene of great animation. The interior of the spacious edifice had undergone a complete transformation under the hands of the decorators, and the blending of the colours of the magnificent drapery and variegated plants and flowers presented a gorgeous appearance. The hall had, in fact, for the nonce been converted into a huge Masonic Lodge Room with all the concomitants necessary to a performance with due effect and ritual of the ceremony of the day.

Bro. Marmaduke Tennant (Deputy Provincial Grand Master) arrived early, accompanied by Brethren who had attained to Provincial office, and when they had taken their seats, resplendent in their regalia and jewels, the *tout ensemble* presented a picture the like of which was probably never seen in Cardiff before.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the roll of the Lodges was called, and the minutes having been read and approved, a number of communications were announced apologising for non-attendance.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee was then submitted. In proposing the adoption of the Report, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant made pathetic reference to the memory of the late Prov. Grand Master Brother Sir George Elliot, Bart., and congratulated the Province upon having such a worthy successor. He also alluded to the lamentable death of Brother Captain Homfray, of Newport.

Bro. Sir John Jones Jenkins seconded, and the Report was adopted.

At a quarter to four a flourish of trumpets announced the arrival of the M.W. the Installing Master (Bro. the Earl of Lathom), who came accompanied by Lord Kensington Prov. G.M. of the Western Division; Brother Letchworth Grand Secretary; Bro. Colonel Lyne, of Newport, and Provincial Grand Officers. They proceeded to their seats amid great enthusiasm, and when the excitement had subsided,

The M.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom rose and said it had given him great pleasure to come there that day, not only because he had to Instal a worthy Brother to a high position, but because that Brother was a school fellow and an after companion of his. He had had the pleasure of knowing and respecting their former Prov. G.M., and he knew how worthily he filled the position, but he had no doubt that the choice made by the Grand Master of a successor was a good one, and would be to the benefit of the Province in the future.

The next half-hour was devoted to the Installation ceremony, Bro. Lord Llangattock being conducted to the pedestal with becoming ceremony. When his lordship had taken the obligation the Brethren cheered heartily, and his lordship for a time seemed quite overwhelmed by the cordial character of the reception given him. His lordship, having been duly invested by the Earl of Lathom, took the chair, and, having taken a few minutes to recover himself, he rose, amid a renewed outburst of cheering, and thanked the Brethren for the cordial reception given to him, and remarked, with evident emotion, that he could hardly find words to adequately convey to them his appreciation of their kind ovation. He knew he was taking a great responsibility, but he had not done so without due consideration. He had heard often of the loyal, the hearty, and the friendly feeling there was in this Province amongst the Masons, and he had also heard everything that was good and kind and loyal about the Deputy Provincial Grand

Master. He hoped, with Bro. Marmaduke Tennant's judicious assistance, to prove himself not unworthy of the great honour that they had done him. His words were very poor, he knew, but he felt them most deeply. He hoped he would be worthy of them and the high office to which he had that day been Installed.

The new Prov. G. Master then declared all the Offices vacant, and subsequently, amidst the greatest enthusiasm, announced the re-election of Bro. Marmaduke Tennant as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant was then invested, and suitably acknowledged his re-appointment.

Brethren were then invested by the Provincial Grand Master as Provincial Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

In the evening a banquet took place in the Park Hall, where the Brethren to the number of about 400 repaired immediately after the Lodge proceedings were concluded. The Park Hall, which lends itself so well for purposes of decoration, on this occasion afforded a brilliant spectacle.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, in proposing the health and long life of their newly-installed Prov. Grand Master Lord Llangattock, again referred to the pleasure it had given him to be present that day to perform the Installation ceremony. He knew Lord Llangattock was a true Mason at heart, and that he would do his duty by the Province, and from the cordial way in which he had been received in Grand Lodge he knew he would be well backed up by the Brethren.

Brother Lord Llangattock, who was received with continued cheering, in responding, expressed his hearty thanks for the welcome given him, and said the remarks of the Pro Grand Master had touched him pretty closely, and they had brought back to his mind the days of his youth. He eulogised the efforts of the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire with regard to the Masonic Charities, and, continuing, said he wore on his breast the magnificent jewel which had been presented to his (the speaker's) father over thirty years ago, in consideration of services which he so freely and heartily gave to the Masons of Monmouthshire, and he (Lord Llangattock) hoped, when his work was done and when he had "crossed the bar," he might leave this Province with a name as beloved and respected as that of his father. He rejoiced in such a magnificent gathering as that of that day.

Other toasts followed.

The Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528, will be consecrated on Wednesday next, at the Frascati, Oxford Street, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master being the W.M.-elect. The ceremony of the day will be conducted by Bro. Letchworth Grand Secretary, who will be assisted by several distinguished members of the Order. The Lodge is to be limited to Lancashire men, that qualification being meant to cover men who, by birth, prolonged residence or direct association, are connected with the county. The joining fee (for the first year) is fixed at two-and-a-half guineas, and the annual subscription three guineas, reduced, in the case of Country Members to 10s 6d. After the first year it is proposed to double the Joining and Initiation fees. As may be anticipated in view of the distinguished support given to the Lodge from the outset it promises to be one of the most successful of modern times. The ceremony of next week will commence at half-past five.

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The Installation meeting of the Warner Lodge will take place on Tuesday next, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, commencing at 5 o'clock, when Bro. William Shurmur P.M. P.P.G. Treas. Essex, will be Installed as successor to Bro. George Hurley the present W.M. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

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The Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Gloucestershire will be held at Gloucester, on Friday, the 7th of December.

CHESHIRE.

THE following is the text of the address voted by the Brethren of Cheshire to their Provincial Grand Master :

To The Right Honourable Wilbraham Baron Egerton of Tatton, Tatton Park, in the County Palatine of Chester, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons of the Province of Cheshire, &c., &c.

May it please your Lordship.

It is with feelings of sincere pleasure and satisfaction that the Brethren assembled at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Cheshire, hail the announcement of your Lordship's union with Her Grace the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos.

The Brethren feel that they ought not to permit such an auspicious and happy event to pass without giving expression to the high regard and esteem in which your Lordship is held by every Freemason in the Province over which your lordship rules, and the heartfelt desire of the Brethren as representing every Masonic Lodge in the Province, that the alliance upon which your lordship has entered may be crowned with the greatest blessings.

The Brethren earnestly pray that the G.A.O.T.U. will in His bountiful wisdom and goodness bestow upon her grace and your lordship long life, health, and happiness, and pour upon you both the choicest blessings that life affords.

Signed, on behalf of the Freemasons of Cheshire, assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge.

The address is a fine specimen of modern illumination and bookbinding. Page 1 contains excellent portraits of Lord Egerton and Her Grace, the whole being surrounded by a beautiful floral design, introducing a figure of a cherub and the marriage bells. Page 2 contains the armorial bearings of his Lordship, and introduces Her Grace's arms. Page 3 contains an exquisite sketch of Tatton Hall, with deer in the foreground. Page 4 is a beautiful specimen of the illuminator's art in ultramarine and gold, introducing the Masonic jewel of a P.M., and on which the address proper commences. Pages 5 and 6 are a continuation of the address, with beautiful floral borders. The whole has been executed by Messrs. Hine and Co., law stationers, Princess Street, Manchester, and reflects the highest credit on their skill, taste, and judgment, being a particularly fine specimen of modern illuminating and bookbinding.

SOMERSET.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Somerset was held under the banner of the De Irwin Lodge, No. 162, at the Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. C. Else.

There was a good muster of Brethren from various parts of the Province. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follow :—

Col. Long -	-	-	Deputy
W. Roberts 62	-	-	Senior Warden
Albert Barratt 119	-	-	Junior Warden
A. Peach -	-	-	Master Overseer
G. Strawbridge 191	-	-	Senior Overseer
G. M. Wilson 177	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. H. L. Barnwell 191	-	-	Chaplain
C. W. Radway -	-	-	Treasurer
A. J. Mawer 128	-	-	Registrar of Marks
F. T. Elworthy -	-	-	Secretary
J. B. Sincock -	-	-	Senior Deacon
C. J. Baldwin -	-	-	Junior Deacon
W. H. Webb -	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
F. E. Pearce 155	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. B. Capel 102	-	-	Standard Bearer
J. A. Milborne 162	-	-	Organist
H. J. Nye 162	-	-	Inner Guard
F. Box -	-	-	Stewards.
J. C. Hook -	-	-	
H. Davies -	-	-	

The Secretary directed attention to the fact that the Bishop-Elect of Bath and Wells was a zealous Freemason.

The Treasurer's accounts showed a balance in hand of £85 16s 4d.

MASONIC HOMES.

THE utility of Masonic Homes is a question that is receiving the earnest consideration, at the present time, of very many of the active, thoughtful Masons throughout the United States. Many Grand Lodges also have the matter under consideration, in one shape and another, and the general desire seems to be to come to a correct conclusion. Among the systematic efforts to that end the Grand Lodge of Iowa, at her annual meeting, in June 1893, appointed an able committee to ascertain what number would probably become inmates of a Masonic Home in Iowa, the cost of establishing it, and the probable annual cost of its maintenance. This committee made a thorough and careful investigation, and their report, made at the annual meeting in June last, was an exhaustive treatise of the subject, and their conclusion was embodied in the following resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the best and most satisfactory method of dispensing Masonic charity is through the medium of the subordinate Lodges, with such assistance as may be needed from the Grand Charity Fund ; and that it is inexpedient and unwise for the Grand Lodge to establish a Masonic Home.

The Grand Lodge amended its code of laws so as to set apart 10 per cent. of its income to a Grand Charity Fund, for the purpose of aiding such Lodges as are unable to properly provide for all needing assistance within their respective jurisdictions.

