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OUR GIRLS.

THERE are but a few days to elapse ere the Craft will know the result of this year's Anniversary Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be celebrated on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe; but in those few days there will be a considerable amount of anxious speculation as to the fate that is in store for "Our Girls" on this, its one hundred and seventh anniversary.

It would be somewhat out of place at this late season to dilate at any length on the necessity for cordial support on the part of the Stewards of the year, and hearty sympathy from Brethren generally—both facts are fortunately fully recognised by the parties concerned, and, as a result, we may look forward with pleasurable anticipation to the outcome of the appeal that will be announced next week. The position of the Institution tells the tale far more forcibly than any words of ours could do—there being upwards of two hundred and sixty girls in the School, all receiving maintenance, clothing and education as the result of the free will offerings of the English Craft, and it is on behalf of this large family and those who will come after them that the Festival is held.

We have from time to time spoken of the efforts that are being made in order to ensure success for this year's celebration, not the least important in this respect being the position the Chairman occupies as Deputy Grand Master of England, a position that should ensure for him sympathy and support from all parts of the country, for there is probably no Lodge meeting held under the English Constitution without a kindly reference to his lordship's position and work as a part of the proceedings; but above all this is the fact that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is pledged to a very heavy annual outlay beyond the sum realised from its invested capital, and those who have the management of affairs have a very natural dread of any falling off in receipts, so as to necessitate an intrenchment on that capital.

We have little doubt as to the result of next week's Festival being sufficient to prove the continued interest of the Craft in the good work; we hope it may go far beyond, and not only be ample to provide for the expenses of the year, but even allow of a small increase being made to the investments of the Institution.

We must not omit another reference to the distribution of prizes and annual visit of the Stewards to the Institution on Monday next, commencing at 4 o'clock. We expect the accommodation of the Institution will then, as usual on such occasions, be taxed to its utmost resources, but let us hope a large number of visitors will mean an extended band of supporters, for really it is hardly possible for a Mason to see the happy children at Battersea, and note how they are cared for by the Institution, without desiring to do something on its behalf.

CONSECRATION: BENEVOLENTIA LODGE.

THIS, the latest of the new Lodges, and numbered 2549 on the roll, was consecrated on Tuesday, at Mrs. Gladstone's Convalescent Home, South Woodford, by Brother Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence as S.W., Henry Garrod P.G.P. as J.W., the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, J. H. Matthews P.D.G.D.C. as D.C., Sutton Abbott as I.G.

The other Brethren who attended were Bros. Edgar A. Gibbs S.W. 1804, Walter Latter 704 P.P.G.Org. Essex, J. Sutton Abbott jun. J.D. 2077, T. R. Foreman 1804, W. J. Hewett W.M. 1185, C. E. Lloyd P.M. and Sec. 1185, Robert J. Scriven S.D. 1489, W. J. Tylor 1598, J. S. Henderwett W.M. 1625, J. E. Skipper 2396, W. R. Shipman 2396, J. I. Skellom Stwd. 1185, Louis Alfred Pearce J.D. 1185, Henry Perks P.M. 209, George Chuter 1373, Alfred Ford 171, W. C. Farnes 73, R. A. Harris 1421, W. Lucas P.M. 1669, Fred G. Bishop 1056, W. H. Jones Treas. 2077, Thomas Ringrose P.M. 2184, John Sulley J.D. 1804, W. Chappel Stwd. 1804, G. Hooper P.M. 1486, J. Holland J.W. 1804, H. R. Moffatt Stwd. 1805, F. A. Slater 1804, Ed. Holland I.G. 1804, W. G. Holland 2291, Otto Polenz S.D. 238, C. Featherstone S.D. 1540, F. Ranger 1278, W. F. Keddel P.M. 1185, H. B. Holland P.M. 1076, W. J. Scrivener 1489, G. Chatterton P.M. 1185, R. E. Fairclough W.M. 1365, J. W. Neave P.M. 1228, Arthur F. Phelps 1891, J. H. Howell 2206, E. Graypoint 65, H. T. Nell P.M. and Sec. 45, W. Banks J.D. 1365, A. D. Timbrell P.M. 1598, J. H. Merbett 19, A. R. Green P.M. 1804, J. Prentice P.M. 1185, O. Meyer jun. 145, Henry Thom W.M. 1839, A. W. Weston P.M. 1278, H. Massey 160 P.M. 619 and 1928, H. Sadler G.T., J. Powles West 1804, Henry Times W.M. 165, Alfred Buck P.M. 453 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, Edward Mileson 2484, H. Brack 1804, H. Lloyd 2501.

The Founders of the Lodge were Bros. Charles J. R. Tijou P.M. P.A.G.P. W.M. Designate, H. W. Lee P.M. S.W. Designate, H. Ffrench Bromhead P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Essex J.W. Designate, J. Taylor, J. W. Gibbs P.M., Ben Johnson, J. G. Hammond jun. P.M., A. Glaeser, R. Logan, Sutton Abbott, W. Maxfield Mead, J. Wilson, H. Grimsdall, J. W. Tyler, Basil Stewart, W. P. Griffiths, Alex. H. Stokes, H. A. Lee, S. Barfoot, H. Lindus, W. J. W. Cole, J. A. Osborn, H. E. Herman, G. S. Manuelle, E. Purkess, and A. G. Shenstone.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. H. Lloyd, who was assisted by Bros. A. Weston, H. Thorn, and A. Scrivener; the Organist and accompanist being Brother Walter Latter, R.A.M., P.P.G.Org. Essex.

The chairs and pedestals, which were very massive and handsome, were presented to the Lodge by the Clapton Lodge, that Lodge having removed to quarters where all the furniture is provided. The Benevolentia Lodge desired to buy the furniture of the Clapton Lodge, but, as Bro. Fairclough the W.M. said in the course of the evening, the Brethren of the Clapton Lodge thought it would be acting in a truly Masonic spirit if they gave it, and so help a young Lodge on its career.

Bro. Letchworth, after the opening formalities, said it was unnecessary to occupy the Brethren's time for many moments with any words of his. They were all aware of the purpose for which they were met. It was a most interesting and solemn occasion, for they were there to start into existence a new Lodge, to constitute it, and to dedicate it to the service of Almighty God, and he would express the hope that this new Lodge might have before it a very prosperous future, that it might be the means of advancing the interests of Masonry in that part of the county of Essex, and that the members of it might be distinguished by their charity, their good-will and their benevolence. He thought the name they had selected for the Lodge was a very happy one, and he was pleased to think there were so many connected with the Lodge who were connected with the Board of Benevolence, the President of which had honoured him and the Brethren by coming on this occasion. He was sure he was expressing the wish of those who were associated with him in this ceremony, when he said he hoped the Lodge would have a most happy and prosperous future.

The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg delivered the Oration, in which he dwelt particularly on the practice of benevolence and the work of the Board of Benevolence, which he was sure in many cases

restored Brethren to the good position they had occupied before they were reduced to straitened circumstances.

