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## THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

WE think it will be readily conceded signs are not wanting to show that the rank and file of Freemasonry are no longer the meek and mild body they were formerly regarded by those who imagined the mere exercise of authority would ensure the most servile obedience on every side; and although we should be extremely sorry to hear of anything nearly approaching open revolt on the part of the masses in Freemasonry, it is very certain their power can be no longer ignored.

The most recent evidence of this is probably to be found in the reception accorded to Brother Eve on the appeal he made against the dictatorial interference of the General Committee of Grand Lodge, or, as he characterised it, the Acting Chairman of that Committee, in "declining to accept notice of a question to be put in Grand Lodge, and in holding a Notice of Motion for the same must be rejected as irregular." He took a very bold stand in connection with the question at issue, prosecuting his Appeal not so much on personal grounds as because he desired to uphold certain well defined principles—principles that really affect the whole future and welfare of the Craft, because seeking to place the status of certain of its members beyond question; and we may say that in this matter as in others where Bro. Eve has taken a prominent position the members of what is known as "Blue" Masonry owe him a debt of gratitude which they can best repay by attending in full force at future meetings of Grand Lodge, when the matters in which he is interesting himself come on for consideration.

There are doubtless some who will say we are wrong in including Brother Eve among the rank and file of Freemasonry, inasmuch as he holds the position of Past Treasurer of England, but it must be remembered that his is the one office of distinction in English Freemasonry that can be filled by the vote of the rank and file. In Brother Eve we have a splendid exemplification of the Mason who, while doing honour to the exalted position he has achieved, has not forsaken the friends of his former station—those to whom he was most indebted for his preferment. Bro. Eve is a Grand Officer in the fullest sense of the term, and is at the same time an outspoken, zealous advocate of the great body of English Freemasonry—those who have not received Grand honours, nor, for matter of that, have the least prospect of obtaining them.

Confining ourselves to the title of our present remarks we shall probably do right in ascribing to the office of Grand Treasurer all, or nearly all, the change that has taken place in recent years in regard

to the relative position of the two sections of English Freemasonry who are eligible for attendance at Grand Lodge—the rulers and the ruled, for it was in nominating, and subsequently carrying the election of a "commoner" as Grand Treasurer that those we may designate as the "advanced section" of the Craft first asserted themselves, and have since maintained their position, which position we may at once describe as by no means secure against attack; indeed, it will be lost to the wearers of the "Blue" unless they are alive to their own interests, and take steps, not for a few weeks only, but for all time, to uphold their rights.

It is a pleasing feature in Freemasonry that the minority in all cases bows to the dictum of the majority, and on that basis the Brethren bowed to the result of the election that placed the present Grand Treasurer in his position; but there are few who will argue that he would have secured the appointment had the rank and file of the Craft been true to itself, and voted solid for its own representative, in opposition to the nominee of those on the dais. True, the present holder of the Office was a "Blue" Mason in the fullest sense of the term, so much so, in fact, that he was not eligible to take the position in Grand Chapter that was his by right, simply because he had no seat in the ruling body of the Royal Arch, that Order which, by the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges in 1813, was declared and pronounced to be included as a part and parcel of the degree of Master. This point alone was, in the opinion of a large number, a disqualification for the Office, but there was no law to make it so, and the unusual course had to be adopted of having one Grand Treasurer for the Craft and another for the Royal Arch, an anomaly, by the way, that might be matter of regular procedure, in order to provide another honourable appointment to be competed for year by year by those who cannot hope for Grand honours in the ordinary course of events. It is, in fact, so bad a trait when it arose as the result of unusual circumstances that we approve of it if it can be made regular in its action; most inconsistent, it may well be said.

But the fact remains—the Grand Treasurership is the one honour to which the masses of Freemasonry can raise one of their number, but to do so the most rigorous unanimity is necessary, nay even compulsory. The last election showed how easily success can be turned into failure if anything like a split in the camp is to be allowed. On the one side was Brother Dimsdale with 1317 votes, the majority of which were polled by wearers of the Purple, or those personally influenced by that section; on the other Brothers

Stiles and Hudson, with 1768 between them—virtually the solid vote of the Blues. The rank and file of the Order won the fight, but were outwitted by superior tactics on the part of the opposition, and the same will occur year after year so long as the Blue section cannot agree as to one candidate being put forward for the solid support of its party.

Considered in this light we must view with some amount of alarm the prospects of the immediate future, when we may expect not two candidates only to divide between them the glories of the poll and secure defeat of the principle they should work for, but probably half a dozen candidates each working individually against each other, but uniting in securing for the nominee of the upper section the prize that by right belongs to those below it.

While the matter of the election of Grand Treasurer for 1895 is so much a question of the future as it is now the whole subject may be discussed in all its bearings without introducing personalities or reflecting on the electioneering tactics of either of the candidates; but it is none too early to point out the absurdity, even rashness, of the Blue section attempting to run more than one candidate in opposition to the solid front that may be looked for in connection with the nominee of the Grand Officers. Unless some arrangement can be arrived at between those who have been mentioned, or who may come forward to seek the suffrages of the Craft in connection with next year's Grand Treasurership, it is very certain the Office will not be secured by a Brother who is put forward as the champion of the rank and file of Grand Lodge.

In a recent report we recorded the remarks of Brother W. Hudson, one of the candidates for this year's Grand Treasurership, in which he protested against the system under which the election is conducted, and which calls for personal attendance on the part of all who desire to record their vote. Our views on this subject are known to our readers—we are of opinion that proxy voting should be allowable, or, at least, that some arrangement should be come to, for ascertaining the opinion of the Craft without calling for personal attendance, often at great trouble and no little expense to the voter. As touching on this point we may quote Bro. Hudson, who said that every vote recorded on his behalf at the last election for the Office entailed an expenditure on the part of the voters averaging upwards of a sovereign each, while in the case of a Mason drawing the whole or the bulk of his support from London Brethren the expenses need not average much, if anything, beyond a few pence per head.

Taking the matter in its entirety we must recognise that this annual election of a Grand Treasurer is not merely the selection of a Brother to fill a certain post, but also the exemplification of a principle of great moment to the Craft, or at least that section of it usually designed as "below the dais," and as such should be jealously guarded and preserved against violation. In conclusion we may again urge the absolute need for unanimity of action among the class we have referred to, if they have any desire to maintain the privilege they now enjoy in this direction, but as we surmised at the outset there are other matters springing from this question of electing a Treasurer, which call for consideration and attention from members

of Blue Masonry, who, if not actually radical in their demands, must at least see they are not crushed under the superabundant weight of vested rights and interests.

#### CONSECRATION: NOEL MONEY, No. 2521.

THIS Lodge was consecrated at the Oatlands Park Hotel, Weybridge, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., the ceremony of consecration being performed by Brother Colonel G. Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, assisted by Bros. Frederick West D.P.G.M., Flood P.G.S.W., Leaver P.G.J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G. Chap., H. J. Bidwell P.P.G.D.C., Chas. Greenwood Provincial Grand Secretary and C. T. Tyler P.P.G.S.D.

Bro. Noel Money was subsequently installed in the chair by Brother West, and the following Brethren were invested as first Officers of the Lodge: H. J. Bidwell acting I.P.M., F. Harper S.W., Richard J. Hunt J.W., Thos. Dix Treasurer, E. A. Brown Secretary, Frederick Thomas S.D., J. K. Hill J.D., J. Coleman D.C., A. H. Gale I.G., T. Disney Fisher Organist, H. Budd Steward, J. G. Mason Tyler.

After the business had been transacted the Brethren sat down to a dinner which did the greatest credit to Bro. Grace's catering abilities, in fact it was just such a banquet that might be expected from the management of the Oatlands Park Hotel.

The usual toasts were given and responded to.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother T. Disney Fisher, and amongst those who assisted were Brothers F. Harper, E. Squire, J. H. V. Littleboy, J. K. Hill, F. Thomas, A. Grace, E. A. Brown and C. Welch; a recitation also being given by Brother Bidwell.—"Surrey Herald."

The St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, Carmarthen, has arranged to give a concert in aid of the Carmarthenshire Infirmary, the date fixed being on or about 27th November.

#### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE death is announced of Bro. Henry Hamilton, of Falkland Lodge, Finchley, who was one of the Founders of the Plucknett Lodge, No. 1708, in 1877, and acted as its Treasurer from its foundation until February 1892, when he resigned the post, owing to failing health. He was presented on that occasion with an illuminated address in recognition of his services, and as mark of the estimation in which he was held by the members of the Lodge, the testimonial stating he had filled the office with credit to himself and to the great benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Hamilton leaves a widow, with three sons and four daughters.

LOCAL Freemasons, says the "Clapham Observer," will greatly miss the fine presence of Mr. Henry Murray, Mysore Road, Lavender Hill, whose untimely death took place on the 25th ult., from pleurisy. His disposition was generous, cheerful, and kind; and being in the very prime of life, forty-five, his decease came as a surprise to all who knew him.

WHILE performing his duties as Tyler at the Tralee Lodge, No. 62, Bro. Thomas Scannell became suddenly ill and died before he could be removed from the place of meeting. He had held the post of Tyler for a number of years.

THE Province of Northants and Hunts has sustained a great loss by the death of their Deputy Grand Master Bro. T. Butler-Wilkins, from pneumonia, at the age of sixty. Bro. Butler-Wilkins, who was a dentist by profession, was initiated in the Globe Lodge, No. 23, while studying in London, and on settling in Northampton devoted himself with enthusiasm to the service of the Craft. He also held high rank in Mark Masonry, being appointed Prov. Grand Master Overseer of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutland in 1887, and Grand Overseer of Mark Lodge in 1889.

## ENLARGEMENT OF THE HOLBORN RESTAURANT.

ONE of the most notable additions to the places of entertainment in London has just been completed by the Proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant, who have erected a new wing to that already extensive and popular establishment, and have thereby provided what is probably the finest and largest public dining hall in any part of the world.

The Proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant, as already mentioned in our columns, were frequently called upon to provide accommodation for larger parties than could be entertained at their establishment, notwithstanding its former large dimensions, and to meet this requirement they have added their Western Annexe—justly described as a palatial adjunct characterised by the same unostentatious and massive beauty which pervades the original structure. The principal portion of this recent addition is the "King's Hall," which is margined by two spacious Balconies, the lower one being slightly raised above the central floor, and communicating therewith on every side by a couple of grand antique marble steps. Here there is accommodation for upwards of 500 at a banquet on the main floor, while, with the additional space provided by the two Balconies, the King's Hall can comfortably seat 600 diners, and will no doubt attract a very large number of the more numerous attended banquets of the future.

But it is not only as a commodious Banquet room that the King's Hall will be patronised, as of course it will be equally suitable for cinderellas, balls, concerts, public meetings, or, indeed, anything requiring space and comfort.

Another part of the additional premises is designated the Council Chamber, and will be available for purposes similar to the King's Hall, but on a smaller scale, and may also be used as an auxiliary to the larger Hall when necessary. The other additions provide ample Crush Rooms and other conveniences, and are best described when we say that they are fully in keeping with the splendour of the older portions of this famous establishment.

The formal opening of the Annexe took place on Wednesday of last week, when the Proprietors issued invitations which were accepted by some 3,000 persons, all of whom were loud in their expressions of approval of the splendid accommodation just added, and which, it is fair to predict, will be as widely patronised and appreciated as it deserves to be.

## MANCHESTER MASONIC HALL.

DURING the recess the Masonic Hall has been installed with the electric light, and thoroughly beautified, its principal rooms at the present time being probably as handsome as any in the kingdom.

The electric lighting has been carried out entirely by the Collier-Marr Co. Limited, of Derby Street, Oxford Road, Manchester, who have installed about 100 incandescent lamps in the various rooms of the Hall. The installation is supplied with current from the Corporation mains, and is arranged on the multiple distribution system. The main cables are led from the Corporation metres to a distributing board fixed in a central and convenient position in the main landing, close to the bar. From this distributing board branch off separate mains to supply current to the various rooms, each branch circuit being independent, and protected by a safety fuse on both positive and negative wires.

We commence at the entrance, which, together with the stairs, is lighted by a handsome three-light electrolier, as is also the passage and landing on the floor above, each electrolier being under the control of a separate switch.

In the smoke room are fixed two three-light electroliers of similar design to the above, and each under the control of a separate switch fixed near the smoke room door.

The dining room is lighted by three five-light electroliers, fixed down the centre of the room, and six single light cord pendants, arranged in two rows of three each down either side of the room. The switchboard for the dining room is fixed near the serving room, so as to be under the immediate control of the waiters, and on it are arranged five tumbler switches with the requisite safety fuses. There is one switch to each of the five-light electroliers, and one switch to each of the side rows of single lights. With all lights on, and the tables set for dining, the effect is extremely brilliant.

The reading room is lighted by a five-light electrolier, of similar design, and arranged and controlled in a similar manner to those in the smoke room.

The Masonic room, which has been entirely re-decorated, was naturally of the greatest importance so far as the electric lighting was concerned, and after due consideration it was decided to erect two electroliers, of fifteen lights each, down the centre of the room, and six two-light brackets on the walls. These electroliers, which are of extremely handsome design, are suspended from two arched beams, each being under the control of a separate switch, and the brackets are arranged on two separate circuits, each controlled by a separate switch. The four switches are all mounted on one polished walnut switchboard, fixed near the door, so that the whole of the lights in the room are under the immediate control of the attendant. The room is extremely well lighted, and the atmosphere delightfully cool and refreshing, in great contrast to the state of affairs when gas was used, as then the room soon became most uncomfortably hot and close. But the greatest gain will be in regard to the decorations, which will remain clear and fresh for years.

The various smaller rooms, such as the bar, lavatory, ante-room, kitchen, &c., are all provided with electric light, mostly in the form of single cord pendants, or plain brackets, each light as before being separately controlled.

From an electrical point of view, no less than its commercial one, the whole installation has been most carefully designed and

carried out, the various circuits being effectually protected against any accident, and each independent of the other, whilst the whole of the lighting is entirely controlled from the main distributing board before mentioned. This latter, which consists of a handsome polished walnut case with glass front, contains, in addition to the distributing fuses, two double pole main switches, with quick break action, each mounted on an enamelled slate base, and which control the whole of the current required for the installation.

The installation has now been working about six weeks, and has given unqualified satisfaction both to the directors and members, who appear to be extremely well pleased with the excellent manner in which the Collier-Marr Company have carried out the work.

It would be interesting to know who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest living Lodge founder. In another column we report a meeting of the St. Margaret Lodge, No. 1452, at which the first Master of the Lodge was presented with his portrait on behalf of the members. This Lodge was established as recently, comparatively speaking, as 1873, so that there are doubtless many veterans who have a much longer record to refer to. Perhaps some of our readers can give us particulars of others.

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Since the above was written we have learnt that Bro. George Everett Past Grand Treasurer was one of the Founders of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, which was established in 1871, so that he has prior rank as a Founder, although he did not enjoy the distinction of being first Master of that Lodge, while from our report of the Unity Lodge, No. 1332, it will be seen its present Master has just been installed by a Founder thereof, thus carrying the point back to a Lodge of 1870.

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The 159th Anniversary of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, will take place on Thursday next, at the Cups Hotel, Colchester, when Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green S.W. I.P.M. 2477 Prov. G. Treas., &c., will be installed as Master, in succession to Bro. G. F. Wright.

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The Installation meeting of the Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614, will be held on Thursday next, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, the Principals-elect being Comps. Hancock, Hewett and Foan. The Agenda for the meeting contains the names of four candidates for exaltation.

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On Saturday the memorial stone of St. Stephen's Established Church, Craigie, Perth, was laid with Masonic honours by Bro. W. Whitelaw, M.P. for the city, R.W.M. of Lodge Royal Arch, No. 122, acting as Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East.

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A very successful gathering marked the installation meeting of the William Shurmur Lodge, which took place on Thursday, at Chingford, Bro. Richard Kershaw being installed. Our report will be given next week.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at Redruth, on Tuesday, when the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe took his seat as Provincial Grand Master. The proceedings were of an interesting nature and will be more fully referred to in our next issue.

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The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held on Wednesday, at Sheffield, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master. We shall give a report of the proceedings next week.

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The censure of the Grand Lodge of Scotland against the W.M. of the Zetland Lodge, Grangemouth, for having opened his Lodge on a Sunday, was formally delivered by the Prov. G.M. of Stirlingshire at the meeting of the Lodge last week.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## CHESHIRE.

THE Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter took place on Wednesday of last week, in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall, Macclesfield, his Worship the Mayor (Alderman Geo. Fountain) having kindly granted the use of his parlour for the reception of the Provincial Grand Officers.

The Chapter was presided over by the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, M.A., Grand Superintendent, and there was a numerous attendance of Companions from all parts of Cheshire.

After the business of the Province had been transacted, the Grand Superintendent invested the Officers for the year, which included the following:

Comp. T. Lockett	-	-	H.
Broadsmith	-	-	J.
R. Newhouse	-	-	S.E.
Capt. Cooper	-	-	S.N.
Rev. C. Atkinson	-	-	Principal Sojourner
Geo. Sykes	-	-	1st Assistant
Thos. Brough	-	-	2nd Assistant
J. F. May	-	-	Registrar
Geo. Ibeson	-	-	Treasurer
W. Napier	-	-	Sword Bearer
E. Barton	-	-	Standard Bearers
T. G. Sheldon	-	-	
J. Annett	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Dr. Fennell	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Thos. B. Barton	-	-	
Thos. H. Davies	-	-	
Martin Middleton	-	-	Organist.

At the conclusion of the business the Companions dined together at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, when an excellent repast was provided by Companion J. Crowther. The usual Arch and Loyal toasts were given and received.

## ROYAL KENT CHAPTER OF ANTIQUITY, No. 20.

THE Annual Installation took place in the Chapter Room at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, on Wednesday, 10th inst.

The Installation ceremony was performed by Comp. T. S. Warne P.G.S.E. of Kent, when Companions F. W. Collins, T. Clibbon, and W. T. Wiggins were Installed in the three Principals' chairs with the accustomed formalities.

After the Chapter business has been disposed of, the Companions held their annual banquet, presided over by the newly-installed Principals.

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## SOUTH SAXON CHAPTER, No. 311.

THE Annual Installation of Principals was held at the Freemasons Hall, Lewes, on Wednesday, 26th ult.

A past M.E.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. W. Wright, who had performed the duties appertaining to the office with his customary zeal and ability, and to the complete satisfaction of the members of the Chapter.

The Companions dined together at the Bear Hotel, in the evening, the banquet being excellently served by Mrs. Whitcomb.

Amongst the company present was Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph Grand Superintendent of Sussex.

The toast list was interspersed with vocal selections by Miss Edith Welling and Comp. S. L. Wright, the pinaforte accompaniments being played by Mr. Horace Jackson.

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## CHAPTER OF RECTITUDE, No. 581.

AT a regular meeting held on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, Manchester, the following Officers were elected, Principal J. T. Richardson P.Z. P.P.G.A.S., 2nd Jas. Hayes, 3rd G. H. Barnes, Treas. W. Rostron, Scribe E. Robert Rudman, N. A. B. Brown, Sojourners Comps. Lilley, Wilson and Adshead, Auditors Comps. Stokes and H. G. Walker.

At the festive board which followed, the usual toasts were submitted and accepted, the same being varied by songs, &c., given by various Companions.

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## CHAPTER OF TRUTH, No. 731.

THE Installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 17th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. A. Woodiwiss P.Z. P.P.G.J., Horne P.Z., Elphinstone P.Z., Walker P.Z. P.G.D.C., Beck, Gee, Butterworth.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed the M.E.Z.-elect, Comp. W. H. Wright was most ably Installed 1st Principal, and then Installed Comp. Webb as H., who in turn Installed Comp. Tawer as J., the ceremonies being impressively rendered.

The following Investitures were made: Companions J. H.

Richardson S.E., T. H. Harrison S.N., Jones P.S., Butterworth 1st Assistant, Sutherland 2nd Assistant, Gee Treas., Day Janitor. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comp. J. M. McLeod (Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), W. H. Marsden (Ex-Mayor of Derby) P.Z. P.P.G.J. P.G. Std. B. England, Naylor P.Z. P.P.G.T. P.G. Std. B. England, Wallis P.Z. P.G.T., and others.