The committee, in making their investigation, addressed a circular letter of inquiry to the Worshipful Master of each Lodge, numbering altogether four hundred and sixty, and received replies from all but eleven Lodges. From these reports it was shown that eleven Master Masons, whose average age is over sixty-eight years, would go to the Home if established, and six others might possibly go there. Four widows and nine orphans were reported as probable inmates for the Home. The total amount expended in providing for all these persons during the year 1893 was dols. 1,663, being only about one-sixth of what would have been required to support them in a Masonic Home, as shown by the annual reports of the Homes now in operation in several States.

The report of the committee shows that Masonic Homes of various kinds have been erected in ten States, to-wit: Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New York (two), North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia, all of which are in operation except in Ohio, which is not yet completed. The total cost of seven of these Homes was dols. 750,991.53, being an average of dols. 107,284.50. The total number of inmates in these seven homes is 493, being an average of 70. The annual cost of maintenance, including the interest on the money, is dols. 127,806.66, being an average of dols. 18,258.09. The average cost of maintenance for each inmate one year, including interest, is dols. 318.45.

Taking these figures as a basis the committee say :

There are at present 24,664 Masons holding membership in Iowa. If the Grand Lodge should undertake to erect and support a Home at the expense of the membership of the State, the cost per member, as nearly as we can estimate, would be as follows :

A Home costing dols. 25,000 and supporting twenty-five inmates would require an assessment of one dol. on each member for its erection and an annual tax of twenty-five cents on each member for its support. A Home costing dols. 50,000 and supporting fifty inmates would require an assessment of dols. 2 on each member for its erection and an annual tax of fifty cents on each member for its support. A Home costing dols. 75,000 for its erection and supporting one hundred inmates would require an assessment of dols. 3 on each member for its erection and an annual tax of seventy-five cents to one dol. on each member for its support.

With these estimates before it the Grand Lodge of Iowa came to the wise conclusion " that it is inexpedient and unwise for Grand Lodge to establish a Masonic Home."

The simple, unostentatious method of dispensing charity that has heretofore existed

in Masonry is one of the grandest features of this noble, time-honoured institution. The establishment of Masonic Homes is an innovation in the body of Masonry. While we would not detract an iota from the great good that is being done by these institutions, we simply prefer the old method of doing an equal amount of good with, at least, three-fourths less expense. The wisdom of the original plan of Masonry has been so well established by its long-continued existence, that any departure from it for the sake of popularity we must regard as unwise, if not dangerous to its future welfare.—“Masonic Advocate.”

SOUTH AFRICAN EDUCATION FUND.

THE annual meeting of donors and subscribers to the Masonic Education Fund of South Africa was held last month in the banquetting room of the British Lodge, Cape Town. Brother J. A. Fairbairn Chairman presided, and there was a thoroughly representative gathering.

The annual report states that in every respect the Fund continues to make satisfactory progress. At the close of the year ending 30th June 1893, the fund was contributing towards the education of twenty-five children. During the past year, ending 30th June 1894, sixteen fresh applications were entertained, raising the number on the books to forty-one. On the other hand, twelve children ceased to receive aid at various times during the year, so that at the end of June last the fund was paying for the education of twenty-nine children (eighteen boys and eleven girls). The reports from the heads of the different schools are most satisfactory. Since the year 1890 forty-nine children have received education at the expense of the fund. The receipts from the 1st July 1893, to the 30th June last amounted to £328. The expenditure amounted to £201, leaving a balance of £126. The amount of the capital account on the 30th June 1893, was £693. On the 30th of last June it amounted to £819. The number of individual subscribers has increased from fifty-five to sixty-four.

On the motion of the Chairman, who took occasion to express his gratification at the increased life in and usefulness of the fund, the report was adopted.

A discussion took place on a proposal submitted to the Committee, by a special meeting of subscribing Lodges, Chapters, and individual subscribers, namely, that subscribers to the fund (being Masons) of not less than one guinea each per annum should be entitled to appoint for every twenty subscribers one representative to the General Committee. The object of the motion was to secure for the individual subscribers who are not all attached to any Lodge in South Africa representation on the General Committee.

Bro. Professor Lewis now submitted the motion with the addition of a provision that no subscriber should be entitled to vote for more than one representative in the same year, and it was unanimously carried, together with a further resolution making it lawful for any twenty subscribers in a particular Lodge to delegate to the Lodge their powers of appointing a representative.

The Chairman said Sir Henry Loch is the patron of the fund, whilst the appointment of the Chairman and Officers rests with the Committee. It remained with the meeting, however, to appoint a President, and Sir Richard Southey was available for re-election or a fresh name might be submitted.

Bro. Morom moved and Bro. Douallier seconded the re-election of Bro. Sir Richard Southey as President, and it was unanimously carried.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. W. H. Tiffany, the Honorary Secretary, for his unremitting labour, the Chairman expressing his regret that the thanks of the Committee could not take a more substantial shape, for the success of the fund was almost entirely due to the Honorary Secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman was also passed, in acknowledging which Bro. Fairbairn said that from its initiation up to the present he had taken the greatest interest in the fund, and he regarded with great satisfaction the expansion of its usefulness. He hoped to see very great further developments, and the fund established on a thorough, permanent basis.—“Aigus.”

RUSHING CANDIDATES.

IN last week's Masonic column of the “Glasgow Evening News” our contemporary, “The Mallet,” refers to our recent article under this head, and also makes some interesting comments on the particular phase of the Scottish question to which we referred a fortnight since. The remarks are as follow: As I have pointed out again and again in this column, it is to Grand Lodge the Craft must look for this reformation in Scottish Lodges demanded by the “FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE,” and indeed by almost every Masonic jurisdiction in the world. Another illustration of the impotency of individual Lodges to deal with the subject was given at the last regular meeting of Lodge St. Vincent, 553, when a motion for regulating the admission of candidates was out-voted by twenty-eight of a majority. Not, mark you, because the majority were not in sympathy with the principles of the motion, proposed by a Past Master of the Lodge, but because its enforcement would place the Lodge at a disadvantage with the other Lodges in the Glasgow Province where this rule is not in operation. Here, then, is where the evil exists—namely, a fear of being handicapped. Unless all Lodges are held bound to the very necessary law of giving due notice to members of candidates proposed, and the enforcement of the existing Grand Lodge law as to lapse of time, Scotland will still be held down in the mire, a reproach in every Grand Lodge. All honour to those Lodges, and there are a few in Glasgow, in which intimation is given of proposed candidates, and the regulation time observed between the degrees. In every instance it is found to work with advantage both for the Lodge and the Craft generally, but the St. Vincent in its wisdom will have none of it until it is forced by the powers that be.

But how much longer must we wait for the powers to move in the matter? Will the Laws Committee presently engaged in the much needed revision of Grand Lodge laws take up the subject, and so get it disposed of with some prospect of expediency, or must it plod through the usual routine of notice of motion, discussion, remit to Grand Committee, report, &c., and probably drag on over another twelve months? That there is urgent need of immediate action in the matter goes without saying. Grand Lodge rules 171 and 173 presently in force, so far from serving the purpose of guiding Lodges in the manner in which candidates should be admitted, and degrees conferred, seem to have been framed with the view of enabling Lodges to suit their own convenience. Rule 171 is too indefinite in its terms, while the exceptions allowed in 173 make the real purpose of the rule that “no candidate for initiation shall be advanced from one degree to another at a shorter interval than two weeks” of none effect. The enforcement of the literal meaning of these rules has been shirked for years, until now the abuse has assumed such proportions that, notwithstanding the efforts put forth by Provincial Grand Lodges in their annual visitations to discourage “rushing,” it is becoming painfully evident that Scotland has earned an unenviable world wide notoriety.

JUMBLED METAPHOR.

“Providence, vouchsafe to preserve us from the Evil One, and from figurative language. Save us from metaphors.”

Paul-Louis Courier.

THE above sincere aspiration, uttered in the early part of the present century by the author of “Daphnis et Chloé,” &c., has apparently been ineffectual, for not only do we get this particular form of figure of speech from our daily paper,—it has insinuated itself into ordinary conversation, we are confronted with it in the drawing room, at the club, in the weekly sermon of our respected parson, in the speech of the popular advocate, and even in the summing up of the judge himself. Let us hope, however, that there are few of the latter class who would ever indulge in such an indiscriminate series of jumbled metaphors as those attributed to Lord Kenyon, who, in sentencing a butler convicted of stealing his master's wine, is said to have addressed him thus:—“You were dead to every claim of natural affection, and blind to your own interest, you burst through all restraints of religion and morality, and have for many years been feathering your nest with your master's bottles.”

We might reasonably expect from the scholar and savant that, for the sake of display, or effectiveness, he would abjure mere

commonplace language and draw upon his stock of metaphor, but we should hardly be prepared to accord to the sturdy, honest, and generally unimpressible sailor, a skilful use of the same kind of expression under trying circumstances.

But the following instances of figurative language, uttered by Sir John Boscawen Savage, and Admiral Truncheon, had a very inspiring effect upon the men under their command, and caused them to fight with an energy which meant success. At the Battle of the Nile, the former, who commanded the marines of the Orion, thus addressed his men:—"There," pointing to the long, low coast line, "is the land of Egypt, and, my lads, if you don't fight like madmen, you'll find yourselves in the house of bondage to-morrow." "Boys," said Admiral Truncheon, when his fleet closed in combat with the Dutch fleet under Admiral de Winter, "you see a severe winter approaching, and I advise you to keep up a good fire."