The ceremonies were then continued, and at their termination Bro. Tijou was installed W.M. of the Lodge. Bro. J. W. Gibbs P.M. was then appointed to act as I.P.M. and the other Brethren honoured with office were Bros. H. W. Lee P.M. S.W., H. French Bromhead P.M. P.P.G.Sup. of Works Essex J.W., J. Taylor P.M. Treasurer, H. Grimsdall Secretary, W. P. Griffiths S.D., J. G. Hammond jun. P.M. Prov.G.Steward Essex J.D., H. A. Lee I.G., Ben Johnson P.M. D.C., A. H. Stokes Organist, E. Purkess and W. J. W. Cole Stewards, and D. Legg P.M. Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the Lodge, and presented with jewels as a memento of the occasion. The Brethren then made a contribution to the Convalescent Home in which they were assembled, the W.M. stating that it was doing an immense amount of good in the East End of London, and was much in need of funds. The W.M. was thereafter elected to represent the Lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which he was promised the hearty support of the Brethren. After the Lodge had been closed the Brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where they partook of an excellent banquet and honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. Henry Garrod P.G.P. responded for that of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Tijou W.M. proposed the Consecrating Officers. He said it was really the toast of the evening, and when he said that he was not speaking of the Consecrating Master simply as Grand Secretary or as Consecrating Master, but as a Brother and as a man. Many of the Brethren had opportunities of meeting Bro. Letchworth; they met him in his arduous labours very, very often. Whenever he met him, whether in the performance of his duties or outside, he was always the same gentleman, and he had no greater friend than he. Bro. Letchworth and Bro. Grey were the two brethren in whom he felt he had perfect friends. There was no greater pleasure to him that night than to have Bro. Letchworth there. He had heard Bro. Letchworth consecrate Lodges before, and had had opportunities of assisting him; but his feelings that night when Bro. Letchworth was consecrating their Lodge was very different to what they were when he was consecrating other Lodges. There was now a bond of friendship between Bro. Letchworth and the Brethren of this Lodge, which there was not before. Bro. Letchworth, he hoped, would feel that the Benevolentia Lodge was one of his Lodges.

Bro. Letchworth, in acknowledging the toast, said he could not refrain from expressing his warmest thanks to the W.M. for the more than kind manner with which he had been pleased to couple his name with the toast, and the Brethren for the kind reception they had been pleased to give to it. He knew he was only expressing the feelings of all those who had been associated with him in the ceremony of that day when he expressed the hope that the Lodge might have before it a most successful future. He confidently believed that it would, because he knew it contained all those elements which could not but secure success. That that might be so was the wish of everyone in the room. It now became his most agreeable duty to propose the health of the W.M., whom he had had the great pleasure of installing, and he most heartily congratulated the members of the Lodge on having as their first Master one so able to rule over them in this their first and certainly the most critical year of their existence. It had been his good fortune to be associated with Bro. Tijou in various ways, and it was a very great pleasure two years ago to convey to him the news that the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to appoint him to Grand Office. He ventured to think that the fact of Bro. Tijou being designated the first Master of the Benevolentia Lodge might have had some influence with H.R.H. in granting a Warrant for this Lodge.

Bro. Tijou W.M., replying, said he should very very shortly thank the Brethren for the reception they had given him as the Master of this Lodge. Properly to thank them could not possibly be done in less than a quarter of an hour. He should therefore simply thank them. He hoped to make a few long speeches during his year. He then proposed the Visitors, and took occasion to thank the Clapton Lodge for its handsome gift.

Bro. Fairclough, in reply, said it had been a great treat to him to witness the installation ceremony, but as to the gift mentioned by the W.M. it was only what Brethren should do. There ought to be in Brethren that feeling which would prompt them, whether individuals or Lodges, to assist one another.

Bros. Buck, Green, and Hooper also responded.

Bro. Henry Garrod P.G.P. proposed the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Tijou W.M., in reply, said he was very gratified at the way in which the Brethren had received the toast, but he should be better gratified that time next year when he saw how the lists of the three festivals between now and then had been made up. He was fond of the Charities, and did the best he could for all of

them. He worked as well as he could for the Old People. He should be pleased to be on the Committee of the Girls; he would put aside a lot of work for that. But it mattered very little on what Brethren worked as long as they did their best for their Masonic Charities, no matter what they might be. They had plenty of opportunities before them. He did not plead the cause of the Benevolent Institution, because he was one of the Committee; but he did that of the Girls and the Boys. He was on the Board of Benevolence. He loved all the Charities. He was sure the Brethren would not let him go up empty-handed next February.

The toast of the Officers followed, and was responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a very happy and successful day.

ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Annual Convocation was held on Wednesday, when the business as set out in the Agenda we published last week was regularly disposed of. The three Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand J. as Z., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.Assist.G.Soj. as H., H. Thornhill Morland as J.

The following Companions were appointed as the new Grand Officers for the year:

Comp. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales	-	-	Z.
The Earl of Lathom	-	-	Pro Z.
The Earl of Mount-Edgumbe	-	-	H.
W. W. B. Beach, M.P.	-	-	J.
Edward Letchworth	-	-	Scribe E.
Viscount Dungarvan	-	-	Scribe N.
Robert Gray	-	-	Pres. Com. Gen. Purp
William Mason Stiles	-	-	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	-	-	Registrar
Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C.	-	-	Deputy Registrar
Sir Lionel Darell	-	-	Principal Sojourner
C. F. Marshall	-	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
Col. H. Studholme Brownrigg	-	-	2nd Assist. Sojourner
Col. L. G. Dundas	-	-	Sword Bearer
Lieut-Col. W. Newton	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
Alfred S. Tomkins	-	-	Standard Bearers
Herbert J. Steward	-	-	
James Edmeston	-	-	
Dr. F. Ernest Pocock	-	-	
Walter Hughes	-	-	
George E. Fairchild	-	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
Frank Richardson	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
W. H. Rylands	-	-	Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
Howard H. Room	-	-	
Joseph Todd	-	-	
John Newton	-	-	
Harry Tipper	-	-	Organist
W. de M. Sergison	-	-	
William Lake	-	-	
Henry Sadler	-	-	
			Assistant Scribe E.
			Janitor.

SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, 20th ult., under the presidency of Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph Grand Superintendent.

Amongst other business, the following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:

Comp. Rt. Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., 1466	-	H.
W. Wright 311	-	J.
V. P. Freeman 311, &c.	-	Scribe E.
W. Botting 732	-	Scribe N.
J. M. Read 732	-	Treasurer
J. P. Slingsby Roberts 1496	-	Registrar
E. T. Cooksey 315	-	Principal Sojourner
E. G. Whittle 271	-	Assistant Sojourners
B. Burfield 811	-	
D. Jeffery 916	-	Sword Bearer
W. T. Jordan 40	-	Standard Bearer
W. Gill P.P.G.S.N. 811	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
A. King P.P.G.J. 271	-	Organist
H. E. Breach 38	-	Stewards.
C. E. Botley 40	-	

Subsequently the Companions sat down to the annual banquet, when the customary toast list was honoured.

WEST LANCASHIRE.

ON Wednesday of last week was held the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter, at the Conservative Club, Heaton Moor. In the absence of the Earl of Lathom, who has not yet returned from his health-seeking tour in the West Indies,

Companion Robert Wylie, of Liverpool, presided over a large attendance, being supported by Comp. W. Goodacre P.G.St.B. Prov.G.S.E., and many other Provincial Officers.

According to a recent alteration, Prov.G.Chapter is now separated from Prov.G.Lodge meetings, and conformably with this change, the gathering to which we refer was the first of its kind, an honour which in the future may justly be claimed for the district, where the meeting was held under the auspices of the Prince Edward Chapter, No. 2109, which Chapter was especially well represented, conspicuous among those present being Companions S. I. Thompson, J. W. Berra, T. T. Shann, J.P. (who hold the chief offices in the Chapter), E. Broadbent, N. W. Reynolds, W. Webster, J. H. Wells, &c.

