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## MASONIC PUBLICITY.

IT is not often we have an expression of opinion from those high in authority on the subject of publication of Masonic news or particulars of work done in connection with the English Craft, yet we venture to think the press of the country plays no unimportant a part in the general work of the Order, while it may be said to take a leading share in promoting the success of one of the great adjuncts of English Freemasonry—the Charity Funds to be found in London or working through one or other of the Provincial centres.

We do not say that these funds would not have been in existence but for the press, but even that might be urged in regard to many of them, which have in reality been promoted in imitation of existing organisations whose work was commented upon, either in the local newspapers, or in one or other of the journals intimately associated with our Brotherhood. In the case of the great Institutions of the Craft, however, the case is somewhat different—we distinctly claim for the press a large share in securing the great amount of success they have achieved, and although the Funds might have reached their present importance in the ordinary course of events, the Craft would have had to wait very many years later for such popularity as they now enjoy, if there had been no press to continually keep their actions before the Craft, and by repeatedly showing what was done in different quarters urging others to follow on in the good work, and equal or emulate their fellows.

In another column we briefly report the remarks of one of the heads of the English Craft, in the person of Past Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, which, although opposing a perfect freedom of the press in regard to the publication of reports of Masonic meetings, is quite in accord with our ideas of the fitness of things. The Duke of Connaught, speaking at the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, at Worthing, endorsed certain remarks that had been made in regard to the impropriety of publishing full lists of names of Brethren present at Masonic meetings, and said he sympathised with those who objected to the publication of names so freely. At the same time he considered it was a question which hardly called for the exercise of his prerogative to actually prohibit the publication of any particulars of what took place at Masonic proceedings. We hope this expression of opinion by our Past Grand Master will have due weight, not only in his own district, but generally throughout the country, and that those responsible for the proper conduct of the press in Masonic matters will take steps to keep their columns

closed to anything appertaining to a disclosure of Freemasonry.

In London and one or two of the larger centres of civilisation there may not be any particular harm in giving a full list in the public papers of those present at meetings, but even there it is not necessary, and, it seems to us, is likely to create wrong impressions; but when we turn to the smaller towns we at once see that positive harm may result from this practice, an opinion which will be shared, we imagine, by most of those who are in a position to express themselves on the point one way or the other. It is no use denying the fact that "people will talk," and it is certainly undesirable in many cases to give the gossips of a provincial town further food for criticising the work and the association of Masons, by publishing full lists of those present at particular gatherings.

As we entertain these ideas it may be asked why we so frequently give similar lists to those complained of in our columns? The case is not quite the same, at ours being a class paper is not so likely to fall into the hands of outsiders, but we are opposed to the practice, and usually omit names, except so far as Officers are concerned, unless requested to give them. We have long recognised that there is a great objection to full lists being indiscriminately published, but now that official notice has been taken of the matter we shall certainly advise more care in complying with the wishes of those concerned.

It is gratifying to know that the Duke of Connaught is evidently of opinion that a mere expression of his desires in this particular will have some weight, and we look for the best results attending his utterances on the point. He did not say he recognised the utility of the press—even in Masonic matters—but on the other hand he expressed the opinion that it was not necessary for him to exercise any authority in this matter; no doubt he was satisfied that the good sense of those who report Masonic meetings in his district would render any further complaints of excessive publicity, or any official action quite unnecessary.

Dr. Dyke, the oldest member of the Province of South Wales Eastern Division, was presented by Brother D. R. Lewis P.M. on behalf of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, at a meeting on the 1st inst., with an admirable portrait in oils of himself. The artist was Bro. G. F. Harris. Dr. Dyke (who is the medical officer of health for Merthyr) has several times been Worshipful Master, and he has been a member of the Lodge for the very long term of fifty-five years.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## OXFORDSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Tuesday, 13th inst., by permission of the Apollo University Lodge, in their Masonic Hall, in Frewin Court, Oxford.

The Provincial Superintendent Companion H. Adair Pickard presided, supported by the Right Hon. Viscount Valentia H., and Dr. R. W. M. Pope J., with the other Prov. Grand Officers for the year.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey Prov. Gr. Master of the Craft for Oxfordshire was present. There was also a fair attendance of Companions from each of the Chapters constituting the Province.

The roll of the Chapters, and of the Provincial Officers, having been called and responded to, the minutes of the last P.G. Chapter were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. proposed a vote of five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was adopted.

Companions H. and the Treasurer (Comp. H. G. W. Drinkwater) severally read their reports, which were received and passed, and the Treasurer was re-elected.

The following Officers were then appointed for the ensuing year, and were invested:—

Comp. Viscount Valentia	-	-	H.
Thomas Eley	-	-	J.
W. L. Morgan	-	-	S.E.
H. G. W. Drinkwater	-	-	Treasurer
M. U. Weyland	-	-	Registrar
W. S. Carver	-	-	Principal Sojourner
E. J. Giles	-	-	1st Assistant
G. J. Wilson	-	-	2nd Assistant
S. J. Shipp	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. I. Phillips	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
W. J. F. K. Stride	-	-	Standard Bearer
J. L. Myers	-	-	Sword Bearer
G. C. Sykes	-	-	Organist
G. R. Norwood	-	-	Janitor.

The banquet was subsequently held in the Clarendon Hotel, the chair being taken by the Provincial Superintendent, supported on his right by Viscount Valentia and Lord Jersey, and on his left by Comp. Thos. Eley. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

The customary Loyal and Arch toasts were given and severally responded to.

## MARK MASONRY.

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## LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE Annual communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons took place at Louth, on Thursday, 18th ult., under the presidency of the Earl of Yarborough.

Bro. Chas. Scorer, clerk of the peace for the parts of Lindsey, was duly invested Deputy Provincial Grand Master, vice the late Bro. R. C. Carline, of Lincoln.

The following Brethren were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. G. S. Woodward	-	-	Senior Warden
I. J. Colbridge	-	-	Junior Warden
E. A. Cousans	-	-	Master Overseer
Frederick Riggall	-	-	Senior Overseer
R. N. Brunyer	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. W. H. Mills	-	-	Chaplain
W. W. Smith	-	-	Treasurer
A. Wykes	-	-	Registrar
W. R. F. Morton	-	-	Secretary
Rev. C. E. Laing	-	-	Senior Deacon
William Adams	-	-	Junior Deacon
A. Gait	-	-	Inspector of Works
W. Mortimer	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Rev. H. B. Fawcett	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
W. Hill	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. H. Smith	-	-	Standard Bearer
Harry Healy	-	-	Organist
F. Trotter	-	-	Inner Guard
George Heneage	-	-	Stewards
J. Rycroft	-	-	
A. Byron Scott	-	-	
C. A. Cheesman	-	-	Tyler.
M. Lancaster	-	-	

There was a good number of visiting Brethren, who, together with members of the Province, afterwards sat down to a banquet in the Town Hall.

## NORTH WALES.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons was held on the 19th inst., at Rhyl, the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Col. Charles Hunter presiding over an exceptionally large attendance of Brethren from all parts of the Province.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gordon Warren was re-appointed Deputy of the Province, and the following invested as the assistant Officers of the year:

Bro. Coxhead	-	-	Senior Warden
Thomas Williams	-	-	Junior Warden
Capt. A. Randolph	-	-	Master Overseer
T. B. Farrington	-	-	Senior Overseer
John Hughes	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. Pugh Evans	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. Thomas Edwards	-	-	
Richard Bellis	-	-	Treasurer
J. Haworth	-	-	Registrar
W. D. Henderson	-	-	Secretary
Dr. Jones Roberts	-	-	Senior Deacon
T. Fisher Jones	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. M. Gunn	-	-	Superintendent of Wks.
G. L. Woods	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. G. Jones	-	-	Sword Bearer
John Owen	-	-	Standard Bearer
Dr. T. K. L. Davies	-	-	Inner Guard
J. Burwell	-	-	Organist
Ellis Jones	-	-	Stewards
W. Magrath	-	-	
J. Vincent	-	-	Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business of the day the Brethren had banquet together at the Westminster.

Responding to the toast of his health the Provincial Grand Master referred, says the "Liverpool Mercury," to the great increase which had taken place in Mark Masonry, no fewer than forty Lodges having been added to the roll of the Degree in England last year.

## WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE Annual Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of this Province was held at Dudley, on Monday, the 19th inst., under the banner of the Godson Lodge, No. 330. There were present Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., the Prov. G.M., Abraham Green Deputy G.M., and the following present Provincial Grand Officers: Brothers Murray Haynes and W. T. Page Overseers, Rev. W. J. Down Chaplain, W. E. Walker Treasurer, T. F. Bland Secretary, M. Smith Deacon, J. W. Roberts D.C., Duncan Shedden S.B., W. Stansfield Org., James Jones I.G., and very many Officers and members of the respective Mark Lodges in the Province, also visiting Brethren, Bros. Wright Wilson Prov.G.M. Secretary Warwickshire, and Harry Clark 340.

After the usual routine business the Treasurer's accounts were approved, showing a credit balance. Bro. W. E. Walker was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and a vote of thanks awarded for past services.

The Chaplain delivered a well considered and appropriate address. The alms were collected for the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. W. A. Campbell volunteered as Charity Steward. Some charitable grants were made.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was invited to Worcester for the next annual meeting, under the banner of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 59.

The P.G.M. appointed his Officers as follow:

Bro. Abraham Green	-	-	Deputy
T. F. Bland	-	-	Senior Warden
M. Smith	-	-	Junior Warden
W. T. Page	-	-	Master Overseer
J. Jones	-	-	Senior Overseer
R. J. Surman	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. W. J. Down	-	-	Chaplain
W. E. Walker	-	-	Treasurer
Duncan J. Shedden	-	-	Registrar
Murray Haynes	-	-	Secretary
W. Stansfield	-	-	Senior Deacon
W. A. Campbell	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. M. Harlow	-	-	Inspector of Works
J. W. Roberts	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
H. Newey	-	-	Sword Bearer
C. A. Hatfield	-	-	Standard Bearer
J. S. Morris	-	-	Inner Guard
T. G. Dobbs	-	-	Assistant Secretary
F. W. Knott	-	-	Tyler.

The Lodge was closed, and the Brethren banqueted under the genial chairmanship of the Provincial Grand Master, at the Saracen's Head Hotel.

## CITADEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1897.

THE inauguration meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was celebrated on Friday, 16th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, when upwards of thirty Past Masters and seventy Brethren were present.

Brother James Terry Past Grand Sword Bearer P.Prov. Senior Grand Warden Norths and Hunts. P.M. 228, 1278, 1366 P.Z., &c. and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution attended for the purpose of rehearsing the Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation, assisted by the following Brethren:—T. I. Bird P.M. 1567, 1897 (Founder) P.Z. P.P.G.Swd.B. Middlesex as I.P.M., John Mason P.M. and Founder 1567, &c. P.Z. P.P. Senior Grand Deacon Middlesex and Collector for the R.M.B.I. as S.W., James Bunker P.M. 1158 as J.W., Rev. W. B. Robinson 1491 as Chaplain, Willie Wright P.M. 1897 P.Z. 1602 P.P. Grand Organist Middlesex as Organist, O. J. Von Holtorp P.M. P.G.D. of Ceremonies Middlesex D.C., Harry Willsmer 1567 Secretary.

After the ceremony of Consecration, which was most perfectly performed, that of Installation was proceeded with, Bro. F. Dunstan acting as W.M.-elect, and afterwards appointing his Officers.

Besides those already mentioned the following were present:—

Bros. John Osborn P.M. and Sec. Citadel 1897, P. Young I.P.M., C. J. Davison P.M., W. Whiteside D.C., C. J. Robinson Appleton all of 1897, R. Emery 27 1928, Geo. Kebbell S.W. 1662, T. H. Palmer 1708, C. H. Ditchman 1567, Geo. Clark P.M. 1679, Fred. Kebbell S.D. 1662, F. Dunstan P.M. 1326 and Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, E. G. Platt 1327, D. J. Witte 1327, T. Feistel 171, A. Wyatt 1567, T. V. Fenn 156, S. Pardoe P.M. 1585 1567, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 and Preceptor Percy Lodge of Instruction, S. C. Kaufmann P.M. 1766, J. C. Yates P.M. 1366, S. Crane P.M. 933, J. J. Cantle P.M. 1791, W. S. Harvey P.M. 1216, W. Hicklin P.M. 1261, W. Harding P.M. 2168, R. S. Taylor W.M. 1929, W. Gray P.M. 1489, Palmer sen., T. C. Edmonds P.M. 1507, H. G. Gush P.M. 1541, J. Anley 177, L. Cohen 1327, R. Collett 2242, Martindale 1685, H. J. Calley 1567, A. E. Todd I.P.M. 27, C. R. Kemp 27, R. J. Campbell 1489, W. Sedgwick 45, F. Smallbones 1839, R. Edridge 1708, J. Howard 813, A. E. Mason 1567, S. R. Stevens 177, William A. Stevens 171, F. Eyre 1445, J. A. Worthington 1679, Geo. S. Denney P.M. 1607, W. W. West 1662, F. Flood P.M. 1929, W. B. Pratt 861, W. J. Harvie 1326, J. J. Lanugeon 1929, R. Horstead 1897, W. R. Hazell 2045, G. Watts 1897, W. J. Ball 1897, J. Rae 1897, J. M. Murphy 1745, Charles Yates 45, P. Felsenthal 1524, W. Salmon 1927, H. G. Seaman 860, A. Rusby 917, D. Jackson 548, W. Seaman 860, J. J. Lemen 813, R. Boyle 73, W. Rowley 917, T. Richardson 1599, A. R. Vandenberg 1929, E. A. Von Holtorp 1897, T. Heath 1457, James Cole 1138, W. R. King 1320, W. E. Jeanes 548, T. Priddle 1767, J. Marcham 1260, Chas. Varley 1260, R. W. Brading and many others.

The Lodge has been formed and the Furniture, Working Tools, &c. provided principally by Bros. Fred. Kebbell, the Ashlars, Columns, &c. being made by him; Tracing Boards beautifully executed in pen and ink, framed and glazed, by C. H. Ditchman; Collars by A. Wyatt; Jewels, &c. by T. I. Bird; and other articles from Bros. J. Cole, H. Willsmer, Siejenberg, &c.

After the Lodge was closed a number of Brethren sat down to a cold collation provided by Brother J. Cole (Host).

Twenty-two Members joined at the preliminary meeting, and fifty-three at the opening meeting, making a total of 75 members for the start.

The preliminary meeting of the Lodge was held at the same place the previous Tuesday, under the presidency of Brother T. I. Bird, who announced that he had received the authority of the Citadel Lodge, of which he was a founder, and is the senior Past Master, to hold a Lodge of Instruction under its sanction.

The following Officers of the Instruction Lodge were appointed. Bros. O. J. Von Holtorp and F. Dunstan Preceptors, T. I. Bird Treasurer, Rev. W. B. Robinson Chaplain, C. J. Robinson Organist, Harry Willsmer Secretary.

Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to Brothers Fred. Kebbell, J. Cole, C. H. Ditchman, F. Dunstan, and members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, and Bros. Lorkin and Clark, for generous assistance in providing Furniture, Working Tools, &c.

The Provincial Prior of Devon (Rev. Dr. Lemon, K.C.T.) purposed holding yesterday (Friday) a Provincial Priory of the Order of Knights Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. A large attendance of Knights was anticipated.

## WELL MERITED PREFERMENT.

WE have much pleasure in tendering our hearty congratulations to Brother William Lake P.M. P.Prov.G.Reg. Cornwall, Editor of our contemporary, the "Freemason," who has been appointed Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, on the resignation, through ill health, of Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, to whom we tender our sympathy on hearing that his state of health necessitates his withdrawal from active service; but at the same time we couple with it the hope that he may be spared for very many years to enjoy the retiring allowance he will doubtless receive from the Craft, and which it is recommended shall amount to £400 per annum.

Brother Lake is specially to be congratulated on this appointment, the more so because it is so richly deserved, and, from our point of view, it is particularly gratifying, because it must be regarded as a well merited reward earned by a worker in the field of Masonic journalism. During the whole period of Brother Lake's association with our contemporary we have enjoyed his friendship, but even if it were not so it would be very difficult to point to a single action on his part calling for condemnation. He has been a zealous and consistent supporter of all that is held in repute in Freemasonry, and as a result it is safe to say he has won as large a circle of friends in London Masonic circles as is enjoyed by any Brother in our midst. We have no fear of his capability to discharge the new duties he is starting upon, and shall be much surprised if he does not fully justify the choice made by the executive of Grand Lodge in his behalf, not only retaining the respect of the many Masonic friends he already has, but making many more as his new duties take him into fresh fields of labour.

As a Journalist Bro. Lake will take to his new duties the congratulations of the numerous press friends he has secured during the long period of his connection with the "Freemason" by the geniality of his disposition, his devotion to his employer's interests, and his efforts on behalf of the journal whose destinies he governed, in fact we may say all will hail with joy his acquisition of a well deserved prize. It has already been suggested that he should receive a testimonial from those with whom he has been associated for so many years, but in regard to this, comment is, perhaps, yet premature.

What do my Masonic friends think of this little gem, culled from a criticism of the Craft by a Plymouth priest named Father Bridgett, asks "Amicus," in the "Blackburn Standard":—"For Catholics the matter is settled by authority. Our Lord said to Saint Peter, 'Feed my sheep!' We believe that the Pope has this charge and is guided in its performance. Successive Popes, for 150 years, have denounced Freemasonry, and refused the Sacraments, even at death, to those who will not renounce it. If it was an innocent thing, this would be the most wicked injustice and impiety. Therefore, if I could find no reason for the prohibition of it, yet, as a docile sheep, I should obey, and believe that my shepherd had good reasons to bid me avoid that pasturage."

A recent number of the "Daily Chronicle" had an interesting chat on Cassell's "Popular Educator," which is justly described as the pioneer of popular instruction, and has undoubtedly been one of the educational forces of the country. We understand the familiar work is about to be re-issued, with its many attractive features revised up to date.

Mr. Edwin Fox (of the Firm of Messrs Edwin Fox and Bousfield) has been elected a Director of the Accident Insurance Company Ltd., St. Swithins House, St. Swithins Lane.

## "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE regret to note the untimely death of Brother Walter James Walker, Strand Lodge, No. 1987, at the early age of thirty years. The deceased was a son of Bro. John Walker, of Southend, True Friendship Lodge, No. 160, for many years associated with the East of London in trade, as a builder and contractor, to which business Bro. Walter Walker succeeded. He was fortunately unmarried, but deep sympathy is due to his parents in their sorrow. Bro. W. Walker was widely known, and his genial presence and genuine good qualities had endeared him to a large circle of friends. His remains were interred on Thursday last at the East London Cemetery.

## SUSSEX.

**W**ORTHING people have been fortunate in having had glorious weather for the chief features of a most eventful year, and, despite many anticipations to the contrary, there was a brilliant sky on Saturday, when the town was visited by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. The Duke had arranged to preside as Grand Master at a Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex Masons, and when it became known that he was to do so, says the "Sussex Daily News," it was decided to make the visit the occasion of a hearty welcome in the name of the townsfolk. The Duke, contrary to usual custom, at once kindly consented to receive an address at the hands of the Mayor and Corporation; Colonel Sir Henry Fletcher promised a guard of honour of the 2nd Sussex Volunteers, and the tradesmen fell in to a large extent with a suggestion by the Corporation that the day should be made one of general holiday. Very many Visitors found their way to the town, and Worthing looked her best, the sun shining gloriously at mid-day on the waving flags and banners, while the streets were full of people.

On the arrival of the Provincial Grand Master Mr. W. Verrall (Town Clerk) having been presented to the Duke, with whom he shook hands, read an address, of which the introduction was as follows:

To His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., &c.

May it please your Royal Highness,

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Worthing, respectfully offer to your Royal Highness a most sincere and hearty welcome to our town.

We cannot but remember that the popularity of the health resorts of the Sussex Coast had, to a very great extent, its origin in the favour shown to them in former years by members of your illustrious house, and we look upon the fact that your Royal Highness has to-day departed from your usual custom when visiting a town in the capacity of Grand Master of the Freemasons of this Province by graciously accepting our Loyal address as a signal mark of the continued interest of the Royal Family in the welfare and prosperity of the rapidly increasing town of Worthing.