Sir Boyle Roche, the Irish Member of Parliament, excelled in the use of metaphor. His sayings come upon us now in that form which writers of the present day term "chestnuts," and I am prepared to admit that many may be apocryphal, but still, as some of those attributed to him are exceedingly witty, they are worthy of a place here. "It is the essence of a metaphor that it should be literally false," says a writer (E. A. Abbott, M.A.), and Sir Boyle Roche was faithfully obedient to this requirement. It was he who said "I smell a rat, and can see it hovering in the air." One day when opposing a ministerial motion he expressed himself thus:—"I wish, Mr. Speaker, that this motion was at the bottom of the bottomless pit." He once observed that "England certainly was the mother country, and therefore he would advise England and Ireland to live in filial affection together like sisters as they are, and ought to be."

Upon the question of smuggling practices in the Shannon, he advised that "there should be two frigates stationed on the opposite points of the mouth of the river, and there they should remain fixed, with strict orders not to stir, and so by cruising and cruising about they would be able to intercept everything that should attempt to pass between."

Addressing the House he is reported to have uttered these memorable words:—"You say that we should pass the Bill for the sake of posterity. What has posterity ever done for us, I should like to know? Honourable gentlemen may laugh, but I beg to assure them that by posterity I do not mean our ancestors, but those who came immediately after them."

Upon another occasion he said:—"My loyalty has been questioned. Sir, I allow no man to question my loyalty; I stand prostrate at the foot of the throne."

A rumour was abroad that the French were about to invade Ireland. "If," he said, "those foreign villains are allowed to land on our shores, they will attack the glorious fabric of our Constitution, and bring its foundation stones about our ears. They will then break into this legislative Hall, cut us all into pieces, and throw our bleeding heads on that table to stare us in the very face."

According to the "Spectator," "Sir Boyle Roche was of the ancient family of the De La Russes of Fermoy; was member for Tralee from 1775, and was created a baronet in 1782. He commenced one of his speeches in the Irish House of Commons as follows:—"Mr. Speaker, it is the duty of every true lover of his country to give his last guinea to save the remainder of his fortunes." And another began:—"Sir, single misfortunes never come alone, and the greatest of all national calamities is generally followed by one much greater." A letter of his is preserved, supposed to have been written during the rebellion of '98, though it is doubtful if he ever put so many "bulls" together on paper. It is as follows:—"Dear Sir,—Having now a little peace and quiet, I sit down to inform you of the bustle and confusion we are in from the blood-thirsty rebels, many of whom are now, thank God! killed and dispersed. We are in a pretty mess, can get nothing to eat, and no wine to drink except whisky. When we sit down to dinner, we are obliged to keep both hands armed. While I write this, I have my sword in one hand, and my pistol in the other. I concluded from the beginning that this would be the end, and I am right, for it is not half over yet. At present there are such goings on that everything is at a standstill. I should have answered your letter a fortnight ago, but I only received it this morning. Indeed, hardly a mail arrives safe without being robbed. No longer ago than yesterday, the mail coach from Dublin was robbed near this town; the bags had been very judiciously left behind, and by great good luck there was nobody in the coach but two outside passengers, who had nothing for the thieves to take. Last Thursday an alarm was given that a gang of rebels in full retreat from Drogheda were advancing under the French standard; but they had no colours nor any drums except bagpipes. Immediately every man in the place, including women and children, ran out to meet them. We soon found our force a great deal too little, and were far too near to think of retreating. Death was in every face, and to it we went. By the time half our party were killed we began to be alive. Fortunately the rebels had no guns, except pistols, cutlasses, and pikes, and we had plenty of muskets and ammunition. We put them all to the sword, not a soul of them escaped, except some that were drowned in an adjoining bog. In fact, in a short time nothing was heard but silence. Their uniforms were all different, chiefly green. After the action was over we went to rummage the camp. All we found was a few pikes without heads, a parcel of empty bottles filled with water, and a bundle of blank French commissions, filled up with Irish names. Troops are now stationed round, which exactly squares with my ideas of security. Adieu! I have only time to add that I am yours in great haste.—B. R.

P.S.—If you do not receive this, of course it must have miscarried; therefore I beg you to write and let me know."

The temperance terms teetotal and teetotaler, originated in the stuttering exhortation of Richard Turner (Dicky Turner), an operative of Preston, who, while addressing a meeting of abstainers in September 1833, observed that "Nothing but t-t-t-total abstinence will do." Jacob Livesay, another temperance advocate, said he

remembered him in one of his speeches making the following extraordinary appeal:—"Let us be up and doing, comrades! Let us take our axes on our shoulders, and plough the deep till the good ship of temperance sails gaily o'er the land!"

"The injudicious use of metaphor," says "Vanity Fair," (March 1833), "caused much merriment in the House of Commons. The speaker was an Irishman, a staunch opponent of Sunday Closing and of Permissive Bills, and personally a considerable benefactor to the revenue. He was criticising the Irish Attorney General's answer to Mr. Parnell. 'The facts,' said the honourable member, 'relied on by the Attorney General are strange. His statement is a strong one. Now, Mr. Speaker, I can swallow a good deal. ('Hear! hear!') 'Quite true!' 'Begorra! you can!' and roars of laughter.) I repeat, I can swallow a good deal!—('hear! hear!') and fresh volleys of laughter, as inattentive members learnt from their neighbours what it was all about—but I can't swallow that.' The incident reminds one of an equally amusing interruption to a speech of Baron de Worms. The debate had to do with the Jews. The baron had just remarked, 'We owe much to the Jews,' when there came a feeling groan from a well-known member in his back corner, 'We do!'"

Colonel Saunderson, the doughty champion of the Orange cause, once remarked in the House of Commons that Mr. Dillon "had fired a barbed arrow at Colonel Caddell in order that some of the mud might stick;" and about four years ago a contemporary referring to the proprietor of "Truth," said that "Mr. Labouchere had talked of the 'bleating of a bruised worm.'"

An orator at one of the University Unions fairly revelled in metaphor when he declared that "the British lion, whether it was roaming the deserts of India or climbing the forests of Canada, would not draw in its horns or retire into its shell," and a certain Irish editor was affected with similar earnestness, who exclaimed when speaking of the wrongs of his country:—"Her cup of misery has long been overflowing, and it is not yet full."

In July 1891, Sir Richard Temple, ex-governor of Bombay, speaking in the House of Commons on the Education Bill, caused much merriment by his use of metaphor. Adverting to the brave old voluntary school he said "hereafter it will not be able to keep its head above water, being obliged to strike its flag to the pirates of the School Board;" but when he spoke about hon. gentlemen opposite drumming certain things into their ears "every night for the last ten days," the House very nearly went into convulsions.

"Book of Rarities," by Bro. Edward Roberts P.M.

We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 11th of October 1894, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to consider the recommendation of the General Committee as under, and to elect twenty Girls (or in the event of the above-mentioned recommendation being adopted twenty-one) into the School from a list of forty-two approved Candidates.

Recommendation of the General Committee.

"That one further vacancy (making twenty-one in all) be declared for the October Election in consequence of the withdrawal of Ethel Miller from the Institution."

The Election will commence at One o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

No. 5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
4th October 1894.

THE 107th Anniversary Festival will take place in May 1895, under distinguished presidency.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 12th day of October 1894, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:—

To consider the following Resolution of the Council, of Friday, 28th September:—

"That the Quarterly Court be recommended to declare a further vacancy at the Election on Friday, 12th October, to fill the place of the boy Robert Arnold Rogers, discharged at the request of his parent before the expiration of his term."

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By V.W. Brother Richard Eve P.G. Treas. Patron and Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Management:—

"That in consideration of the eminent services rendered to the Institution by W. Bro. W. Fentiman Smithson P.G.D. Vice-President of the Institution, and in recognition of his exertions in assisting to bring about so good a result from the Province of West Yorkshire at the recent Festival, the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron be conferred upon him under Law 15."

To elect Seventeen, or if the above recommendation be adopted, Eighteen Boys, from an approved list of Forty-four Candidates, reduced to forty-three by the withdrawal (for presentation) of

(No. 9 on List) Walter Holland.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The ballot for the Election of Boys will be open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Order,

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
3rd October 1894.

* * The Ninety-seventh Anniversary Festival will be held in July 1895, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire. The services of Brethren representing Lodges or Provinces and of Ladies as Stewards are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.



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CANDIDATES FOR THE INSTITUTIONS.

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Announcements are inserted under this head at the rate of five shillings per inch, to appear each week from the time the ballot papers are issued up to the day of election, for cash with order.

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 1882, and was a subscribing member to the time of his death, October 1890. Votes will be thankfully received by Bros. T. G. Hodges, E. T. Mackrill, C. W. Allen, and Mrs. F. Lang, 8 Bird Street, Oxford Street, London, W.

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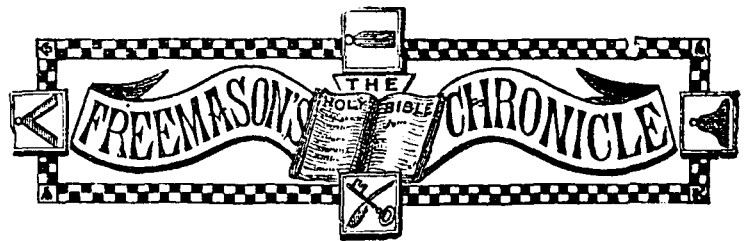
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MASONIC LIGHTS.

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THREE hallowed signals beaming thro' the night
How bright ye seem—your rays how passing kind—
How welcome to the orbs that erst were blind,
As first they gaze upon thy beauteous light
Man is at best a wanderer in the land
He gropes all darkly on his onward way
Yet often cheered by some celestial ray—
Those gleaming beacons from a far-off strand.
From out the dark our God of Love Divine
Created Light upon a gloom-girt earth
Its beams dispelled the former dismal dearth
And still for us its rays serenely shine.
And still shines out for those who live aright
The gem-like sparkle of Masonic Light!

