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A NEW SEASON.

THE close of the present month on Tuesday next may be said to mark the division between winter and summer Masonry, and for a time many of the Lodges meeting in London and other great centres of population will be closed, the work of our Order being for a period transferred to the more congenial atmosphere of the country, either in the form of regular meetings of suburban and country Lodges, or pic-nics and summer outings of town ones. Whatever may be the object of these gatherings away from the busy haunts of civilisation it is recognised that the change is most desirable, and as the system of thus varying the seasons of our Lodges has led to many successes in the past we have little doubt of its popularity continuing in the future. We hope we shall have many such assemblies to record during the "off season" we are now entering upon.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE annual Installation and Festival of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, when the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master occupied the throne, supported by Rear Admiral Markham D.G.M. Malta as Deputy Grand Master, and a numerous assembly.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was formally declared as Grand Master for the year, and was regularly proclaimed. The re-appointment of the Earl of Lathom as Pro Grand Master and the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe as Deputy Grand Master was announced, and then the other Offices of Grand Lodge were filled by the following appointments:

General Lord Roberts of Candahar	-	-	Senior Warden
Lord Barnard	-	-	Junior Warden
Dr. Wade, Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness	-	-	Chaplains
Dr. Spence, Dean of Gloucester	-	-	
W. M. Stiles	-	-	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	-	-	Registrar
T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P.	-	-	Deputy Registrar
R. Loveland Loveland	-	-	Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.
E. Letchworth	-	-	Secretary
Robert Grey	-	-	Pres. Bd. Benevolence
Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C.	-	-	Senior Deacons
Sir F. Seager-Hunt, M.P.	-	-	
C. F. Marshall	-	-	Junior Deacons
Col. L. G. Dundas	-	-	
Lieut.-Col. W. Newton	-	-	Supt. of Works
Alfred S. Tomkins	-	-	
Herbert T. Steward	-	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Dr. F. E. Pocock	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Walter Hughes	-	-	
George E. Fairchild	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. H. Rylands	-	-	
Col. James Ward, C.B.	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
J. S. Cumberland	-	-	Standard Bearers
H. H. Room	-	-	
Joseph Todd	-	-	Organist
H. F. Frost	-	-	Assistant Secretary
William Lake	-	-	Pursuivant
John Newton	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Harry Tipper	-	-	Tyler.
Henry Sadler	-	-	

The rank of Past Grand Warden was conferred on Lieut-Gen. J. W. Lawrie Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who acts as representative of the Grand Lodge of New York at the Grand Lodge of England, and that of Past Senior Grand Deacon on Col. H. Studholme Brownrigg.

The Grand Festival was afterwards celebrated.

NEW TEMPLE AT KELVEDON.

FOR some months past an unpretentious-looking building has been in the course of erection in the High Street of Kelvedon, about which much interest has been awakened amongst Freemasons throughout the county, it being known that it was destined for Masonic purposes—in fact is the first temple dedicated solely to Masonic purposes in Essex.

The building is of the classic order, is executed with red brick and Bath stone, and is of handsome proportion and design. The Temple is approached from without by a stone portico, and from this you enter through a vestibule into an inner hall and corridor 10ft wide. On the south side is the robing and Tyler's rooms; from this you enter the Temple, the shape of which is that of a parallelogram, being one-third larger from east to west than it is from north to south. The ceiling is lofty, to give dignity to the appearance of the room, and it will be painted to represent the "celestial canopy." The whole of the east end is elevated from the floor by a platform running across the room and ascended by three steps. The windows are on the south side, are high up from the floor, and filled with stained glass from the Architect's design. The decorations of the room are all Masonic, the pilasters at the east end have Ionic capitals; on south and north side Corinthian with acanthus leaves; and the west end Doric Capitals. The floor is laid with oak battens, narrow widths, and in the centre a Masonic panel parquet to represent the "square pavement." At the back of the Master's chair a panel is formed in the wall having an open volume, upon which will be inscribed the names of the W.Ms. The Banqueting Room is 30ft long and 20ft wide and 17ft high, and will comfortably seat about eighty persons. This room is lighted with a large window at the east end, and also windows in the north and south side, all filled with specially designed stained glass, and in the centre of each light are Masonic emblems representing the various Degrees of Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry. Kitchen, serving room, and lavatories are also provided. The whole building is heated by means of hot water pipes, and radiators.

The first design for the building was made by the late Mr. Allan Stewart, of Maldon; and after his death the work was placed in the hands of Bro. Frank Whitmore, Architect, of Chelmsford, and P.M. of Lodge 276, who, under instructions from Bro. Dr. Salter P.M. of the Easterford Lodge, prepared fresh plans and designs, and has superintended and carried out the whole of the work. The builder is Bro. C. T. Thorn, Messing, a Founder and past S.W. of the Easterford Lodge. The furniture has been made by Mr. Polley, of Coggeshall, from special designs.

Bro. Sir William N. Abdy, Bart., W.M., has most liberally found the whole of the money necessary to carry out the work; and Bro. Dr. Salter P.M. P.P.J.G.W. has, from first to last, been indefatigable in directing and arranging all matters connected therewith.

On Thursday, 18th inst., the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Essex, visited Kelvedon for the purpose of dedicating the building to the purposes of Freemasonry.

His Lordship travelled from Liverpool Street accompanied by the D.P.G.M. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Bro. Sir Francis Alston P.G.W., Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary of England and other Brethren, and on reaching Kelvedon at once proceeded to the new Hall, of which the party made an inspection, and expressed themselves as delighted with all they saw.

On entering the Lodge Room, accompanied by his Officers, his Lordship was received with the honours due to his rank, and the hymn "Hail Eternal, by whose aid" having been sung,

The Provincial Grand Master briefly addressed the Brethren.

His Lordship said that was a red letter day, not only to the members of the Easterford Lodge, but also to the Province generally. It was most satisfactory to himself, as it must be to all Freemasons, that the Brethren here would be able in the

future to practise the beautiful ceremonies of the Order in a temple specially devoted to the purpose. He felt that they all owed a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Sir William Abdy for his kindness in providing this magnificent building for the uses of Freemasonry. He was also aware that much time and trouble had been bestowed upon this building by Bro. Salter, for which they could not thank him too much; and he congratulated the Architect (Bro. Whitmore) on the taste he had displayed in designing the Hall, and the builder (Bro. Thorn) on the faithfulness with which he had carried out the work. It was a pleasure to him to see the way in which Masonry flourished in his Province. Only the other day a Provincial Grand Master congratulated him upon the success of Masonry in Essex; this he felt was due not so much to himself as to the loyal manner in which the Lodges upheld the great principles of the Institution.

Prayer having been said by the Provincial Grand Chaplain the Architect presented to his lordship the plans of the Hall, and the Provincial Grand Secretary the deed of conveyance.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain Bro. the Rev. W. Linton Wilson then delivered an address. He said:

We are assembled to-day upon an occasion analogous to that recorded in the early chapters of the second book of the Chronicles, which obtained a testimony of the seal of God's favour in that "when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the house. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the Lord saying: 'For He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.'" That great and glorious temple which was so dedicated, and which was so accepted, was a gift—an offering of a free gift to God. This temple which we dedicate to-day is a gift likewise to God, the great architect divine; and as the design on that occasion was none of Solomon's, but was by direct inspiration of that Mighty Architect, for whose honour and glory the house was built, so this also is fashioned likewise according to ancient precedent, and here, as there, will most assuredly be realised the mighty truth contained in the words—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." This temple of Freemasonry is set for the grand researches of our Order, researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and science, of real science of actual knowledge of Him of whom Fred Wm. Faber wrote:—

"Without an end or bound
Thy life lies all outspread in light;
Our lives feel Thy life all around,
Making our weakness strong, our darkness bright;
Yet it is neither wilderness nor sea,
But the calm gladness of a full eternity!"

And so, Brethren, our researches must be vast, according as the sea of knowledge of which we have dared to undertake the navigation is vast also. So vast as to be boundless. Our researches are vast, for they extend to the utmost bounds of earth and Heaven. They centre round that grand motto of Chiton, the Greek philosopher, "Know thyself." They demand a due attention to the celebrated motto of another mighty Greek mind, "Know the opportunity." To ensure diligent attention to our noble ritual, every Brother must do his part, and that over and over again; opportunity must be known and taken, repeatedly taken, by the forelock, for "opportunity is bald behind," and so by continual attention and constant repetition a familiarity will arise which becomes a habit, not a familiarity which breeds contempt, for—

"As long as words, like mortals, call a fatherland their own,
They will be most highly valued where they are best and longest known."