A candidate for Exaltation at the next Chapter having been proposed, the M.E.Z., who is a Vice-President of the R.M.I. Boys, Life Governor of R.M.I.G. and R.M.B.I., announced his intention of again going up as Steward for the Boys.

The M.E.Z. received the hearty congratulations of the Visiting Companions and the Chapter was closed.

The Companions dined together, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

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## DERBY CHAPTER, No. 1055.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held at Prestwich, on Thursday, the 27th ult.

Companions E. P. Mead Z., S. F. Simons H., John Wardle J., Jno. W. Thompson P.P.G.D.C., Jno. W. Hallam, R. Hothersall P.Z. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Pollit P.Z., Edward Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors:—Comps. John Marshall P.Z. 61 H. 344 P.P.G.P.S. West Yorks., Joseph R. Ragdale P.Z. 344 P.G.P.S., James Blacka P.Z. 219 P.P.G.S., Buckley Carr P.Z. 993 P.G.D.C., Wm. Hy. Peak P.Z. 993, Wm. B. Midgley 325.

After the confirmation of minutes, and the presentation of the Treasurer's financial statement for the current year, the Installation of Principals and investiture of Officers took place, these functions being performed by Companion John Marshall in that finished way for which he is justly renowned, not only in the Province of East Lancashire but in adjoining ones.

The selected candidates who were Installed were Comps. S. F. Simons, John Wardle, and J. Pollitt P.Z.

The usual festive board followed, when Comp. Marshall took the opportunity of delivering an excellent address, mainly upon the history and objects of Royal Arch Masonry.

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## GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

AT a convocation held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. on Saturday last, the following Companions were Installed as Principals for the ensuing year: H. F. Bussey H. as M.E.Z., C. K. Moore J. as H., J. C. Manning S.E. as J. The ceremonies were admirably worked by Companion E. E. Peacock P.Z.

The new M.E.Z. having been duly saluted proceeded to invest his Officers: Comp. R. J. Alberty Treas., J. Hindell Scribe E., P. W. Husk Scribe N., L. F. Gowing Soj., F. W. Pattison 1st A. Soj., H. L. Bell 2nd A. Soj., H. Massey P.Z. D.C., T. G. Scott A.D.C., J. J. Fretwell Steward, J. Read Org., and J. Very Janitor.

The Audit Committee then examined the accounts of the Chapter, and the business being ended the Companions adjourned to dinner, after which a pleasant evening was spent.

A very handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Peacock for his services during the year.

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Lord Llangattock, the new Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales has, says a local contemporary, been closely associated with Freemasonry for thirty-five years. He was Initiated in the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, on the 5th April 1859, was Passed on the 25th October the same year, and Raised on the 9th November 1860. On 10th December 1861 he became Junior Warden, and on 3rd February 1863 Senior. Progressing rapidly, Bro. Rolls, as he was then known, passed on to the chair of K.S., being Installed as W.M. on 1st March 1864. He occupied that position until January 1866, and in August 1881 he was appointed Prov. G.J. Warden. The Squire of The Hendre was elevated to the peerage in 1892. He is the eldest son of Mr. John Etherington Welch Rolls, and was born in 1837. Being possessed of large and lucrative properties he has never lost an opportunity of assisting all good causes in the district in which he lives, and in other localities far outside. Indeed, he is an exemplary supporter of charitable institutions, and has built and kept up several schools in parishes adjoining The Hendre entirely at his own expense. He was educated at Eton and at Christ Church, Oxford, and married, in 1868, Georgiana Marcia, the youngest daughter of Sir Charles Maclean, Bart. He is a justice of the peace and deputy lieutenant for Monmouth, and a fellow of the Society of Antiquarians. He represented Monmouth in 1880-85, and has throughout taken an active interest in politics.

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The Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight was to be held at the Phoenix Lodge Rooms, 110 High Street, Portsmouth, yesterday, under the presidency of Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master.



### RUSHING CANDIDATES IN SCOTLAND.

**A**N item of business that excited considerable interest among the members was brought forward at the regular meeting of the St. Vincent Lodge (S.C.) on Wednesday of last week, says "The Trowel," in the "Glasgow Echo," being a motion by Bro. Capt. Walker, requesting Grand Committee to pass a rule recommending to the various Lodges the necessity of all candidates names being published in the notices issued by the Secretaries calling meetings, at least six days before such meetings.

This was practically the motion which was formerly proposed by Bro. R. Kennedy P.M. and lost, with this important difference, that the onus of deciding as to the propriety of the motion was thrown on Grand Committee, so it was not surprising when Bro. Kennedy rose to second it. There was some speaking from opponents of the motion, but no amendment was proposed, and the motion was agreed to.

We are very pleased this matter has advanced another stage towards what we hope will, ere long, be a satisfactory termination.

### CHURCH SERVICE.

**S**UNDAY, 30th ult., was the day set apart for holding thanksgiving services for the harvest at Saint Andrew's Church, Leytonstone. By kind permission of the Rev. W. Manning, the vicar, the afternoon service was specially for Freemasons. The three principal characters represented were:—Haggai, Comp. J. Wilson 2501; Joshua, Comp. Basil Stewart 554; Zerubbabel, Comp. George Graveley P.M. P.Z. P.P.G. Soj. Essex, &c. The distinctive bearings of the twelve tribes of Israel were carried by the Sojourners of the Royal Arch Chapter, the golden banner being borne by Bro. S. H. Parkhurst 1642. Brother H. French Bromhead 2501 read the lesson, which was Isaiah xl.

Bro. the Rev. H. T. Armfield, M.A., F.S.A., rector of Colne Engaine, rural dean of Halstead, and Past Prov. Grand Chaplain of Essex, delivered an oration on the principles of Freemasonry. He took for his text I. Corinthians xiii. 2, "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." He remarked that this was a thoroughly Masonic text. He did not know whether St. Paul himself was a Mason, but he was often disposed to think that he was. There was so much in his writings which a Mason would know how to recognise, but to which the rest of the world must be content to remain strangers. In that text they had the two great things on which Masonry was founded—mystery and charity. Mystery, indeed, had ever been the special province of Masonry. Sometimes it had been asked if it were possible for an infidel to be a Freemason. He would be an exceedingly uncomfortable one. Freemasonry was charged with a great message to an epoch of knowledge and inquiry like our own. It was popular to-day because it satisfied a want. It was in some degree a response to that vague feeling which existed equally in the heart of the prince and of the artisan, which told him that when he knew all that a man could get to know about his life here and about himself, there still remained a region of mystery which he could never hope on this side of the grave to explore, a mystery which indeed might be called a condition precedent on a religion which looked to a future life, and so bound him to God. They were met there in the sacred name of charity. It was not only as the world generally understood it, in the sense of giving money for this good object or that, but rather charity in the way of good feeling and forbearance. There was a debt of £380 on that elegant church, and he appealed for donations towards its liquidation. In conclusion, he gave to the non-Masonic congregation the following message from Freemasons: "If a man has the confidence of the divine wisdom, if, that is, he has knowledge of the mysteries, the knowledge of God and of life from the dead, and if beyond this he has the charity, then he has treasures which are inestimably precious for securing him a calm and tranquil

passage through this present life, and he has the best guarantee that ever mortal man had of his life in the world to come."

The amount obtained by the offertory was £50 10s. After paying expenses, it is estimated that about £10 will remain to be added to this sum from the subscriptions of the members of the committee. The duties of Hon. Secretary were performed by Bro. G. Graveley. Bro. C. J. R. Tijou P.A.G.P. Eng., and Bro. Edwin Daniel 2411 were the Directors of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire assembled at Totnes on Tuesday, the Prov. G. Superintendent Lord Ebrington being absent by reason of ill health.

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The Mundy Grove Lodge, No. 806 celebrated its Jubilee on Tuesday, when upwards of 200 Brethren assembled, among them being most of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

**Royal Aquarium.**—The entertainment here is still very interesting, and well worth the amount charged for admission. The Two Fitzroys (girls) are something wonderful on the Aerial Trapeze, while Mdle. Adelina Antonio with her backward double somersault from the roof is, if anything, rather too sensational. Among the many other entertainers Stebb and Trepp, the Viennese Grotesques perhaps come in for the largest amount of applause, but with so many talented artistes making a selection is a difficult task. An exhibition of a novel and interesting nature is announced, to be opened in November, under the direction of an honorary Committee comprising some of the leading artists of the day, when examples of English and French Masters will be exhibited. An illustrated catalogue is in preparation, under the able editorship of Mr. Edward Bella.

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THE popularity of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris promises to follow him in connection with this year's pantomime at Drury Lane Theatre, for which, it is said, £1000 worth of seats were sold last week—upwards of two months before the pantomime is to be produced.

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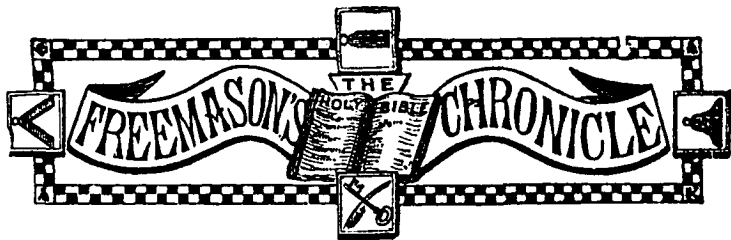
## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

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MRS. J. W. MANLEY

**DESIRES** to thank all the kind friends who assisted her in securing the success of her daughter Madeline, at the election of the above on Thursday last, 11th October.

Streatham, 12th October 1894.



SATURDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 1894.

## THE INSTITUTIONS, &c.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

**THE** exceptional pressure on our space last week precluded anything more than a passing reference to the good fortune of the Girls School in securing the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master of England as Chairman for the next Anniversary Festival of that Institution, to take place in May 1895. The Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe's advocacy on behalf of the oldest of our three Institutions cannot fail to be of advantage to that excellent Charity, as his position as one of the three heads of the English Craft has won for him the respect and esteem of the whole Brotherhood, a fact which alone should have a material effect on the result that will follow his appeal; but, in addition to this, His Lordship has a good special following at his back, in the Brethren of Cornwall, where he has ruled as Provincial Grand Master since 1872. On the whole, then, the prospects of the Girls School Festival of 1895 are particularly promising, and we hope the most sanguine anticipations may be realised.