The business of the meeting included the appointment of Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, and the following were invested:

Comp. W. Simpson	-	-	-	-	H.
Col. Baldwin	-	-	-	-	J.
W. Goodacre	-	-	-	-	Scribe E.
Rev. J. Leslie	-	-	-	-	Scribe N.
H. Hall	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. H. Wells	-	-	-	-	Registrar
J. M. Ashurst	-	-	-	-	Deputy Registrar
J. Hatch	-	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
J. Hocken	-	-	-	-	Assistant Sojourners
W. Wilkinson	-	-	-	-	
Major Little	-	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
R. H. Williams	-	-	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
H. G. Small	-	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. Brindle	-	-	-	-	
J. S. Patten	-	-	-	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
J. M. Smythe	-	-	-	-	
J. Crompton	-	-	-	-	Asst. Dirs. of Cers.
W. Roberts	-	-	-	-	
R. Townley	-	-	-	-	Organist
G. H. Whitaker	-	-	-	-	
J. Chadderton	-	-	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.

Comps. H. W. Johnson, J. Platt, J. T. Callow, J. J. Lambert, and J. Fletcher were appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

Fifty guineas was voted to the West Lancashire Alpass Institution for Widows, and the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed in due form. Subsequently the Companions gathered in the Assembly Hall of the Club, doing full justice to a splendid collation provided by Mr. W. H. Mortimer, of Heaton Moor.

The customary toasts were duly honoured, and both the local and Provincial Chapters are to be congratulated upon the eminent success of the function.

A MASONIC CURIOSITY.

(From the "Royalist.")

IN view of the reference to Masonry in the December number, and having special regard to the quotation from J. H. Mac Carthy relative to a supposed foundation of a Lodge at Arras by Charles III., the following may possess some interest.

M. Léo Taxil, in his excellent work entitled "Les Froids-points," quotes the following document, at present in the archives of the Grand Orient of France, as one of the principal means of enticing Princes and their supporters into the Order. It is a "Bull" establishing a Chapter of Rosicrucians at Arras! M. Taxil refers to the document as "un vieux parchemin fabriqué pour les besoins de la cause."

"Nous, Charles Edouard Stuart, Roi d'Angleterre, d'Ecosse et d'Irlande, et, en cette qualité, substitut Grand-Maitre du Suprême Conseil d'Héredom connu sous le titre de Chevalier de l'Aigle et du Pélican, et, depuis Nos malheurs et Nos infortunes, sous celui de Rose-Croix;

"Voulant témoigner aux Magons artésiens combien Nous sommes reconnaissant envers eux des preuves de bienfaisance qu'ils Nous ont prodiguées, ainsi que les officiers de la garrison de la ville d'Arras, et de leur attachement à Notre personne, pendant le séjour de six mois que Nous avons fait en cette ville;

"Nous avons, en leur faveur, crée et érigé, créons et érigeons, par la présente Bulle, en la dite ville d'Arras, un Sublime-Chapitre Primordial de Rose-Croix, sous le titre distinctif: l'Ecosse Jacobite, qui sera régi et gouverné par les Chevaliers Lagneau et de Robespierre, tous deux avocats, Hazard et ses deux fils, tous trois médecine, J.-B. Lucet, tapissier, et Jérôme Cellier, horloger;

"Auxquels ci-dessus nommés Nous permettons et donnons non seulement pouvoir de faire, tant par eux que par leurs successeurs, des Chevaliers Rose-Croix, mais même pouvoir de créer un Chapitre dans toutes les villes ou ils croiront devoir le faire, lorsqu'ils en seront requis, sans cependant, par eux ni par leurs successeurs, pouvoir créer deux Chapitres dans une même ville, quelque peuplée qu'elle puisse être;

"Et pour que foi soit ajoutée à Notre présente Bulle, Nous l'avons signée de Notre main, et à icelle fait opposer le sceau secret de Nos commandements, et fait contresigner par le Secrétaire de Notre Cabinet.

"Le jeudi, quinzième jour du deuxième mois l'an de l'Incarnation 1747, Vallée d'Arras.

"(Signé) CHARLES-EDOUARD STUART.

"De par le Roi:

(Signé)

Lord de Berkeley, Secrétaire."

It is to be hoped that the danger of trusting to Mr. Huntly MacCarthy's history is now apparent. I will not insult the

intelligence of my readers by saying who was King of England in 1747. But if Charles III. were King at that date, would he not have given his title in full? The omission of France from the Royal Dominions is delightful, it points to such a pretty contest between the desire to make the forgery vraisemblable and Gallic hatred of "la perfide Albion"—the latter gaining the day. As it stands, the precious "Bulle" it about the clumsiest attempt at imposture on record.

The Rite of Heredom, to which the Prince is said to have belonged, claims to be the oldest Rite in existence. It is certainly older than that of York. It is true that Rome was slow to condemn the Order, but it must be remembered that Rome is proverbially slow, and never issues a condemnation without having incontestable proofs of its necessity, which, in the case of a secret Society, were naturally difficult to obtain. Many Kings have belonged to the body, but those who allege this fact as a proof of the harmlessness of Masonry forget that the membership of Royal Personages is of the highest advantage to the Society, and is cheaply bought at the cost of a few anti-monarchical ceremonies. James I. was not only a Mason, but is said to have invented the fourteenth degree (Scottish Rite), which still bears his name. In it the candidate receives the explanation of the words "Schem-Hamm-Phorasch," engraved on the "Cubic stone." They are the concluding words of the evocations of the devil, as found in old books of black magic, in which, according to Freemasonry, James I. was deeply versed; indeed, they do not scruple to say that he practised those arts with much success. If Masonry is for once telling the truth (a luxury in which it does not often indulge), the British Solomon must have been a champion hypocrite. Stronger things I could say of Freemasonry, but my present object is accomplished in exploding the myth of the "Chapter at Arras."

E. J. D.

SCOTCH MASONRY.

EXIGENCIES of space necessitated the cutting short of our report last week of the proceedings at Brechin, on the 17th ult., when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire assembled there.

Before the Lodge closed the Provincial Grand Master returned thanks to Sir Charles Dalrymple for his visit that evening. He was sure he echoed the sentiments of every Brother present when he said that they were all pleased that the links between the Dalhousie family and Forfarshire Masons had been cemented by the appointment of Bro. Ramsay as Substitute Provincial Grand Master. Concluding, he thanked the Brethren for their presence that evening, and the Lodge was then closed.

Later in the evening the St. James Lodge entertained Sir Charles Dalrymple and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge to supper in the City Hall. The function was presided over by Bro. W. J. Cameron R.W.M. of St. James Lodge, while the duties of Croupier were discharged by Brother G. Wallace R.W.S.M. of the St. James Lodge.

After the Loyal and Patriotic toasts had been honoured, the chairman gave the toast, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Sir Charles Dalrymple said he rejoiced to think that the benefits of the annuity and benevolent funds of the Grand Lodge were finding their way into the homes of poor Masons. By taking care of these funds they might go a long way to relieve distress amongst their members. Having remarked that the Province of Forfarshire was in a satisfactory position, Sir Charles concluded by mentioning that while the Dalhousie family had for 150 years been connected with the Grand Lodge, it was curious to note that in 1756 the Provincial Grand Master of Forfar and Angus was one David Dalrymple, advocate. Considering that his forbears were limbs of the law, it was likely that this gentleman was a forbear of his.—"Dundee Courier."

We are pleased to hear that Bro. John Chapman, of Torquay, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. In recording this latest distinction for our esteemed Brother the "Devon County Standard" says: "This recognition of his indefatigable efforts in behalf of general scientific subjects is not the first he has received, for he was only a short time since elected a member of the Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce."