This is especially true with the noble ritual of Masonry; they who know it best value it the most, the noblest natures set the highest value upon the noble words and bright examples of devotion which our annals exhibit, and which will be repeatedly and constantly set forth within these hallowed walls. Keep then, Brethren, well in mind the promise which I shall shortly make in the name of us all, a promise quoted from the tenth chapter of Nehemiah, "We will not forsake the house of our God." We are sometimes accused, Brethren, of making Masonry our religion. This we do not do. But we are content to be so accused if we may, without offence to our Holy God, put Masonry in the second place, for it emanates from God, and is His handiwork. And this reminds us very strongly of one of the dangers of our Craft, and warns us to be careful not to hold so close to the letter as to forget the spirit of our holy brotherhood. Let not words have a higher domination over us than those deeds which the words pre-suppose. Take care to let the grand mottoes of our Order be the mottoes of our own lives, our deeds and actions, and then the dedication of to-day will be a dedication of ourselves to the service of the Great Architect of the Universe, and a dedication of far wider influence than it can have when confined to this single temple of Freemasonry. Virtue, unity, and universal benevolence are the three grand uses to which this temple is dedicated to-day, dedicated in joy and gratitude, with offerings of corn, and wine and oil, emblems of plentiful and beneficent food, of gladness of heart, and of cheerful joyousness of soul, for it is well said by the Psalmist that among the bountiful gifts of God are "wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make him of cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart." It is dedicated with Angels' songs, the Tarsanctus of the Archangels in Heaven, who veil their faces while they cry, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty: Heaven and earth are full of

Thy Glory; Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high!" With thoughts like these before us we need not be ashamed to put Masonry in the highest position next to our Holy religion, and esteem it worthy of that high position, second only to that which we hold holiest and most sacred on earth. Masonry is progressive. We are sometimes accused of being stationary, utterly opposed to growth and enlargement. Those who accuse Masonry of being too steadfast might as well accuse a firmly set rock, upon which is build one of our grand cathedrals, of being too steadfast. Upon such a foundation a magnificent super-structure can be erected. Without such steadfastness nothing worthy of permanent regard can be built. Masonry is progressive as nature is. Nature, in her marvellous laboratory, changes the common carbon of earth into the brilliant crystal of the diamond, and most brilliantly beautiful crystal the eye of man can look upon among the things of this earth. Nature, in the process of crystallisation, progresses from a lump of carbon without form or beauty to the double refracting glory of that bead of living light. Masonry, too, is progressive. It concerns itself deeply about the thousand and one things that affect humanity; the whole of humanity, at least, of civilised humanity, without distinction of race or creed. But this, with a majestic steadfastness and a calm leisure, which we are quite content to have falsely named stationary by the unlearned and ignorant world. Set then, Brethren, deeply in your hearts the great principles to which this temple is dedicated to-day—Virtue, Unity, and Universal Benevolence. True Virtue is valour, valour in moving forward and upward in civilisation, refinement, and beneficence. True Unity is oneness of heart and soul in the advance towards God and goodness. Oneness, by which all are united, W.M., Wardens, Officers and Brethren, united in one shoulder to shoulder phalanx in their grand march to the great Lodge above. Universal Benevolence is wider than the world in its application, it is the mighty banner under which Masonry has made itself honoured and respected by mankind. It has the approbation of earth and Heaven, and binds mankind, as prayer does, by golden chains about the throne of God.

The ceremony of Consecration was then most ably carried out by the Earl of Warwick, assisted by the Provincial Grand Wardens Bros. Sir William Abdy and E. C. Wills, and the Director of Ceremonies Bro. A. Lucking, the musical portion being charmingly rendered by Bros. E. Gowers, N. L. Howlett, F. J. Motum, and R. Galpin. At its close the Worshipful Master of the Easterford Lodge Sir Wm. Abdy, assisted by his Officers, passed to the second degree Bro. A. Money Wigram, M.P. for the Romford Division.

Seventy-one Brethren subsequently dined together in the Banqueting Hall of the Temple, the catering of Messrs. Wright and Son, of Colchester, giving the greatest satisfaction. Bro. Sir Wm. Abdy W.M. occupied the chair, and he was supported by the distinguished company who had taken part in the earlier proceedings.

After dinner, the Masonic toasts were honoured.

Sir Francis Alston, replying for that of the Grand Officers, said he was delighted to find himself once more in an Essex Lodge. His connection with Essex Masonry had been life-long. Not only was he at one time a member of one of the oldest of its Lodges (Hope and Unity), but he had held the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. The pleasure of his visit had been greatly enhanced by his finding his nephew, Sir Wm. Abdy, holding such a distinguished position in the Craft in this county, and it would be long before he forgot the proceedings of that day.

The Grand Secretary also responded, and after congratulating those who had taken part in the ceremonies of the day on the able way in which they had been carried out, said it had given him great pleasure to be present at so interesting and unique an occasion. He could only hope that the erection of this magnificent Temple might be an incentive to other Lodges to possess halls of their own.

The W.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master for Essex, comparing the rule of his Lordship to that of a good colonel of a regiment—who knew how to maintain due discipline, and at the same time be a friend of those under him. Since his Lordship had been Provincial Grand Master the Lodges had increased from 19 to 37, and he trusted that all the members of the fraternity in Essex would show themselves worthy of so good a ruler.

The Earl of Warwick, who received an ovation on rising to respond, said he could hardly find words to express how warmly he felt towards his Essex Brethren. He could not help recalling the time when he first came amongst them as a happy and fortunate husband. And then the next tie that bound them to him was when he was installed as their Provincial Grand Master in the good old town of Colchester. With several of his Colchester friends before him, he was forcibly reminded of a brief but very pleasant connection he had with that good old town. It had been a matter of regret that, with the many calls upon his time, he had not been able to come amongst them so often as before, but he could assure them that his interest in the county had not abated, and he appreciated most thoroughly the warmth of their reception of him that day.

The W.M., in proposing the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Officers of the Province, remarked upon the high position that Bro. Philbrick held in the counsels of the Craft, and his readiness at all times to assist any of them in their Masonic work. He had taken a great interest in this Temple, having carefully perused the deed of conveyance, and also revised the arrangements of the ceremonies of the day.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, after thanking the Brethren for

his hearty reception, said their W.M. had likened their beloved Provincial Grand Master to the colonel in the army—Who, he asked, could serve under such a chief and not do his duty? When some twelve years ago he himself took the position he had the honour to hold, he felt he was serving under one who would bring the Province into the front rank, and events had proved this. The Province was prospering—not because of its broad lands, as in the Northern Districts, not because of its great manufactories—for they could not boast of any, not because of its mineral wealth—they had not yet struck coal in Essex, but because of the harmony and good feeling that pervaded the Lodges, and the thoroughly Masonic way in which the ceremonies—as that of to-day—were carried out.

The Provincial Grand Master proposed the health of Sir William Abdy. He felt sure that Sir William Abdy might look back on this day with feelings of pride and pleasure, for had he not handed over to the care of the Province this handsome emblem of his Masonic zeal. For himself, he appreciated most deeply Sir William's noble and generous gift, and he only hoped that others might follow his example.

Sir William Abdy, who, on rising, received quite an ovation, thanked his Lordship for his kind words, and said whatever feelings of pleasure the Brethren might feel in the new Temple, they fell very far short of his own. Really their thanks were more due to Bro. Salter, on whom had fallen the chief burden of all the work. Bro. Salter had travelled many miles, and expended no end of time and postage stamps in his superintendence of the erecting of the Hall, and he took the opportunity of proposing his good health.

The toast was received with musical honours.

Bro. Dr. Salter responded, expressing the pleasure it had been to him to superintend the building of this Temple, backed by so good a man as Sir Wm. Abdy.

Other toasts followed, that of the Visitors being responded to by Bros. Colonel Maclean, J. Sadler and Harold Francis.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was given, under the direction of Bro. Howlett, those taking part being Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Cherry, and Bros. Gowers, Motum and Gibbs.—“Essex Standard.”

We tender hearty congratulation to Brother James Speller, who has already won distinction as a Provincial Officer of Essex in the Craft, on his preferment in the Arch and Mark degrees; during the last few days he has been installed as Z. of the Guelph Chapter, in the former; and elected as W.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, in the latter. There is one satisfaction in recording these advancements of the one Brother—he is fully qualified to carry out the duties of the different Offices, and will doubtless win further renown in each. We wish him plenty of opportunities of displaying his capabilities in these higher grades of Masonry.

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It is unfortunate that so many members of the Craft measure the prosperity of a Lodge by the number of its initiations. They seem to lose sight of the fact that quality and not quantity is indispensable for the insurance of a vigorous, harmonious, and prosperous Lodge, for the admission of one improper applicant may not only disturb its peace and harmony, but, so long as disposed, prevent the admission of the most worthy applicant.—“Masonry.”

ROYAL Masonic Institution for Girls, ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

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The 107th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD AT THE

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, LONDON, W.C.,

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH MAY 1895.

THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF MOUNT-EDGCUMBE

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master Cornwall, in the Chair.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this most important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient. Stewards are very greatly needed and their services will be very gratefully received.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Offices—5 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY CONVOCATION of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st May, at six p.m.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, Election of Treasurer, and Investiture of Officers, for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 15th January 1895 to the 16th April 1895, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	-	-	£554	8	4
„ „ Unappropriated Account	-	-	217	1	2
„ Subsequent Receipts	-	-	581	0	5
					£1,352 9 11
By Disbursements during the Quarter	-	-	346	17	6
„ Balance	-	-	801	19	9
„ „ Unappropriated Account	-	-	203	12	8
					£1,352 9 11

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Henry Ffrench Bromhead as Z, George Thomas Peale as H, Augustus Frederick Lay as J, and thirty-one others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ixion Lodge, No. 2501, Buckhurst Hill, to be called “The Ixion Chapter,” and to meet at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, in the County of Essex.

2nd. From Companions Alfred Henry Bevan as Z, John Charles Fitzroy Turner as H, Samuel Osborne as J, and twenty others for a Chapter to be attached to the Eton Lodge, No. 2458, Eton, to be called “The Bevan Chapter,” and to meet at the Christopher Hotel, Eton, in the County of Buckinghamshire.

3rd. From Companions Alfred Caddick as Z, Edward William Watkins Heelis as H, George Salter as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662, West Bromwich, to be called “The Dartmouth Chapter,” and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, West Bromwich, in the County of Staffordshire.

The foregoing Petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received Memorials, with extracts of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

“The Sefton Chapter,” No. 680, from the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, to the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

“The Islington Chapter,” No. 1471, from the Cook Tavern, Highbury, to the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London.

“The Rose of Sharon Chapter,” No. 1006, from St. Day, to the Masonic Hall, Redruth, Cornwall.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee recommend,—That inasmuch as “The Mid-Surrey Chapter,” No. 1044, London, “The Wellington Chapter,” No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, and “The Royal Hanover Chapter,” No. 1777, Twickenham, have ceased working, and have not replied to the summons sent to them by order of the Grand Chapter, these Chapters be erased.

The Committee further recommend that “Victoria Chapter,” No. 1577, Napier, New Zealand, having ceased to work, and having returned the Charter with explanations, it be erased.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

17th April 1895.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:—

“That the cordial thanks of the Members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year.”

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing Twelve Months.

CANDIDATES FOR THE INSTITUTIONS.