A special entertainment will take place at the Girls School on Monday next, when Bro. Horace Banks has promised to give a lecture: "My tour through America," for the entertainment of the pupils. The Lecture will commence at 7 p.m., and will doubtless be warmly appreciated by the orphan daughters of the Craft cared for at the noble Institution at Battersea Rise. As usual on such occasions the House Committee has issued a few invites to friends of the Institution to meet the Lecturer and assist him in providing amusement for the children.

## WEST LANCASHIRE ALPASS FUND.

**THE** Annual Festival in connection with this Benevolent Institution, of which the Earl of Lathom is the president, was held on the 4th inst. at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport. At the banquet the chair was taken by Bro. Robert Wylie P.G.D. Deputy Prov. G.M. The company numbered over a hundred, and included a large attendance of ladies.

The loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. J. Dunfield proposed the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom and the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, present and past.

The toast was responded to by Bro. J. D. Murray and Bro. Dr. Crawford.

Bro. John Houlding proposed the health of the chairman, Bro. Robert Wylie, and warmly eulogised his services to Masonic charities.

The Chairman, in responding, said it had been a labour of love to him to engage in Masonic work, and when a man did that which he loved he enjoyed his own reward in the pleasure which he had in doing it.

The Chairman then submitted the toast of the evening.—The West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution. He observed that no charity that had been founded in the Province had succeeded so well in such a short time, and that there was a necessity for it was proved by the very fact of that success. He was

sorry to say their expenditure that year was over £170 in excess of their income. He trusted before the close of the evening, and before the year was out that their income would very much exceed their expenditure. He expected also to see that they had a large number of applicants for relief from their Institution. They had had many calls upon them during the past year and business was not very good in the Province of West Lancashire, but they were always willing to help when there was necessity, and no call had been made on the Province to support any charity that had not always been ably and fully responded to.

Bro. James Pittaway and Bro. E. Kite responded.

Other toasts followed, the proceedings being enlivened by songs given by a number of the Brethren.

### CHESHIRE BENEVOLENCE.

A SPECIAL Court of Governors of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution was held at Crewe, on the 17th inst., to consider the advisability of vesting the management of that Institution in the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire.

Lord Egerton of Tatton Provincial Grand Master presided. He said since the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution was first started the education of the country had entered upon a new phase, and practically every child now was entitled to be educated at the expense of the public. Before the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution was brought into existence that was not the case, and there was very great difficulty in getting an education for the sons and daughters of Masons who had not been able to make provision for their children. To a certain extent, of course, that want was still felt, and so far as it was felt they must endeavour to meet it, and to maintain and extend the advantages which they were able to give to the children of Masons who obtained assistance from that charity.

Bro. Salmon P.M. (Cheshire) moved, "That, in the opinion of this special court of governors of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, it is advisable that the management of the Institution be vested in the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire in lieu of the present general Committee, but so as in no wise to interfere with the rights and privileges of any patrons, vice-presidents, governors for life, or otherwise of either institution."

Bro. John Clayton P.M. seconded. A long discussion followed. Bro. Ellis moved an amendment against any amalgamation, and this was seconded. The motion was carried by 36 to 8. A Committee was formed to confer as to the means to be taken to carry out the motion.

### DEVON CHARITY FUND.

A MEETING of the Devon Masonic Educational and General Purposes Committee was held on the 12th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Bro. W. Powell presiding. It was announced that three applications had been received for the two vacancies on the fund which are to be filled at the election on Monday, the 29th inst. One of the petitions was received from Metham Lodge, Stonehouse, the second from Charity Lodge, Plymouth, and the third from Harmony Lodge, Budleigh Salterton. All these were stated to be deserving cases and worthy of support, and it was decided to place them on the list of candidates. In addition to these there are two candidates brought forward from the last election, making in all five for the two vacancies.

Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is desirous of securing a set of the Stewards' badges of the Annual Festivals, particularly those of his own Institution, and will be pleased to receive any old specimens from Brethren who may have them. We might also suggest a collection of the illuminated expressions of thanks voted year by year to the Stewards, as a pleasing memento of a long series of successes on behalf of the Charities of the Order.

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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### PROVINCIAL.

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#### UNITED INDUSTRIOUS LODGE, No. 31.

THE Installation of Bro. H. H. Mount S.W. took place on Thursday, 5th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury.

The ceremony was performed in a very efficient manner by Bro. J. Plant P.P.G.O., in the presence of a large attendance of members and visitors.

After the ceremony about sixty Brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet at the Royal Fountain Hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and the enjoyment of the proceedings greatly enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bros. Plant, Dewhurst, Pearson, and Halward.

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#### UNITY LODGE, No. 71.

THE Installation of Bro. F. Spashett as W.M. took place at the Public Hall, Lowestoft, on Thursday, 11th inst., in the presence of a large gathering of Brethren. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. T. Hodgson P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer.

The Installation banquet was served in the large hall of the Suffolk Hotel, which was exquisitely decked and brilliantly lighted for the occasion, Bro. F. S. Smith (the host) having spared no pains to make everything worthy of the event. A feature of the decorations was a magnificent floral group in front of the W.M.'s chair, the slope of a veritable bank of flowers being formed of the Masonic emblem, worked in dahlias on a bed of greenery. The menu was an elaborate one, the cuisine was excellent, and the serving all that could be desired.

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#### LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE usual monthly meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro Thomas Nettleingham, when Bros. G. R. Ceiley, Hy. Austen, and Dr. H. T. Sells were raised to the sublime degree.

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#### TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

ON Tuesday, 25th ult., the anniversary of this Lodge, which is the oldest in the Province of Derbyshire, was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Derby, when there was a representative gathering of Members and Visitors.

Bro. H. Litherland was Installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by his immediate predecessor in the chair, Bro. E. McInnes. The newly appointed W.M. afterwards invested his Officers.

At the close of the business the annual banquet was served in the lower hall.

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#### LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

THE Installation meeting was held on Monday, 8th inst., at the Forester's Hall, Brightlingsea, a special dispensation having been granted for the purpose by the Provincial Grand Master, the regular Lodge Room not affording sufficient accommodation. Unfortunately, owing to the day of meeting falling so early in the month, several of the members are still at sea, but there was a good attendance, including many Visitors.

The principal business of the meeting was the Installation of Bro. Robert Pitt as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony attendant on which was ably performed by Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green Prov. G. Treas.

At the close of the ceremony a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Brother Egerton-Green, for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of Installation, which that Brother suitably acknowledged.

Bro. R. D. Poppleton was unanimously re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and much regret expressed that he was unable to be present at this meeting, owing to indisposition.

Between forty and fifty Brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel, a capital dinner being as usual provided by the Host (Bro. Harmer). The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and several Brethren contributed to the evening's enjoyment, some recitations by a visitor (Brother J. Wilson) being especially appreciated.

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#### PORTLAND LODGE, No. 637.

ON Thursday, 4th inst., the Annual Installation took place at the Lodge Room at the Stoke Town Hall.

Bro. R. Williams was the outgoing W.M., and Bro. T. F. Yoxall was installed as his successor.

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#### STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE Anniversary meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, on Tuesday, 9th inst., when Brother W. Ellis was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Lodge Room was effectively decorated for the occasion by

Bro. Smith (Tyler). The ceremony of Installation was impressively performed by Bro. A. J. H. Ward P.P.G. Reg. P.M.

The Installation banquet followed.

The Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Ward, and, remarking upon the impressive way in which he had performed the ceremony, said that it reflected honour upon himself and credit upon the Lodge. Bro. Ward was always ready to assist Freemasonry in every way.

Brother Ward having briefly acknowledged the compliment, submitted the toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master Brother Warren Ellis, who, he said, was a man who would occupy that chair with great advantage to the Lodge. He had gone up step by step through the different Offices, and he had no doubt that the way in which he had conducted himself in the past in the Lodge was an augury that in the future he would perform the work in as able a manner as his predecessors in the chair, and that at the conclusion of his year of office he would be able to look back upon it as having flourished and achieved the success which had hitherto distinguished it.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, assured the Brethren that he fully appreciated the high position in which he had been placed that night—the highest position a Lodge could confer upon a Brother. He would not make any rash promises, but simply express his determination to do his best during his year of office. He had Freemasonry always at heart, and that Lodge in particular, and when the time arrived for him to vacate the chair he hoped to be able to hand the gavel to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received it. Other toasts followed.

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#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 761.

ON Thursday, 11th inst., the annual Installation Festival took place at Dursley. The Victoria Hall having been previously engaged, by the kindness of Bro. Captain Wenden the Volunteers' drill room was placed at the disposal of the Lodge for the ceremony, and it lent itself admirably for the purpose, the Masonic furniture and other decorations quite transforming its appearance.

Bro. Henry Blandford P.M. P.P.G.P. was the outgoing W.M., and he has the satisfaction of knowing that the past year has been very successful for the Lodge. Bro. T. Viney was his successor, and an unusually large number of Brethren were present when Bro. H. J. Francillon P.M. P.P.G.R. Installed him as Master.

Bro. Blandford was unfortunately prevented from being present through the illness of his relative and Bro. Wenden was also unavoidably absent.

Bro. Forty P.G. Organist, Cheltenham, specially attended to "open" the new organ which has just been procured for the Lodge, and it added much to the impressiveness of the business.

After the ceremony, the Brethren adjourned to the Old Bell Hotel, where Bro. Ayliffe provided the usual banquet, which was served in an admirable manner.

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#### DERWENT LODGE, No. 884.

THE Annual Festival was held on Monday, 8th inst., at Wirksworth, when there was a good gathering of members and Visitors.

Bro. John Harston was Installed W.M., in the Town Hall, by Bro. Hy. George P.P.S.G.W. (Notts.), the I.P.M. being Bro. John Simpson.

After the business the company adjourned to the George Hotel, where a banquet took place.

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#### MARMION LODGE, No. 1060.