At a recent meeting of the Æsculapius Lodge it was decided to entertain all medical Masons who may attend the meeting of the British Medical Association in London, in August next, and an appropriation was unanimously voted for that purpose, says the "Medical Record."

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

ON Easter Monday, the Brethren in Manchester took advantage of the presence of the Grand Officers who had consecrated the Cockcroft Conclave on the previous Saturday, and arranged for the Consecration of their new Conclave, No. 26, at the Palatine Hotel. The Grand Officers officiating were Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.S.R. Grand Registrar of the Craft as Consecrating Officer; Bro. Japheth Tickle, C.C., Past G. Guide as Counsellor, Bro. J. R. Ragdale P.G.C. as Guide, Bro. J. Marshall P.G.C. as Chaplain, Bro. W. J. Spratling G.R. as D.C. and Bro. J. J. Pakes G.V. as inducting, installing and commissioning Officer. Several of the Brethren from Eastwood attended, and gave material assistance in the proceedings. We noticed particularly Bro. Cockcroft S.R. 25, Bro. Shackleton, and Bro. Fielden.

Punctually at the hour appointed the Brethren assembled in the Lodge Room, and Bro. Pakes, assisted by the Officers and members of the Cockcroft Conclave, duly inducted the following Brethren into the Order:

Bros. Thos. Hy. Scholfield, of Whitefield, near Manchester, Integrity Lodge, No. 163, Manchester; Buckley Carr, of Miles Platting, Manchester, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161, Manchester; Fletcher Armstrong, of Skelwith, Lower Broughton, Manchester, St. John's Lodge, No. 325, Salford; Hy. Taylor Grundy, of Grundy Street, Radcliffe, Merit Lodge, No. 934, Whitefield; Richard T. Redman, of County Asylum, Prestwich, Integrity Lodge, No. 163, Manchester; Nathan Heywood, of Mount Street, Manchester, Fortitude Lodge, No. 64, Manchester; A. C. K. Smith, of Brazennose Street, Manchester, Affability Lodge, No. 317, Manchester; Thos. Plumptre, of Cooper Street, Manchester, Affability Lodge, No. 317, Manchester; John A. Kirkland, of Brentwood, Eccles Old Road, Manchester, Faith Lodge, No. 344, Radcliffe; Vincent Brown, of 213 Rochdale Road, Bury, Relief Lodge, No. 42, Bury; J. E. Williams, of 5 St. Clement's Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Integrity Lodge, No. 163, Manchester; W. A. Boyer, of 132 Alexandra Road, Manchester, Affability Lodge, No. 317, Manchester; and Edward Roberts, Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459, West Gorton.

This being done the Brethren formed up to receive the Grand Officers, who entered in their robes of office with the Chaplain at their head, bearing the V.S.L. on a cushion before him.

The Consecrating Officer having taken his seat and appointed his Officers as before named called upon the Brethren present to confirm their acquiescence in the choice of Officers already signified in the petition and warrant just read by the Director of Ceremonies.

This being done Brother Philbrick, Q.C., gave an eloquent oration upon the nature and principles of the Order, as follows:—

Brethren, we are met to-day to commence in Lancashire a work which has been already begun in several counties of England, in many places abroad, and has more recently been initiated in Yorkshire. It was with very pleasurable emotions on Saturday, that we consecrated a Conclave to the honour of David and Jonathan in a corner of Yorkshire well known to you and known for many years to nearly every Order practised among English Masons. The work begun in the adjoining county and continued here is a great work, and I trust you will bear with me a few moments while I attempt to say a few plain words on the text here set down—the nature and principles of our Order.

The nature of our Order may be briefly stated as embracing all that has made Masonry what it now is, and has led to its being a power in our land second to none of its kind. Masonry in general is, as you are aware, very widely diffused, the tie of brotherhood among us is well recognised, but it is so extensive, and the number of those who have a claim upon us is so large, that it is difficult at times to respond with discrimination, and to carry out in their entirety the noble principles to which we have all given our adhesion. In these times of peace and quiet it is well to be thus, but in times of stress, in times of danger, or times when a man is afraid to trust his fellow man, and when life or death and things even more sacred than either may depend upon the action of Brother to Brother, a more intimate tie has often been sought, and being found, has been handed down to posterity by those who have proved and could appreciate its worth. So long as the world has stood there have been the oppressor and the oppressed, and in all ages the only hope of the oppressed lay in their union the one with the other, bound together by such ties and sanctions as the state of society could furnish. Our ritual takes us back to the times when the Jews, wandering defenceless in the wilderness, forged one bond or another for mutual protection and support. It is not pretended that research can substantiate every expression and every detail, but much of our ritual is in the very words of the ancient Scriptures of the race, and anyone reading them in the light thrown upon them by our ceremonies is likely to perceive the hidden meaning running through them, and helping largely to explain them

and make them intelligible to us moderns. So we come down to the friendship which is known to have existed between the two great Hebrew heroes, David and Jonathan, and, as you are aware, it is upon this episode that our ceremonies turn. The love which Jonathan bore to David has been rivalled, though not excelled, by many examples in history, and such mutual love and friendship is not entirely unknown even in these degenerate modern days. The nature of our Order is to afford an opportunity for the display of this mutual confidence, this trust which never is betrayed. One of our Conclaves has been well named "True Friendship," another "Damon and Pythias," two Greek heroes whose love "passed the love of women." Here in Manchester to-day we are preparing an arena in which such tender care and fraternal solicitude may be shown, and where in days to come the weary heart may turn for solace, and the burdened mind may be relieved of its load. I mentioned on Saturday, Brethren, that our Order is no new thing of mushroom growth. Our venerable Grand Supreme Ruler joined us more than fifty years ago, our lamented Grand Secretary of Masonry, the late Colonel Shadwell Clerke, than whom no truer friend ever existed, took what we now designate as the first degree of the Order in Malta in the year 1848. Another Past Supreme Ruler in the Order received the same degree in Jerusalem itself in the same year. The Order increased and multiplied in America when the troublous quarrel arose which resulted in American independence, when two nations speaking a common tongue were holding each other in a deadly grip, and when no tie seemed binding, no promise sacred. It was then the first degree of our Order took firm hold of the English-speaking race, and in these later times our care has been to organise it, and to reduce it to a system duly subject to control. At present the Order in America is wide-spread, and we have recently received a petition signed by fifty Secret Monitors there begging for a warrant empowering them to work our higher degrees, and to form a Conclave for the purpose. Such a Conclave has been formed, and we have every reason to believe it bears within it all the elements of thorough success.

Such being the nature of our Order, it remains for me to elucidate its principles, and I think I need not prove to you that a Society framed upon the principles of self sacrifice, of mutual trust, of watchful Brotherly care, of compulsory warning in time of danger, official solace in time of sorrow, and skilful and effective though unostentatious advice in every circumstance of life, is a Society that meets a great and crying need in human affairs and is calculated to benefit those who act up to its tenets. Such a Society is that of the Secret Monitor, which we introduce here to-day. If a Brother be in sorrow the Conclave will afford him sympathy, if in danger his Brethren will give him assistance, if in distress the Visiting Deacons will bring him consolation, and if in poverty he will find aid. Moreover, at every turn of life, at every crisis of fate, he may look, and he will not look in vain, to the experienced among his Brethren who have this day pledged themselves to give him caution, to prompt him to good actions, to warn him from doubtful ones, and generally to watch over him, support him and cherish him so long as he may need their care and prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

Such my Brethren are the principles of our Order. Tried they have been in times of peril, and true they have been found in times of difficulty. The bark we are launching this day may meet with storms and tempests; it may have to contend with unfavourable winds and it may be tossed on the inhospitable waves of human selfishness and greed, but if you, Brethren, are true to your Order and to the honourable undertaking you have this day embraced, though the storms of life may press upon you they will never overwhelm, and though the waves may threaten to engulf you, your craft will never be submerged. May the good ship be rescued from the boisterous waters and may it finally reach its desired haven.