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

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BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

BRO. THOMAS SAMUEL STOCKMAN,

Who was born on 16th May 1826, and who has been a paying member for twenty-three years to True Love and Unity Lodge, No. 248, Brixham, Devon. Bro. Stockman has been confined to his bed with influenza and acute bronchitis for near a fortnight; his wife also for two months; previous to which he has earned very little—a mere pittance—by night watching, to which may be attributed his present illness.

CHURCH SERVICES.

THE Guelph Lodge, No. 1685 held a Masonic service on Easter Sunday in Holy Trinity Church, Harrow Green. It was much to be regretted that more Brethren did not attend to support such a laudable object as that for which the service was organised—the Church Dilapidation Fund, says the “Leytonstone Independent.” With, however, the number that was present, the whole proceedings, under the directing hand of Bro. Daniel S.W. 2411, passed off most harmoniously. A procession of the members, who wore either Craft or Royal Arch clothing, was formed at 3.15, and filed into the church from the school. The service, which was fully choral, was carried out by the choir under the direction of Mr. Frank Edgar (Organist and Choirmaster) in a manner most praiseworthy to those concerned. During the service an oration on the principles of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, M.A. (Oriental College, Oxford), Past Grand Chaplain of England. The sermon was an excellent one, and a great treat was missed by those not attending. The collection realised the sum of £13 13s 9d.

A MASONIC SERVICE was held at St. James's Church of Scotland, East Dulwich, at the end of last year, when a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by Bro. Rev. P. Henderson Aitken, from Revelations xxi, 16: “The city lieth foursquare. . . . The length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equal.”

The preacher said it was a striking and significant fact that the sacred volume opened with one picture of human life and closed with another of a very different kind. In the first pages of Genesis we viewed, as it were, through the vista of the far-off years, the visionary forms of our first parents in the paradise of Eden. On the last leaf of the mysterious Apocalypse was portrayed the ultimate ideal of human life and intercourse in the heavenly Jerusalem. Life in a garden, life in a city; such were the two contrasted aspects, such were the opening and the parting glimpse which divine inspiration revealed of primitive and perfected humanity—the Alpha and the Omega of mankind's earliest evolution and final destiny.

Now, it did at first seem strange that any symbolism, however intrepidly adventurous, could ever lay the scene of Heaven on earth of all places in a spot which our urban experience associated with so much that was sad, and sordid, and sinister. If, as we were wont to say, “God made the country, man the town,” our modern manufacture certainly did not compare favourably with the ancient handicraft of the Creator. We could not help picturing the innocent and blissful life of Eden, and contrasting with our hard lot its ease and enjoyment, its freedom from harassing responsibility and sorrow and pain. We could not help wishing that we, too, might even now return to nature and the simple life of natural instinct. We could not help extolling the fresh, untainted beauty and unsophisticated pleasures of country life at the expense of that humdrum existence of hurry and worry—the weary and well-worn round of weekly toil and moil—which was the lot of most of us. Jaded with the jarring cares of this world, galled and bitten by the deceitfulness of riches, deafened by the importunate and persistent clamour of selfish competition, jostled and hustled in the great seething crowd of modern Ishmaels—everyone's hand against his neighbour (he had nearly said in his neighbour's pocket), and every neighbour's hand against him—what wonder was it that we should sigh for another and more peaceful experience, a simpler, purer, freer, form of life? The peace and innocence of Eden seemed to present an absolute ideal of what human life and its surroundings should always have been and should be now. The life of Eden was the only true and perfect condition of existence for man. That was what we were inclined to think.

But let us stop and ask ourselves the question: Suppose the restoration of mankind's first unconscious childhood and untried innocence were possible, would that afford us the highest ideal of existence? Supposing that man could, by some magic-reversal, be reinstated in the primitive life of the Garden, would he not very soon find that the idyllic state of nature, which seemed so fair when viewed through the transfiguring haze of the past, would after all prove but an uncongenial sphere of thought and action for his maturer experience, and more comprehensive sympathies? He was sure he would. That primitive life was appropriate then, but human character had outgrown these aboriginal conditions, and acquired a more complex and many-sided constitution. To revert absolutely, therefore, to this pristine ideal of human society, even if such a reversal were possible, would most assuredly involve the total annulment and obliteration of all the ingrained results of that mental development and moral training which the providence of God had wrought into the character of man. It would, in fact, imply, not regeneration, but degeneration of the race.

However sore our sentiment of regret, the world's youth,

like our own, was past for ever, and could never be restored. Strive as we might, we could not get away from the fact that we were the heirs of all the ages; we could not dispossess ourselves of this ingrained inheritance of the bygone years. And so, whatever might be the bright and blessed future we anticipated, it must be one that could include and transmute the sadder and more sombre elements of a mature experience. It must be able to harmonise the jarring discords of sense and self in some celestial sympathy. Hence, in fine, we were not surprised or confounded after all, to find that the apocalyptic vision of the heavenly kingdom did not reproduce the traditional and familiar features of Paradise, but presented the other and contrasted conception of a glorious city—the New Jerusalem. The last utterance of inspiration described the ideal condition of human life and society under the symbolism of a city—a city which lieth foursquare, whose length and height and breadth were equal.

In the first place, we observed that life in a city as contrasted with rural solitude and isolation was a social existence. This social character of true citizenship involved the principles of moral symmetry which might be represented respectively by the length, breadth, and height of the New Jerusalem. For he need not pause to say that the teaching of the Apocalypse was here most certainly veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. So we should quite miss the meaning of this apocalyptic picture, as indeed of the whole Book of Revelation, if we took its language literally, if we pressed for an exact arithmetical rendering of its mystical measurements, and tried to imagine, for instance, from the description of the passage before them, the holy city descending from the clouds in the guise of a monstrous golden cube, nearly 1,400 miles in each direction of length, breadth, and height.

We must not forget that the Johannine imagery was based upon that of the prophet Ezekiel, and as in the case of the earlier writer, certain numbers had a secret and sacred significance. The foursquare city represented the perfect state in whose citizens the symmetry of moral rule was fully realized, among whose members individual rights and personal duties were viewed in a broader light as common tasks and obligations binding equally upon all. As Plato taught long ago, the ideal of a state or city involved the exercise of justice or righteousness. Man's higher nature was called into play. His manly energies and powers of endurance, his faculty of invention, his ability to suit himself to his social environment, the graces of courtesy, of kindly consideration and affability were all elicited by means of human intercourse. In other words, it was in the life of the city that men learned the lessons of self-restraint, urbanity, and culture. He came to recognise that he was an integral part of a great living organism, each member of which was at once means and end to the whole.

In the heavenly city the true symmetry of individual life and social intercourse would be realised in the perfect order of the whole. Such was the prophecy of the text. The life of regenerate humanity, as typified by the New Jerusalem, involved not merely a corporate enjoyment of material blessings by its citizens, but also the unspeakable felicity of the communion of saints. In that ideal society and fellowship we should find at once the amplest scope for the free exercise of all our powers, the largest and most liberal opportunity for ever acquainting ourselves more fully with the works and wonders of the Almighty Architect of the Universe, still and for ever growing into a more complete and consistent harmony with His will, and for ever developing and exercising new energies and faculties for serving Him in serving our fellows.

The foursquare city, said the preacher, in conclusion, presupposed the foursquare citizen: the man whose life was morally symmetrical, who recognised and strove to realise the threefold direction of his duty alike to God, to his neighbour, and to himself, as typified by the three edges of a cube which gave its length, and breadth, and height all equal. His attitude to God was one of reverence, never taking His holy name into his lips without the deepest awe and worship, never ceasing to implore the Divine aid in all cases of difficulty and danger, looking up with steadfast confidence for comfort and support in every hour of trial. His attitude to his neighbour was that of the man who acted fairly and squarely by those with whom he came in contact—the just man, true as steel, the merciful man, forbearing and forgiving, the man with a clear conscience, a clean soul, and a generous heart. His attitude to himself one of careful prudence, and of just and thankful temperance, respecting the body that encased and sheltered his soul, and respecting the soul, which was himself—the man of honour. He who realised that three-fold duty was the foursquare man, a fit subject and citizen for the city that lieth foursquare. God grant that they each and all might find their place there one day!—“South London Press.”

The corner stone of the new church of St. Bartholomew, Ipswich, was laid on Thursday with Masonic ceremony.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE Prince of Wales has appointed Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P. to the office of Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, in succession to the late Sir Edmund Lechmere. We tender our congratulations to Bro. Godson, who, as Deputy of the Province of Worcestershire in the Craft, chief of the county in the Mark degree, and in many other ways has long been a leading light in Worcestershire Masonry.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

THE Saturday after Good Friday was a memorable day at Eastwood, when, under the kindly auspices of Brothers Marshall and Ragdale, of Manchester, a new Conclave, the Cockcroft, No. 25, of this growing Order, was formed and consecrated at this important Masonic centre. In some departments of Masonry the centre at Eastwood is older than Grand Lodge itself, and it seemed fitting that the circle of its accomplishments should be completed by the addition of a Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, to the roll of Lodges and Councils the valley contains.

The consecration ceremony was undertaken by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Past Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order, and Grand Registrar of the Craft, assisted by Bros. Japheth Tickle, C.C., P.G. Guide as C., with John Marshall P.G. Counsellor as Chap., and J. Ragdale P.G. Counsellor as Guide. Bro. J. J. Pakes Grand Visitor undertook the duties of inducting and Installing Officer, while Bro. W. J. Spratling Grand Recorder acted as Director of Ceremonies.

The Brethren had nominated Bro. W. Cockcroft as the first Supreme Ruler, Bro. Daniel Hargreaves as the first Counsellor, and Bro. David Bradley, M.D., as the first Guide, and to these Brethren the Consecrating Officer committed the destinies of what will become an important Conclave, whose establishment will mark an epoch in higher Masonry in Yorkshire.

The Brethren being assembled, Bro. Pakes, assisted by the other Grand Officers, proceeded to induct the new members into the Order, preparatory to the more important portion of the ceremony. This being done the Grand Officers retired, and presently entered the Conclave wearing their robes of office and preceded by the Chaplain, bearing the V.S.L.