THE Installation of Bro. John Hunt Dewes as Worshipful Master took place on the 10th inst., at Tamworth.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Castle Hotel, when about fifty Brethren sat down, Visitors being present from Birmingham, Burton and Lichfield.

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#### UNITED BROTHERS LODGE, No. 1069.

THE Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Officers of P.G. Lodge attended the meeting of this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth, on Monday, 8th inst., the occasion being the last Lodge meeting in the year of office of Bro. J. D. Morant. The D.P.G.M. (Brother Le Feuvre) was unavoidably absent.

The Lodge ceremonies were ably conducted by Bro. Morant. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. James W. Gieve S.W.

Upwards of eighty Brethren were entertained at the banquet, which was excellently served in the Lodge dining hall by Messrs. Hill and Co. High Street.

The W.M. submitted the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, which was enthusiastically received.

In reply, the P.G.M. thanked the Lodge for the hearty reception accorded to himself and his Officers. He eulogised the work of the Lodge, and congratulated Bro. Morant on the skill and efficiency with which he had carried out his duties. He also paid a compliment to the Lodge on its prosperous condition.

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#### FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY LODGE, No. 1271.

ON the 1st inst., Bro. J. Stansfield Brun, of the Mumbles, late of Bradford-on-Avon, was installed W.M. by Bro. Sparks P.G.S. of Wilts., assisted by Bro. Bryant.

There was a large attendance of Visiting Brethren from Somerset Lodges. Dinner followed at the Old Bear.

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#### UNITY LODGE, No. 1332.

IN the Masonic Hall, Crediton, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., Bro. Ben C. Cleave was Installed as Worshipful Master, in the presence of a large gathering, numbering 41 Brethren. The duties of Installing Master were again most ably discharged by Bro. Samuel Jones P.M. 112 P.P.J.G.W., who was founder of the Lodge.

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#### ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 5th inst., Bro. Jas. Morrison jun. W.M.

The principal business of the evening was the election of Officers and the Initiation of Mr. William John Bull, Accountant, Manchester, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., he being assisted by Bros. Pickford and Rawle, the latter presenting and explaining the Working tools, and the former delivering the Ancient Charge.

The Officers elected were as follow: Bros. Alfred Pickford S.W. W.M., W. D. Fryer P.M. Treasurer, Henry Nall P.M. Secretary.

At the festive board which followed, Bro. Rushton proposed the health of the Initiate, to which Bro. Bull replied in very happy terms.

The proceedings were enlivened with songs, recitations, etc., given by Bros. Nall, Rushton, Beever, and Roberts.

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#### ST. MARGARET LODGE, No. 1452.

ON Monday, 1st inst., a capital portrait, handsomely framed, of Major Allez P.M. P.P.S.G.W. was presented to this Lodge by the Brethren. At the same time a superbly illuminated address on vellum, in the form of an album, prefixed by a portrait, was presented to Major Allez himself. The date was aptly chosen, for it was the 86th birthday of the member whom the Brethren had met to honour as their first Worshipful Master.

Bro. J. W. Brooke the W.M. was in the chair, and there was a good muster of Brethren present, including many from the sister Lodge, Unity.

Bro. Dr. F. W. Clark asked the Worshipful Master to accept the portrait on behalf of the Lodge, and to place it on the walls; and also to present Bro. Allez with the album containing a replica of the portrait and an address signed by all the members, as a token of their great esteem and admiration for his distinguished services and lifelong devotion to the cause of Freemasonry, for he had been a member of the Craft for sixty-six years. In Major Allez they had a fitting illustration of that perfect ashlar which, smooth and perfect, represented the mind of that man in the decline of years who had exhibited the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry, of which charity was the chief. They all hoped that Major Allez would yet be spared for many years, and the picture would serve to remind those of after generations of a bright example in Masonry.

The W.M. then made the presentation, with the heartiest congratulations to their honoured guest. The inscription in the album was as follows, and to it was appended the autographs of all the members:—

Lodge St. Margaret, No. 1452.

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"The Father of the Lodge,"

with a life-sized coloured permanent portrait to hang in the Lodge Room, on the occasion of his eighty-sixth birthday, and as a small token of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by all the

Brethren of this Lodge.

1st October 1894.

Major Allez had some difficulty in replying to the warm tokens of esteem which were manifested by the whole Lodge, but he found words at length to make an excellent speech. He said:—I thank you very much for the great compliment, indeed I may say the great honour, you have been pleased to confer upon me by placing my portrait on the walls of the Lodge, for whatever the duties which may devolve upon us we are amply repaid when those duties have been appreciated and approved of by those who are supposed to be the best qualified to testify to their merits or demerits. I assure you, Brethren, that it grieves me much that owing to age and physical ailments I am prevented from being more frequently amongst you. I have during a long life devoted much time in studying the principles of this greatest, most ancient, and most unselfish of all charitable institutions, founded as it is on Brotherly Love, charity, and truth—an institution that has comforted the afflicted, dried the tears of the widows and orphans, and is the parent of many an institution for benevolent purposes. Brethren, it is to me a source of—I trust pardonable—pride that I have my name inserted in your charter as the first W.M. of your Lodge; and it is with the greatest pleasure that I can affirm that my successors in the chair, down to the present W.M., have discharged with great ability, zeal, and Brotherly feeling the onerous and responsible duties attached to so ancient, so honourable, and eminent a position. It is now sixty-six years since I first joined the Craft at Halifax, Nova Scotia, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and I joined the Grand Lodge of England at Halesworth, as a member of Lodge Prudence in 1846. The gallant Major concluded by wishing the Brethren all happiness here and hereafter.



The company afterwards sat down to supper at the Royal Hotel, where Lodge St. Margaret is now held, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. The health of Major Allez was proposed, and both the W.M. and Bro. Dr. H. B. Walker bore testimony to his worth. In the course of the evening also Bro. W. J. Roberts, the Secretary of the Lodge, was congratulated on the Provincial rank he recently received.

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#### LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

THE regular meeting was held at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, High Street, Manchester, on Saturday, the 6th inst., Bro. Hamlet Low Burgess W.M.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Sandiford and Oswald Whittaker were passed by the W.M. This over, Bro. Bretherton was raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Robert Caldwell P.M. P.P.G. Swd. B., in the efficient manner which is characteristic of his working. Brother Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. delivered the Traditional History in a way which left nothing to be desired.

At the festive board which succeeded, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, a pleasant evening being spent. Besides those already mentioned there were present: Bros. E. Shepherd S.W., W. H. Worsley J.W., Thomas H. Hall P.M. Sec., Cooper S.D., Hirsch J.D., A. B. Taylor I.G., Needle P.M., Davies, Parkin, Hogg, Dean, Wolfgang, Hellewell. Visitors: Bros. Geo. T. Lenard 1077, Walter Taylor 581, Travis W.M. 1387, Hampton P.M. 1011, and others.

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#### LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1505.

BRO. EDWIN EASTWOOD was installed in the chair of this Lodge, on Monday, 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, by Bro. Francis Simpson W.M.

Bro. Casey served the banquet in his usual satisfactory manner, and the evening was further enlivened by the following musical Brethren: Bros. Eaton Batty, J. T. Jones, W. Sweetman, and Bro. Harris Organist.

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#### BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

THE Annual meeting took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 4th inst., when Brother E. Molyneux Ffennell was installed W.M.

Among the Visitors was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C. Past Grand Steward.

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#### ST. THOMAS LODGE, No. 1914.

THE Annual Installation was held at the Hare Castle Hotel, Kidsgrove, last week, when Bro. John Copeland was installed by Bro. Storey, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Hancock I.P.M.

After business a banquet was partaken of, when the usual toasts were honoured, interspersed with music and song.

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#### WHITWELL LODGE, No. 2104.

THE members held their Annual Festival in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, on Tuesday, 9th inst., when Bro. D. McNaughton S.W. was Installed in the chair of K.S. by Brother J. Burn P.M. P.P.G.S. of W.

Subsequently the Brethren dined together with their wives and lady friends, a feature of this Lodge being that ladies attend the dinners and after proceedings of its festivals.

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#### EGERTON LODGE, No. 2132.

ON Thursday, 11th inst., the members of this Lodge, which was consecrated eight years ago at Egremont, met in strong force at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, when Bro. W. H. Robinson installed Bro. S. King S.W. as Master for the year.

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#### SMYTH LODGE, No. 2284.

AT a meeting, on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Grimsby, the Mayor (Bro. Alderman George Doughty) was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. His Worship's Installation will take place on 14th Novmber.

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#### BISLEY LODGE, No. 2317.

THE Annual Installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 4th inst.

Amongst the large company present were Brothers Col. G. N. Money, C.B., Prov. G.M., Alderman Sir J. C. Dimsdale G. Treas., R. Eve P.G. Treas., R. F. Gould P.G.D., many Prov. G. Officers and others.

Preliminary business having been disposed of Bro. C. F. Passmore Installed Brother James Webb as Master, in an impressive manner, and the Officers were appointed.

The W.M. presented Brother Passmore with a handsome gold jewel in recognition of his services during the past year.

After the Lodge business a banquet was held, which was followed by the usual toasts. The health of the new Master was enthusiastically received, and Brother Webb made an appropriate speech in reply. An excellent selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. Passmore, Mus. Doc.

#### CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THIS Lodge met at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 1st inst., Bro. D. P. Schloss W.M.

The minutes of the regular meeting held 4th June, and the emergency meeting of 2nd July, having been read and confirmed, Bro. Major W. Compton Hall was questioned as to his proficiency and afterwards Raised by Brother Major Joseph W. Allison P.M. P.P.G. Treas., he being assisted by Bros. Col. H. L. Rocca P.M. P.P.G.D., and Capt. Fred Pratt S.W., the latter presenting the working tools, and the gallant Colonel delivering the ancient charge and explaining the third tracing board.

The election of Worshipful Master to succeed Bro. Schloss then took place, the choice falling unanimously upon Bro. Capt. Pratt S.W. Bro. Col. J. H. Clark, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.D. was re-elected Treasurer, while Bros. Major Allison and Capt. J. Andrew P.M. P.P.G.D.C. were appointed Auditors.

The Installation ceremony will take place on Monday, 3rd December.