The consecration proceeded, and being concluded, Brother Scholfield was duly installed as Supreme Ruler, and saluted as such. He was then commissioned, and the Brethren of the first degree were invited to the customary distribution of presents, which, except at a consecration, is always confined to the Brethren of the second degree. The S.R. appointed his Officers in the rotation previously mentioned:—Bros. Buckley Carr C., F. Armstrong G., J. R. Ragdale P.G.C. Treas., J. Marshall P.G.C. Sec., J. R. Redman Std., H. T. Grundy 1st V.D., N. Heywood 2nd V.D., A. C. K. Smith D.C., W. A. Boyer Guarder, and E. Roberts Sentinel.

Several propositions for new members were made, and Brother Thomas Plumptre was recommended as Grand Steward of the year.

This being done the Conclave was closed in due form, and Bro. Scholfield presided at a banquet which lasted far on into the night, and was pronounced a fitting ending to a most successful day. The Manchester Brethren may be congratulated on the excellent start the Order has made in their midst, and we look forward to the time when Lancashire and Yorkshire will rival London itself in the interest and success displayed.

IMPROVEMENT OF MASTERS' WORK IN LODGE.

THE most practical, if not the best paper before the Masters' and Wardens' Association of Victoria, was that produced at the February meeting by P.M. Bro. Fookes, upon the subject of "Improvement of Masters' Work in Lodge." The lecturer divided his discourse into three headings: 1st, The Greater Recognition of Lodges of Instruction; 2nd, Scholarships; 3rd, An Examining Board of P.Ms. of the Lodge.

The paper indicates that all may be agreed that an improvement is necessary, and the writer premises his remarks to the effect that to the ordinary mind the delivery of the ritual, the execution of the unwritten ceremonial work, and the absence of Masonic knowledge—apart from mere Lodge ceremonies—embrace so much, that sufficient for all practical purposes would be gained in securing improvement in these; but here we differ materially from the lecturer. So far as Victoria is concerned, very much more is necessary, because under that Constitution about half a dozen different rituals are in use, at least a score of different methods of work are to be observed, and there is no set rule or standard to be followed towards the improvement of that work. Neither the Emulation working, the so-called revised Victorian ritual, the Scotch, or any other ritual are carefully followed. No standard Lodge of Instruction can be looked to for information, nor can the student be directed with any confidence to any safe channel through which to store his mind upon custom or precedent. This may be made apparent by a visit to either of three Lodges meeting on the same night in the Freemasons' Hall in Collins Street, and closely comparing their work in the letter and detail of the ceremonies; and the wider differences—though happily be it to their credit said—in the better working of country Lodges, made apparent by an extended comparison, give convincing evidence that this is the initial step requisite towards securing the improvement not only of the Masters' work in Lodge, but that of every member of the Craft, for in no Constitution that we know of are the S—s of the Degrees given in such a slovenly fashion as they are by a majority of the Lodges in the metropolitan area in Victoria. This slovenliness is begotten of indifference in other matters, or the conflicting opinions of would-be authorities who have nothing but their own self-assertiveness to support opinions which in many cases would be contradicted by experience.

The Book of Constitutions distinctly advises that Masters and Wardens should visit other Lodges in order that the ancient customs may be preserved with as little variation as possible, but, unfortunately, the more W.Ms. and Wardens visit other Lodges in Victoria the more convinced will they become that such advice is a farce. The fact is, improvement in Lodge work of any kind must begin by Grand Lodge arousing itself to a comprehensive view of its duties, and expressing some definite view upon the practices to be observed, and by appointing an experienced and tactful brother as Grand Inspector of Lodges, whose duty shall be—not to interfere or speak in private Lodges without invitation from the W.M.—but to report to Grand Lodge on what takes place there, so that admonition and advice may come from the proper source towards the very necessary improvement of our ceremonies. This is really the crux of the difficulties in the way of future improvements; let the Constitution provide some means by which Masters and Wardens can be informed of what is proper and what improper, and improvement of a marked character will very quickly follow. The little leaven will leaven the whole lump and then the Lodges or Lodge of Instruction upon which P.M. Bro. Fookes properly sets so much store will come to be an arena in which the talents of memory, eloquence, and ability of the members will find unlimited scope for their energies.

A review of the present position in Victoria shows us some half-a-dozen to a dozen Lodges of Instruction in various parts of the city, each teaching a different mode of working, actually impressed with different and erroneous views upon symbolical meanings and yet no doubt zealously striving to do the very best they can for the instruction of the brethren. The places of meeting and work before these Lodges of Instruction are not generally known, no advertisements appear, no intimations are read in Lodges, so that scores of Brethren remain in crass ignorance of even the rudimentary teachings to be found in the sectional lectures. This can be simply remedied, let Grand Lodge adopt the system in vogue in Sydney by which the Lodge of Instruction there, held under Bro. J. H. Harris Preceptor, is recognised by the Grand Lodge, and to which the Lodges respectively subscribe £1 1s per annum, and thereby entitle all their members to attend at these fortnightly meetings. There a participation in the work of the Degrees and of the Sectional Lectures is most eagerly sought for, and floor, or rank and file members of Lodges rendered as efficient and confident as a practised W.M. himself. There the work is uniformly taught, the slightest error in detail of ceremonial is immediately corrected and reasons explained, and the deeper knowledge of the mysteries and symbolical teachings of the Craft ably dealt with.

The election to the Preceptorship is no mean honour, and Grand Lodge honours the function of his installation with due presence and congratulations. Visiting W.Ms. are invited by Bro. Harris to comment upon the work, and questions of an abstruse nature from any member of the Lodge are most exhaustively answered. This being the case we have not far to seek for means to an end well worthy of imitation; all Lodges, of course, may not subscribe to or take part in this Lodge of Instruction, and whatever the plan decided upon for securing future improvements the same bar to a standard of excellence will naturally assert itself. There must always be in every body of men, however associated, those who emulate a high standard of excellence and those who, devoid of such aspirations, are content with anything so long as it passes muster, and so there are not a few Lodges in Sydney and suburbs where a low standard of work is still apparent, but S—s, rituals and ceremonials are alike, however poorly they may be taught. If then we can get the admission by the Masters' and Wardens' Association of Victoria, that there is vast room for improvement in the differing material which is used by Lodges in their ceremonials, we shall have made the first step necessary towards applying the lessons successfully, which P.M. Bro. Fookes has taught us most ably in the arguments in his paper, but without that admission he and we may labour in vain. Excellence in detail must necessarily be based and dependent upon excellence of foundation, and only upon a foundation which is itself perfect, or as nearly perfect as it can be made, can we hope to raise a superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builders. We may now proceed to discuss the superstructure itself, for the improvement of which P.M. Bro. Fookes has laboured with so much earnestness and success in the paper before us, and to this end will devote our future efforts in subsequent lines to the points he has advanced as essential to improvement.—"Masonry."