The Brethren having duly signified their adherence to the choice of Officers named on the Warrant, the ceremony was proceeded with in the usual form.

Bro. Philbrick delivered the following Oration :—Brethren : We are met this day in this distinguished Masonic centre to complete, as it were, the circle of your Masonic honours, by consecrating in your midst, in this beautiful corner of Yorkshire, a Conclave of the Order which acknowledges the inter-dependence of man upon man, and stimulates the fraternal zeal of Brother in assisting Brother. The love that David bore to Jonathan, which lasted until death, is a fitting type of the friendship which we hope to see cultivated here, and which, springing from the warm hearts of Yorkshiremen, will bind Brother to Brother in a bond still stronger than that which Craft Masonry has already formed.

Our Order, Brethren, is not a thing of yesterday ; true it has been only recently revived and re-organised in this country ; but, arising at a remoter period when the hand of Brother was turned against his fellow, and when the heart craved for some trustworthy tie, it has survived, more or less continuously, from ancient times, and was especially cultivated when in the great rebellion which led to the formation of the United States, and later, at the time of the Civil war, it formed an inner band of union among Masons themselves, and on many occasions was the means of establishing fraternal relationships, where, but for it, matters would have proved disastrous in the extreme. Our Order has been long cultivated in America, where it consists of a single degree, and it is only quite recently that a large number of Brethren who have taken this one degree, have unanimously applied to the Grand Council in England for power enabling them to cultivate the higher degrees, which confirm, establish and intensify the Brotherly tie which already exists. This petition Grand Council has been pleased to grant, and we hope soon to hear that the beautiful ritual of which they are now in possession is appreciated by our American Cousins, and that the Conclave they have formed under this jurisdiction may be the pioneer for many others, to the strengthening of our Order, and the spread of its estimable virtues.

Brethren it is not necessary for me to refer to the distinguished part this little township of Eastwood has played in Masonic literature and activity ; suffice it to say that there is no corner of England where the ancient traditions have been more faithfully observed and handed down, and I venture to prophesy that the traditions embodied in the Order of David and

Jonathan, introduced to you this day, will form no exception to the rule, but that as you meet from time to time and become better acquainted with the rituals, the sentiments they express will appeal more and more strongly to your hearts, and that the great duties you have undertaken, to caution, to warn, and to support each other, will be faithfully observed in your daily conduct towards each other, and will be earnestly cultivated in your periodical meetings. For this Order makes a positive duty of what might otherwise be looked upon as an impertinent curiosity. The Visiting Deacons of your Conclave are specially charged to be active in discovering and bringing comfort and consolation—be it mental or pecuniary—to any of their Brethren in need thereof. Every meeting must include in the order of its business a report from the Deacons, and I feel assured that the Brethren I now see before me are not the men to neglect or allow others to neglect this, the fundamental principle of our Order. Ever on the alert, ever on the watch, ever ready to warn, or to advise, standing shoulder to shoulder, giving mutual support, may the Conclave established this day become a power in the county, a centre to which the weary heart may turn, and from which may flow in no stinted measure that sympathy and that truly Masonic Benevolence which vivifies all it touches, and restores humanity to that level from which it formerly fell.

The ceremony of Consecration was then proceeded with in due form, and, being ended, Bro. J. J. Pakes duly installed and commissioned Bro. Wm. Cockcroft as S.R. within the Order. He distributed to the Brethren the accustomed presents, and appointed his Officers.

The Conclave being duly closed, ample justice was done to a sumptuous repast, spread by mine Host of the Station House Hotel, and with hearty good wishes for a pleasant meeting on Monday at Manchester, where the Grand Officers present were expected to consecrate another Conclave, No. 26, "Champion," the Brethren separated for their respective homes.

[We shall give a report of this second consecration in our next issue.—Ed. F.C.]

The bazaar held at Arbroath, under the auspices of the Panmure Lodge realised a total of £620 18s 5d in the way of sales during the first two days, £484 11s 2d being taken the first day, and £136 7s 3d the second.

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AT A GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on SATURDAY, 20th April 1895,

HENRY SMITH, Esq., P.G.D. D.P.G.M. W. Yorks., V.-Patron, Treasurer, in the Chair,

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION by ballot of TWENTY-TWO GIRLS into the Institution, from a List of 41 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:

No. on List.	Name.	Votes.	No. on Poll.
12	Fisher, J. R.	3652	1
10	Williams, B. M.	3553	2
20	Woodbridge, H. M. D.	3210	3
39	Cox, M. D.	3158	4
34	Shaw, D. J.	3070	5
3	Brinjes, M. E.	3064	6
9	Roberts, G. M.	3057	7
41	Bassett, E. M.	3053	8
14	Medcalf, C. M.	3020	9
27	Haly, D.	2970	10
32	Powell, K.	2963	11
4	Roberts, D. A.	2933	12
23	Hall, G. M.	2911	13
1	Hicks, J. W.	2910	14
16	Grylls, L. M.	2902	15
28	Corner, E. E.	2840	16
13	Potter, Daisy	2810	17
40	Watson, D. M.	2801	18
26	Peacock, M.	2757	19
19	Rees, N. A.	2721	20
35	Bradley, B.	2718	21
2	English, E. K.	2628	22

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.

20th April 1895.

THE 107th Anniversary Festival will take place on Wednesday, 8th May next, under the presidency of the Right Hon. The Earl of Mount-Edgumbe R.W. Deputy Grand Master and R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this most important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient. Stewards are very greatly needed and their services will be very gratefully received.

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Terry's.—8, A woman's no. 9, The Passport.
Comedy.—8.15, Delia Harding.
Strand.—8.15, The Backslider. 8.45, Fanny.
Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
Prince of Wales's.—7.50, A Woman's Caprice. 8.30, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Haymarket.—On 2nd May, John-a-Dreams.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Daly's.—8, A drawn battle. 8.30, An Artist's Model. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Garrick.—8, The notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Criterion.—8.30, An ideal Husband. (Last night.)
Adelphi.—8, The Girl I left behind me.
Vaudeville.—8.15, Hal the Highwayman. 9, The Ladies' Idol.
Savoy.—8.30, Hansel and Gretel.
Toole's.—8, The Secret. 8.45, Thorough-bred.
Opera Comique.—8, Before the Dawn. 9, A Loving Legacy.
Court.—8.30, Vanity Fair.
Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. Grand Ballets, Living Pictures, &c. 10.10, Ali Baba.
Empire.—7.45 Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. Living Pictures.
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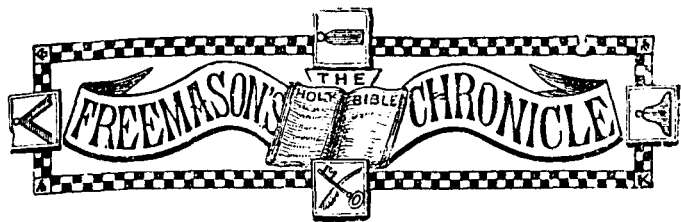
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SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL 1895.

THE GIRLS SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court was held on Saturday, under the presidency of Brother Henry Smith Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire P.G.D. Treasurer of the Institution.

In the course of the proceedings it was stated that the total receipts of the Institution for the year 1894 amounted to £20,043 3s 1d, and that of the twenty-three girls selected for submission to the last Cambridge local examination all passed, eight of them with honours and eleven with distinction. A motion to confer a large number of votes on Bro. Charles Hammerton, in acknowledgment of his supplying the School gratuitously with some £650 worth of goods during the last six years, was lost, it being suggested that it would be a better recognition if Bro. Hammerton were allowed a life presentation to the School. The chairman was re-elected Treasurer, and out of a list of forty-one girls twenty-two were admitted to the Institution. Particulars of the successful candidates are given in our advertisement column, the following are details of the unsuccessful, the votes in their cases being carried forward for October next, in all cases where they are then eligible:

No. on List.	Name.	Votes: Forward.	Polled.	Total.
29	Hargreaves, I.	...	—	2586
24	Stevenson, L.	...	—	2538
6	Morris, G.	...	1056	1480
21	Marsh, E. E.	...	—	2466
33	Stanford, E. B.	...	—	1492
31	Rouse, M. A.	...	—	1262
38	Harrison, A. E.	...	—	1046
37	Holloway, M.	...	—	504
15	Wadsworth, E.	...	6	211
18	Dransfield, L. E.	...	60	141
30	Canova, T. K. C.	...	—	166
22	Bate, D. M.	...	—	142
5	Robinson, A. M.	...	21	113
25	Richardson, F.	...	—	131
7	Williams, V. M.	...	54	59
8	Minns, D. L.	...	16	64
17	Woodward, C. M.	...	57	20
11	Tanner, S.	...	6	24
36	Heaps, M. A.	...	—	5

THE entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the occasion of the annual visit of the Stewards to the School, on Monday, 6th May next, will commence at 4 o'clock with the singing of the Old Hundredth. The other items include a piano solo, sixteen hands on eight pianos; a trio, with forty-eight hands; a duet with thirty-two; part songs, recitations, &c. The prizes won by the pupils will also be presented, and after refreshment and an inspection of the Institution the children will go through the calisthenic and marching exercises which have won for them so much renown in the past. We hope the day will be a fine one, in which case a pleasant and successful time is assured. The President of the year, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall will preside at the Institution festivities, as well as at the Festival the following Wednesday.

It is satisfactory to know that the Board of Stewards for the Festival is gradually creeping up, and will probably number three hundred before the day of the celebration arrives. Anxiety is thus relieved in one particular, and if the average collections are anything like what has been achieved in the past the success of this year's Festival seems to be assured, a result all will be pleased to see realised.