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#### BARRY LODGE, No. 2357.

THERE was a large and distinguished gathering at the Royal Hotel, Cadoston, on the occasion of the Annual Installation, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. W. Lloyd Edwards was placed in the chair.

Brother T. Higman the retiring Master was presented with a handsome jewel on behalf of the members of the Lodge.

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#### LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THIS Lodge having completed its first year of existence, held its second Installation at the Club House, Birch Lane, Longsight, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst.

Bro. Councillor Thomas Uttley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. (West Yorks.) W.M. took the principal chair as Installing Master at an early hour, and the Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees. Bro. Richard Barlow P.M. presented Bro. Henry Grimshaw S.W. W.M.-elect, and Bro. John Chadwick P.G.S.W.B. Prov. G.Sec. read for his acquiescence the Ancient Charges. The working tools of the various degrees were presented and explained by Bro. F. W. Lean P.M. P.P.S.G.D., while Bro. F. G. Berry P.M. Treas. gave the addresses. Bro. Councillor John Phythian P.M. P.P.D.G.D.C. (Cheshire) invested the Officers as follows, viz., W. Gadd S.W., Alderman Lloyd Higginbottom, J.P., J.W., R. Barlow P.M. Chap., F. G. Berry P.M. Treas., F. W. Lean P.M. D.C., T. Jones Org., Hy. Sheard S.D., W. H. Wilson J.D., C. S. Cotton I.G., Hy. Wood S.S. Bro. Phythian retains his position as Secretary to the Lodge.

During the ceremony, Bro. Jas. Robinson I.P.M. Strangeways Lodge, No. 1219, gave a very effective rendering of the solo from St. Paul, "Be thou faithful unto death." Before the proceedings ended a vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Gadd for his presentation to the Lodge of a handsome cushion.

Arrangements had been made for the dinner to take place at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, and the Brethren accordingly made the best of their way to that establishment. Following dinner was the usual festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted. In answer to that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Chadwick said he was obliged to leave for the purpose of catching an early train, and his remarks must necessarily be limited. He willingly added his testimony to the very high opinion entertained of the Earl of Lathom, who was that day installing in Westmoreland. With regard to the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, he had had the pleasure of witnessing his work, and could assert that it was of the most creditable description. He noticed that the toast of the Grand Officers was always given and responded to with the greatest heartiness, and for him it was a pleasure to respond on their behalf. The fact of witnessing the Installation of the second Master of the Longsight Lodge had been very gratifying to him, and the work as performed by Bro. Uttley I.P.M. was a credit not only to the Province of East Lancashire, but likewise to that of West Yorkshire, to which he also belonged. Bro. Chadwick spoke very flatteringly of the latter Province, saying that aid having been solicited towards the election of a boy and girl, West Yorkshire had responded by forwarding that day 1200 votes. He congratulated the Lodge upon having made a wise choice of good Officers, and also upon the harmonious spirit which had been displayed, and ended by admonishing them to make a good record in the Province, but by means of quality and not simply of members. He afterwards supplemented these remarks by a letter addressed to Bro. Grimshaw W.M., in which he said:—"Will you please send me a menu card, which I shall be glad to keep as a souvenir of a very pleasant and interesting occasion?"

Bro. Uttley proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M. in very flattering terms, reverting to the part Bro. Grimshaw had taken in the formation of the Lodge.

Bro. Grimshaw said, in reply, the flattering reception of the toast was all that a Worshipful Master could desire, and it was gratifying for him to acknowledge such a fact. Bro. Uttley had acquitted himself remarkably well, but he had fallen into the error of putting too much colour in his work. The honour which they had bestowed upon him by a unanimous vote had been unsought, but having accepted the position he would cheerfully endeavour to perform the duties faithfully. With regard to his Officers, he thought he was so well supported that he could not possibly mend himself, and he looked forward to a prosperous year, in which they would get on well with whatever work might present itself. Although last year had been expensive, he was proud to inform them that they commenced the present one with twenty shillings in the £. Other toasts followed.

There was a good attendance of members and visitors.

The menu card, which contained portraits of all the Officers,

and also choice selections from the works of Shakespere, Goldsmith, and Lord Byron. was a marvel of artistic workmanship. It was produced by Bro. Thos. Glynn, Printer, &c., 5 Newton Street, Piccadilly, Manchester.

#### COLNE LODGE, No. 2477.

THE first annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Old Board School, Wyvenhoe (by dispensation from the Prov. Grand Master Earl of Warwick), on Tuesday, 9th inst., under the presidency of the outgoing W.M. Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green. Prov. Grand Treasurer, there being upwards of seventy Brethren present.

The W.M. having raised to the third Degree Bros. Captain W. Trayler and W. Munson; then Installed the W.M.-elect Brother Gustavus Pratt S.W., the ceremony being performed in a most able and pleasing manner. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested.

On the proposition of Bro. Egerton-Green, the newly-installed Master was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

In presenting the Auditors' report, the Secretary stated that no less than £324 had been received for the purpose of starting and carrying on the Lodge during its first year.

The Brethren afterwards dined at the Greyhound Hotel, the menu being well served by Messrs. Potton and Brown.

The toast list having partly been disposed of, the newly-installed Master referred to the admirable work done during his year by the I.P.M., and presented him, on behalf of the members, with a valuable gold jewel, of a rich and chaste design.

Brother Egerton-Green, in responding, referred to the number (twenty-one) of initiations during the brief period of the first session of the Lodge (six months), and said he should always look back with pleasure upon his term of office.

During the evening a telegram was received from the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. T. J. Ralling P.A.G.D.C. Eng.), offering "heartiest good wishes from Consecrating Officer."

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

A MEETING was held at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 11th inst., Bro. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor. There was a very good attendance, the following amongst others being present:—Bros. G. T. Lenard Sec., Geo. Parker P.M., A. Ashworth W.M. 999, Thos. Hamnett, Herbert Hellewell, G. R. Berry, H. G. Jackson, Jonathan Whittaker and N. Jones.

Bro. W. Dyson Fryer P.M. opened the Lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read, a ballot was taken for Bros. Henry Wood, Longsight Lodge, and George W. Davies, Ashbury Lodge, which was successful in both instances.

The ceremony rehearsed was that of a Raising, the same being performed by Bro. H. J. Harrison S.W. Faith Lodge. The Traditional History Lecture was delivered by Bro. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.C., who also presented and explained the working tools.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 30th inst., when it is probable that an Initiation and Passing may be taken.

### METROPOLITAN.

#### SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE opening meeting of the season of this ancient Lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., on Wednesday, when a goodly muster of Brethren assembled. The W.M. Bro. W. Green Norman presided, and was supported by the following: Bros. W. M. Butcher Prov. G.S.W. Essex S.W., W. Harvey J.W., Chas. Lacey P.M. Treas., C. H. Webb P.M. Secretary, Jas. Mustart S.D., J. Bexley J.D., H. E. Lambrooke I.G., and Past Masters John Newton, W. J. Higgs, E. J. Moore, Hy. Magee, H. H. Seddons, Hy. Jay, and John Miller, together with a large number of members.

The Visitors were Bros. J. H. Maloney of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, and Orilton Cooper P.M. St. Michael's No. 211.

After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M., in the absence of any regular work, employed his Officers in the Masonic ritual for the instruction of the Brethren.

Before the Lodge was closed Bro. John Newton P.M. proposed and Bro. H. Magee P.M. seconded that a cordial vote of congratulation should be tendered to Bro. W. M. Butcher upon his having attained Provincial Grand honours.

Bro. Butcher suitably acknowledged the compliment, and subsequently announced his intention of going up as a Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Thereupon Bro. Lacey P.M. Treasurer moved that the sum of ten guineas from the Lodge funds be granted to Bro. Butcher to head his list. This was agreed to, and all business being finished the Brethren adjourned to dinner and spent a very enjoyable evening.

#### DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

ON Tuesday of last week this Lodge resumed its meetings at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Moss W.M.

A ballot was taken, resulting in the unanimous election of Bro. Andrew Jno. Chalmers, late of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, as a joining member. Bro. Chalmers then entered the Lodge and was

cordially greeted. Correspondence having been disposed of, the Lodge adjourned to refreshment in the shape of an excellently served repast, to which due justice was done. The veteran member, Bro. Barnes, the "father" of the Lodge, took the opportunity, says the "East London Observer," of making some interesting remarks in the course of the proceedings.

#### DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1259.

THE opening meeting was held on the 3rd inst., at the Eastern Hotel, West India Dock Road, Bro. Parrett P.M. and Sec. being in the chair, in the place of Bro. Robert Fielder, who was unavoidably absent.

Mr. David Gosver was initiated, Bro. Green passed, and Bro. C. J. Fielder raised. It need scarcely be said that in the hands of P.M. Parrett the ceremonies of the various degrees were worked to perfection. The present successful state of the Lodge is largely owing to his earnest endeavours, both during his two consecutive years as W.M. and his help in the Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. J. Lusty jun. the S.W. was unanimously elected to occupy the chair of W.M. during the ensuing year, Bro. C. Wakefield P.M. Treasurer was again re-elected to fill that honourable office, and Bro. J. Very was re-elected Tyler. The Auditors appointed were Bros. Wilson, Sweeting, and Chandler.

All Masonic business being ended, and the Lodge closed, the Brethren adjourned and did ample justice to the generous fare provided by the ever-attentive host, Bro. Keen.

#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1306.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, the Lodge having been removed from the Three Nuns Hotel during the recess. The W.M. Brother Charles Dawe occupied the chair, and was supported by Officers and Brethren.

The W.M. dealt with the communications that had been received by the Secretary, amongst which was a letter from the Grand Secretary, approving of the removal of the Lodge, a petition from the widow of a late Brother of the Lodge, asking the support of the Brethren to enable her to get one of her sons elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (which was unanimously agreed to), and other letters. Four gentlemen were proposed for Initiation at the next meeting.

The Lodge being closed, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was highly appreciated, after which the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

#### THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE Twenty-second Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on the 13th inst.