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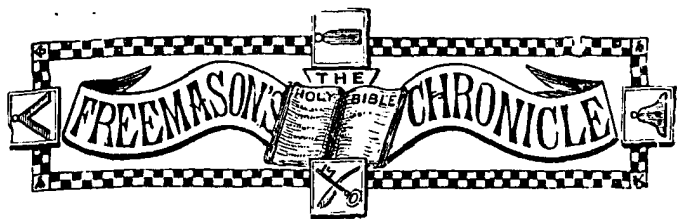
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A MASONIC CELEBRITY IN SCOTLAND.

BRO. JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z. appears to have received a very agreeable welcome from our Scottish Brethren during his six weeks lecturing tour in Scotland which has just terminated. His visit to the "land o'cakes" had for its object the dissemination of practical information relating to two very prosperous fruit growing settlements in Australia, Mildura and Renmark, founded by Messrs. Chaffey, and known as the Australian Irrigation Colonies. Bro. Stevens is their lecturing representative, and we learn by press notices that his lectures and illustrations receive universal appreciation from his audiences. At one or two of the Lodges he had the opportunity to visit he was called upon to take up his old theme, and was listened to with evident interest. We trust our worthy Brother may retain the health and energy he has up to now enjoyed, and be of still further use to our Order as well as to his business connection.

Bro. Stevens's visit was referred to in more than one of the Scottish Masonic columns, and due prominence was given to his special researches, and his qualifications as a Masonic author. Should Bro. Stevens have time to devote to the matter we imagine he could write a very interesting paper on the divergencies between English and Scottish working, and his labours in years gone by on the question of "Uniformity" would find a fitting supplement in such a sketch.

The visit of our old friend to Lodge Gael, No. 609 was made occasion of special reference from its Master, who invited Bro. Stevens to address the Lodge, the members of which appeared to fully appreciate the observations of their guest. The Gael was the third Lodge Bro. Stevens visited in Scotland, and he said that what he had seen in the other two Lodges, one in Edinburgh, and the other in Inverness, had interested him very much. On the motion of Bro. Lee, Honorary membership was conferred on Bro. Stevens, who afterwards witnessed the initiation of three candidates.

MASONIC ORNAMENTS.

THESE, according to the charge in the first degree, include Benevolence and Charity, and, according to the lecture on the First Degree Tracing Board, they comprise the Tessellated or Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Border and the Blazing Star. Obviously the charge should be more explicit, and describe Benevolence and Charity as the ornaments of a Freemason, while the others are the ornaments of a Freemason's Lodge. Let us look first of all at the Mosaic pavement. This consists of a carpet, a piece of linoleum or oilcloth, or, best of all, is an integral part of the structure.

Being an ornament it possibly is not an absolute necessity, but still should be the first effort towards the decoration of the Lodge. The explanation in the lecture is very meagre, and we venture to think, unsatisfactory. It runs thus:—

The Mosaic pavement may be justly deemed the beautiful flooring of a Freemason's Lodge by reason of its being variegated and chequered. This points out the diversity of objects which decorate and adorn creation, the animate as well as the inanimate parts thereof.

We will waive the bad grammar and point out first of all that in no possible way can a chequered surface typify any part of creation. The chequered floor is made up of exactly equal divisions, straight lines and right angles. Now it is well known that nothing in nature is either rectangular or

rectilinear. In the whole of the universe, nature produces no such thing as a straight line or a right angle. Not one single natural product is exactly equal to any other, and to such an extent is this fact evidenced that there is no such thing as an exact multiple or sub-multiple in nature, or even in natural science. The relation of the periphery of a circle to its diameter can never be exactly computed, the base of the Napierian or natural system of logarithms can never be more than approximated to. There is no such thing as a perfect curve, such as geometrical science defines, to be found in nature, and therefore it seems utterly out of place to suggest that a surface, whose chief beauty is that it has been artificially subdivided into exact squares, all of equal size, should be emblematical of the varied products of nature.

The lecture speaks of variegated colour, but the squares are simply black and white, two colours only attained by nature when, as it were, in extremis. We must therefore devise some other symbolism, and what more is needed than a reference to the Masonic injunction to walk with square steps. A pavement is what we walk upon and what supports us, and thereby it is symbolised that all that a Mason does should be "on the square."

The Mosaic pavement should not be trespassed upon, save in the execution of ceremonial duty. The usual mode of progression in Lodge should be along the edges of the border, so that our motions are as nearly rectangular as possible. More especially should this be done when the candidate makes ceremonial perambulations. After saluting the W.M., it is not at all unusual for a "short cut" to the J.W. to be made.

The next ornament is the Indented Border, usually of a different series of colours, say red and black. The lecture refers us to:—

The planets which in their various revolutions form a beautiful border or skirt-work round that grand luminary the sun as the other does round that of a Freemason's Lodge.

It is plain that both here, as well as in the previous quotation, something has been omitted which might have explained what was meant by the compiler of the lecture. An explanation we have heard seems a very suitable one, that whilst the square pavement represents the principle of conduct which should animate every Mason, the ornamental fringe represents those various qualities which may serve to soften and adorn that which, without them, would be rugged, unamiable and perhaps unsympathetic. Such as education, the liberal arts and sciences.

The last ornament of the Lodge is the Blazing Star. There is a phrase "a sacred symbol" used in the closing of Lodge in the second degree, and it is described as being in the centre of the Lodge. There is a great want of uniformity, however, in the delineation of this symbol. In some Lodges the actual centre of the building by the intersection of its several diagonals is ascertained, and a gilt emblem suspended in the exact spot. Sometimes the device is shown in the centre of the floor, but this mutilates the symbolism of both. The pavement ought not to be broken up by adornments, and certainly T.G.G.O.T.U., to whom the sacred symbol refers, ought not to be found under our feet. The explanation of the sacred symbol involves several other considerations which we shall have to defer.—"Indian Masonic Review."

Drury Lane.—Our prediction last week that the performance of the "Lily of Killarney" would attract the admirers of Benedict's music on Saturday, was fully realised, the house being particularly well filled by an appreciative audience, who were treated to a most enjoyable rendering of the opera. During the week the series of special performances of English Opera have been continued, with satisfactory results on all sides, while the programme for next week presents a number of attractive features that will doubtless ensure further successes.

Cassell's "Family Magazine" for May opens with an article on "Front rank Cricketers of to-day," which includes some excellent photographs of well known players. "The voice of the charmer" continues its course, the interest being well sustained in the monthly instalment before us. Then follows a paper on "Notable Keys," which is also profusely illustrated with drawings of some quaint and historical specimens. An interesting sketch of Shetland, under the title "In the home of the afterglow," some short stories home notes, cycling experiences, chit-chat on dress, and other usual features of this excellent magazine go to form an interesting number.

The issue of "Royal Academy Pictures, 1895," part 1 of which will be published by Messrs. Cassell and Company on the 7th inst., will mark a fresh advance in the art of reproduction. Experiments have been successfully carried out in the preparation of the negatives from which the blocks are produced, with the result that the clearness of definition and the correct rendering of the tones of the paintings will be greatly enhanced. The frontispiece to part 1 of the work will be Mr. Alma-Tadema's "Spring," which will be one of the principal pictures of the year. At very considerable cost Messrs. Cassell and Company have secured the exclusive right to publish this picture, and it will be found in no other publication. Other representative Academy pictures will appear in this work only.

"The Paris Mode and Woman's Household Journal" was to be enlarged with the number published on the 1st. Not only will the number of pages be permanently increased, but, in addition to the free patterns cut to measurement already provided, gratis patterns will be given to subscribers, and new departments of domestic interest will be introduced. Particulars are given of the winner of the first of the prize wedding dresses, and a description of the dress is included in this number.