THE BOYS SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of this Institution was held on Friday of last week, as already briefly recorded in our pages, the chair being occupied by Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer Patron and Trustee of the Institution. In addition to the business recorded in our last issue the Court conferred the rank of Honorary Patron on Brother Thomas Fenn Past President of the Board of General Purposes, and the rank of Honorary Vice-President on Bros. Jabez Hogg and Wharton P. Hood, M.D., on account of eminent services generously rendered by them to the Institution, the first as stockbroker in the investment free of

brokerage of £30,000 of the School's funds, the second as Honorary Surgeon-Oculist for thirty-two years, and the third as Honorary Medical Officer for twenty-seven years. Bro. Charles E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., Past Grand Deacon was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution. The half-yearly election, of which we gave results last week, concluded the proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

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TERMINATION OF OFFICE.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—ENQUIRER, in your last issue, calls attention to a point that has been raised in Scotland regarding tenure of office. He regards the matter as a trivial one, and suggests that rather doubtful compliment to your readers that they take "pleasure arguing the pros. and cons. of such trifles." Reduced to practice in Subordinate Lodges the declaring of the offices vacant or the absence of such declaration is of course of trifling import, but in Provincial Grand Lodges, in Scotland at least, it is of much importance. Here Master Masons—Brethren who are not members of Provincial Grand Lodge—if a member in good standing in any Lodge in the Province are eligible for appointment to any office elective or commissioned.

When any Master Mason is so appointed he is required to pay the "Test fee" exigible from regularly qualified members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In most Provincial Grand Lodges members must have paid their test fee for the ensuing year to entitle them to vote in the election for new Officers. M.Ms. who have held office, and been allowed to exercise the right of membership, cannot, at the end of their year, qualify for the ensuing year, as they may not be re-elected. Now, Sir, ENQUIRER will admit that at times two or three votes, or even one vote, at an election meeting means a great deal, and the question whether the Master Mason Officers in Provincial Grand Lodges have a right to vote for their successors in office is not a trivial one, but such as is worthy of discussion.

Yours fraternally,

THE MALLET.

Glasgow, 23rd April 1895.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much impressed with the letter from ENQUIRER on the above question, because not long since it exercised my own mind to a considerable extent.

I had observed so much difference in the working, in this respect, in the Province of which I am a member, that when it became my duty, and privilege, to instal my successor, I gave the matter most close and earnest consideration, and I came to the conclusion that when there was no other business before the Lodge, save and except the routine of opening, reading minutes, and correspondence, and that the installation ceremony followed close on these, it was the right and proper thing to terminate the offices before opening up to the second Degree, as the opening up, then being a necessity, constituted itself as a part and portion of the installation ceremony. If there had been a passing to do before the installation, I should have retained the Officers until that ceremony was concluded, or had there been a raising on the same day as the installation, I should, after having finished the raising, have returned to the second Degree and then terminated the offices.

I am, &c.,

BRADSTOW.

THE OBJECTOR.

WHAT an excellent illustration of the perversity of human nature the constitutional Lodge "objectors" are! No matter what may come before the Lodge, their self-assuming duty of objecting must be exercised. Their only hope of being seen and heard is in this one channel. Self-wise, self-important, self-conceited, they assume to guard the law, guard the morals, guard the treasury—guard everything proposed by anyone but themselves.

They take much pride in displaying themselves and airing their views in the presence of visitors, and to strangers they appear, at first sight, as the Solomons of the Lodge; but to those who visit the Lodge frequently, they soon are regarded at their proper value and weight. To the membership they become a bore and a nuisance; they tire of the frothy vapourings and leave their places in the Lodge vacant. Ask such absentees for the cause of their non-attendance, and evasive answers are given because of the delicacy to give the true cause by personal reference. It is thus to be seen that many who would take an active interest in the Lodge are forced to remain away to the Lodge's hurt. What a pity some electrical genius—some Edison—does not invent an electrical apparatus by which any one of the bored Brethren can touch a button, connect the current, and shock the Lodge bore so he would be compelled to desist! We call upon the electrical fraternity to come to our aid and help us to suppress this worst foe of Lodge success. A fortune greater than ever has been realised by any other electrical process awaits the lucky genius who shall invent such a machine.—"The Companion."

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 48.

AN interesting ceremony took place at the close of the ordinary business of the Lodge held at Jackson Street, Gateshead, on the 22nd, in the presentation of a beautiful timepiece, with chimes, to one of the leading Freemasons of the district—Bro. William Brown, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Annie Newton Wood, daughter of the late Treasurer of the Lodge Bro. John Wood P.M.

There was not only a large assemblage of Brethren of 48, but also from other Lodges.

The time-piece bore the following inscription:—

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on his marriage, 8th April 1895, by 42 Brethren of the Industry Lodge, No. 48;

R.A. Chapter, 48; and Mark Lodge, 293, as a mark of esteem and brotherly love.

The presentation was made by Bro. Robert Whitfield P.M., by request of the Worshipful Master (Bro. A. Dodds), as being the oldest friend of Bro. Brown present in the Lodge, and as one who had also initiated him into Masonry over fifteen years ago. He referred to the advancement Brother Brown had made in the mystic Craft, and to his present position in the three Degrees. As Director of the Ceremonies his services had been most valuable, and his zeal, activity, and knowledge of the hidden mysteries of the Craft were beyond all praise. His modest, unassuming demeanour won for him the esteem of all the Brethren. His name was synonymous with all that was good and straightforward in conduct, and amongst the younger Brethren in all the Lodges of this part of the country he was rightly looked upon as an excellent example to follow. Bro. Brown returned thanks in suitable terms, says the "Newcastle Chronicle."

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LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110.

THE members held a conversazione, with music and dancing, on Thursday evening, 18th inst., at Bentley's Hall, Merthyr. Bro. D. A. Thomas, M.P., W.M. was present, and was supported by a large number of Brethren and their lady friends.

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PEACE LODGE, No. 322.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport, under the presidency of Bro. John Winkley W.M., who was supported by his Officers as follow:—Brothers John Fields S.W., F. S. Bellhouse J.W., H. H. Royle P.M. Treas., John Gould P.M. Sec., J. H. Ratcliff I.P.M.

The principal business of the evening was the Initiation of Mr. James Maden, Mill Manager, of Heaton Norris, and the Passing of Brother Charles A. Swift, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. The Working Tools of the first degree were presented and explained by Brother Bellhouse J.W.

After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the Brethren adjourned, nearly forty (of whom about a dozen were Visitors), sitting down to a substantial supper.

At the festive board, the toast of the Initiate was proposed by Bro. John Smith P.M., and that of the newly-passed Brother by Bro. Bellhouse J.W., both toasts being duly responded to.

That of the Visitors was given by a Past Master whose name we need not disclose, but whose identity will otherwise be established to Brethren of the Lodge by the remarks of Bro. Geo. Vaughan P.M. 1030, who, in responding, humourously alluded to the way in which the P.M. in question had accomplished the extraordinary, and to him unique feat, of proposing a toast without relinquishing his pipe, or abating his smoke.

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SYKES LODGE, No. 1040.

ON the 17th inst. the annual gathering of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Driffeld, when the ceremony of installing Bro. J. M. White as Worshipful Master was performed by Bro. Tom Turner P.M., of Beverley. The Worshipful Master afterwards invested the Officers.

The installation banquet was held at the Buck Hotel, and was largely attended.

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ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 5th inst.

There were present:—Bros. Alfred Pickford W.M., Chas. Rawle S.W., T. A. Holland J.W., H. Nall P.M. Treas., W. Dyson Fryer P.M. Sec., J. Coupland S.D., A. Redfearn J.D., A. A. Moss P.M. D.C., J. R. E. Birkett I.G., W. Rushton Org., Jno. M. Crone, E. M. Beebee, Baron E. de Minciaky, Sam Tiller, Hugh W. Bloomer, W. Lea, W. Moulst Stewards, Past Masters C. H. Beever, Jno. G. Bromley, John Bradshaw P.G.S.D., Edward Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

The principal business of the evening was that of passing to the degree of F.C. Bro. W. Lea, which ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by his Officers, the Working Tools being presented and explained by Bro. Holland J.W., and the Charge delivered by Bro. Rawle S.W.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the same being pleasantly varied by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Holland, Nall, Fryer, Coupland, Beever, Bradshaw, and Roberts.

CHORLTON LODGE, No. 1387.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John in connection with the above Lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. J. Travers W.M. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Mr. Ditton was initiated into the mysteries and secrets of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. J. J. Lambert P.M. P.P.G.R., the Working Tools being presented and explained by Bro. E. T. Trevor-Smith J.W.

The Worshipful Master, who had undertaken the ceremony of installation, having resumed the chair, the real business of the day commenced. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, with the following assistant Officers:—Bros. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D. as S.W., Chas. Heywood P.M. P.P.G.D.C. as J.W., and J. Chadderton P.M. P.P.A.G.S. as I.G.

Bro. J. B. Wolstenholme S.W. Worshipful Master-elect was presented to receive the benefits of installation by Bro. S. Locke P.M., and the Working Tools of the various degrees were explained by Bro. F. S. Bedford P.M. Bro. Locke delivered the address to the newly-installed Master, that to the Wardens was given by Bro. H. H. Martyn P.M., while it was reserved to Bro. Travers I.P.M. to deliver the general exhortation to the Brethren.

The following Officers for the year were invested by the W.M., the same being addressed by Bro. Henry Nall P.M.:—Bros. J. Travers I.P.M., E. T. Trevor-Smith S.W., T. Shaw J.W., the Rev. F. E. Thomas Chaplain, J. Chadfield Treasurer, J. Crompton P.M. Secretary, J. Kennerley S.D., H. Ogden J.D., H. H. Martyn P.M. D.C., T. M. Ferneley Organist, J. Mee I.G., W. Pollitt, J. H. Farthing, H. Littlewood, R. H. Cookson, and R. Moore Stewards, W. Chesshyre Tyler.

From beginning to end the ceremonies were carefully and correctly performed, and great credit is due to those Officers who took part in them.

Bro. Wolstenholme was not allowed to commence his duties with a barren session in prospect, the name of another gentleman being submitted to the meeting as a candidate for initiation.

Hearty good wishes were expressed by Visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at an early hour.