Winder House, Bradford,

3rd October 1894.

A large gathering of Brethren recently took place, in the Victoria Hotel, Liverpool, for the purpose of presenting a handsome piece of silver plate and a purse containing 100 guineas to the Provincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashire (Brother W. Goodacre Past S.G.D. England). Bro. J. D. Murray Past Grand Treasurer of England presided, and he was supported by Bro. W. Simpson P.P.S.G.W., W. Savage P.P.G. Treasurer, and R. Armitage P.P.G.R. The Chairman announced that the gift was to be looked upon as a wedding present from Brethren in the Western Division of Lancashire to Bro. Goodacre, who was about to be married. Bro. Goodacre acknowledged the present in suitable terms, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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The Installation of Bro. Michael Hugh Shaw Stewart, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West, which was postponed on account of that gentleman's health, has now been fixed to take place at Greenock on Friday, 23rd November, when the Installing Master will be Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

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A Dinner of unique character was given on Saturday night, 29th ult., to a company numbering upwards of six hundred, in the palatial new Annexe of the Holborn Restaurant. The guests consisted of all the artificers and workmen employed in the construction of this adjunct; the proprietors considering that those whose hands had reared the structure should be the first to banquet within its principal Salon—the "King's Hall."

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A GREAT Display of Chrysanthemums will be given on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday next, when the first show of the season of the National Chrysanthemum Society will take place at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. The Variety Entertainment on the great central stage will be strengthened by the renowned "Morritt," who promises a startling novel illusion, entitled "The Convict's Escape."

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MR. HARRY HUNTER's annual benefit at the Mohawk Minstrels will take place on Thursday next, for which occasion he has written twenty new ditties. We hope his usual good fortune—and much more—will attend him.

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We are compelled to hold over several Reports and other matters for want of space. We shall be pleased if Notices of Meetings are sent early in the week.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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METROPOLITAN.

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TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 898.

FOR the first time since its establishment, now many years ago, says the "East London Observer," this Lodge has taken a vacation of a few months. Its opening meeting took place on Wednesday of last week. That its vigour was by no means impaired by its temporary rest was shown by the full attendance of Officers and members. Bro. E. F. Williams W.M. occupied the chair, and was loyally supported by Past Masters, Officers and Brethren, together with several Visitors.

Lodge having been opened, Mr. Alfred Haman Warren was initiated, Bros. Anderson and Barnett passed, and Bro. Regan raised.

After other business the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the pleasures of the fourth degree.

The Loyal toasts having been honoured with the usual warmth, Bro. Bigg proposed the W.M., and alluded to the very worthy manner in which Bro. Williams had fulfilled his duties, adding that he followed a good line of W.M.s. and would prove himself worthy to be in such company. He would only add that for his own part he would support him to his utmost ability.

Bro. Williams having suitably replied, he proposed the P.M.s. of the Lodge, thanking them for their support.

Bros. P.M.s. Rogers, Williams, Pulsford, Armstrong, Shearer, and Duck responded.

The Initiate replied in well-measured terms, and for the Officers, Bros. Duck, Legg, Shapland, and Puddick fitly responded.

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ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

IT seems but a very short time since we had occasion to congratulate Bro. Louis Beck, the first Master of this Lodge, on the success that attended its consecration, while a year later we well remember being present and joining in the good wishes that followed him into the chair of first Past Master. That meeting is particularly fresh in our memory, and really seems to have occurred but a few months back, yet we find on reference to our report that sixteen years have since passed over our head—with the vicissitudes and changes that are inseparable from such a lengthy period. In one respect, however, there appears to have been little or no change—the Lodge was started with the object of specially upholding the principle of Masonic Benevolence, and has not only done so in a very marked degree during its seventeen years existence, but stands out to-day as one of the most consistent and zealous supporters of the three Institutions among the many Lodges of the metropolis.

A noticeable feature in this connection is the fact that the Secretary of the Lodge has usually been the one who has taken the lead in the good work—Bro. Parsons specially devoting himself to it in the earlier days of the Lodge to which we have just referred, while Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani, the present holder of the office, and a well-known enthusiast in the work of the Institutions, does so to-day, and secures the very best results as the outcome of his endeavours. But in making these observations it must not be supposed we imagine Brother Parsons has relaxed his efforts in this direction; he is as enthusiastic as ever, as is evidenced by the fact of his having acted as a Steward at the Benevolent Festival this year, when, with the Rothesay Lodge vote of ten guineas and other contributions, he took up upwards of £55 as representative of this and another Lodge with which he is associated, while the example he and other members have set in the Lodge is likely to be followed in the future, as proved by the acceptance by the new Master of a Stewardship on behalf of the Boys School, and the immediate voting of ten guineas from the Lodge funds in support of his list, and, as we mention later on, Bro. Parsons is also continuing the good work in the same direction.

The Installation meeting of the present year was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Shaw W.M., who was supported by Bros. F. Gallizia S.W., A. E. Clements J.W., W. Adams P.M. Treas., E. L. P. Valeriani P.M. Sec., John Conning P.M., H. Gros P.M., W. C. Parsons P.M., Z. H. Lafontaine S.D., W. H. Watson J.D., F. Henstone I.G., T. J. Bolton D.C., several members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors: V. P. Freeman P.G.D. Prov. G. Sec. Sussex, E. St. Claire W.M. 14 P.G. Steward, J. M. McLeod P.P.S.G.W. Derbys. Sec. R.M.I. Boys, Jas. Stephens P.M. 753, &c. P.P.S.G.D. Bucks., N. Dukas 2398, W. P. Fernandez 871, A. E. Dyke 2045, W. Harris Treas. 1310, J. Parker 2006, J. W. Simeons 193, T. S. Wyard 2182, C. Woodrow 1708, W. E. Willby I.P.M. 538, A. A. Nottingham 704, R. L. Warner I.G. 1987, H. F. Nash P.M. 1769, W. W. Morgan 177, S. J. Skelton 2021, J. J. Debley 180, H. Monson S.W. 2353, Jas. Peyton 172, C. Gwinnell 1681, J. L. Colsi 1550, H. Fonseca S.W. 1563, G. A. Payne 933, A. Butcher 1227, S. Fonseca 1563, H. Wortham 2117.

The minutes having been confirmed Lodge was opened up, and Bro. George Herbert Burns was raised, after which the W.M.-elect (Bro. Gallizia S.W.) was duly installed by his predecessor, the work being splendidly performed. Having invested his Officers the new W.M. proceeded to initiate three candidates (of four who had been previously balloted for and accepted): Mr. James Pearce, Mr. E. James Mills and Mr. John Frederick Bates, and in doing so he gave evidence of a knowledge of the ritual and the work of Freemasonry that promises well for the Lodge during the time it is under his rule. His working was, indeed, a credit to anyone, but

bearing in mind that he is a foreigner it was all the more noticeable, and gives proof of the greatest desire on his part to do the work properly.

The Report of the Audit Committee was introduced in such a way as to occasion some alarm, for it was pointed out that the Lodge expenditure of the year had exceeded the income by nearly £20, and the way in which this deficiency was attacked by Brother Valeriani and some others led us to believe that the Lodge was really in a bad way, but this idea was speedily dispelled when we saw by the Balance Sheet that the Lodge had given £10 10s to each of the three Institutions during the year, and finished up with a balance of £169 2s 11d on its General Fund, an additional £115 18s 1d on its Benevolent Fund, and £14 Assets outstanding against Liabilities nil. Altogether a most satisfactory position to be in and one of which any Lodge might be proud, few being able to show such figures; but the fact remained that the year started with a balance of £188 3s 8d and ended nearly £20 short of that sum, a result which we are convinced will not be repeated this year if the Secretary has his way, although, as he plainly pointed out, retrenchment must not be attempted in connection with the Lodge votes to the Masonic Institutions.

Before closing his Lodge the Master tendered a cordial welcome to Bro. A. Albert, who had that night been accepted as a Joining Member, and then announced his intention of acting as Steward for the next year's Festival of the Boys School, upon which a vote of ten guineas was immediately made from the Lodge funds to head his list.

The Brethren subsequently dined together, and after the banquet the usual Loyal toasts were honoured, the Grand Master being referred to by some of the older members as the Duke of Rothesay, the Prince of Wales having given sanction for the Lodge to be named after this one of his titles, and allowed the arms of the Dukedom to be used on the banner and other property of the Lodge. Bro. Freeman responded for the Grand Officers.

The I.P.M., in submitting the toast of the Worshipful Master, said it was a toast that would meet with general approbation in the Rothesay Lodge, the members of which knew their present ruler as a most zealous Mason, who had already won distinction and would, he was sure, rise to much higher things. They must all be aware of the difficulties a Master had to contend with under ordinary circumstances, but when, in addition, he was a foreigner and not a complete master of the language the difficulties were increased. Their Master must not only have had courage but also indomitable perseverance to have gained his present position and worked with such credit to himself as he had just done. Not only had he invested his Officers most ably, but had followed on by Initiating three gentlemen into the Order, nervousness in his new position apparently having no effect upon him, although it was no uncommon thing to see others in like positions display a considerable amount of it. In conclusion he thought they had a Master who would reflect credit on the Lodge and gain additional credit for himself.

The W.M. tendered thanks. He felt he was in a very difficult position having to follow such a ruler as I.P.M. Shaw, who, like a good Mason, always over-estimated the capabilities of a Brother. He was not a born orator, but he claimed to be a worker—they would, indeed, have to judge him rather by his actions than by his words. He should always remember the events of that day as among the most pleasant of his life.