Afterwards the Duke inspected the troops drawn up near the station, and a long procession, which included some thirty carriages, then made its way to the Assembly Rooms. The Masonic dignitaries came first in order followed by the members of the Corporation, the members of the Committee who had arranged for the reception, and, lastly, the Duke and Mayor, with the troops.

On the arrival at the Assembly Rooms, the Duke, who was heartily cheered, was met by the Masonic Officials.

The Brethren, who, to the number of nearly 150 had secured seats at the luncheon, and the ladies who occupied the gallery, gave the Provincial Grand Master a very enthusiastic reception as he entered the room with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C.

The post-prandial proceedings were of a brief but very hearty character. The Duke of Connaught opened the toast list by proposing the Queen and Craft—a toast which he said he was sure would be received with enthusiasm.

That toast having been honoured he submitted the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. For many years, he said, the Prince of Wales had been at the head of the Craft, and as years rolled by the Brethren had learned to appreciate more and more his great efforts on behalf of Freemasonry. He was now with the Princess of Wales in Russia, under sad and painful circumstances, and he was sure that both the Prince and Princess had the entire sympathy of the whole Masonic Craft.

Proposing the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, the Duke said the members of the Craft were deeply indebted to the Grand Officers for their help and support on all occasions, and the Sussex Freemasons, he knew, appreciated the frequent visits which many of the Grand Officers had made to the Province.

Bro. Lord Henry Thynne, in briefly thanking the Brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, congratulated the Province of Sussex on their grand gathering that day.

The Mayor of Worthing (Bro. Councillor W. H. B. Fletcher) who was greeted with cordial applause,

proposed the M.W. Provincial Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. As a very young Mason, he said he felt that in submitting such an important toast in the presence of so many Brethren of high standing his words would be weak, but he wished in all sincerity to acknowledge the admirable manner in which the members of the Royal Family discharged the duties lying before them. As Freemasons all present appreciated the work of his Royal Highness that day as Provincial Grand Master. As Mayor of Worthing he wished to heartily thank his Royal Highness for his visit to the town, and to say how glad he felt in having the opportunity of testifying to the deep loyalty and devotion of the burgesses of the town to the Royal Family, and also express, on their behalf, their warm appreciation of the high compliment which had been paid them that day by the visit of his Royal Highness.

The Duke of Connaught, on rising to respond, was greeted with hearty and prolonged cheers. In acknowledging the toast, he thanked the Mayor of Worthing for the kind manner in which he had proposed it, and the Brethren for their cordiality in responding to it. He said he was accustomed to be received by the Freemasons of Sussex in the kindest and most friendly manner, and, in his own name, and on behalf of other Brethren, he expressed the pleasure he felt in holding the Provincial Grand Lodge at Worthing. He desired to thank the Mayor, the W.M., and Brethren of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, and the local Committee, for their preparation and arrangements for their comfort, and also to thank the citizens of Worthing for the cordial reception they had extended to him.

He then proposed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C. Past Grand Steward. They were all indebted to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the interest he took in the Province, and for the ready manner in which he came amongst them. He was a busy man in his profession and in politics, and, personally, he was much indebted to him for the ready support and assistance which, at all times, he gave him.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, in responding, thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the too kind manner in which he proposed the toast. He had little time for Freemasonry, but whatever spare time he had was at their service. He had received invaluable assistance from the Provincial Grand Officers, and it was his pleasing duty to propose the Prov. senior Grand Warden Bro. W. E. Morrison; the Prov. Junior Grand Warden Bro. Dr. J. Ewart; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past.

Bro. W. E. Morrison, in responding, said the enterprise and progressive character of the town of Worthing had undoubtedly been communicated to the compilers of the toast list, for he believed it was the first occasion on which a future Provincial Grand Officer had been asked to respond for the Provincial Grand Officers. He, however, desired to express the devotion and loyalty of the Officers to the Craft and to the Province.

Bro. Sir Raymond Burrell P.P.G.W., in briefly proposing the Visitors, gave them a hearty welcome.

Bro. Dr. Strong, in responding, thanked H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught for his presence that day, remarking that his visit would be the best recommendation the town could possibly have.

The Brethren then adjourned to the Drill Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was held. The room had been superbly decorated, and was crowded by the large gathering of Masonic Brethren, many of whom had been present at the luncheon. The Provincial Grand Master presided.

The Provincial Grand Secretary called the roll of the Lodges in the Province, and it was ascertained that each Lodge was represented. The Report of the Board of Finance, with the Treasurer's accounts, and the Report of the Charities Committee, were presented and adopted. The Provincial Grand Secretary read statistics showing that the Brethren in the Province numbered 1,382.

The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the Brethren as follows:—

Brethren,—Once more I have the pleasure of being present amongst you to congratulate you upon the quiet prosperity of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, and am more particularly pleased to be able to pay a visit to



the town of Worthing, which, having gone through a period of great distress, is now showing signs of a return to prosperity, which will I trust be rapid and satisfactory. The returns do not exhibit a large increase in the number of members, but steady progress has been made. I do not want the Lodges to be anxious to receive any but those who express a desire to join, and are likely to prove worthy. The number of initiates has been quite satisfactory. I am glad to find that the alterations in the Bye-laws providing for four meetings during the year of the Board of Finance and of General Purposes, has had good results. I quite agree that the books signed by the Members should not be available for use of the Press. I sympathise with those who object to the publication of names so freely, and fully endorse the precept; at the same time I think it is a question which must be left to the good taste of the various Masters, and do not feel that I should exercise my authority by actually prohibiting any particulars of the proceedings from being published. The Report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities Committee is most satisfactory, and must be a source of considerable congratulation to the Secretary Bro. J. M. Reed whose enthusiastic efforts in the cause of the Masonic Institutions are so highly appreciated. The amount subscribed is very large in comparison with the number of the members, and more especially so when I am told that the amount is arrived at much more by the renewal of old subscribers than by the receipts from new ones. I know that many young Masons are brought into the list every year, but I should like to see a still further addition to the number of those who take a monetary interest in those remarkable and valuable Institutions. I am informed that a Masonic Club for the Province of Sussex has now been started in Brighton. I sincerely trust it will prove a means of uniting the Brethren of the various Lodges in daily intercourse and strengthen those bonds which should bind the Craft.

Bro. J. M. Reed was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and then the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. W. E. Morrison	-	-	Senior Warden
J. Ewart	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. P. Crick	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. R. Wood Loosemore	-	-	
J. M. Reed	-	-	Treasurer
W. Carless	-	-	Registrar
V. P. Freeman	-	-	Secretary
C. E. Saunders	-	-	} Senior Deacons
R. L. Thornton	-	-	
R. Piper	-	-	} Junior Deacons
H. Pearce	-	-	
G. C. Vernon Inkpen	-	-	Superintendent of Wks.
E. Histed	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. H. Longman	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
A. F. Lamette	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
R. Weston	-	-	Sword Bearer
F. C. Edwards	-	-	} Standard Bearers
J. Creighton	-	-	
W. C. Newsam	-	-	Organist
B. Burfield	-	-	Assistant Secretary
C. J. King	-	-	Pursuivant
W. Hosken	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Smith Stone	-	-	} Stewards.
J. N. Masters	-	-	
J. H. Whatford	-	-	
W. E. Raper	-	-	
J. Wood	-	-	
R. P. Clowes	-	-	

The Lodge was then closed in due form.

A word of praise, says our contemporary, is due to the Stewards, Bros. G. C. Vernon Inkpen, E. Histed, R. Piper, H. Pearce, and W. Carless, for their admirable arrangements. Necessarily the burden of the work fell upon Brother R. Piper, ex-Mayor of Worthing, who, in conjunction with the Mayor and the Brethren of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, had laboured with energy and zeal to make the visit of H.R.H. a success, and it is gratifying to record that their united efforts proved triumphant.

#### ALDERNEY AND GUERNSEY.

THE first meeting of this newly formed Provincial Lodge was recently held in the Masonic Temple at Guernsey. All the Officers—save one—were present, with a large and representative number of the Masters,

Past Masters and Wardens of Lodges 168, 84, 243, and 1809. Alderney had only one P.M. present.

The occasion was devoted to the discussion of the Bye-laws which are to govern the Province, and as there has been great and influential opposition to the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge in the Island the meeting was regarded as a test of the strength of the contending parties. This, no doubt, brought together the large number assembled.

The sequel proved that the Petitioners against a Provincial Grand Lodge were in the majority, as they carried all their proposals for amending the proposed Bye-laws (prepared and proposed by the Committee), and vetoed the taxing of the Lodges to form a local fund.

The discussion was at times very animated, but carried on in a thoroughly good temper and tone.

If this, the first meeting of the Province, is to be taken as a specimen of others to follow, the Provincial Grand Master will scarcely consider his position an enviable one; he certainly does not seem to lie on a "bed of roses."

The office of Deputy Grand Master of the Isle of Man, vacant by the resignation of Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, town clerk of Douglas, has been offered by the Provincial Grand Master (Major Goldie Taubman, Speaker of the House of Keys) to and has been accepted by Bro. J. A. Brown of Woodlands, who held the position for some time previous to 1890.

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Alderman Botting, J.P., the new Mayor of Brighton, has made his mark in Sussex Freemasonry, having been W.M. of Royal Brunswick Lodge in 1887, M.E.Z. of the Royal Sussex Chapter in 1892, and Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works (Sussex) in 1890. Beyond this he has also made a name for himself in many other quarters.

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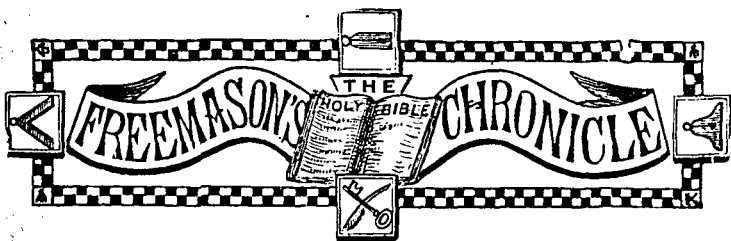
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SATURDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 1894.

## COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE, AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

**T**HE General Committee of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Brother Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence in the chair, and Bros. Brett and Cottebrune Senior and Junior Vice Presidents in their respective seats. Bro. Letchworth G.S., A. A. Pendlebury Assistant G.S., W. Dodd and W. H. Lee attended from Grand Secretary's office. The attendance of other Brethren was large.

The Board of Masters having been opened, the President said he should like to ask the opinion of the Committee on the point whether it would not be better that some minutes of the Committee should be kept? There was no Committee that he knew of that had not a record of its proceedings. There might be at times a question of what did or did not take place, and he thought it would be very much better that this Committee should always have some record of its proceedings in the shape of some shorthand note of what transpired. He was sure it would be as fair to those who thought that they were perhaps not treated as they might have been at this Committee, as it would be to those who were members of the Committee. He would like to ask the Brethren if it was their wish that in the future a minute of their proceedings should be made.

Bro. W. P. Brown P.G.Std.B. asked whether it was meant that there should be a record of what was said at the Board of Benevolence.

The President said No, but only of the Quarterly meetings of the General Committee of Grand Lodge, because some discussion might take place in Grand Lodge on what had occurred at the Committee. In nineteen cases out of twenty the proceedings were merely formal, about the business to be transacted at the ensuing Grand Lodge, and the minutes would be merely for information. But it might happen that something would take place which might appear to be invidious. At all events he thought it would be very much better that there should be a record. He therefore would make a motion to that effect.

The Senior Vice President seconded the motion.

The motion having been met with general cries of Hear, Hear,

The President put in the following form:—"That minutes of the proceedings of the General Committee shall be kept regularly, and be confirmed at the next General Committee."

The motion was carried unanimously.

The agenda for next Grand Lodge was then submitted to the Brethren, the Board of Masters was closed, and the Board of Benevolence opened.

Bro. James Brett said, that as that evening was the last occasion when the meetings of the Board for the present year would be held, he thought that as Stewards of the important Fund of Benevolence it was desirable that they should look back and review the result of their year's labours. He thought they could do so with much satisfaction to themselves when they considered that in that time with some thousands of pounds many poor Masons in distress and trouble had been relieved by the Board; in addition to whom many Widows and children of Masons had also been relieved. That was to the Brethren who formed the Board a great privilege as well as a great pleasure. But to do this spontaneously, effectively and with equal justice to all—with as much liberality as possible—it was necessary to give, not an occasional, but a constant attendance at the Board, because it was not possible to form a correct opinion of the distribution of the funds at the disposal of the Board without a knowledge of its income, and whether it would last out the year. On that Board they had seen on some occasions distinguished Brethren come forward to support cases, and by great ability and elocutionary powers had so advocated those cases as to lead the Board to vote larger sums than they otherwise would, and that to the detriment of very strong cases. As he had said, to do the work well required not only constant attention, but good government, and that was the point to which he wished to draw the Brethren's attention, and was the purpose for which he rose. He was going to propose a vote of thanks to the President of the Board, Brother Robert Grey. Bro. Brett did not profess to have, the wisdom of King Solomon, but he knew one thing—that all the Brethren on the Board were proud of their President. There was an old proverb—"Like Master, like man," and he believed there was great truth in it,—for when a President set a good example it had great force and influence on those over whom he presided. It was not possible to find a Brother more able or more attentive—giving his time constantly to that Board—more painstaking or patient than Bro. Robert Grey; he was the same Brother Robert Grey now as he was when he first took the chair, nearly nine years ago. Ever since he first took the chair he had displayed great judgment, ability and firmness, but at the same time with consideration, patience, helpfulness and great kindness. Considering the long list of business there was before the Board that night he would not be justified in taking up the time of the Brethren with further remarks, more especially as Bro. Robert Grey was not only so well known to himself (Bro. Brett) but to all the Brethren, both at this and all other Boards at which he gave his assistance. He sincerely proposed "that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks to our Bro. Robert Grey be recorded on the minutes," and in doing that he was quite sure he expressed the feelings of the Brethren when he said he hoped that the Board might be honoured, and petitioners benefited by his being spared to preside over the Board for many years to come.

Bro. Henry Garrod P.G.P. and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. rose together, but the latter gave way.

Bro. Henry Garrod, as one of the oldest members of

the Board of Benevolence, would like very much to second the motion. He knew Bro. Cottebrune would like to do so, as he had on previous occasions; but he hoped he might be allowed to second it as one of the oldest members of the Board. It would, however, be needless for him to make any lengthened remarks, Bro. Brett having spoken so fully on the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. Robert Grey President then said he felt by the remarks which had fallen from Brother Brett that this was not a merely formal vote of thanks, but a sincere expression of the feelings of the Brethren. Some time ago the Board resolved that their meetings should open at five o'clock instead of six in the evening. He was afraid, however, that to-night the regular business would not commence till long after six, and therefore he would say only a few words, as a condensation of fuller expressions, and he hoped the Board would accept them as his thanks. Bro. Brett had been kind enough to call him "the same Robert Grey to-day that he was the first time he sat there." In spirit he was the same; he was very proud and thankful to say he did not feel himself so very much older, and he only hoped he might continue so. He trusted it would be his great honour as it would be his extreme pleasure to preside over the Brethren for many years. He should only be too pleased to do so if it was the will of the M.W.G. Master to again appoint him to that distinguished post. It was a position of which he was justly proud, for he considered that this Board and the Board which was so ably presided over by his Brother on his right—Brother Loveland-Loveland the Board of General Purposes—were the two Boards which were the essence of Masonry, the backbone of the whole Craft. He had done his best here; but that best would have been utterly useless had it not been for the universal kindness, the assistance and moderation he had received from every Brother who attended the meetings of the Board. It was not given to every one to have the gift of patience; he did not possess it himself; but he could only say that if at any time he had said a word that might have been taken as a little sharp or un-Brotherly or unkind there was no feeling of that sort in his mind, and he asked their pardon. He looked forward to the future with as much pleasure as he looked back on the past—the pleasure of bestowing and extending relief to those who had not been so fortunate as the members of this Board. That was his idea, to extend relief to the distressed, and as long as they carried out that principle of Loyalty to the precepts of the Craft so long would they stand at the head of the Craft which stood at the head of the world of Masonry.

Bro. David Dixon Mercer P.G.P. said that before considering the cases on the paper he would like to ask the opinion of the President whether the time had not arrived for the Board to take some steps with regard to those petitioners who had ceased to be paying members of Lodges for some time. At the last meeting they had some cases before them where the petitioners had not paid for thirty or forty years. There were some such cases before them to-night, where they had subscribed two or three years, and then ceased for many years. He thought they ought to take the circumstances into consideration, and he would like to take the feeling of the Board whether there should not be a limit of time when a Brother should be allowed to come to the Board for relief.

Bro. James Brett said they could not do it without getting the law altered.

Bro. D. D. Mercer said according to the law a Brother must have paid two years to his Lodge. He could see nothing in the book with regard to altering the rule.

Bro. C. J. R. Tijou P.G.A.P.: We cannot alter it.

Bro. D. D. Mercer: There is nothing to prevent us limiting the time.

Bro. Robert Grey read rule 234, and said it was perfectly clear—and he thought Bro. Loveland, whom he would appeal to, would endorse what he said that they could not go beyond that. The Book of Constitutions would have to be altered if they varied their present principle. They could not make a rule of their own. In the opinion of the Board there were frequently cases that were worthy of relief although the petitioner might not have subscribed more than two years at a distant

date. If they were to alter their rule as suggested they might have urgent cases where they would be prevented relieving them. The remedy was in the hands of the Board as they had the power to deal with every case on its own merits.

The subject then dropped; and the Brethren confirmed recommendations made at the October meeting to the extent of £570. The new list contained forty-one cases; of these only one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1,040. They came from London, Malton, Havant, Bocking, St. Helena, Pembroke Dock, Dewsbury, Leicester, Hartlepool, Hexham, Aldershot, Wigton, Shrewsbury, Chingford, Plumstead, Norwich, Crewkerne, Gosport and Bermuda. There were five amounts of £50 each, five of £40 each, eight of £30 each, fourteen of £20 each, six of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

### BANQUET LAWS.

**A** SUBJECT that in spite of many very clear regulations and decisions will not rest, is whether a Lodge may devote any part of its funds for banquets or refreshments of any kind. The law is distasteful to many, who seem to think that the Lodges should have the right to dispose of their own funds as they please. Such Brothers disregard prudence and fail to think that at any moment a cry of distress and call for help may come from those whom they are bound to assist. We are glad and proud to see the stand taken in California on this question and the firmness with which they adhere to it. In commending the law of California, we have to antagonise a quite general sentiment and practice in Montana. But it is not right if we do it, and can never be made right. There is this explanation and excuse for our practice, however, that it is no more than right to set forth. In our earlier experience it grew to be a custom that every one on being raised should provide an entertainment—this, some interpreted as a meaning of the old regulation that every new-made Brother should clothe the Lodge. It came to be a recognised evil, and while some with plenty of means willingly conformed to the custom, others, desirable for members, could not afford it. So it was forbidden, and the compromise was that enough should be charged for the degrees to cover this item of a modest collation. We are not opposed to occasional banquets, but fully believe in their good influence.

There should be banquets to which wives and children could come and all contribute something to the table. And there may very profitably be banquets for the Craft alone; then those who attend should pay the expense. If Brothers looked at it right and really reflected, that when paid out of Lodge funds, they were partaking of charity supper, we hardly think they would relish it, but that is what it amounts to in the last concise analysis. We can see no impropriety in a Lodge having a Steward's fund made up from voluntary contributions. Occasionally some generous Brother, when under the smiles of fortune, might feel rich enough to give a "potlach," as Alaskans term it. At any rate, we believe when the matter is properly understood, that not a single Brother in any jurisdiction will favour feasting on the funds consecrated to charity.—Cornelius Hedges, in "Voice of Masonry."

The record of the first year's work of the Gold Fields Lodge, of which we publish a report elsewhere in this issue, discloses a condition of affairs probably unique in the annals of Freemasonry. The Lodge was warranted in 1893, and the meeting we now report was its second Installation; and was held in a Masonic Hall owned by the Lodge, and which, on completion, is expected to cost £10,000, all of which outlay the members hope to clear off during the current year. During the past twelve months there have been seventy-four regular and emergency meetings, no less than 200 members being admitted during that time. The signature book shows an attendance of 1,325 Visitors and 2,389 members, the number present at the second Installation being close on 400—altogether a marvellous record of Masonic activity.