Subsequently the Brethren adjourned to an admirable banquet, which had been provided under the personal superintendence of Mrs. Langford, of the Hall.

Following this were the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the same being varied by songs, &c. An excellent and varied programme had been provided, its contributors including Bros. S. Locke, J. McCallum, J. Mee, R. W. Baker, Cyril H. Beever, H. Littlewood, Henry Nall, and Geo. S. Smith.

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URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, the 8th inst., the following being present:—Bros. John Walton jun. W.M., Walter Bowers S.W., Geo. G. Mends J.W., Edward L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., Geo. R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G. Treas. Sec., J. Ormrod S.D., J. Bowers P.M. Org., John Walton senr. P.M., R. Swindells P.M., Thos. Wm. Bone P.M., J. H. Marsh P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Arthur Hawkins, Thos. French, J. F. Mends, G. G. R. Mends, M. A. B. Wheeler, J. S. Whitley.

As there was no particular business to engage the attention of the members, an early adjournment was made, and a very pleasant evening was spent at the festive board, Bros. Walter Bowers, Whitley, Roberts, and J. F. Mends contributing to the enjoyment. Bro. John Bowers P.M. was the accompanist.

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CHOLMONDELEY LODGE, No. 1908.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th, at Frodsham, when Bro. Davies W.M., acting on behalf of the members, presented Bro. Joseph W. White, of Widnes, with a handsome silver salver.

Bro. White has been a member of the Lodge for many years, and his approaching marriage gave his Brethren this opportunity of displaying in a tangible form the esteem and regard in which they hold him.

Bros. J. B. Holland and H. E. Heywood made speeches appropriate to the occasion, and Bro. White suitably acknowledged the gift.

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AGRICOLA LODGE, No. 1991.

THE installation meeting was held on the 22nd, at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate, York, when there was a numerous gathering of Brethren to witness the installation of Bro. James W. Dow S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Installing Master was Bro. Capt. F. Hewson P.M. P.Z. P.D.G.S.D. Malta, &c., who presided in the absence of Bro. David Young the W.M., who is unfortunately seriously ill. Bro. Capt. Hewson was assisted in the ceremony by Bros. J. Sykes Rymer, S. Border, J. Sampson, G. J. Robinson, and G. Manton.

Amongst other business the Auditors' report was presented, showing a very favourable balance.

In the evening a banquet was held at the North Eastern Hotel, when Bro. Halliwell supplied an excellent menu.

The new W.M. presided, and the guests were numerous.

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ST. DAVID LODGE, No. 2226.

THE installation of Bro. Thomas Edwards S.W. as Worshipful Master took place on Thursday, 18th, at Rhymney. Bro. Edwards was presented by Brother D. F. Pritchard, and the interesting ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. C. R. Lyne.

The banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Edwards.

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CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 1st inst., Bro. Major Fred Pratt W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Surg.-Capt. A. H. Smith S.W., Capt. Geo. Kershaw J.W., Col. J. Howarth Clark, J.P., P.M. Treas., Capt. T. W. Ashworth Sec., Rev. John W. Challenor, Chap. 2nd V.B.M.R., J.D., Major John Peacock Std., Capt. Peter Nightingale Std., Col. Henry L. Rocca P.M., Major Jno. Heap P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), John Barlow, Major W. Compton Hall, Captain Allan J. Sykes. Visitor:—Brother Mark Oliver 1134.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the Brethren proceeded to make necessary arrangements for the business of the forthcoming session. There were several promises of subscriptions in aid of the Masonic Charities. The usual festive board followed, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and honoured.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Hunt's Bank, Manchester, on Thursday, the 11th inst., Bro. Fred Warburton W.M. There were also present:—Bros. William Boden I.P.M., T. T. Hardicker S.W., Clement Jno. Hall J.W., Oates Rushton Treasurer, Robt. Meggitt Secretary, Geo. A. Bowden S.D., T. H. Stott J.D., A. G. Bryce I.G., Wm. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D., John Kinsey Assist. Sec., John Fairbairn, John H. Ratcliff, T. H. Wooler, W. H. Taylor, Arthur Scarlett Chap., R. Chiswell, R. H. Whatham, Jas. Andrew P.M. P.P.S.G.D., Arthur Sutcliffe, H. B. Rudolph. Visitor:—Bro. J. T. Appleby P.M. 945 P.J.G.D. Cheshire.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot, which was successful, was taken for Brother John Bentham (Farnworth), of the Duchess of York Lodge, No. 2482.

Lodge having been advanced, Brothers Arthur Sutcliffe and R. H. Whatham, who had expressed a desire to further extend their researches into Freemasonry, were questioned and afterwards raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the former by Bro. Boden I.P.M., and the latter by Brother Schofield P.M., the Working Tools being presented and explained by the Worshipful Master.

Before the Lodge was closed, the Auditors' Report was presented, which, being eminently satisfactory, was received with acclamation.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly responded to, that of the newly-raised Brethren being proposed by Bro. Clement J. Hall J.W., in a racy and characteristic speech.

Brothers Sutcliffe and Whatham responded, the former thanking the Brethren for their kind treatment of him during his progress through the three degrees, and saying he had been very much impressed by the ceremonies.

Bro. Whatham said:—I think your complimentary eulogiums have been sufficiently acknowledged by my Brother, lately of the Fellow Craft, and it will be hardly necessary for me to add anything further than that I cordially endorse his sentiments. As, however, this will probably be the last occasion for a very long time that I shall have an opportunity of addressing this assembly, perhaps I shall be pardoned if I trespass for a few moments on your patience. I cannot help noticing that we have for the last few meetings (always excepting our St. John's), been the pivot of attraction. As it is in the "domestic," so it seems to be in the "Masonic" circle: the babies have claimed a large share of attention, and a royal time we have had. But, alas, Worshipful Master, the proceedings of this evening have tolled the knell of our departing greatness, for just as in the domestic circle the expected little stranger is destined to supersede his brother in the interest of the family, so we shall have to give way to the gentleman who has been proposed to-night. We have strutted and fretted our little hour upon the stage, and now we shall be seen no more. Metaphorically speaking, we have been sent to a young gentleman's academy to complete our education, and as it is becomes all good little boys to be seen and not heard when in company, our voices will no longer be heard in the land. We shall, however, carry into our retirement the most pleasurable recollections of your kindly treatment. We go with the full and fervent intention of laying to our hearts the injunctions which have this evening been inculcated, and we trust that when called upon in the fulness of time to render an account of our Stewardship, you will conscientiously be able to say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Songs, &c., were contributed by various Brethren, and the evening passed merrily away.

GATWICK LODGE, No. 2502.

A MEETING was held on the 17th, at the Assembly Room, the Chequers, Horley. Although sickness and the holiday season were responsible for several absentees, there was a large and influential attendance. The principal business was the initiation by the W. Master Bro. W. H. Brown P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Sussex, of his son. The Initiate was the recipient of the usual congratulations.

Bro. T. H. Roberts I.P.M. was again to the front with a present to the Lodge, in the shape of a large framed portrait of himself as first Master, another of the late Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, and one each of several Masonic celebrities of high rank. The Lodge Room being considered too small for the occasion, the company adjourned to the Hall in rear of the Constitutional Club, where an excellent banquet was well served.

The feature of the gathering at the Hall was the splendid musical programme provided by the W.M. The Organist of the Lodge Bro. A. J. Feek acted as accompanist. The artistes were Mr. Argyle Galloway, Miss E. Welling, Miss Maud Roberts (daughter of the I.P.M.), the Misses Brown (daughters of the W.M.), Bros. Professor Plumbridge, Payne (Brighton), F. Ward, F. Russell (ventriloquist), and Mrs. Caulfield, of Crawley, better known as Miss Constance Loseby, whose singing of "Cherry Ripe" and "A Summer Shower," marked as it was with the most artistic taste, fully deserved the high encomiums awarded her.

At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. received most flattering compliments on the very happy and successful gathering.

SHIRLEY WOOLMER LODGE, No. 2530.

THERE is no more popular resident in Sidcup than Captain E. Blanks, of Kelston House, says the "Sidcup Times." President of numerous local public institutions, broad in sympathy, of marked ability, and indefatigable in good work in every direction, Sidcup owes much to his labours. Small wonder, therefore, that the Brethren of the recently-formed Shirley Woolmer Lodge of Freemasons unanimously elected Bro. Edward Blanks as their W.M., in immediate succession to the eminent Mason after whom the Lodge is named. And, naturally also, much interest was evinced in the installation ceremony, which took place at St. John's Hall, Sidcup, on Tuesday, 16th inst.

The W.M.-elect having been presented by the D.C., was installed by Bro. Rev. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, who officiated as Installing Master. The Brethren saluted their new W.M., according to ancient custom; he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year.

A pleasing incident next occurred. In the name of the members of the Shirley Woolmer Lodge the Worshipful Master presented to the I.P.M. an

exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel. This is, of course, the first Past Master's jewel that has become wearable in connection with the Lodge, and, as was expressed by Bro. C. E. S. Woolmer, in gracefully acknowledging the gift, it is intended that it shall pass from year to year to the I.P.M.s. in succession. It was also announced amidst acclamation that Bro. F. Shapley had presented the Lodge with a sword and poignard.

Business being concluded, the Brethren adjourned to the Public Hall, where the banquet was held.

The various Masonic toasts were appropriately given in rotation from the chair, Bro. Hedley P.G.Swd.B. replying for Grand Lodge, and Bros. W. Crawford, Shirley Woolmer, and T. Knight for the Province.

The health of the W.M. was given in glowing terms by the I.P.M., and enthusiastically received, appropriate response being made by Bro. Blanks.

The Masonic Charities, also given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bro. Wallington, who had during the evening collected about sixty guineas for one of the Masonic Institutions.

The speech of the W.M. in submitting the toast of the Installing Master, and that of the I.P.M. in responding, were both in happy vein.

The toast of the Officers of the Shirley Woolmer Lodge met with a cordial reception, and was suitably responded to by Bros. Layton, Peacock, Sharp and Sandercock.