The W.M. Bro. G. W. Robson was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. J. K. Gwyn S.W., R. Brookman J.W., the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, R. Fendick P.M. and Treas., James Stevens P.M. Sec., Frank E. Bailey P.M. S.D., G. M. Fraser J.D., R. Lawson I.G., H. Dottridge Steward, and R. F. Potter P.M. Tyler. Past Masters D. T. Keene, W. Kibble, L. B. Mozley, R. Greening, John Seex, N. B. Headon, and G. W. Blackie, and Bros. Rhys Thomas, James Beyton, J. H. Guyton P.M., J. W. Colmer, and others.

Amongst the numerous Visitors were Bros. F. Jacob P.M. 1851 P.D.G.D.C. Surrey, C. Garton J.D. 192, W. J. Gwyn (Apollo), F. C. Lintott S.D. 1365, J. R. Cordell P.M. 1813, C. E. Oldridge P.M. 1636, C. Oldridge jun. 1638, John Ortner 1767, A. White W.M. 15, W. R. Strong J.W. 1851, Mount Brown P.M. 1997, Walter Lawley W.M. 234, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 2488, C. W. Noehmer P.M. 238, G. W. Saul P.M. 1201, Walter S. Bunting 2318, &c.

Minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M.-elect Bro. John K. Gwyn was presented to the W.M. and received at his hands the benefit of Installation, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Robson and completing in an admirable manner a year's most creditable work on the part of the outgoing Master.

The newly Installed Master gave evidence of his perfect qualification for his elevation to the chair of K.S. by at once Initiating into the mysteries of the Order Mr. Frederick Geo. Joy, of 65 Ludgate Hill.

The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. R. Brookman S.W., F. E. Bailey J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain, R. Fendick P.M. Treas., James Stevens P.M. Sec., G. J. M. Fraser S.D., R. Lawson J.D., H. Dottridge I.G., J. H. Guyton P.M. D.C., R. Thomas and J. Beyton Stewards, and R. Potter P.M. Tyler.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and a proposition for an initiation at the ensuing meeting accepted, and after some general routine business had been disposed of the Lodge work terminated with solemn prayer, and the Brethren adjourned to the Pillar Hall for banquet.

This was admirably served by Messrs. Ritter and Pusey and gave general satisfaction. An interesting menu and list of toasts, interspersed with apt quotations from Masonic ritual, was much appreciated by the Visitors.

The post-prandial speeches introducing the customary toasts, and in response thereto, were somewhat above the average on similar occasions, and the musical portion of the programme, under the direction of Bro. J. Ortner, assisted by Miss Amelia Holding, Medallist R.A.M., Miss Ira Aldridge, and Mr. Edwin Wareham, with Miss Gwyn, a talented daughter of the W.M., as accompanist, met with earnest approval and added materially to the enjoyment of the Brethren, who, after a most harmonious evening, separated highly pleased with the success which had attended the proceedings both at labour and refreshment.

## METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

ENQUIRY has often been made as to the utility of the complimentary speeches that close the majority of our Masonic gatherings when, more frequently than not, numerous remarks of a more or less adulatory character are made, in all sincerity we are willing to admit, but very often more as a matter of form than anything else. Yet without this feature Freemasonry would lose much of its charm to very many members of the English Brotherhood, who have a special delight in speaking themselves, or listening to the remarks of others—and are they not right? After all it is the hour or two spent in social converse, with the interchange of different ideas from those who attend as rulers of a Lodge, or as guests thereof, which give to the proceedings much of the change and variety that are so essential for one's entertainment.

This feeling is intensified when we remember the great amount of sameness there is in Freemasonry, which, in its main features, is the same wherever we turn, variety being only supplied by the difference of temperament and general characteristics of its actors.

Not a few who are themselves members of the Order express surprise that Brethren can find pleasure in repeated attendance at Masonic meetings; they recognise that the beautiful lessons of the Order may be best learnt by continued participation in its work, but they complain of the sameness that characterises much of what goes on, especially that which follows the hour spent in refreshment after labour, but it can hardly be admitted that such a complaint is well founded, for the reason that continual change is taking place in those who have to rule our Lodge affairs, and in that capacity have to address the Brethren who assemble at our meetings.

This annual change of Presidents really supplies the variety that is so necessary, and as it seldom happens that two Masters in succession are of equal aptitude, or have points in common, much of the tedium that would otherwise make itself felt is obviated. One year a Lodge may have a Master gifted with a ready flow of words, while the next may find the Brother in the chair of a quiet retiring disposition, but each possessing features of merit to please the Brethren under his rule. This becomes very noticeable when one is in the habit of attending year after year the Installation meeting of the same Lodge, as we have had the pleasure of doing for some time past at the Metropolitan. We always look for a pleasing change there, and it is not often we are disappointed—indeed, we might say disappointment is unknown at No. 1507.

This year's Installation, which was the twenty-first in the history of the Metropolitan Lodge, was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. John G. McEwan W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. Alaway S.W. W.M.-elect, J. F. Saunders J.W., F. J. Perks P.M. Sec., R. W. Fraser I.P.M., W. M. Stiles, C. J. Scales, H. Stiles, W. Davey, George Edwards, W. F. Bates and G. W. Knight Past Masters, Joseph Bate S.D., J. H. Moggridge I.G., W. Barry D.C., E. Elton Hawkins and E. G. Steers Stewards, G. Cuthbert Paine Assistant Sec., together with a large number of other members of the Lodge.

Visitors: John Shapcott 733, R. Ross P.M. 1744, J. Cox J.W. 865, F. C. Lockstone 862, G. Dickinson P.M. 1681, W. B. Heagerty P.M. 907 P.P.G.R., F. B. Mills 1681, H. A. Christmas 2182, W. W. Morgan 177, W. Morris 1848, S. K. Ferguson 2182, J. Podget 2204, W. H. Weeks 1585, T. Simkins S.W. 179, E. Brooks P.M. 766, H. Lindsey 92, W. T. Berry 1963, J. Cook I.P.M. 907, T. B. Hardy 2190, J. T. Carter 766, G. T. Rice W.M. 1558, R. D. Smith P.M. 27, Edwd. Bond P.M. 860, G. J. Barnett P.M. 1929, J. B. Evans P.M. 172.

Having disposed of the usual work of the annual gathering Bro. McEwan proceeded to instal his successor, and he carried out this concluding duty of his year's Mastership in a really efficient and pleasing manner, subsequently receiving the congratulations of the Brethren on his rendering of the ritual, while as a more tangible mark of appreciation a vote of ten guineas was made from the Lodge funds, on the proposition of Bro. P.M. Scales, with which to purchase a Past Master's jewel in recognition of Bro. McEwan's services to the Lodge during the past year.

The following were appointed as the Assistant Officers: Bros. Saunders S.W., Bate (by proxy) J.W., James Willing P.M. (who was unavoidably absent) Treas., Perks P.M. Sec., Moggridge S.D., Barry J.D., Hawkins I.G., Steers D.C., Paine and Brown Stewards, Bradley Assistant Sec., Jackson Organist and R. Whiting P.M. Tyler.

The ability of the new Master was soon put to the test, a candidate offering for Initiation, in the person of Mr. W. R. Thompson, who was regularly introduced and admitted to Masonic light by Bro. Alaway, who thus early gave promise of being a painstaking and efficient ruler of the Lodge, the benefit of careful training under the preceptorship of Bro. Stiles at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction making itself apparent.

The name of a gentleman was submitted as an Initiate for the next meeting, other items of business were disposed of, and then the Lodge was closed, the company adjourning to the Dining Hall where, under the personal supervision of Bro. Clemow, the annual banquet was served, and generally enjoyed.

This was in turn followed by the customary toasts, and a well arranged selection of music, brevity marking the former, so as to allow of a fuller supply of the latter.

The Loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. McEwan submitted that of the Worshipful Master—a toast that must, he was sure, call forth the heartiest enthusiasm in that Lodge. He had won his preferment by steady perseverance, and his position at the head of the Lodge was so generally approved that it could truly be said not a member but was pleased to see him there.

The Master tendered his thanks for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. His acts in the chair would be better proof of his desire to satisfy them than any promises he could make.

The next toast was that of the Installing Master and the other Past Masters of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master felt he could not say too much in praise of the work of the Immediate Past Master, particularly the way in which he had rendered the Installation that night, neither could he attempt to properly thank the other Past Masters for the assistance they had rendered to the Lodge in years gone by.

Brother McEwan tendered thanks for the toast, contenting himself with the very briefest remarks in deference to the wishes of the Master. He acknowledged the compliment paid him in the Lodge in voting him the Past Master's jewel and hoped to be associated with the Metropolitan for many years to come.

Brother Scales replied for the other portion of the toast, and took the opportunity of referring to Brother William Mason Stiles's candidature for the Grand Treasurership. Last year the office had been lost because so many of the friends who promised to support Bro. Stiles were too sure as to his success. He had upwards of 2000 votes promised him—ample to win by—but as a matter of fact only 1,200 were recorded on his behalf, and the coveted Treasurership was lost to Brother Stiles, the successful candidate (Brother Alderman Dimsdale) securing 1,317 votes. It was the intention of his friends to re-nominate Brother Stiles this year and if all who promised their support duly recorded their vote on the day of election he was sure of coming out at the head of the poll.

The toast of the Initiate was given from the chair, and duly acknowledged, the Master saying how pleased the Lodge was to welcome good and true men to its ranks—which required repletion from time to time—and Bro. Thompson expressing the pleasure he experienced in coming amongst them. He might be considered too ambitious, but he hoped some day to occupy the chair now on his immediate left in the Lodge.

The Master submitted the health of the Visitors, as a very pleasing toast to propose. He thought it had ever been well received in the Metropolitan Lodge, because the members were always pleased to see guests among them. They made every endeavour to give the guests a hearty welcome, thereby ensuring the enjoyment of those who favoured them by coming to the Lodge. The names of Brothers Rice, Heagerty, Barnett, Bond, Hardy and Smith were coupled with the toast, and several replied, the tone of remarks made by the Visitors being complimentary to the Lodge and expressive of thorough enjoyment on the part of the guests.

The Treasurer, Secretary and Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, the Master paying a well deserved compliment to Brother Perks, who, he said, was a most zealous Secretary and discharged the duties of that important office to the satisfaction of the whole Lodge. The Treasurer, whose absence they much regretted, was also an active worker on behalf of the Metropolitan Lodge, while the Officers generally well sustained their part in securing the success of the meetings.