Dean Farrar's "Life of Christ" is now in its thirty-third edition; whilst his "Life and Work of St. Paul" is in its twentieth, and "The Early days of Christianity" in its ninth thousand. These are the library editions. Illustrated editions have been issued of the two former, and popular editions of all three. Of "The Life of Christ" a popular edition, revised by the author, was published last year.

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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LEWIS LODGE, No. 1185.

ON Saturday, 20th ult., the Brethren met at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. Bro. W. T. Hewett W.M. presided, and there was a good muster present.

During the evening a pleasing ceremony was performed by the W.M., who presented to P.M. Row Treasurer a silver coffee-pot and milk jug, and to P.M. Lloyd a clock, as a mark of the esteem in which each is held by the Lodge, and as a slight recognition of their long services. Each of the recipients responded in suitable terms.

The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of several Brethren, notably amongst whom was P.M. Bro. Mackney, whose powers of entertaining are as strong as ever; he receiving great applause. As host, P.M. Buxton performed his duties in a highly satisfactory manner.

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ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 112.

ON St. George's Day the members held their annual Installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, when Brother Russell Coombe was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The members afterwards dined together at the New London Hotel.

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LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Wednesday, 24th ult., Bro. R. Alf. Hepworth W.M. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors, including the following:—Bros. J. M. H. Blamey I.P.M., Samuel Gaskill S.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.J.G.D., John Allen S.D., H. R. Yates J.D., J. H. Studd I.G.; Past Masters H. H. Warburton P.P.S.G.D. Char. Rep., John E. Williams P.G.A.D.C., John Studd P.P.G.D.C., Ben Williams, T. H. Scholfield, Richard Simister, R. L. McMillan, Edward Roberts 1459; Bros. Robt. Race, E. Buzzard, H. E. Massie, Chas. Slee, A. Dunn, Wm. Morton, Silvester Williams, Geo. Taylor, Jno. Bolton, Arthur Neild, Walter Stott, T. B. Bolton, J. G. Mead, R. W. Nuttall.

Visitors:—Bros. Walter W. Brown 309, William Jones 654, T. H. Wooler 2449.

The principal business of the evening was that of passing to the degree of F.C. Bro. Richard Wilson Nuttall, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Richard Simister P.M., who presented and explained the Working Tools in extenso.

Before Lodge was closed, attention was drawn to a circular which had been issued by Bro. Warburton, announcing the forthcoming Festival in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, to be held at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, on Wednesday, 3rd July. Bro. Warburton solicited the co-operation of the Brethren, either by acting in the capacity of Stewards on the occasion, or by the forwarding of contributions should they feel so disposed.

The usual festive board followed.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., there being present Bros. H. J. Harrison W.M., Hy. B. Brown I.P.M., Joseph Lever S.W., Geo. H. Scott J.D., J. C. Brown Tr., J. M. Frost Sec., S. Whittaker P.M., J. H. Keighley P.M., Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Chas. H. Griffiths Std., Wm. B. Gleave, John Joseph Walton, Stephen Watson, J. G. Hewson, Dr. E. E. Jones, and G. E. Mellor. Visitors:—Bros. Ernest Hampson W.M. 1166 and Harry G. Walker J.D. 2185.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. John Joseph Walton, who had expressed a desire to further extend his researches into ancient Freemasonry, was questioned as to his proficiency, and afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M.

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

That of the newly-passed Brother was proposed by Bro. Harrison W.M., who expressed the conviction that from what he had already seen of the candidate, the latter would make a good member among them.

Bro. Walton, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his very kind wishes, and the Brethren for the cordial reception of the toast. He should endeavour to be a credit to the Lodge, and sincerely hoped he would be successful in his efforts. Bro. Walton also said he should be thoroughly satisfied if he got through the third degree as well as he had passed through the preceding ones.

Bro. H. B. Brown I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. in very flattering terms, saying he had performed all his work satisfactorily, and that he required no tutoring—no prompting. Bro. Harrison had recently suffered from a severe illness, but he was glad to see him looking so much better.

Bro. Harrison W.M. replied, thanking the Brethren for having appreciated his work, hoping at the same time that he would retain their confidence.

Bro. J. G. Hewson, of the Manchester concerts, took the lead by singing a very pleasing melody in his usual finished and artistic style.

Other Brethren followed, all being accompanied on the piano by Bro. Dr. E. E. Jones.

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WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 949.

AT the last meeting of the Lodge, held at Monkwearmouth, Bro. Ernst Lauterbach was unanimously elected to the dignity of Worshipful Master, Bro. G. W. Bain was selected as Treasurer, and Bro. Thos. Green as Tyler.

PELHAM LODGE, No. 1303.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on the 26th ult., when Bro. A. F. Lamette P.M. 1947 2187 Prov. Assist. G.D.C. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Wright P.P.G.J.D. The retiring W.M., Bro. Woolgar, was awarded a Past Master's Jewel.

The installation banquet took place at the White Hart Hotel, a large party being present. The musical programme was sustained by Miss Alice Holman, Miss Blanche Day, Mr. C. A. Carville, and Master Fred Langridge, Mr. Horace Jackson being at the piano.

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NORMAN LODGE, No. 1334.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on Wednesday, 17th ult., under the presidency of Bro. James Willan Worshipful Master.

During the evening the Provincial Officers paid an official visit to the Lodge, amongst those who attended being Bro. R. Hudson P.G.S.B. Prov.G. Secretary.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, the 19th ult., Bro. William Mosley W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Thos. T. Sefton I.P.M., Jas. Clough S.W., J. Clarkson J.W., F. Townson P.M. Treas., Thos. M. Brown Sec., Wm. Lambert S.D., William Allen Smith I.G.; Past Masters J. Harrop, Thos. Threlfall, Ed. Holland, Eli Winterbottom, J. L. Smith, Council. Thos. Kay; Ed. Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Rev. Jas. Preston, G. L. Hardcastle, J. Hudson, P. B. Hayden, Edward Hewitt, John Harwood, Tom Bradbury, A. H. Sellers, Walter H. Barrett, James Stewart, J. H. Burton. Visitor: Bro. Wm. E. Argyle 2216.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. William Robinson, Contractor, Pendleton, and being successful, this gentleman was initiated into ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Sefton I.P.M., assisted by Bros. Clough S.W., and Clarkson J.W., the former delivering the Charge, and the latter presenting and explaining the Working Tools.

Bros. James Stewart and Joseph Hudson were then questioned, and afterwards passed into the degree of F.C., the former by Bro. Holland P.M., and the latter by Bro. Mosley W.M., the Working Tools being delivered by Bro. Clarkson J.W.

A proposition by Bro. Townson P.M. Charity Representative "that the sum of £20 be contributed to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution" was successful.

The Secretary was instructed to forward letters of sympathy and condolence to the following: Bros. Carver, on the death of his mother; Statham P.M. P.P.G.Tr., Duxbury P.M., and Laudless in their illness. The Secretary was also requested to convey to Bro. Richard Mottram, Mayor of Salford, the deep sorrow which the members of the Lodge felt in the severe loss which he had sustained by the recent death of his father, Mr. Richard Elliott Mottram, which took place at his residence at Southport. For many years the deceased gentleman had carried on business as an extensive brewer in Salford, and resided in Adelphi Terrace in that borough. He was for a long period a member of the Salford Town Council, as one of the representatives of St. Stephen's Ward, being raised to the aldermanic dignity in recognition of his services. He was eighty-one years of age. The Secretary was further instructed to communicate with Bro. William Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G.D.C. (en voyage to Australia) giving him especial authority to express the hearty good wishes of the members of the Albert Victor Lodge to the Brethren of any Lodge which he might visit while in the antipodes.