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## IMPECUNIOUS LODGES—WHERE ARE THEY?

To THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot devote much time to the discussion of Masonic matters for the edification of the public, and therefore I have not replied to the peculiar cynicism (I hope I do not wrong him) of "Past Master" in the "Echo." Let me, however, give my experience for the encouragement of the coming "men" of the fraternity—those who happen to have very recently joined and may be startled by "Past Master's" evidence. I have been a Member of one Lodge nearly twenty-nine years. I may be said to be a founder of two other Lodges, only in one case the list of founders is filled by the requisite number of better men,—at any rate I thought so at the time and do now. I was the very life of the other and of course the Warrant bears my name. I should have accepted the honour of being first W.M. which was naturally pressed upon me, but declined, because I had experience enough to know in what other way I could best promote the interests of that Lodge. I am a Member of a London Lodge which stands at least as high if not higher than any in the Metropolis,—and honorary Member of two Provincial Lodges of which any Mason might be proud. Neither of the latter are Lodges of which I took an active part in the foundation.

This record establishes one fact—that after I have acknowledged to being a Past Master of about twenty-three years standing, and been I believe five times elected (unanimously) first Principal of a well-known Chapter—I shall probably be generally considered as "well-up" in my information about the Craft as "Past Master."

Now I was twenty-five years most actively interested in one Lodge, and I noticed in 1875 what many considered a wave of exceptional prosperity for the Craft following upon the Installation of H.R.H. our illustrious M.W. Grand Master. I mention this, because, in fairness, I am bound to admit the spice of truth which generally exists at the bottom of all such gratuitous statements as "Past Master" makes—scores undoubtedly *did* join the Craft for what they could get out of it.

From these, and the right they have not failed to exercise of proposing "birds of a feather," assisted by the laxity born of prosperity, we are suffering; even this bitter experience has inculcated a lesson that will not soon be forgotten and hence must tend to ultimate good.

Of course neither I nor "Past Master" can say who does or does not enter from other than purely Masonic motives; subsequent knowledge of such Brethren can alone decide. In the Lodge I refer to, not a single instance came to my knowledge, although I was Secretary about fifteen years. But in this "business" age nine-tenths of the Candidates have some idea of benefit, more or less defined according to their wants at the time, and it is to such as Past Master (I assume he is such) that the Craft must look to be defended against mercenary recruits, whether these be introduced by doubtful or good members. I do not say he can always prevent the introduction of undesirable candidates, but he can insist that every precaution is taken, which means more than "Past Master" would care to own to the "Echo" querist. I pass over the "impecunious" reason for accepting Tom, Dick, and Harry, very briefly. There may be here and there Lodges in low water. I have known such, and these knew better than to expect relief by securing Tom's Initiation fees, and they never had any hesitation in refusing Dick and Harry *at any price*. I see no advantage there can be in decimating a big Lodge for the sake of a few Initiation fees and in this respect "Past Master" ought to be told that Lodges boasting numbers without "Masonry" never prosper, while it is to-day possible to work a Lodge of twenty or thirty right men at so small a cost that it can never be necessary to raise the funds by thrusting in Candidates. Should there ever be a Grand Lodge "Commission" to enquire into the financial question, it is to be hoped so poor an economist as "Past Master" may never have a share in the deliberations.

I consider from my own personal knowledge that for any one of "presentable appearance" and in possession of the fees, £5-£8 to gain admittance to any one of many Provincial Lodges with which I am well acquainted would be *absolutely impossible*. I know less of Metropolitan Lodges; however, I am certain that if there be no power exercised from *within* the Lodge, *wherever it may be*, both the guineas and the Candidate will remain outside.

As regards the "medals," a gentleman is not always known by his coat, nor is a Mason by his Medals. Much might be said of the bad taste exhibited too often both in Lodges and Processions, and I have heard very good Masons covered with "medals" described in quite stable-boy language. Personal vanity creates the abuse, otherwise I think a Mason has the undoubted right to wear any jewel or medal he is *entitled to*. The latter rule I must say is often more studied in the breach than in the observance, but if the benevolence be there, it is immaterial to me whether it covers the medals or the latter cover the benevolence.

Yours fraternally,

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The Second Volume of "Social England," published a short time ago, is already being reprinted.

## LAPSUS LINGUÆ.

GOOD stories pass through innumerable editions, and become varied according to the ability of the teller: they are, in fact, so altered at times, as almost to lose their identity. There is no greater nuisance at a social party than the dull and prosy man, whilst a good "raconteur" is certainly a desideratum. The former wearies you by his pointless and never-ending story, but the other delights you by his quick and lively sallies.

How exquisitely droll was that incident of two Irishmen, who upon meeting, thought they were each interrogating a mutual friend, but finding they laboured under a mistake, reluctantly parted with the very simple Hibernian acknowledgment "Sure, it's neither of us," which being re-told by a person who had entirely lost the pith of the story, fell very flat when changed to "Sure, we've made a mistake." A similar story is told of a tall man named Jackson, who came across a friend at a party, the latter saying to him, "Jackson, it's an awfully short coat which you wear!" "So it ought to be," was the witty reply, "for I've worn it long enough." Another friend, who heard and admired the repartee, afterwards retelling the story, entirely lost the drollery of the joke by adding, "So it ought to be for I've worn it a good many years."

A man having heard what he considered to be a very good conundrum, endeavoured to treasure it up in the storehouse of his memory, thinking to score a telling point. When he reached home however, and propounded it to his wife, the whole conditions of the story had lapsed, and he unfortunately forgot its application. "What is the difference," he asked, "between me and a donkey?" His spouse looked surprised at the question, but immediately rejoined without even so much as a smile, "There isn't any difference at all!" and the husband knew that he had blundered somewhere.

Oliver Goldsmith, "who wrote like an angel, and talked like poor poll," could not tell a story satisfactorily for the life of him. He spoiled a dish of good green peas on one occasion in his endeavour to perpetrate a feeble joke about carrying them to Kew, because that was "the way to Turnham (turn'em) Green," and then missed the point by ordering the cook to have them conveyed to Kew, "because that was the way to render them green." As the peas were spoiled in Goldsmith's case, so is many a good story by the telling of it.

Sully, the painter, once retrieved a slip of the tongue in a smart way. At a party one evening he was speaking of a belle who was a great favourite. "Ah!" said the artist, "she has a mouth like an elephant!" His listeners were shocked. "Oh! Mr. Sully, how can you be so rude?" asked one of them. "Rude, ladies, rude!" exclaimed Sully, who saw what a mistake he had made, "What do you mean? I say she has got a mouth like an elephant, because it is so full of ivory."

In connection with the title which I have adopted, most of my readers have heard of that gentleman who was giving a dinner party, to which had been invited a guest whose education had not been gained at college. In the process of carrying in the dishes, an awkward waiter let an ox tongue fall from the plate on to the floor. "Never mind," aptly said the host, who was equal to the occasion, "It is only a 'lapsus linguæ,' which joke naturally caused instant laughter. The guest just mentioned, tickled by the incident, resolved on a similar innovation at his next dinner party, and gave instructions accordingly. When the guests were seated, a servant entered to carry out his orders, but instead of a tongue, allowed a piece of beef to slip to the floor. The point of the joke, however, was lost when the host shouted in a tone of exultation, "No matter friends, it is only a 'lapsus linguæ.'"

A most serious "lapsus linguæ" was that of a sailor on the look-out who, seeing a rock close to, shouted out "Larboard," instead of "Starboard," drowning dozens by the slip; and it is affirmed that in consequence of this lamentable accident the word "Port" was substituted for "Larboard" in naval nomenclature.

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

A large and representative meeting of the General Committee of the Liverpool Masonic Ball took place on Friday of last week, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. W. Simpson P.P.G.W. (Wigan). The Hon. Secretary Bro. A. E. Povey reported that the deputation had waited upon the Lord Mayor, who had granted the use of the Town Hall for Tuesday, the 15th January next, and had promised his patronage and presence at the ball, also that of the Lady Mayoress Mrs. Watts. It was decided to hold the ball on that date under the banner of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241. Bro. Molyneux was unanimously elected M.C., and Bro. Harradon Deputy M.C. A large number of ball stewards were nominated, and everything promises that the ball this year will be one of the most successful and attractive yet held.

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The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602 has arranged its annual ball for the 17th January next; the proceeds to be devoted to the Masonic Charities. The Freemasons' Tavern has been selected for the gathering, which is looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation by those who have participated in previous entertainments of this Lodge. Further particulars may be had of Bro. John Osborn P.M. Sec. (36 Highbury Park, N.)



## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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## METROPOLITAN.

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## PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 13th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, and at an interval in the proceedings advantage was taken of the date to tender the hearty congratulations of the Lodge and all the Brethren present to P.M. Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, V.D., F.S.A., P.G.Swd. B. of England, on the Jubilee of his Masonic career.

There was not the slightest doubt, says the "Weekly News and Chronicle," but that the unique event was one in which very many Brethren would have been glad of an invitation to take a part in the interesting proceedings, and thus be in the records of sharers in a rare Masonic event.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Percy F. Holmden, who was supported by his Officers.

The minutes of the last Lodge were confirmed, and necessary business pertaining to them having been transacted, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. D. McGregor successfully conducted through it to the close. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Mr. Frederick William Hingstone, introduced by Bros. A. J. Harman and W. Webber, impressively entered; the workings of the Master through all inviting and receiving commendation.

The Master, previous to closing, said that as all the Brethren knew, the present meeting was one in which opportunity was given to celebrate an event that was unique. Their P.M. Bro. Col. Geo. Lambert had completed fifty years of good and useful work in the Percy Lodge, and he, the Master, felt assured that all present, and many who were not, would gladly acknowledge the splendid and perfect work he had done during that time. He had endeared himself to them all, and they therefore intended to ask his acceptance of a memorial setting forth their kindly and grateful remembrances. This pleasant duty of presentation he would, however, very willingly resign to their Treasurer P.M. Cowell, assured that he would the better express the sentiments of them all.