During the evening vocal and instrumental contributions were rendered in capital style.

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WANDSWORTH LODGE, No. 1044.

A MEETING was held at the Municipal Building, Lavender Hill, S.W., on the 17th inst., Bro. F. W. Forrest W.M., A. B. Collings S.W., R. C. Bayne J.W., J. Carter P.M. Treasurer, R. R. Monger P.M. Secretary, C. Finch S.D., J. Strong J.D., G. Stegmann I.G., D. Owen D.C.

The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Three Brethren were passed to the second degree, and two were initiated, the ceremonies being done in a very impressive manner, the way in which the Charge was given in the first degree to the Initiates by the W.M. being beyond all praise.

This being Election night, Bro. A. B. Collings S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Other business finished, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, when the toasts were received enthusiastically.

The health of the W.M. was given and heartily acknowledged.

The W.M. said he was greatly pleased at the reception given to the toast of his health. It was very kind of the Brethren, and proved to him he had done his duty to the Lodge to their satisfaction. He was also deeply indebted to P.M. Higerty and P.M. Jessaman for their great assistance. The year of office had been a prosperous one and the assistance he had had from his Officers was all that could be desired.

The toast of the W.M.-elect met with a very cordial response.

Bro. Collings thanked the W.M. for so proposing his health, and the Brethren for their kindness. He was very proud to be elected W.M. of the Wandsworth Lodge. The Lodge had always maintained its position as a good working Lodge—and its proud position at the present time no one could question. Bro. P.M. Carter was his father in the Lodge, and he perfectly remembered the beautiful manner he put him through the three degrees. He should try to emulate the Past Masters, and try to do his duty thoroughly and earnestly to maintain the high position and the perfect harmony that had existed from the beginning of the Lodge.

The toasts of the P.M.s., Initiates, and Visitors were received very heartily.

The harmony of the evening was greatly assisted by the singing of Bros. Ornter, Coltoun, Horton, and Higerty, and Bro. Lacy greatly distinguished himself by his good taste in accompanying those Brethren.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

LEY SPRING LODGE, No. 1598.

THIS Lodge, which was originally consecrated at the Old Red Lion, Leytonstone, in April 1876, but which left soon after the death of the late Mr. Thos. Barford and went to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, held its installation meeting on Thursday, 18th inst., when Bro. Margetts was installed into the chair by Bro. T. Pargeter P.M., an old and much-respected inhabitant of Leytonstone.

After the Lodge was closed the banquet was held in the well-known Pillar Hall of the Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. T. S. Goddard, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Many old and respected inhabitants of Leyton and Leytonstone have passed through the ranks of this well-known Lodge, says the "Leytonstone Independent."

CLISOLD LODGE, No. 2550.

AT the Station Hotel, Highbury Corner, on the 18th inst., Bro. W. M. Stiles Grand Treasurer-elect W.M., J. J. Lamigeon S.W., R. Emery J.W., J. Carleton Treas., C. F. Hogard P.G.Swd.B. Secretary, H. Townend S.D., H. Kenney J.D., W. Wright P.P.G.O. Middx. Org., A. H. Cooper I.G., G. Elliott P.M. Std., M. Hibberd Std. Members: Bro. P.M. Cox, C. Street, Badman, Reeves, and others.

Visitors:—Brothers Salmon 1922, W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex P.M. 167, H. Garrod P.G.P., Trownce 917, Trefelyn David 1929. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Percy Cyril Cooper (a Lewis) was, by special dispensation, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., in a truly impressive manner. Bros. Edwin Alonso Broad, Harry Badman, W. G. Welsh and W. Wright were admitted Joining Members.

No other business offering, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to a very elegant banquet served under the personal superintendence of Bro. P.M. Tuck, the courteous Manager of the Hotel.

The Loyal toasts were given and heartily received. Bro. P.M. C. F. Hogard P.G.Swd.B. and Bro. H. Garrod P.G.P. replied to the toast of the Grand Officers present and past, in terms that showed they were perfectly conversant with the subject they were talking about.

The acting I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said they were

very fortunate in having for their Past Master a Brother who was so much esteemed by the Craft, and who would shortly be invested as Grand Treasurer of England. He was a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions, which was proof of his charitable disposition. His great knowledge and experience of Masonic matters would be of great benefit to the Lodge. He was very proud to have the honour to propose his health, and was sure the Brethren were pleased, and would support him and make his year of office happy and prosperous.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for so generously and kindly proposing his health. He felt deeply sensible of the honour of being first Master of the Clissold Lodge. He should do all that was possible to enhance the prosperity of the Lodge. He was very grateful to the Officers for the splendid manner they had done their duty; they had said they would support him, and had most honourably carried out their promises. He thanked them sincerely for the good feeling and good work done that evening, which proved the Clissold Lodge had a very bright future before it.

The toasts of the Initiate, Visitors and Officers were given, most of them replying at some length, and in very gratifying terms.

The exquisite singing of Bro. Trefelyn David and pianoforte solo by Bro. W. Wright gave infinite pleasure to the Brethren and elicited the warmest praise from W.M. and Visitors.

The Tyler's toast closed a very successful meeting.

ROYAL ARCH.

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VOLUBIAN CHAPTER, No. 75.

THE Annual Meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Falmouth, on the 16th. In consequence of the absence from home of the M.E.Z.-elect Companion J. T. Williams, the installation of the 1st Principal was deferred. Companion N. Gray P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. installed Companion J. R. Blamey as H., and Companion T. C. Polglase as J. for the ensuing year. The other Officers were then invested.

After the ceremony the Companions partook of an excellent dinner at the Royal Hotel, Falmouth, when the usual toasts were honoured.

CHAPTER OF RECTITUDE, No. 581.

THE regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Clarence Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 4th inst., the following being present:—Comps. William Kay P.G.A.D.C. P.Z., Joseph Richardson M.E.Z. P.Z. P.P.G.A.Soj. P.P.G.I. of Works G.Std. (England), James Hayes H., Robert Rudman E., Hy. B. Brown N., Julius Arensberg, Chas. Wm. Dove, Harry G. Walker, Nelson J. Stokes, H. J. Harrison, J. C. Brown, W. J. Melling, Robt. Adshead, J. M. Frost, Charles H. Griffiths, William Hyde, S. Kindler, W. Goodman, R. Kenderdine, and others.

After the minutes of the former meeting had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Companion Charles Henry Griffiths, Chemist, Openshaw, Union Chapter, No. 268, who was desirous of becoming a Joining Member. The ballot was successful.

Companion Richardson then presented to Companion Kay a very beautiful Past Principal's jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented by the Companions of the Rectitude Chapter, No. 581, to

COMPANION WILLIAM KAY P.Z.,

as a token of their esteem, for services as First Principal during the years 1893 and 1894.

Comp. Richardson expatiated at some length upon the refined excellence of the work which had been performed by Comp. Kay, and of his devotion to the principles of Masonry. He also reverted to the honours which had been conferred upon him at a recent Provincial meeting. If we ourselves had not been thoroughly satisfied with the excellence of Comp. Kay's efforts, the unbounded praise which came from such an authority as Companion Richardson would have had great weight with us, and we are pleased that the speaker should have gone out of his way to add this well-deserved testimony to a hard working and efficient Officer.

The Companions were then treated to the mystical, symbolical, and historical lectures, delivered respectively by Comps. Richardson, Melling and Kay.

At the festive board which followed, Comp. Kay proposed the health of the newly-joined Companion, expressing a hope that he would not only feel attached to his new Chapter, but ultimately become as good a working member as any of those who then belonged to it.

Comp. Griffiths, in response, said he hoped that he should be spared for many years to remain among them, and that the work might be done as harmoniously as it had been performed that evening.

Comp. Melling took the opportunity of proposing the health of Comp. Kenderdine. The latter was not in frequent attendance at the meetings of the Chapter, but he sincerely hoped that in the future they might see much of him.

Songs, recitations, &c., were given by Comps. Rudman, Stokes, Dove, Walker, Griffiths, and others.

GUELPH CHAPTER, No. 1685.

AT the installation meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone, on Thursday, 18th inst., Comp. James Speller was installed M.E.Z., A. G. Duck H., and E. F. Williams J.

Comp. William Shurmur was the installing Principal, and after these ceremonies Bro. A. D. Jones, Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry.

MARK MASONRY.

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BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 101.

AT the usual monthly meeting, at the Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Bro. I. Retallack S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. A. Bennett P.M. P.P.G.Ins.Wrks. was chosen as Treasurer, and Bro. John Paull Tyler.

The installation will take place on Monday, 17th June, at the Masonic Rooms, Chacewater, on which date it is proposed to open the Degree of

Royal Ark Mariners, for which a Warrant has been issued by the Grand Lodge to attach this degree to the Boscawen Mark Lodge. The meetings will be held alternate months at St. Day and Chacewater.

ST. CUTHBERT LODGE, No. 192.

ON Wednesday, 17th inst., the annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Bro. Alex. Darling W.M. presided, and Bro. G. Moor P.M. installed Bro. H. Alder Peters into the chair.

The annual banquet took place on the 22nd, in the King's Arms Hotel, the W.M. in the chair.

EARL OF CHESTER LODGE, No. 196.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chester, on Wednesday, 17th, when the Worshipful Master-elect Bro. Joseph Clarke, of Birkenhead, was installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Warren, of Neston.

The newly installed Master having invested his Officers, the Brethren dined together under his presidency.

ROYAL NAVAL LODGE, No. 239.

AT a meeting held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Tuesday, 16th inst., Bro. James Speller was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation takes place on Monday, 17th June.

INVICTA LODGE, No. 378.

BRO. H. H. GREEN presided over the festival of this Lodge at Ashford, on Wednesday, 17th inst., and also at the banquet subsequently held at the Kent Arms Hotel. The Officers for the year are:—Bros. H. H. Green W.M., S. W. Shaw S.W., C. W. Blaxland J.W., C. Loid M.O., J. Creery S.O., C. Igglesden J.O., F. Hughes-Hallett P.M. Treasurer, Benjamin Snell, M.A., Secretary and Reg. Marks, J. Abrey S.D., John S. Lovett J.D., G. Wilks, M.B., I.G., J. Cooke Tyler.