Bro. Gros P.M. proposed the Initiates. The W.M. had said his capabilities had been over-estimated, but the fact of his having initiated three gentlemen on the first night of his presidency in so able a manner as he had done was ample proof of his ability. Speaking to the Initiates Bro. Gros said no doubt they had heard much of Freemasonry previous to their Initiation. Its votaries and those outside of it presented some very different views of its principles and its advantages. When they left that hall they would say that Masons were a jovial lot, but as they learnt more of the Craft they would know better what it taught. It was true no man could be found fully up to the standard taught by Freemasonry, but they could all strive to do as much as lay in their power. In the name of the members he welcomed the Initiates to the Lodge, hoped they would long belong to it, and that they might each, if they so desired, rise to the position of the Brother who had so ably initiated them that evening.

Bro. Pearce tendered his thanks. He had been very much impressed that night and should endeavour, as long as he lived, to do justice to his initiation.

Bro. Mills felt much indebted to the W.M. and Brethren for the kindness shown him that day. Every opportunity that presented itself he should be pleased to follow up in the interests of Freemasonry, and he promised to do all he could to advance the Craft.

Bro. Bates also tendered thanks.

Bro. Valeriani was entrusted with the toast of the Masonic Institutions. He felt the Master might have chosen one who could speak the language better, but he could not have chosen one who had the toast more at heart. He was glad the Master had put down Masonic "Institutions," as he hated the word "Charity" in connection with what the Brethren did in this direction. It must be borne in mind it was only by supporting the Institutions they could have the benefits they were able to dispense. It was very hard to fight at the elections, where it often seemed those got on the best who had done the least. Bro. Valeriani referred to the work done by the Past Masters of the Lodge for the Institutions, and appealed to the members to support their present Master in his Stewardship for the Boys School. He considered they had no right to touch Initiation or Joining fees for the ordinary expenses of the Lodge, and if they worked on that principle they would be able to send a Steward every year to each of the three Institutions. The Rothesay Lodge was one of the first supporters of the Institutions, and although the Past Masters did not wish to drive or force the members to give, they yet hoped they would be able to lead them to do so. He spoke of the absence of Bro. Torry who, he

said, would have been present that evening but for his ill health, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. McLeod.

Bro. McLeod said, in reply, it was always an easy matter to respond in the good old Rothesay Lodge for the Charities—he said Charities, although that was a name their worthy Secretary did not approve of—because the toast had the advantage of being proposed by Bro. Valeriani, who always took a delight in recommending the Institutions of the Craft. It was also easy in the Lodge because whoever had to respond invariably had to express thanks for some fresh instance of benevolence on the part of the members. He felt he might say that every member of the Lodge was a supporter of the Institutions, and then proceeded to give a brief outline of the work being carried on by each. He hoped that Bro. Terry would soon be restored to health, so as to give the Benevolent Institution the advantage of his advocacy. That fund was providing 500 poor old Masons or their Widows with the means of living—if not in luxury, at least in comfort, and when they remembered that a very few years back those same old Brethren had probably dined with their fellow Masons as they were that night doing, and were perhaps as independent as any of them, they must at once recognise the utility of an Institution which did something for them in their hour of need. He next spoke of the 265 Girls and 268 Boys at the present time in the two Educational Institutions, being trained up to become good citizens of the Empire. These were practical evidences of the desire of English Brethren to carry out Masonry in the truest spirit, not as was the case in some foreign countries—which should be nameless—where charity was unknown. He felt the Craft believed all the Institutions were doing a splendid work at the present time, and he might say the Institutions never had such brilliant prospects, as far as finances were concerned, before them as now, when in spite of general depression they were able to maintain their usefulness. The Rothesay Lodge was not, perhaps, first in regard to the assistance it gave to the Institutions, but at least it was not among the second class of supporters, for it was most regular and consistent in what it did. The Brethren did not give of their means in the hope of getting a return, but rather in the hope that what they did might be of advantage to someone less fortunately circumstanced than themselves. He had to return thanks, not only for the Stewardship undertaken by their Master, but also for the promise of one of their Past Masters—Bro. Parsons—to also act as a Steward for the Boys, as representative of the St. James's Union Lodge.

The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. St. Claire and Stephens.

Bro. St. Claire supposed he owed the compliment of being called upon first to respond by reason of his being the Master of the oldest Lodge represented at the meeting. The candidates had been initiated that night by a foreigner, their health had been proposed by a foreigner, the Masonic Institutions had been lauded by another foreigner and now the Visitors' toast was coupled with the name of a foreigner, which gave ample evidence of the cosmopolitan character of the Rothesay Lodge. He knew the difficulties in the way of a foreigner who desired to perform the ceremonies of Freemasonry, and all the more applauded the Master for his performances that night. He congratulated the Initiates on having joined the Lodge, for although there might be many others more ancient, and many others more swellish, there were very few where the true principles of Freemasonry were more thoroughly practised than in the Rothesay.

Bro. James Stephens followed. He felt it had been his loss that he had not previously visited the Lodge, to which he had often been invited. Past Master Gros had said that Masonry knew no race, no creed, even no colour, and all that had been said that night in regard to foreigners went to prove the truth of his remarks. His personal experience also tended in the same direction. The previous night he had been present at the Tivoli Lodge, presided over by Bro. Schrieber; that night they had Bro. Gallizia at their head; the next he hoped to spend in the Hyde Park Lodge under the rule of another foreigner. He fully endorsed the opinion of Bro. St. Claire as to the difficulty a foreigner experienced in mastering the ritual, and could all the more appreciate the excellence of their Master's work that night, especially when he also called to mind his own first experience in the chair of a Lodge—now some nine years since. He remembered how nervous he was on that occasion, although he had no ceremony to perform; if he had he could hardly imagine himself doing it, and yet they had seen the work admirably performed that night by a foreigner, who had certainly done everything to ensure the success of the ceremony.

It was here announced that the list of the Master as Steward for the Boys School had already reached £52 12s 6d, with fair prospects of much more to come.

The W.M. proposed the toast of the Installing Master, and presented him with the Jewel of the Lodge voted at the last meeting.

Bro. Shaw briefly responded, thanking the Brethren for their gift and their hearty receptions. He felt he had not done all he should have liked to accomplish, but he had done his best, and should always continue to work for the benefit of the Lodge.

The Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary were next honoured, Bro. Valeriani responding; and then the Master gave the Officers, which, in turn, was succeeded by the toast of the Tyler, and another most enjoyable meeting was brought to a conclusion.

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UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

THE Election meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, when Brother R. P. Keates was elected as Master, and other business was transacted. Our report of the proceedings will appear next week.

The meeting was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. C. R. Leo W.M.

CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

THE Annual Installation Festival of this Lodge took place on Thursday of last week, at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., when a considerable company assembled to take part in the interesting ceremony. As both the outgoing and incoming Masters are exceedingly popular in the Craft this was not to be surprised at, but special interest attached to the proceedings because Bro. George Scott Miller the W.M. elect was the first Initiate of the Lodge.

Bro. J. W. Dewsnap W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers, a full attendance of Lodge members and the following Visitors: Colonel W. Bristow P.G.St.B., Charles H. Driver P.G. Supt. of Works, P. W. Ramsay Murray P.G.S., John W. Gordon S.G.W. Meath (I.C.), N. W. Simmonds P.G.S.B. Suffolk, W. Cock P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, E. T. Edwards P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Hy. Woods P.P.G.St.B. Middlesex, Robert Nicholson P.P.D.C. Berks. and Bucks., C. B. Heaguth P.P.G.R., F. Bevan P.G.O. Essex, W. Martin P.M., W. H. Foot I.P.M. 1839, Dr. W. Bott P.M. 1839, H. Massey P.M. 1928, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, J. Culver P.M. 1839, Emanuel Salomon W.M. 1017, W. Hawes P.M. 554, W. J. Hunter P.M. 1677, H. Ansell P.M. 1305, James Cook P.M. 907, C. H. Cox P.M. 1839, R. Worster P.M. 1986, C. E. Rosaback 55, W. S. Bunting P.M. Secretary 2500, W. J. Carroll 1227, T. Nicholson 359, R. Scarlett 1799, H. E. Williams 1686, Henry Jarrett 569, F. J. Holdsworth 1538, J. G. Robeson 192, Fred Sharpe 1536, James Marshall 360, C. E. Martin 1571, J. Mellings 2021, H. E. Poole 2030, Thomas Whitford 2500, W. J. Jay 1614, E. Woolf 205, T. W. Davies 2030, F. A. Alexander 907, L. F. Hodge 2020, W. Nutchell 1504, J. Pulman 2319, &c.

After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed Bros. Heath and Holmans, answered the usual questions and were subsequently raised to the sublime degree.

Bro. Miller was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. P.M. Judge and having taken the customary obligation was Installed in the Master's chair by Bro. Dewsnap, at a Board of Installed Masters numbering upwards of twenty-five members. Both ceremonies were admirably worked by Bro. Dewsnap, and his delivery of the addresses elicited high commendation.

Bro. Miller's first duty was to invest the following Brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—J. W. Dewsnap I.P.M. and Secretary, W. C. Smith S.W., J. F. Percival J.W., Walter B. Marcus P.M. Treasurer, W. V. Jull S.D., H. Saqui J.D., J. W. Breeze I.G., M. J. Almond D.C., J. Turle Lee Organist, A. Strugnell and A. Haynes Stewards, T. Bowler Tyler.

The ballot was then taken and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Samuel James De St. Legier, when the newly-made Master gave convincing proof of his capacity by Initiating that gentleman into the mysteries of the Craft. The ritual was impressively rendered, notwithstanding some previous emotion during the Installation.

The reports of the Audit Committee respecting the Lodge and Benevolent Funds were received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Alfred Haynes, for having efficiently fulfilled the duties of Secretary during the past year.