P.M. Dr. Cowell said the W.M. had requested him to say a few words, but Bro. George Lambert was a very large subject. He had large ideas and a large heart, and his generosity exhibited itself both within and without Masonic circles. He was a man of letters, proved by his several contributions to valued literature, and his knowledge of archaeology as well as with matters of our present every day life. The Percy Lodge, and he might include other Lodges, owed a great deal, for wherever the name of Geo. Lambert was known, it was synonymous with help in many directions. They had on the present occasion to deal with P.M. George Lambert in his fifty years of Masonic work, and especially in connection with the Percy Lodge, in which his record was one long list of successes, and one also of which very few Masons could boast. Bro. George Lambert was initiated in the Percy, in October 1844. He had served as their Master no less than six terms, as Treasurer twelve years; he had been Secretary from 1858 to 1868, and then again from 1887 to 1890; D.C. from 1851 to 1855, in addition to filling, and filling well, all the intermediate offices; a Past Z. in several Chapters, and one of the founders of the Queen's Westminster, Huguenot, Anglo-American and Columbia Lodges; a P.G. Officer of Herts., and a P.G.Swd.B. of England—a record of which few could boast; a record of which they all felt proud in their Brotherhood and fraternity. With very deep sentiments of Masonic and personal regard, they one and all asked his acceptance of an emblazoned shield, and with it he tendered the hope of everyone that the genial presence of Bro. Lambert might be with them for many years to come.

P.M. Bro. George Lambert said: And I, in all heartiness, accept it, every word of my career that Bro. Cowell has spoken is true. With reference to Percy Lodge it has had many vicissitudes and overcome them; we had to make some changes and made them; the Lodge wanted properly strengthening and we properly strengthened it; it wanted properly sustaining and we properly sustained it. How this was all done need not now be detailed, as no further purpose can be answered by a relation. The Percy Lodge is prosperous, and I am naturally proud of having had a rather good share in making it so. There are many kindly memories now, I hope they will long continue, in the persons of all the dear old friends that are now around me. It is my fiftieth Masonic year. Your gift is to me a surprise, I thought it rather my place to make a present than to receive one, and this being so I ask the Lodge to accept a "Loving Cup," with the record of your old Past Master engraved upon it. I hope that our friendships may long continue, and I thank you for your handsome gift and kind expressions.

After congratulations to the Master the Lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the great hall and was followed by the usual toasts.

The Master proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, to which Bro. Letchworth Grand Secretary returned thanks, giving assurance that all the Grand Lodge Officers and himself had peculiar pleasure in being invited to such interesting ceremonies and functions. They knew the goodness of Bro. George Lambert, and while the Percy Lodge existed, his name would be indelibly and affectionately associated with it.

Bro. George Lambert said that it was a privilege accorded to an old Master to propose the Visitors, and as he knew them all personally, and many of them intimately and affectionately, he gave them a hearty greeting.

Bro. John Locke D.G.M. Barbadoes, and Bro. C. J. Shoppee P.M. replied.

## SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THE regular meeting was held on Friday, 9th inst., at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, under the presidency of Bro. A. J. Cave jun. W.M., who was well supported by members and Visitors.

The business of the Lodge included the raising of Brothers W. Warmington, A. Raines, J. Capp and G. H. T. Smither; the passing of Bro. J. W. Wells; and the initiation of Mr. W. Howland, the ceremonies being well rendered.

After other business the Lodge was closed, and the company sat down to banquet together, when the usual toast list was honoured.

I.P.M. Bro. Everett proposed the health of W.M. Brother Cave jun., commenting in deservedly eulogistic terms on the workings they had witnessed that day, workings, continued the speaker, that would do credit to any Lodge, showing as they did that no matter the amount of duty their Master was called upon to do, he proved himself perfect in it, and rendered the ritual with that impressiveness that must impress all, and especially those who, having partaken of them, appreciated the fulness all the more.

The W.M., in reply, said he should be something less than a man if he failed to appreciate the kindly acknowledgment conveyed in the address they had just received from the I.P.M. He would not conceal from them that it gave him great pleasure, and he would not conceal from them that he had tried to deserve some credit for the working. The ritual impressed him very much, and he thought it a sacred duty that the Master should convey impressiveness on all who were associated with him in so honourable an office.

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

ON Friday of last week, a most successful supper was held at the Board of Works Office, Poplar, in connection with the above Lodge. Upwards of seventy Brethren sat down, and an admirable repast was provided by Bro. P. Best Folks.

Among those present were Past Masters Farnfield, Kirk, Potts, J. A. Coleman, Raymond, Duck, Boyce, Arrowsmith, Gooch and Ben Jonsson; Bros. F. Waterson W.M. All Saints, G. Anderson Merchant Navy, McLean W.M. Euphrates, and Warn W.M. Bromley St. Leonard.

Bro. Preceptor Allen occupied the chair, and was faced by Bro. W. Bland Hon. Secretary.

The Loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, Brother Farnfield P.M. proposed prosperity to the All Saints Lodge of Instruction, and referred to the popularity the Lodge had attained during the past few years, compared with the amount of support it received at its commencement.

Bro. Allen eloquently responded, and urged the Brethren to join whether they were in office or not.

Bro. Allen proposed the toast of the Past Master and Masters of Lodges present, to which Bro. Raymond P.M., Brother Anderson W.M. and Bro. McLean W.M. responded.

The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary to the Lodge of Instruction was proposed from the chair, and Brother Bland responded.

He stated that during the past twelve months forty-one meetings had been held. The aggregate attendance amounted to 585 or over an average of fourteen per meeting. The balance in hand ran into double figures after paying all expenses.

During the evening some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Duff, Hatfield, Bussey, Wright, Simpson, Anderson P.M. and Jones, the humorous element being entrusted to Bros. Victor Goddard and Folks, who were most deservedly encored several times. Bro. T. Noakes acted as accompanist.

Bro. Bland recited "The Freemason's Alphabet," an original composition which met with marked approval.

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## CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1769.

A MEETING was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, 13th inst., when Bro. James Tollworthy was installed as Worshipful Master. Subsequently he invested his Officers and initiated two candidates. At the banquet that followed, the W.M.'s health was heartily drunk, and he was warmly complimented on his working.

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## ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

ON Wednesday, 14th inst., the Installation meeting was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., under the presidency of the Master Colonel E. T. Rodney Wilde.

The impressive ceremony of installing Rev. J. Henry Smith was admirably performed by the Town Clerk Sir J. B. Monckton, who was the first Master of the Lodge, and under whose genial and kindly auspices, says the "City Press," the Lodge has attained an extensive measure of success. The new Master invested his Officers as follows: Captain Vickers Dunfee S.W., W. Bruce Clarke J.W., H. Clarke Treasurer, Colonel Sewell Secretary, J. Carlyon Hughes S.D., Baron de Bush J.D., Rev. G. J. Scott Chaplain. Offices were also conferred upon Bros. W. T. Roberts, E. Clarke, H. Percy Monckton and F. A. Jenson.

Later the members of the Lodge and their friends banqueted together, the new Master occupying the chair.

The Loyal and Craft toasts were drunk, and Bro. Sheriff Hand proposed the health of the Officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, in reply, referred to the vast amount of time which the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe gave to Masonry, and the immense interest they and other chiefs of the Craft took in it. It gave him great pleasure to be present, because he found that two lamented predecessors in

the office he held always took a deep interest in the Alliance Lodge.

Colonel Rodney Wilde next gave the health of the new Master in eulogistic terms, and the Rev. J. Henry Smith responding said the warm reception which had been accorded him was a distinct encouragement to him to persevere in the endeavour he intended to make to maintain the Lodge in the same eminent position to which it had attained.

Brother T. L. Wilkinson proposed the health of the Installing Master Sir John Monckton, who had performed, he said, for the 120th time the interesting ceremony which they had witnessed with so much satisfaction and admiration that evening. On fourteen or fifteen occasions Sir John had installed the Master of the Alliance Lodge. No wonder then he should have risen to the high rank he had in Masonry, or that his name as a Mason should be world wide. It was entirely due to the fostering care of Sir John Monckton, and the interest he had taken in all that concerned the Lodge, that the Alliance Lodge had risen to the high position it occupied among the Lodges of England.

Sir John, acknowledging the toast, thanked the Deputy Grand Registrar for his kindly reference to the Alliance Lodge. This was the sixteenth year of its existence. He was glad to say that the whole of their Past Masters were living, and out of the sixteen some twelve or thirteen were present that evening. He thought he might therefore claim for the members of the Alliance Lodge that they were a distinctly lively and long-lived lot.

Bro. H. Clarke gave the Visitors, to which Bro. E. E. Phillips and Bro. Easterbrook replied.

Bro. Under-Sheriff Phillips proposed the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Alderman Green and Bro. E. Garnelman, who left England on Saturday on his return to Rangoon, where he occupies a judicial position, responded.

Captain Vickers Dunfee acknowledged the toast of the Officers, and the proceedings terminated.

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### HOWARD LODGE, No. 56.

AT the Annual Installation meeting, held at the Argyie Rooms, Littlehampton, on the 15th inst., Bro. Alfred Lloyd was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

On the closing of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where they sat down to a banquet under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

### LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 557.

THIS Lodge, which meets at Callington, has unanimously elected Bro. W. W. Dymond W.M. Bro. C. T. Pearce was also unanimously elected Treasurer for the thirty-ninth year, and Bro. T. C. Betty was appointed Almoner. The Festival of St. John the Evangelist will be held, says the "Western Morning News," on 10th December, when Bro. Dymond will be installed, and the banquet served at Bro. G. T. Lakeman's.

### DEVONSHIRE LODGE, No. 625.

ON the 15th inst., the members celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist, at Glossop.

The Installation of Bro. W. H. Irlam as Worshipful Master was performed at the Town Hall, by Bro. J. G. Hodgson the retiring W.M., who was assisted by several Past Masters of the Lodge.

Bro. J. E. Steward P.M. 336 P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire afterwards invested the Officers for the ensuing year. A banquet subsequently took place at the Town Hall.

### HARTINGTON LODGE, No. 916.

THE Installation meeting took place at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on the 16th, when Bro. Benson was installed as W.M. and appointed his Officers.

Afterwards the Brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M., who was supported by a number of distinguished Officers of the Province.

### ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 993.

A VERY interesting gathering of Brethren, with wives and lady friends, was held on Saturday, 10th inst., at the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, under the presidency of Brother W. H. Bibby Worshipful Master.

Tea was provided in the large room at five o'clock, after which it was arranged in the style of a drawing room, and songs were given during the evening by Miss Heywood, of Longsight, and Bro. Hinchcliffe, in each case very effectively, and being much appreciated. Bro. J. H. Greenwood caused much amusement with his "Trips to the Isle of Man," and "The showman," both of which were given with vigour and were highly successful. The reading of Bro. Ward, "The Turkish Bath," was very laughable, and Bro. Ridgway's version of the "House that Jack built" and "Quack Doctor" was much enjoyed.

The toast of the Ladies was given by the Worshipful Master, and responded to on their behalf by Brother Ward with a suitable speech.

The next toast was "Long life to our Worshipful Master and his wife." Bro. Allitt paid Bro. Bibby a high tribute of esteem on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge.

Great praise is due to Bro. and Mrs. Cader, the host and hostess of the Hotel, for the manner in which they provided the tea and refreshments. Thus the second gathering of this kind proved highly successful.

Bro. Walker sang "God save the Queen," and the company dispersed. Bro. Hopkinson presided very effectively at the piano throughout the evening.

### STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

ON Wednesday, the members held their Annual Installation at the Lodge Rooms, Sudbury, the W.M. Brother G. F. Hawkins presiding.

There was a large muster of the Craft, including Brother W. C. Quilter, M.P.

The Installing Master was Brother Rev. Charles J. Martyn D.P.G.M., and the Brother chosen to fill the post of W.M. for the ensuing year was Bro. Robert Sizer Joy, J.P.

Brother Martyn impressively conducted the ceremony of Installation.

The ceremony over, the Brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where they dined together. Subsequently the usual toast list was proceeded with.

The health of Brother W. Cuthbert Quilter, M.P., was warmly received, and was acknowledged by that Brother in his usual genial manner.

Our Charities was proposed by Bro. F. Wheeler and supported by Brother C. J. N. Row. A whip was sent round, and a sum of £19 6s was subscribed. When the amount was announced one Brother present supplemented his donation, making the amount up to £25.

### WALDEN LODGE, No. 1280.

THE installation banquet took place at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden, on the 12th inst., Bro. C. G. Payne being the new W.M. Bro. Herbert Gardner, Minister of Agriculture, was present.

### UNITY LODGE, No. 1332.

AT a full meeting of the Lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Crediton, Bro. F. S. Sprague, a P.M. of the Lodge, was presented with a solid silver salver on his leaving the town, where he has resided for the past sixteen years as manager of the Devon and Cornwall Bank. He has been promoted to a similar position at Tavistock.

In the absence of W.M. Bro. B. C. Cleave, the presentation was made by Bro. J. C. Hoskins P.M., who was supported by Bro. W. B. Berry P.M. and Bro. J. F. Ralling P.M. The salver bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

WORSHIPFUL BRO. F. S. SPRAGUE P.M.

on his leaving Crediton, by the Brethren of Unity Lodge, No. 1332, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services to the Lodge.

November 1894.

### CASTLE LODGE, No. 1436.

THE Installation of Bro. W. L. Chubb as W.M. took place at Sandgate, on Monday, 12th inst., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield P.M. Chaplain of the Lodge.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Artillery Rooms, and was served in splendid style by Mr. Akerman, landlord of the Norfolk Hotel.

### ASHBURY LODGE, No. 1459.

THE Annual Meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde Road, West Gorton, on Thursday, 15th inst., the following being present:—Bros. J. Smith W.M., Drabble I.P.M., G. W. Davies S.W., Orme J.W., Beastow P.M. Treasurer, Jee Sec., J. Townley Trotter S.D., F. W. Burgess J.D., A. E. Burgess Org., Bee P.M. D.C., Hurlow I.G., P.M. Abbott P.P.D. of C.; Past Masters Oglesby, Richardson, Righton, Wallworth, Wright, Hughes, Aspinall; and Bros. Astley, Barber, Chamberlain, Dyson, Downs, Pogson, Robinson, Spence, Stamp, Tunstall, Thompson.

Visitors:—Bros. John Chadwick P.G.Swd. B. Prov.G.Sec., John Clayton P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire, Walter Newton P.P.J.G.D., F. Hilton P.P.G.D. of C., A. Hebden P.P.G.D. of C., F. W. Lean P.P.S.G.D., J. Phythian P.P.G.D. of C., J. Hayes I.P.M. 2185, J. M. Jones P.M. 1322, J. D. Foreman P.M. 210, W. F. Farrington P.M. 1633, G. C. Williams P.M. 152, G. H. Barnes I.P.M. 581, J. Horsfield W.M. 1077, Harrison S.W. 581, Griffiths 581, Grocock 1052, Hartley 1009, Cuss 1219, J. T. Tunstall 1219.

The Lodge was regularly opened by the W.M.; the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and in due course Bro. G. W. Davies S.W. W.M.-elect was presented by P.M. Bee to receive the benefits of Installation.

Bro. John Chadwick Prov. G. Sec. questioned him upon the Antient Constitutional Charges, to which he gave a ready acquiescence, and shortly afterwards a Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. P.M. Bee D.C. Installing Master being assisted in the ceremony by Past Masters Richardson, Smith and Oglesby. The Lodge being just twenty-one years old it was a singular coincidence

that there were just twenty-one Past Masters present at the ceremony.

At the conclusion of the work the Brethren sat down to a capital Banquet.

At the Festive Board the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the G.L. Officers being responded to by Brother Chadwick, who complimented the retiring W.M. on the part he took. He also pressed the claims of the London Charities upon the Brethren, and expressed his pleasure in visiting them again, he being surprised to find it was fourteen years since his previous visit.

Bro. P.M. Wallworth proposed the health of the W.M. in a very felicitous manner, saying it was during his year as W.M. that he gave Bro. Davies his first office—that of I.G. He was an enthusiast in Masonry, being connected with the Mark, Royal Arch, Knights Templars and Knights of Malta, and was in office in all but the latter. He was quite sure the Lodge would prosper under his guidance.

Bro. Davies W.M. said, in reply:—"You will readily understand that I rise with a great deal of trepidation to respond to this toast feeling that I cannot adequately express that which it is in my heart to do. I thank P.M. Wallworth for the very commendatory manner in which he has introduced the toast of my health, and you Brethren one and all for the sincerity of the response you gave. In all my Masonic career I have been actuated by a desire to promote the principles and tenets of Masonry in their fullest degree, and emulate those noble examples which are here represented to-night. I am not unmindful of the fact that in occupying this chair I am following in the footsteps of many able and experienced Masters, and my only fear is that I shall never be able to attain to the standard of excellence which many of my predecessors have done. But I can assure you, Brethren, that if the G.A.O.T.U. shall give me health and strength during the next twelve months I will try to so conduct myself in the chair and the business of the year that the prestige of the Lodge shall at least be maintained, and that I may leave the chair as unsullied as I now enter it. I rejoice to be your W.M. for this year for one or two reasons: in the first place it is an epoch in the history of the Lodge; to-night we attain our majority, and now rank among the matured Lodges of the Province. Twenty-one years ago this Lodge was consecrated by the late Bro. W. Romaine Callender (acting as Prov.G.M.), the only name now connected with us upon the warrant being our esteemed Brother P.M. James Abbott P.P.G.D.C., who is No. 1 upon our Register and was its first J.W., and who I was pleased to see occupying the same position during this afternoon's ceremony. Our venerable P.M. Bro. Thos. Aspinall was also a Joining Member on the same day; one of the promoters and first Treasurer. Our Senior P.M. Thos. Hughes was proposed that evening as a Joining Member from Duke of Athol, No. 210, and joined in December, so that these three Brethren have had an honourable connection for twenty-one years and stand one, two, three upon our Register. I rejoice too, because during my year our Mother Lodge, the Duke of Athol, 210 will reach its Centenary. I am glad to see it represented here by my esteemed friend and Bro. Dr. Foreman P.M., and I am sure the old Lady will not cease to exist so long as he is connected with it. Financially our Lodge is healthy and surrounded by an excellent set of Officers and members; the future and success of the Lodge is assured. In conclusion, I thank you Brethren for your attendance this evening, and while taking it as a compliment to myself, I consider the Lodge is honoured."

The W.M. then proposed the health of the I.P.M., congratulating him upon his successful year and work, and assuring him of the high esteem he is held in by the members, who wished in a more tangible form to express their gratitude, which, on their behalf, he now had the pleasure of doing, by presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel, inscribed as follows:

Presented to

BRO. JOHN SMITH P.M.

as a token of their esteem, by the members of the

Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459,

for services rendered as W.M. during 1893-4.

Bro. Smith, in acknowledging the toast, was afraid the Brethren had over-rated his qualities, he assured them he should treasure the gift, and it would always remind him of the pleasant and happy year as W.M. and of those associated with the Lodge.

Bro. P.M. Beastow Treasurer proposed the Visitors, which was acknowledged by all the Visiting Brethren, who spoke in most complimentary terms of the Worshipful Master and the hospitality received.

Dr. Foreman said he could not help saying how pleased he was to be present as representing the Mother Lodge of Ashbury. He was one of those who had the pleasure of associating with the W.M. in the higher degrees of Mark, R.A. and K.T., and for three or four years had watched him and noted the interest he took in all work of the various degrees.

Other toasts followed, Bros. Jones P.M., Hilton P.M., Griffiths, Jee, A. E. Burgess and Trotter adding to the enjoyment of the evening by rendering some excellent songs and recitations. The latter Brother, who, during the earlier portion of the ceremony had presented to the Lodge a new set of silver-mounted gavels recited some lines he had composed for the occasion.

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

THE Annual Installation meeting was held on the 19th, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, where there was a large gathering of members and visitors.

Bro. W. W. Mellor W.M., who presided, installed Brother J. W. Binks as his successor in the chair, and the Officers were invested. In the course of the evening an illuminated address was presented to Bro. Mellor, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered during his two years of Mastership.

#### CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, the 15th inst., the following being present:—Bros Wm. B. Midgley W.M., Edwin S. Done S.W., F. W. Maxwell J.W., Jno. W. Thompson P.M. P.P.G.St.B. Treas., John Wardle P.M. Sec., H. B. Fawcett S.D., R. Hothersall P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., W. H. Norton I.P.M., W. W. Briggs P.M., Robt. J. Bennett P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), S. F. Simons P.M., Ed. Hilton P.M., J. E. Lightbown, Fredk. Stephenson. Visitor:—Bro. T. Nesbit 1055 and 1077 Treas.

After the confirmation of minutes, Bro. Stephenson was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., he being assisted by Bros. Done, who gave the Ancient Charge; Maxwell, who presented the Working Tools; and Wardle P.M., who gave the Charge in the S.E.

Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Norton I.P.M. presented to Bro. S. F. Simons P.M. a handsome silver salver, which bore the following inscription:—

BRO. S. F. SIMONS,

on the occasion of his marriage,

from W.M. and Brethren of Concord Lodge, No. 1534.

26th July 1894.

The W.M. took advantage of the opportunity to refer in eulogistic terms to valuable services rendered by Bro. Simons to the Concord Lodge, and also to the able and proficient manner in which he had filled the various offices undertaken by him. In conclusion Bro. Norton said:—"I have very great pleasure in handing to you in the name of Lodge Concord this handsome salver, as a mark of the affection and esteem in which you are held by all the Brethren, and I trust that you may live long to enjoy the happiness of married life, and that this salver may be handed down by you to your children, and from generation to generation as a proof of that regard and affection fostered for you by the Brethren."

In reply, Bro. Simons expressed his acknowledgment of the very kind remarks of his old friend Bro. Norton, and thanked the Brethren most sincerely for their handsome gift. The presents which had been received by his dear wife and himself on the occasion of their marriage had been numerous and costly, but none had caused him deeper gratification and satisfaction than this one, it being the outcome of the love and esteem of friends with whom he had been associated for so many years in the noble cause of Freemasonry, an institution which aimed at alleviating human misery, and tended to make every member of the fraternity more generally useful to his fellow creatures. Bro. Simons said he would ever look upon this present with feelings of gratitude, and concluded by again expressing his most heartfelt thanks to the Brethren of the Concord Lodge.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

That of the newly-passed Brother was given by Bro. Thompson, who spoke of him in commendatory terms as one who had been well recommended, and who would make a good Mason.

In reply, Bro. Stephenson said that the lateness of the hour prevented him from making a long speech. He would, however, thank the Brethren for the genial manner in which they had received his name. He would try to prove himself a good Mason, and worthy of the remarks uttered of him, hoping that ultimately he might become an honour to the Lodge.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs, recitations, etc., given by Bros. Wardle, Simons, Roberts and others.

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#### MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, No. 1544.

THE members celebrated the Festival of St. John on Wednesday, 14th inst., at Camborne, when Brother Alfred Dunkin was installed W.M. by Bro. Trounson, assisted by Bros. R. Rowe and Vial.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to Tyack's Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Rowe.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being agreeably interspersed with excellent songs by Bros. Sampson, Kistler, and Rowe, and capital recitations by Bros. Abbot, Richards, and Kinsman.

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#### LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

THE installation of Bro. Edwin Goodwin took place on the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial Road, Landport.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. E. T. Quinton I.P.M., who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Votes of thanks were given to the Treasurer Bro. Westerman and to the Secretary Bro. John Guyatt, the latter having efficiently performed the duties of his office for seven years.

A P.M.'s jewel was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, to Bro. Quinton for his valuable services during his term of office.

At the banquet, which was ably served by the steward of the club, the W.M. presided, and the usual toasts were given. The musical arrangements, which were in the able hands of Bro. T. F. Wilton, were thoroughly appreciated by the company.

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#### ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 14th inst., Bro. John Fisher W.M. (Prov. G.S.D.). There were also present: Bros. Alfred de Botton I.P.M., Walter Fowden S.W., Leon E. Levy J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treas., A. Kirkwood J.D., Walter Marshall I.G., Ch. Sassoon Std., George Board P.M. P.P.G.D., Julius Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P., J. Gershon,



Geo. Rideal P.M., B. Steel P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Geo. Crocker P.M. Visitor: Bro. A. M. Hart P.M.

After the confirmation of minutes, Mr. Myer Kerish, who had been balloted for upon a previous occasion, was initiated by the W.M., with the assistance of Bros. De Botton 1 P.M. and Levy J.W., the former presenting the Working Tools, and the latter rendering the Antient Charge.

The election of Officers afterwards took place with the following result: Bro. Fowden S.W. W.M.-elect, Mamelok Treas., Board Charity Representative, Rideal and Fowden Auditors.

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

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#### ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

ON Wednesday, 14th inst., Brother Edwin Gratwick, Station Master of the London, Chatham and Dover Station, Maidstone, was installed Worshipful Master, and appointed his Officers.

The customary banquet was held at the Mitre Hotel, when Bro. Wain, the worthy host, provided a first-class spread. The toast list included the usual Loyal and Masonic sentiments.

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#### SMYTH LODGE, No. 2284.

THE Installation of Ald. George Doughty, ex-Mayor of Grimsby as W.M., took place at the Masonic Hall, Grimsby, on Wednesday, 14th inst., in the presence of a large company of Brethren; and was followed by a banquet at the Yarborough Hotel.

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#### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 2025.

THE Annual meeting was held on Thursday, 15th inst., at Plymouth. The chief Officers for the ensuing year are as under:—Comps. W. Sweet Z., H. Reynolds H., T. J. Cole J.

The ceremony of Installation was performed by Comps. Withell, Gidley and Allsford.

The annual supper was held at the club, Comp. T. Gidley presiding, in the absence of the First Principal.

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#### MARK MASONRY.

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#### FIDELITY AND HUYSHE LODGE, No. 91.

THE Annual meeting was held at Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, on Wednesday, 14th inst., when Brother W. H. Corner was installed W.M. The attendance was exceptionally large.

The ceremony was conducted by the retiring W.M. and Brother Lord.

The influence of Freemasonry in Irish Public Offices has long been known to be exercised to the detriment of the Catholic officials engaged in the service of the State. Our attention has recently been directed to a flagrant case where one of the chiefs of an important public department—on whose good word and favour the promotion of his subordinates depends—is one of the rank and file of a Masonic Lodge of which one of these subordinates is the Worshipful Master! It is needless to say that Freemasonry pervades the office in question, or that by a curious coincidence Masons most quickly secure promotion, while Catholics are left behind. We have even heard it alleged that in the case of promotions within the clerical staff of the National Education Office a curious suitability for advancement appears to have characterised the Masonic members of the staff. This, of course, may be merely accidental, and not the result of the machinations of a secret society. It is, however, satisfactory to know that, as some eight promotions, from one grade to another, are about to take place amongst the clerks in this office, we shall not have long to wait in order to ascertain whether an extraordinary good luck still favours the Brethren of the square and compass within its precincts. Should any remarkable preponderance of advancement fall to members of the Masonic body, as has been the case at other times and in other affairs, we certainly shall take such steps as may be within our reach to secure an investigation into circumstances which it will be admitted require explanation.—“Irish Catholic.”

#### HIS MARK!

A PECULIAR event has just come to light in one of the Grand Lodges of Australia. Shortly it is, that a Brother made in Scotland applied for relief, and presented his certificate, upon which was inscribed John Jones, his mark. That a candidate who cannot conform to the requirements of the Constitution as far as they relate to the subscription of his name at full length prior to his initiation, should be made in Scotland, is a surprising revelation to Australian Masons. Circumstances and actions are sometimes allowed to pass in these Colonies with only a feeble protest, that are sufficient to bring adverse comment from us, but in our short stay within the sphere of things mundane, we have never encountered such a proceeding as this, which is directly unconstitutional. In these days of cheap travelling and the meeting of fellow townsmen and acquaintances upon the peaks of the Himalayas and Cordilleras, one of the passports necessary for a Mason is his certificate, and this, not for itself, but for the signature upon it, which affords a standard of comparison that we might almost venture to say is immutable. Of course this is not the only desideratum, but it is a positive safeguard against cowans, intruders and recreants, and for this reason Master Masons are or ought to be explicitly enjoined as to the privileges which the possession of the diploma confers, and the consequent necessity of its being in a thorough state of completion. The feelings engendered by the survey of such a sign manual, if observed by the profane world cannot be complimentary to the Craft, and indeed to Brethren, the injunction to the holder of it to study such of the liberal arts and sciences as may come within the compass of his attainments is bordering upon the ludicrous, and the Brother who thus enjoined the newly-initiated candidate must have felt himself placed in any but an enviable situation. This should not be, as every Mason who assists at the induction of a candidate should remember the circumstances with gratification, and not look back with regret either for his own part in the ceremony, for the candidate's inability, or for any invidious contemplation to which the Lodge might be thereafter subjected. In thus writing we do not forget that we honour morality and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune, but we do deplore a state of things which permits a man to be reared in the world in such a condition of unlearnedness, and we admit that the external advantage of ability to subscribe one's name is a direct result of fortune, but we cannot but feel sorrowful that such an incident as this should be possible. In Australia such an occurrence is impossible, thanks to the learning which is disseminated throughout its length and breadth, but apart from this we believe no M.M. would in any way countenance the admission to our ranks of any others than those to whom our beautiful lessons would be fully intelligible and intellectually interesting.

Another aspect of the matter lies in the fact that the Brethren of a Lodge should themselves exercise the strictest caution when engaged in wielding their prerogative of giving assent or dissent to propositions made in their individual Lodges, and in this respect we think every Secretary should state to the Master in open Lodge that all the necessary forms have been strictly complied with. These remarks of ours will, we are sure, be construed in no harsh spirit, but readers will share our regret in the circumstances, first that our Order should have been thus made subservient, and secondly and more deeply that the civilisation of the present day yet requires many impressions from the C. before it can be said to have attained its perfectibility.—“Masonry.”

The Annual concert in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, to be held next week in the Plymouth Guildhall, promises to eclipse those of previous years, not only for musical talent, but also financially. Last year nearly £70 was raised for the fund, and this year it is hoped that three figures will be reached. The concert will be under the distinguished patronage of Viscount Ebrington Provincial Grand Master of Devon President of the Institution, and the Worshipful Masters and Officers of the Lodges meeting in the neighbourhood.