ALLIED DEGREES.

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PRINCE GEORGE COUNCIL, No. 9.

A MEETING of this Council was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Oldham, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. John Marshall (Past Grand Senior Deacon) 30° W.M.

The following presented themselves as candidates: Comps. Abraham Clegg 277, John Williams P.Z. 935, H. Jones 1st Asst. Soj. 935, Walter R. Sharp P.S. 935, and George Brown P.S. 1375.

They were duly admitted to the degrees of St. Lawrence the Martyr, Knights of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand Tyler of King Solomon. Comps. John Williams and Abraham Clegg, who were regularly qualified as Installed Principals of their respective Chapters, were afterwards admitted to the degree of Grand High Priest.

The ceremonies were performed by Bro. Marshall, assisted by Brothers Lieut-Col. John Greaves 6th V.B.M.R., Walter Newton, H. T. Grundy, Fletcher Armstrong and James Bromley.

Besides those mentioned above, there were present:—Geo. W. Davies, H. L. Hollingworth, J. R. R. Jeffery, and Edward Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors:—Evan Williams, and George Sam Smith, of the Matier Council.

A very excellent tea followed the proceedings.

Vaudeville.—Mr. Weedon Grossmith may be congratulated upon securing a worthy successor to his initial venture of "The New Boy," who, having grown old in popular favour, has at length retired for a time. Mr. Arthur has given us a playful satire on the fads, crotchets and fancies of high society, and at the same time a most amusing farce in "The Ladies' Idol," though on lines entirely different to his previous production. The interest centres in La Delamere, a society entertainer, and Dora Vale, a popular skirt dancer, who, though actually man and wife, have decided to keep up separate establishments, in order to carry on their respective careers. As a natural consequence Miss Vale is surrounded by a crowd of male admirers, and Lionel is the object of considerable attention from the ladies. They are on the high road to fortune when various circumstances conspire to put an end to their little plot, and their marriage is discovered by the temporary loss of their offspring, which proves too much for their parental feelings. These two characters are capably sustained by Mr. Grossmith and Miss May Palfrey, who cause roars of laughter by their comic fears and jealousies. There are other complications running through the piece, that cause no end of ludicrous situations, but they may be better understood than described. Suffice it to say that Miss Gladys Homfrey, Miss Helen Ferrers, Miss K. Serjeantson, Mr. Sydney Warden, Mr. C. P. Little, Mr. Frederick Volpé and, lastly, Mr. John Beauchamp, who appears in quite a new role, all bring their energies to bear upon the scene with highly successful results.

Drury Lane.—No one knows better than Sir Augustus Harris how to gauge the taste of the theatrical public, and his present enterprise of English Opera, at prices even less than the ordinary charges, is meeting with its reward in popular appreciation. A company, embracing several of the best known names among English lyric artistes, and an excellent orchestra of some sixty performers, conducted by musicians of undoubted ability, have been engaged, and the works selected extend from Wallace's "Maritana," and Balfe's "Bohemian Girl," to the modern "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Poliacca." It is essentially a popular season, and crowded houses have been the result. Indeed, it may fairly be said that the public are indebted to the worthy and genial manager for this treat, as the expense must be enormous, and it is only by the attendance of large numbers that he can be repaid. A different opera is given each evening, so that all tastes are provided for, but the season can only last for a short time, as other arrangements have been made. This (Saturday) morning Signori Leoncavallo and Mascagni's operas will be given, and this evening the delightful "Lily of Killarney" will doubtless attract the admirers of Benedict's melodious music.

NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

- 1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square
62 Social, Manchester
148 Lights, Warrington
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington Lyne
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-u-Lyne
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1753 Obedience, Okehampton

Tuesday.

- 141 Faith, Anderton's
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Oxford
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro
1358 Torbay, Paignton
1579 Halsey, St. Albans
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1896 Audley, Newport
1942 Minerva, Fenton
2358 Mona, Castletown

Wednesday.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall,
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1803 Cornhill, Café Monico

- 74 Athol, Birmingham
86 Loyalty, Preston
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariners, Guernsey
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
611 Marches, Ludlow
643 Royal, Fife
645 Humphrey Cheetham, Manchester
654 Peveril of Peak, New Mills
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
697 United, Colchester
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
838 Franklin, Boston
929 Waveney, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Loos
992 St. Thomas, Lower Broughton
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, I. of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1205 Metham, East Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-Str.
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsay, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Longleat, Warminster
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1549 Abercorn, Gt. Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfld.
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampton C.
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2193 Queen's Jubilee, Nelson
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middles-boro.
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2490 Amptkhill, Amptkhill

Thursday.

- 10 Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons-hall
27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons-hall
1155 Excelsior, Crystal Palace
1216 Macdonald, Camberwell
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury
1361 United Service, Café Royal
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
1724 Kaiser-i-Hind, Café Royal
1765 Trinity Coll., 13 Mandeville-pee.
1772 Pimlico, Westminster
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
2075 Quatuor Coronati, F.M.H.
2233 Old Westminsters, C. Royal
24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
57 Humber, Hull
71 Unity, Lowestoft
110 Loy. Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengist, Bournemouth
208 Three G. Principles, Dewsbury
219 Prudence, Todmorden
230 Fidelity, Devonport
249 Mariners, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
289 Fidelity, Leeds
295 Combermere, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester
332 Virtue & Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
360 Pomfret, Northampton
362 Doric, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
446 Benevolent, Wells, Somerset
462 Bank Terrace, Accington
509 Tees, Durham
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Walsall
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
633 Yarborough, Manchester
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
710 Pleiades, Totnes
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1231 Savile, Elland
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1504 Red Rose of L'caster, Padiham
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1576 Dee, Park Gate, Cheshire
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere, Kidderminster
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2028 Granite, Narborough
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2169 Osborne, East Cowes, I of Wight
2255 Philbrick, Chingford
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester

Friday.

- 554 Yarborough, London Tavern
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Rural Philanthropic, Highbidge.
306 Alfred, Leeds
318 True and Faithful, Helston
445 Fidelity, Towcester
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698 Ryde, Ryde, I. of W.
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford

- 712 Lindsey, Louth
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-the-Wold
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1376 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor Volunteers, Wolverh'ton
1993 Wolseley, Manchester
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield

Saturday.

- 142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle

- 1928 Gallery, Anderton's
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Surrey M.H.
2202 Regent's Park, Regent's Park
308 Prince George, Todmorden
336 Benevolence, Marple
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1223 Amherst, Riverhead
1384 Canynges, Bristol
1458 Truth, Manchester
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1494 Felix, Hampton Court
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
1567 Elliot, Feltham
1929 Mozart, Croydon
2054 Wilson Iles, Rickmansworth
2077 Epping, Chingford
2096 George Price, Croydon
2148 Walsingham, Wilmington
2205 Pegasus, Gravesend
2323 Bushay Hall, Bushay
2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet
2442 St. Clement, Leigh
2473 Molesey, E. Molesey

A NOTABLE FAMILY.

AN interesting ceremony took place in Brechin, on the 17th, when the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, M.P. for Forfarshire, was installed into the office of Substitute Provincial Grand Master. The vacancy in the office was occasioned by the retirement of Bro. Lord Glamis, and the selection of the Member for Forfarshire was received with unqualified popularity among the members of the Craft.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart. of Newhailes, M.P., Grand Master of Scotland, and Bro. James Berry Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire. After the Grand Master had been received in customary fashion, the ceremony of installing Bro. Ramsay was proceeded with, and at the close several speeches were delivered.

Sir Charles Dalrymple, addressing the Hon. C. M. Ramsay and the Brethren present, said he could not imagine an occasion of greater interest in the Province than the installation of superior Officers; and, although no Mason present was likely to suppose that any office was hereditary, yet he was inclined to think that there were some present who regarded Bro. Ramsay's installation as an appropriate event. There could be nothing more interesting in the experience of Masonry in Scotland than the remarkable connection which Bro. Ramsay's family had had with the Craft.

He had had supplied him that day from an authoritative quarter a statement showing the connection of Bro. Ramsay's family with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The family to which Bro. Ramsay belonged had for nearly a century and a half been closely identified with Scottish Masonry—indeed, with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and also with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire. In 1767 the eight Earl of Dalhousie was Grand Master of Scotland, in 1804 the ninth Earl filled the same position, in 1808 the Hon. W. Ramsay Maule (afterwards the first Lord Panmure) was Grand Master, in 1836 Lord Ramsay (afterwards tenth Earl and first Marquis of Dalhousie) filled the throne, and in 1867-69 Fox Maule (eleventh Earl of Dalhousie) was Grand Master.

Some members of the Craft loved to emphasise their connection with Masonry, but he did not think that any record such as that he had mentioned could be pointed to in the whole of Scotland. Having regard to what he had pointed out, Bro. Ramsay's installation could not be regarded other than as appropriate. He trusted that his occupation of the chair would be beneficial to himself and to Masonry in the Province.

Hon. C. M. Ramsay, in reply, said he had to thank Sir Charles for the kind words with which he had accompanied the ceremony. He had to assure Sir Charles that it was a matter of the greatest pleasure to him that he should have agreed to devote that evening for the purpose of installing him into office. He was sure that he echoed the feelings of all the Masons in Forfarshire when he said it was a great satisfaction to them to think the Most Worshipful Master of Scotland was present and taking part in the proceedings. Though comparatively a young Mason, he had always met with the most perfect friendship and Brotherhood from all classes and ranks of the Fraternity with whom he had come in contact, and it would be his earnest and sincere desire to promote the welfare of the Brotherhood, and to do his duty honourably and steadfastly. Referring to the prosperous condition of the two Brechin Lodges, he said he was proud his first connection with Masonry had taken place in a Brechin Lodge, and he thought that Brechin Lodges would compare favourably with any others in the Province.—"Dundee Courier."

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