Bro. Miller having received the hearty good wishes of the Visitors the Lodge was closed, and the company adjourned to the banquet room, where a recherché repast was provided by Bro. J. Aptommas, the courteous manager of the Hotel.

Upon its termination the usual Lojal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bros. Driver and Col. Bristow returning thanks for the Grand Officers.

In flattering, but well deserved terms the I.P.M. submitted the health and prosperity of the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was proud of him because he was their first Initiate and he had risen through the various Offices to the chair of K.S. He was an excellent workman, and a through gentleman, and in electing him as W.M. the members had done themselves honour.

Bro. Miller who, rising to respond, was received with repeated cheers, said he could hardly find words to reply to the good wishes so kindly expressed, but felt very deeply the heartiness of the Brethren. From the time of his Initiation he had always secured assistance and encouragement from the Lodge, and he was sure the members would stand by him now. It was the first time he had ever taken the chair at any meeting, so he could not say any more than express his grateful thanks.

The Master next proposed the health of Bro. Dewsnap as I.P.M. and Installing Master, and said he was glad to notice that the mere mention of his name evoked a round of applause. He had known him many years, but always found him the same, ever ready to assist the Lodge or any Brother who required instruction. The Lodge had voted him the handsome P.M.'s jewel, and he now had the greatest possible pleasure to pin it to his breast, hoping he might be able to wear it as a pledge of their affection.

Bro. Dewsnap, who was also loudly cheered, said if he were puzzled as to what he had to say before, what could he say now in return for their great kindness. He attributed the hearty reception to his position as I.P.M., who in this Lodge is always worthy of respect. During his year of office he had plenty of work and he was not sorry to give way to such a worthy Brother. As Secretary of the Lodge he trusted their relations would always be of the most harmonious character. It was a great pleasure to him that he had given satisfaction to the Brethren, and he should greatly prize their handsome jewel as a token of their regard.

Bro. St. Legier, the Initiate, in reply to the toast of his health, said after the many surprises he had experienced that evening came the greatest of all that he should make a speech, but he was glad to avail himself of the opportunity of thanking the Brethren, especially those who had assisted him in his Initiation, for all their kindness. His endeavours should be to assist Freemasonry, and he hoped to become a good and true member.

Replying for the Visitors, Bro. P.M. Higgerty said that he had witnessed many Installations at this Lodge, and was glad to notice

that the W.M. always installed his successor. He was particularly pleased to see Bro. Miller in the chair, because he was an excellent worker in the Craft and a good Brother. It was not often that a newly installed Master had an Initiate, but he was pleased to see his working, and was sure he would sustain the reputation of the Lodge.

Bro. Gordon S.G.W. of Meath also replied, and among other remarks mentioned that in Dublin in 1892 they had raised no less a sum than £20,000 for their Masonic Girls School, while in his Lodge, the Mullingar, No. 123, they had raised among forty members a considerable sum for the same good purpose. He thought therefore that he might say that Freemasonry was in a flourishing condition in Ireland.

Bro. Edwards, who was designated as the Father of the Lodge, in response to the toast of the Past Masters, said that hitherto the Masters had been founders, but now the direction of the Lodge passed into the hands of the Initiates, who he was sure would uphold the traditions and reputation of the Lodge.

The Senior Warden replied for the Masonic Charities, and said the Chough Lodge was always ready to support the Institutions.

Other toasts followed, and the company separated at a late hour.

During the evening a very enjoyable musical entertainment was provided under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, in which Brothers Miles Mole, Fred Bevan, Albert James and Arthur Strugnell took part; and mention should be made of the artistic menu and programmes, which elicited high praise, though we are unable to state who furnished them.

Bro. George Scott Miller was born in Westminster in the year 1850, and was initiated into Freemasonry on 25th October 1888, in the Chough Lodge, No. 2264, being, as previously stated, the first Initiate of the Lodge. He was one of the Founders of the Old Boys Lodge, No. 2500, and he is also a Companion of the St. Marylebone, No. 1305, and Duke of Cornwall, No. 1839 Royal Arch Chapters.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 19th ult., Bro. H. B. Brown W.M. There were also present:—Bros. H. J. Harrison S.W., Joseph Lever J.W., R. Adshead J.D., Geo. H. Scott I.G., J. C. Brown Treas., J. M. Frost Sec., P. Swift P.M., G. H. Barnes P.M., W. B. Gleave, J. G. Hewson, Dr. Edwin E. Jones, Dr. Chr. Carruthers, George Ed. Mellor, Thos. Tyers P.M., Joseph Harrison, Chas. H. Griffiths, John Greenup P.M. D.C., W. H. Wagstaff, William Kay P.M., W. Taylor, Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Arthur Painter P.M., J. T. Moorhouse, J. Chadderton S.S., Geo. Ashworth, Samuel Andrew.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. Carruthers was questioned as to his proficiency, and having answered in a satisfactory manner he was prepared and duly passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Thomas Tyers P.M., he being assisted by Bro. Harrison S.W. who presented and explained the working tools. This was followed by the raising to the sublime degree of Bro. Geo. Mellor, who had also satisfactorily answered the necessary interrogatories. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Greenup P.M., assisted by Bro. Lever J.W., the latter presenting the working tools.

The usual festive board followed, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. That of the newly-passed Brother was proposed by Bro. Brown W.M., who commended the candidate for the intelligent manner in which he had gone through. He confidently believed that Bro. Carruthers had the interests of the Lodge at heart, and would make a good Mason.

Bro. Carruthers, in reply, said he hoped that he should deserve all the good things which had been uttered about him. As the W.M. had said, he already felt a deep interest in the Lodge, and sincerely hoped this interest would continue.

The W.M. afterwards proposed the health of the newly-raised Brother, saying that Brother Mellor had also passed through in a most creditable manner. The third was the most superb degree in the Craft, and he hoped the candidate would never forget it, indeed he felt convinced that it was impossible for a Mason ever to lose sight of its beauties. He spoke of his long acquaintance with Bro. Mellor, and also with his father, the latter being an old Past Master of the Lodge. He hoped it would not be long before they saw Bro. Mellor senr. amongst them again,—he was sure that he would receive a hearty welcome.

Bro. Mellor, in response, said he thanked the W.M. for his remarks both with respect to his father and himself, and expressed a hope that the former would not be long before he came back to the Lodge. With regard to the ceremony of that night, he had never taken part in such an imposing one during his lifetime, and he could assure them that it would ever be impressed upon his mind.

Bro. Barnes P.M., in proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, regretted that the latter had come to the Lodge suffering from a bad cold. Although for this reason he had not been able to take part in the ceremonies, yet his heart was in the work, and he always evinced a great anxiety to do his best. The way in which he had catered for their recent picnic was excellent, and under his auspices it had been the most successful ever held in connection with the Lodge.

Bro. Brown responded, and took the opportunity of paying a well-deserved compliment to Bros. Tyers and Greenup for the alacrity they had displayed in undertaking the ceremonies, and also for the very excellent manner in which they had been performed.

Bro. Geo. H. Scott responded to the toast of the Officers, saying that it was an unexpected honour for him to be so singled out, he being one of the youngest Officers in the Lodge. He did not at present occupy an exalted position, but he felt proud of serving

them even in such a very humble capacity. Not only the Officers but all the members held their Worshipful Master in high esteem, and would be willing to assist him at all times when called upon.

Other toasts followed, the same being relieved by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Griffiths, Adshead, Ashworth, Harrison, Mellor, and Roberts. Brother Dr. E. E. Jones presided at the piano.

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CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting took place at the Lodge-room, Prestwich, on Thursday, the 20th ult. There were present:—Bros. W. H. Norton W.M., Wm. B. Midgley S.W., Edwin S. Done J.W., John Wardle P.M. Sec., F. W. Maxwell S.D., H. B. Fawcett J.D., Jno. W. Thompson P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treas., Edward Hilton P.M., Robt. J. Bennett P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), R. Hothersall P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., J. E. Lightbown, Ald. Geo. T. Stanley.

After the confirmation of minutes, Bro. J. E. Lightbown, who had qualified himself for the degree of M.M., was raised by the Worshipful Master, with the assistance of Bros. Midgley S.W. and Done J.W., the former rendering the Traditional History, and the latter presenting and explaining the working tools. We have so often reverted to the work of these Officers, that a repetition would be merely inutile; it will therefore be sufficient to say that it was performed with the extreme care which their efforts always display.

The election of Officers followed, Bro. Midgley being unanimously voted to the position of W.M.-elect. Bro. Thompson was chosen as Treasurer; Brothers Fawcett and Thompson as Auditors.

The usual festive board followed, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

That of the newly-raised Brother was proposed by Bro. Thompson, who spoke of the candidates in terms of eulogy.

Bro. Lightbown, in reply, said it was almost difficult to realise the importance of so exceedingly impressive a ceremony. He never thought the Brotherhood meant so much, and he imagined that to live up to the Masonic requirements it wanted ability, perseverance, and a thorough love for what was good. Personally he must admit that his conception of worthiness was elevated and enhanced by what he had seen that night. He had also been very much struck by the intelligent interpretation of the various admonitions or lectures given by the Officers of the Lodge, and he was certain that, as rendered by them, they could be understood by all the Brethren. In conclusion he hoped that he should merit their further esteem and confidence as a Mason.

Bro. Hothersall proposed the health of the W.M.-elect, saying that his appointment to the position met with the approbation of all the Brethren. Since his first entry into the Lodge, Brother Midgley had taken great interest in promoting its success, and after years of assiduous work he was about to enter upon the highest position which the Lodge could confer upon him, a position which he would certainly occupy with credit to himself and advantage to the Lodge. He believed that he would be actuated by the same principles which had always guided his actions.