Bro. Perks replied. For so many years he had had the honour of responding to this toast that he began to feel it was nearly time for him to stand aside, so as to allow of a little new blood being infused into the Office. This announcement being received with loud expressions of dissent Bro. Perks said it was very kind of the members to say No, No, but his time had so many claims upon it that he really thought he must ask them in the near future to find someone else to fill the Office of Secretary.

The Senior Warden next replied. Although he was not like his Brother Secretary, inasmuch as he had not previously filled his present office, he was very anxious to give it up at the end of the year, and hoped it would then be his good fortune to appoint a successor in it. He tendered his best wishes to the Lodge, and hoped it would at all times prosper.

Bro. Junior Warden tendered his thanks. He fully appreciated the kind remarks that had been made in regard to the work of the Officers and felt that he was safe in saying on their behalf that they had but one object in view—to advance the interests and secure the prosperity of the Metropolitan Lodge. He trusted he should do his duty faithfully and successfully during the next few years.

Bro. Moggridge S.D. hardly knew what to say in response to the kind call made upon him, as he had really occupied the position but a few minutes. He felt a peculiar pleasure in being elevated to a higher Office that day. As spokesman of what he might call the north-western contingent in the Lodge—from which the Master had sprung—it was a particular pleasure to them to see Bro. Alaway in his present position. They hoped he would have a pleasant year of office, with plenty of work. Of one thing he and the Lodge might rest assured, the Officers would zealously support him.

The Tyler's toast was then given by Bro. Whiting, and the proceedings terminated.

The musical portion of the day's programme was particularly successful, the artistes being Bros. A. H. Christmas, F. J. Ball, R. J. Harris, Henry Lindley, Cherry and Jackson, the last named officiating at the piano.

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## LOYALTY LODGE, No. 1607.

AT the Annual Festival of this Lodge, held on the 13th instant, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., Brother Wm. Berkely Vaile was installed as W.M., and appointed the following Brethren to assist him as Officers during the year: G. T. Denney I.P.M., G. E. Wilkinson S.W., W. L. Barker J.W., R. S. Cushen P.M. Treasurer, C. H. Webb P.M. Secretary, J. Lawson S.D., M. W. Jameson J.D., G. Cunningham I.G., R. C. Hulford D.C., E. Godfrey Organist, J. Hattersley P.M. Steward and H. Mc Lachlan Asst. Steward.

Subsequently the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Henry James Powell Robinson, Stanley Foot and Edward Petfield who were initiated into the privileges of the Order by Bro. Vaile, who worked the ceremony in a manner that gave great promise for a successful year of office.



NEXT WEEK.

Further particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

- 28 Old Kings' Arms, F.M.-H.
- 183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
- 222 St. Andrews, Albion Tav.
- 902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
- 905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.-H.
- 1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hot.
- 1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
- 2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern H.
- 43 St. Paul, Birmingham
- 48 Industry, Gateshead
- 491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
- 999 Robert Burns, Manchester
- 1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1325 Stanley, Liverpool
- 1752 Ogmores, Bridgend
- 1861 Claremont, Croydon
- 1991 Agricola, York
- 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
- 2257 Powell, Bristol
- 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Manchester

Tuesday.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons-hall
- 92 Moira, Albion
- 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemason-hall
- 186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
- 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel
- 1158 Southern Star, Bdge. House Hotel
- 1348 Ebury, Criterion
- 1441 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall
- 2424 St. Stephens, Lewisham
- 253 Tyrian, Derby
- 564 Stability, Stourbridge
- 943 Sincerity, Norwich
- 954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
- 1016 Elkington, Birmingham
- 1052 Callender, Manchester
- 1390 Whitwell, Millom
- 1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
- 1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
- 1678 Medway, Tonbridge
- 1726 Gordon, Bognor
- 1834 D of Connaught, Landport
- 1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Pt'sea.
- 2025 St. George, Plymouth
- 2328 Albert Victor, York
- 2405 Ionic, St. Helens

Wednesday.

- Board of Benevolence, at 5
- 201 Jordan, Freemasons-hall
- 212 Euphrates, Holborn Rest.
- 1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
- 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
- 1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
- 1718 Centurion, Inns Court Ho.
- 1719 Evening Star Freemasons-hall
- 2395 Avondale, Brixton
- 2455 St. Martins, Charing Cross
- 32 St. George of Harmony, Liverpool
- 82 Foundation, Cheltenham
- 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrews-
- 220 Harmony, Garston
- 250 Minerva, Hull
- 257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
- 724 Derby, Liverpool
- 887 Leigh, Birmingham
- 1089 St. John, Lichfield
- 1633 Avon, Manchester
- 1723 St. George, Bolton
- 1733 Sunbury, Sunbury
- 1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1760 Leopold, Scarborough
- 1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
- 1967 Beacon Court, N. Brompton
- 1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
- 2019 Crook, Crook
- 2149 Gordon, Hauley
- 2216 Egerton, Swinton
- 2320 St. Martin, Castleton
- 2357 Barry, Cadoxton
- 2385 Godson, Oldbury

- 2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
- 2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs

Thursday.

- General Committee, Girls School, Freemasons' Hall, at 5
- 22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
- 34 Mount Moriah Freemason-hall
- 65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
- 66 Grenadiers, Freemason's H.
- 507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel
- 858 South Middlessex, Fulham
- 861 Fin-bury, Gt. Eastern Hotel
- 871 Royal Oak, Deptford
- 1608 Kilburn, Kilburn Gate
- 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall
- 1816 Victoria Park, London Tav.
- 2012 Chiswick, Kew Bridge
- 2264 Chough, Cannon St. Hotel
- 2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet St.
- 2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel
- 39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
- 51 Angel, Colchester
- 78 Imperial George, Middleton
- 111 Restoration, Darlington
- 202 Friendship, Devonport
- 214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood
- 346 United Brethren, Blackburn
- 348 St. John, Bolton
- 410 Grove, Ewell
- 475 Bedford of St. John the Baptist, Luton
- 590 La Cesaree, Jersey
- 594 Downshire, Liverpool
- 636 De Ogle, Morpeth
- 707 St Mary, Bridport
- 784 Wellington, Deal
- 787 Beaureper, Belper
- 807 Cabbell, Norwich
- 904 Phoenix, Rotherham
- 935 Harmony, Salford
- 966 St. Edward, Leek
- 1097 St Michael, Tenbury
- 1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
- 1163 Emulation, Birmingham
- 1166 Clarendon, Hyde
- 1313 Fermor, Southport
- 1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-L.
- 1345 Victoria, Eccles
- 1392 Egerton, Bury
- 1404 St. Vincent, Bristol
- 1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tee
- 1437 Liberty Havering, Romford
- 1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
- 1505 Emulation, Liverpool
- 1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
- 1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
- 1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-T.
- 1630 St. Michael, Coventry
- 1702 Sub Urban, Great Stanmore
- 1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
- 1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness
- 1884 Chine, Isle of Wight
- 1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
- 1971 Aldershot Army and Navy, Aldershot
- 2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham
- 2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
- 2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
- 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria
- 2215 Anfield, Anfield
- 2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
- 2269 Peace, Wigan
- 2335 Cycling & Athletic, L'pool.
- 2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
- 2387 Manchester Dramatic, Manchester
- 2418 Hedworth, S. Shields
- 2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
- 2463 Bootle Wilbraham, W.D'rby
- 2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

- Council, Boys School, F.M.H. at 4
- 60 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.
- 569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qtrs. Hon. Artillery Co.
- 1601 Ravensbourne Catford Bdge.
- 602 North York, Middlesboro'
- 785 Twelve Brothers, S'hampston
- 810 Craven, Skipton
- 1303 Pelham, Lewes
- 1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
- 1391 Commercial, Leicester
- 1435 Amesley, Nottingham
- 1712 St. John, N'castle-on-Tyne

- 1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
- 2371 Felix, Felixtowe
- 2415 Tristram, Shildon
- 2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

- 1297 West Kent, Sydenham
- 1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn

- 1584 Loyalty and Charity, Kew
- 1706 Orphews, Holborn Rest.
- 1293 Burdett, Hampton Court
- 1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
- 1777 R. Hanover, Twickenham
- 1965 Eastes, Bromley
- 2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton
- 2353 Broxbourne, New Barnet.

The Theatres, &c.

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- Drury Lane.—7.30, The Derby Winner.
- Lyceum.—The Queen of Brilliants.
- Garrick.—8.30, The Professor's Love Story. Matinée Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
- Adelphi.—7.45, The Fatal Card.
- Globe.—8, In the Eyes of the World. 9, Charley's Aunt.
- Vaudeville.—8.15, Loyal. 9, The New Boy. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
- Comedy.—8.15, The New Woman. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
- Lyric.—7.15, The House of Lords. 8, Little Christopher Columbus.
- Terry's.—8.15, Then Flowers Grew Fairer. 9, The Foundling. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
- Daly's.—8.15, A Gaiety Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
- Prince of Wales'.—8.15, Claude Duval.
- Toole's.—8, Richard's Play. 8.45, A Trip to China Town.
- Criterion.—8.30, The Case of Rebellious Susan.
- Princess's.—8.0, Odette.
- Haymarket.—8.30, A Bunch of Violets.
- Savoy.—8.15, Mirette. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
- Court.—8, Old Cronies. 8.30, A Gay Widow.
- Alhambra.—Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 8.36, Sita. 10.36, Monkey Island.
- Palace.—8, Variety Entertainment, Ballets, &c.
- Empire.—8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.
- Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
- Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
- Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.
- Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke's Entertainment.
- Moore and Burgess Minstrels.—St. James's Hall.—Re-open to-night.
- Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street).—Open daily.
- Royal Aquarium.—Open at 10; close at 11.30. Constant round of Amusement.
- Olympia.—Open at 12 and 6, Constantinople. Grand spectacle at 2.15 and 8.30.
- Royal Agricultural Hall.—China in London. Grand Variety Entertainment. Constant Amusement. Open at 12 daily.
- Earls Court Industrial Exhibition.—Open daily.

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