Bro. Midgley, in reply, said it had been particularly gratifying to hear Bro. Hothersall speak in such terms of commendation; whatever part he had taken in Lodge matters had been done with the best spirit. In selecting him as the forthcoming W.M. he was not unmindful of the fact that he was following in the footsteps of many eminent Masters, and it would perhaps be difficult for him to arrive altogether at their standard of excellence. He would however copy them and do his best. Of all the Lodges he had visited, and these were not few, there was not one which he would choose to be Master of in preference to his own. Everything was pleasant in their midst,—they all pulled one way, and the term "Concord" was a suitable one both as regarded the name of the Lodge, and the spirit of friendliness by which its members were governed.

Other toasts followed. Bros. Wardle, Fawcett, Bennett, Norton, Lightbown, and Roberts added to the evening's enjoyment by songs, recitations, &c.

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BRADSTOW LODGE, No. 2448.

WHEN we wrote last week in regard to the desire which exists in many quarters for strict uniformity in the ritual and ceremonies of the Craft there was one feature we omitted to mention, although it is fully deserving of consideration—the desire that seems to be universal among members of our Lodges to excel in their work, and make their meetings more effective than others around them. There is certainly a considerable amount of uniformity in this direction, and it proves itself of great advantage to the Craft, by the improvement it induces in our midst, and the general progress that may be said to result from the principle of friendly rivalry which accompanies it. We need not confine our observations to either London or Provincial Lodges if we desire to find prominent examples of this feature—the same spirit seems to pervade both sections alike, but of course there are very many degrees of it to be met with, and very many different effects arise from its practice, although one must readily admit that the one great result is that Freemasonry is benefitted, by reason of its lessons being better taught and thereby made more impressive.

Such considerations as this strike us when we look back upon the annual meeting of the Bradstow Lodge, which took place on Wednesday of last week, at the Masonic Temple, Alexandra Road, Broadstairs, and which was certainly one of the most successful meetings any Brethren could have desired, especially taking into account the comparatively tender age of the Lodge, which is now in its third year. In the first place the Lodge has the advantages of a Masonic Temple for its meetings, and a reference to the

Balance Sheet of the year affords evidence that the members are working to clear off what we imagine is responsibility under that head. This is a most laudable desire on their part, and we hope the day is not far distant when they will be able to point to the Hall in which they meet as their own property, free from any liability. Beyond this advantage the Lodge has enjoyed an equal one during the past year in having had a thoroughly good Master to preside over its destinies, while there is every prospect that his successor who was installed last week will follow in the same way, and add to the good reputation the Lodge already enjoys. The desire to press onward to better things is strong among the members, and in such a case progress is almost assured.

The proceedings of the Annual meeting commenced with the usual formalities, under the presidency of Bro. E. H. White W.M., who was supported by Bros. Geo. Blackburn I.P.M., Julian Horrell S.W., A. G. Harvey J.W., Rev. R. A. Fawssett Chap., A. H. Hale P.M. Treas., J. T. May P.M. Sec., G. J. Hamilton S.D., Walter Cowell J.D., Alfred H. Hardy D.C., D. W. Lott Org., N. F. Merri-man and F. Brightman Stewards, Thos. Martin Tyler, T. P. Swaine, Robert Barlow, Thos. Lawrence, R. Thurlow Baker, R. Morley P.P.G.A.D.C., T. Holbourn, Henry Biddle, W. H. White, H. S. West, F. T. Humphreys, George Hiller P.M., Henry R. Willats, Wm. Nation, W. F. Whiting, W. T. Dunn, J. J. Roach, A. T. Holt, W. Latchford, &c., while among the Visitors were: Bros. G. Goodbourn I.P.M. 429, C. J. Elliott W.M. 429, G. J. Baldwin S.W. 1209, W. F. Gadd A.D.C. 1209, John Moore S.W. 127, W. J. Clarke P.M. 133, A. W. Southwell W.M. 1915, George Lawrence 127, C. F. J. Briggs 429, S. Davies 172, Harold Woodward 127, E. Stuart Turner 860, Fredk. Stanley P.M. Sec. 127, T. Jephcott, Steward 127, E. Crosier W.M. 127, H. Lyon 150, J. Hosking I.P.M. 127, Chas. W. Hudson P.P.G.W. Sussex, Walter Searles 127, Geo. Chapman W.M. 1209, C. Warren 1209, Holyer 127, A. R. Smith W.M. 44 (I.C.), &c.

Having confirmed the Minutes and passed the accounts of the year, Bro. H. Lyon, of the Perfect Unanimity Lodge, No. 150, Madras, was regularly accepted as a Joining Member.

The Installation of Bro. Arthur George Harvey, the J.W. of the past year, was next proceeded with, Bro. E. H. White, the outgoing Master, performing the ceremony without a hitch, and giving the different addresses in excellent style. The new Officers were invested, a Charity Representative and an Almoner elected, and the work of the day was brought to a conclusion, the Brethren afterwards adjourning to the Jubilee Schoolroom for the annual banquet, which was served by Mr. A. T. Lord in good style.

Bro. White was presented with a Past Master's jewel by the W.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, and in making the presentation the Master referred to the strenuous efforts Brother White had made to promote the interests of the Lodge and of the Craft in general. In evidence that those efforts were not entirely unappreciated he might mention that the jewel had been subscribed for by the members, without interfering with Lodge funds. Bro. White made a suitable response.

Mr. H. B. Langham, Architect, of Broadstairs, was proposed as a candidate for Initiation.

The toast list was opened with the usual sentiment of the Queen and the Craft, the Master saying it must be a source of gratification to Her Majesty to know that so many Freemasons in all parts of the Empire—the most loyal among her subjects—were continually honouring the mention of her name and pledging the toast in honour of the Queen.

This was followed by the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, also well received.

The Senior Warden submitted the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. As a young Mason he did not feel qualified to offer many remarks on this subject, but the Brethren included in the toast were so well known as to render any laudatory comment unnecessary.

The toasts of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy, and the other Prov. G. Officers was given from the chair.

Bro. Blackburn, the first Master of the Lodge, responding as one of the latter, referred to the presence of the Provincial Grand Master two years previously at the consecration of the Lodge, and expressed the regret of all that he was not among them that day to see the progress that had been made. The interest Earl Amherst took in the affairs of his Province was matter of general knowledge, and he seized the opportunity of proving that interest by attending their meetings as often as possible. Bro. Blackburn then spoke of the consecration shortly to take place of the Shirley Woolmer Lodge, No. 2530, which, as would be seen, bore a number nearly one hundred in advance of their own, although it was but two years since they had been established. This large increase gave evidence of the progress of Freemasonry in general, while the fact that it would also belong to the Province of Kent was proof that the Order was flourishing in their immediate district. But apart from these features the new Lodge he referred to interested them on account of the association of their Rev. Bro. Chaplain with its first Master, the sponsor of the Lodge, Bro. Shirley Woolmer, who was nearly related to Brother Fawssett. He concluded with expressions of regret that Bro. Eastes Deputy of the Province and other members of the Prov. Grand Lodge had not been able to attend the meeting that day.

Bro. I.P.M. White submitted the toast of the W.M., who had been installed that day amid the good wishes of the members of the Lodge, all of whom hoped—as he was sure would be the case—that Bro. Harvey would carry out the work of the Lodge to their satisfaction. Of one thing they could be sure Bro. Harvey would do all that lay in his power to advance the Lodge, add to its reputation and promote the comfort of the members. Their Lodge was essentially a progressive one, an evidence of which was to be found that day in the introduction of music with their ceremonies for the first time, and no doubt Bro. Harvey would find some opportunity of making further progress during his term of office. It behoved them, as good Masons, to give him a hearty reception and their loyal support.

The W.M. tendered his thanks. He did not intend to reply at any length, but hoped to prove himself a good and faithful Master, one who would merit all the kind things that had been said in his favour.

The Secretary (Bro. P.M. May) proposed the toast of the Visitors, offering them a hearty welcome.

Bro. Hudson was the first to reply, and tendered the heartiest thanks on his own and the other guests's behalf. He wished to say that of all the ceremonies he had been present at he never recollected seeing the work carried out more smoothly and satisfactorily, and he was quite sure the other Visitors would agree with his opinion on that point. Bro. Hudson referred to his candidature for the Grand Treasurership, and spoke of the staunch support he received from Kent—solid Kent—on that occasion. He felt very proud that so many votes were polled on his behalf, as it must be borne in mind that every Brother who voted for him had to attend personally, and could only do so at considerable expense and inconvenience, as the whole of his support was derived from the Provinces. He thought this was a condition of affairs that should be altered, and that in future it should not be necessary to attend personally for such a purpose as recording one's vote in the election of a Grand Treasurer, as it placed a Provincial candidate in a very unfavourable position, compared with one who drew his support wholly or mainly from London. He hoped to see some alteration made in the near future, so as to render proxy voting permissible in such matters.

Bros. Crosier W.M. 127, Elliott W.M. 429 and Chapman W.M. 1209 also responded.

The next toast was that of the Installing Master and the P.Ms, proposed by Bro. Fawssett Chaplain. He said Bro. White might not have been universally popular, and probably did not so much aim at that as he did at thoroughness in the work of the Lodge. In other words he had not sacrificed duty to a desire to win mere applause, and his success had been all the more marked as a consequence. Our Reverend Brother gave a most amusing account of the severe discipline he had been under at the hands of the late ruler of the Lodge, one of whose mottos appeared to have been "aut Caesar aut nullus," and it might be said there had been a great deal of "Caesar," with very little of the "nullus" during the year; indeed it might be that some of the members would have cause for congratulating themselves on the termination of the hard rule they had been under since Bro. White had been at their head, but however much this might be the case they could not overlook the zeal and assiduity their late chief had displayed. In concluding, Bro. Fawssett called attention to the fact that the toast was not exclusively Bro. White's, but included the Past Masters generally.

Bro. White replied. It was a great gratification to him that his work appeared to have been so much appreciated. He could truly say he had done his very best, since his elevation to the chair, to advance the welfare of the Lodge, and he thought from what had just been said he could give himself credit for having succeeded in those endeavours. He thanked them all very much for the cordial support they had given him and hoped it would be extended to those who came after him in the chair of the Lodge. He took a great interest in the Craft and felt he always should do so. As theirs was essentially a progressive Lodge it behoved others to also display personal interest in its welfare and endeavour to do something to urge it on to the goal they aimed at. His views of Freemasonry were fully expressed in the following lines which had recently come under his notice, with the title "Freemasonry Triumphant"

"Like as a rock on whom the angry sea
Dashes and charges with vehement roar;
Repelling still in steadfast majesty—
Standing erect and noble as before.
So is our Art on whom its foes would frown;
It little recks the battle-cry of men
Who knowing not its lustre and renown
Can ne'er discern it with Masonic ken.
It bids defiance to the selfish weak—
Surviving all their paltry scoffs and sneers,
And casts its Light on darkened ones who seek
To find its Virtues known three thousand years,
Unblemished yet and soaring Heavenwards still
For on it smiles divine Great God's all perfect will!"

The toast of the Charities was heartily given, and was responded to by Bro. West, who alluded to the efforts that had been made to secure an annuity for the widow of a late Brother, and expressed his determination of never relaxing his efforts until the desired pension had been secured.

The Masonic Press was toasted, and in acknowledgment reference was made to some of the topics of the day in Freemasonry, and the part the Press should play in bringing them under the notice of members of the Order.

The Officers of the Lodge were toasted on the proposition of the W.M., who made a witty speech, in which he touched upon the varied occupations of those included in the toast. He felt he had a strong body of Officers, and that they would do their duty as zealously as those who had worked under his predecessors.

Several of the Officers responded, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

Before concluding our report of this most enjoyable meeting we must not omit to mention Bro. Thurlow Baker's unique ventriloquial entertainment, in which he introduced a song entitled "Brother Harvey" (the new W.M.), which was received with loud laughter, the many local and topical allusions to Broadstairs in general, and the Craft in particular, being much above the average of amateur efforts.

Other songs were given during the evening, the Artistes including Mr. Fred. Everill, Bros. G. H. Dawson, F. Stanley, Donald W. Lott, Miss Jennings, and Masters H. Harvey and H. E. White, the two latter being the sons of the W.M. and I.P.M.

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
59 Royal Naval F.M.H.
193 Confidence, Anderton's
957 Leigh, F.M.H.
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hot.
1922 Earl Lathom, Camberwell
2030 The Abbey, Westminster
2094 Elthorne and Middlesex,
Café Royal
2243 Argonauts, Putney
2484 South Middlesex Artillery,
Freemasons' Hall
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
40 Derwent, Hastings
61 Probity, Halifax
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Duckinfield,
Cheshire
104 St. John, Stockport
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
151 Albany, Newport, I.W.
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, South Shields
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
292 Sincerity, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
297 Witham, Lincoln
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
408 Three Graces, Haworth
411 Commercial, Nottingham
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Oldham
589 Druid Love and Liberality,
Redruth
613 Unity, Southport
632 Concord, Trowbridge
665 Montagu, Regis Lyme
721 Independence, Chester
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
893 Meridian, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
1112 Shirley, Shirley
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Lincoln
1350 Fermor Hesketh, Liverpool
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stamford and Warrington,
Stalybridge
1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1575 Clive, Market Drayton
1611 Ebracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656 Wolsey, Hampton Court
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-
Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Well-
ington
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Ardwick
2187 Adur, Henfield
2376 Carnarvon, Layland
2457 St. Annes, St. Annes-on-Sea

Tuesday.

- 167 St. John, Hampstead Heath
180 St. James's Union, F.M.H.
211 St. Michael, Albion
228 United Strength, Guildhall
Tavern
548 Wellington, Deptford
834 Ranelagh, Criterion
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St.
933 Doric, Anderton's
1196 Urban, Freemasons-hall
1269 Stanhope, Camberwell
1593 Royal Naval College, Green-
wich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons-hall
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion
1668 Samson, Café Royal

- 1891 St. Ambrose, St. James-hall
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons-hall
2427 Hampden, St. Pancras
80 St. John, Sunderland
93 Social, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Truro
160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford
184 United Benevolence, New
Brompton
241 Merchants, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
319 New Forest, Lymington
366 St. David, Milford
371 Perseverance, Maryport
473 Faithful, Birmingham
484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
494 Virtue and Honour, Axmin-
ster
495 Wakefield, Wakefield
496 Peace and Harmony, St.
Austell
567 Unity, Warwick
573 Perseverance, Halesowen
593 St. Ann, Alderney
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
624 Abbey, Burion-on-Trent
650 Star in the East, Harwich
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednes-
bury
723 Panmure, Aldershot
764 Harbour of Refuge, West
Hartlepool
789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
897 St. Helens of Loyalty, St.
Helens
903 Gosport, Gosport
967 Three Grand Principles,
Penryn
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
979 Four Cardinal Virtues,
Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Fur-
ness
1073 Greta, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1220 Solway, Ashtoria
1250 Gilbert Grevall, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Egremond
1402 Jordan, Torquay
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1528 Foit, Newquay
1545 Baildon, Baildon
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-
Hill
1782 Machen, Colehill
1837 Lullingstone, Wilmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2134 Wilberforce, Hull
2222 Frederick West, E. Molesey
2324 Herwick, Horwicks
2360 Victoria, Southport

Wednesday.

- Committee Royal Masonic Bene-
volent Institution, Free-
masons Hall, at 4
3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall
87 Vitruvian, Bridge House H.
147 Justice, Deptford
749 Belgrave, Anderton's
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
820 Lily Richmond, Richmond
1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tav.
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons-
hall
1266 St. John, Three Nuns Hot.
1558 St. Martin le Grand, Hol-
born Restaurant
1566 Upper Norwood, U. Norwood
1766 St. Leonard, Great E. Hot.
54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn
84 Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship,
Guernsey
86 Loyalty, Preston, Lanc.
146 Antiquity, Bolton
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality,
Bristol
204 Caledonian, Manchester
225 St. Luke, Ipswich
244 Yarbrough, Jersey
250 Minerva, Hull

- 258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
274 Tranquillity, Newchurch
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
320 Loyalty, Mottram
323 Concord, Stockport
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
380 Integrity, Morley
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
654 Peveril of the Peak, New-
Mills
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
666 Benevolence, Princetown
679 St. David, Aberdare
697 United, Colchester
730 Ellesmere, Chorley
731 Arboretum, Derby
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
851 Worthing of Friendship,
Worthing
854 Albert, Shaw
906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
1005 Zetland, Gloucester
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
1064 Borough, Burnley
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
1091 Erme, Ivybridge
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Workington
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-
Tyne
1783 Albert Edward, Hudders-
field
1798 Zion, Manchester
1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
1859 Lord Warkworth, Amble
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
1947 Stanford, Hove
2156 Arthur Sullivan, M'ches-ter
2283 Huston, St. Neots
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
2355 Chantry, Dore
2389 Avondale, Middleswich
2404 Lord C. Beresford, Chatham
2423 St. Mark, Connahs Quay
2483 Hadrian, Westham

Thursday.

- Quarterly Court, Girl School at 12
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons-hall
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
879 Southwark, Bridge H. Hot.
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1471 Islington, Highbury
1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey
1559 Skelmersdale, Ship and Tur.
1708 Plucknett, East Finchley
1791 Creaton, Freemasons-hall
1804 Coborn, Bow
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn
Restaurant
1917 Strand, Criterion
2047 Beckenham, Beckenham
2050 Hammersmith, Hammer-
smith
2397 Columbia, Criterion
97 Palatine, Sunderland
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
130 Royal Gloucester, South-
ampton
139 Britannia, Sheffield
191 St. John, Bury
208 Three Grand Principles,
Dewsbury
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelms-
ford
283 Amity, Haslingden
332 Virtue & Silence, Hasleigh
333 Royal Preston, Preston
337 Candour, Uppermill
344 Faith, Radcliffe
361 Industry, Hyde
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony and Industry,
Darwen

- 426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
437 Science, Wincanton
442 St. Peter, Peterborough
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 Friendship and Sincerity,
Shaftesbury
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
561 Zetland, Guisborough
586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
710 Pleiades, Tonnes
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
816 Royd, Littleborough
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lytham
1099 Huyshe, Stoke Damerel
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liver-
pool
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-
Hardy
1429 Albert Edward Princees, of
Wales Newport
1576 Dee, Park Gate, Cheshire
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waterfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Teignmouth
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton M.
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2285 Eden, Workington
2311 St. Alkmund, Whitechurch
2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild,
Waddesdon
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
2449 Duke of York, Manchester

Friday.

- Quarterly Court, Boys School at
12
36 Glamorgan, Working-at-
Cardiff
81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
318 True and Faithful, Helston
355 Royal Sussex Emulation,
Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
445 Fidelity, Towcester
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
460 Sutherland of Unity, New-
castle-under-Lyme
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
712 Lindsey, Louth
815 Blair, Hulme, Manchester
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-
the-Wold
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Harro-
gate
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buz-
zard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auck-
land
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1289 Rock, Birkenhead
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De La Pole, Hull
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-
Tyne
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1983 Martyn, Southwold

Saturday.

- 149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.
444 Union, Starcross
1146 De Moulham, Swanage