At the festive board, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. Eli Winterbottom proposed that of the Initiate, to which Brother Robinson, in answer, said it gave him sincere pleasure to respond. He had been received in so hearty a manner, that if there was a time in his life when he had derived satisfaction, it was that night. He would endeavour to act up to the principles which had been taught, and with a desire to add to rather than detract from the good feeling engendered, would pause before doing anything which might have a tendency to mar the harmony of the Lodge.

Bro. Holland P.M. proposed the health of the newly-passed Brethren, saying he hoped that as they progressed through the various ceremonies they would appreciate the beauties which were unfolded to their view. He also added that he hoped they had been impressed, and would remember the words of advice tendered to them.

Bro. Stewart thanked the Brethren for having allowed him to get a little higher in the Craft. He had certainly been struck with the impressiveness of the first ceremony, but he had been additionally impressed by the one performed that evening. He finished a very effective speech by saying that he regretted not having joined Freemasonry at an earlier period of his life.

Bro. Hudson also tendered his thanks, and said his impressions had been deepened by the ceremony of that night. He spoke very highly of the principles of Freemasonry as understood by him, and added that if all good men were to join the Craft, we should soon have the millenium.

Other toasts followed, varied by songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Bros. Tom Bradbury, John Harwood, W. E. Argyle, and G. L. Hardcastle. Bro. Rev. Jas. Preston was the accompanist.

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PRUDENCE AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 1953.

AT the monthly meeting on Wednesday, 24th, at Chard, Bro. G. Gawler was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

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STIRLING LODGE, No. 1989.

THE annual meeting for the installation of Worshipful Master was held at the Lodge Room, Market Hall, Cleator Moor, on Wednesday, 24th ult., and was well attended.

The ordinary routine business having been disposed of, the ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. John Barr P.M. 119 P.P.S.G.W., who installed Bro. William Kewley S.W. into the chair, according to ancient custom. The addresses were given by Bro. Gowan P.M. P.P.G.Sw.Br., who also invested the Officers.

The Lodge work being over, the Brethren, on the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to the main building of the Market Hall, where a banquet had been spread.

The cloth having been removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in the heartiest manner. The utmost harmony prevailed during the evening, which was considered one of the most successful gatherings of Stirling Lodge.

ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 2025.

THE annual meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Tuesday, 23rd ult., when Bro. J. E. Weale was installed W.M. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Bros. Cole, Griffin, Gifford, Gidley, Withell, and Crouch.

At the close of the Lodge business the Brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where the banquet was admirably served by Bro. Harvey. The W.M. presided, and the toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations.

UNIVERSITIES LODGE, No. 2352.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on Thursday, 18th ult., when the installation of Bro. Lionel Booth, M.D., S.W. P.M. 1334 P.Prov.S.G.W. took place.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. James Lawrence, M.D., Provincial G.S.D., and after the installation the W.M. invested the new Officers.

At the conclusion of the installation and other Masonic business a banquet in celebration of the annual festival was held at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham. The usual Masonic toasts, including that of the Sister Universities Lodges, were proposed.

BROXBORNE LODGE, No. 2353.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 27th ult., at the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, under the presidency of Bro. H. Holland W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. Monson S.W., H. Jalerne J.W., E. Mulvey P.M. Treas., E. Gittings P.M. Sec., J. Phillips D.O., J. Hunt I.G., J. Helbourne and J. Patrick Stewards. Bros. Bennett, Long, Hempel, Redway, Roberts, Nichols, Knight, Bircham, Ramsbotham, Willis, Hummil, Austen, Ridgway, &c., T. C. Edmonds P.M. acting Tyler.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. Bennett and Long were regularly passed, after which Lodge was resumed to the first and Messrs. Crowther, Passenger, Wright and Frith were initiated, the working of the W.M. being most impressive and apparently creating a good effect on the candidates.

The election for Worshipful Master for the ensuing year followed, Bro. H. Monson Senior Warden receiving the unanimous support of the members, while Bro. P.M. Mulvey was re-elected as Treasurer.

In consideration of the valuable and efficient services of the W.M. a Past Master's jewel of extra value was voted to him.

The Audit Committee was elected and Lodge closed, the Brethren afterwards sitting down to a choice banquet, served under the personal direction of Bro. Bennett, Host of the Hotel.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 22nd ult., Bro. Cyril H. Beaver W.M., there being also in attendance Bros. W. A. Brabner I.P.M., Chas. Harrop S.W., Hy. Nall J.W., Joseph Hilton Treas., Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. S.D., T. Hamnett J.D., Edwyn A. Smyth Org., S. H. Stubbs Std., J. W. Lloyd P.M., Edwd. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), H. Bowes, W. T. Watts, S. L. Watts, F. Todd, A. J. Holt, and others.

After the reading of minutes, Bro. Brabner I.P.M. read one of the Antient Charges, this being followed by the rendering of the Traditional History, primarily for the benefit of Bros. Stubbs, Holt, Bowes, and S. L. Watts, who had not previously heard it.

Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. acting Secretary having read the Bye-laws of the Lodge, the Pic-nic Committee presented their report, whereby it appears that it is in contemplation to pay a visit during the summer months to Fountains Abbey. We may here state that it is easily within the bounds of possibility to spend a happy day in the delightful neighbourhood of this old and historical ruin, and we sincerely hope that a good muster may be obtained to make the trip a successful one in every way.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. Fred Hilton proposing the health of the W.M. He praised him, not only for his management of the Lodge, but spoke of the admirable manner in which Bro. Beaver had given the Historical Charge.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the Brethren for their reception of the toast. It would have been more satisfactory had more members been present, but he explained that several were away through causes which were unavoidable. On this occasion, in spite of abstentions, they formed a select and happy Lodge. With regard to his rendering of the Traditional History, the fact was not much to boast of, as he had done it before. He thanked the Officers for their support, and characterised them as "a good lot."

Songs, &c., were given by Bros. Nall, Hilton, Stubbs, Todd, and Roberts, Bro. Edwyn A. Smith presiding at the piano.

BOOTLE-WILBRAHAM LODGE, No. 2463.

CONSECRATED about two years ago, this Lodge, says the "Liverpool Mercury," has been specially notable for the plan of charity it has pursued so successfully. Devoting to benevolent objects a very large proportion of income, the result has been that during the past year a sum of about £80 has been voted for two popular Charities (including nearly £50 the result of a Church Parade inaugurated by Rev. F. J. Powell) £21 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £58 19s to the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution.

On Thursday of last week the annual installation meeting was held at the Village Hall, Knotty Ash, where there was a numerous and influential assembly of the Craft.

Bro. T. W. Oversby was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very effectively performed by Bro. C. Fothergill P.P.G.D.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the Brethren sat down to a banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Casey. In the course of the evening, Bro. Councillor E. H. Cookson the retiring W.M., who desired to devote the grant of the members to charity instead of the ordinary Past Master's Jewel, as a mark of the genuine esteem in which he is held by the Officers and members of the Lodge, was presented with a Vice-Presidency of the Hamer Benevolent Institution.

VALE OF EDEN LODGE, No. 2493.

AT the annual meeting, on Thursday, the 18th ult., the Worshipful Master, Bro. C. R. Rivington, of Castle Bank, was re-installed for a second year, and regularly invested his assistant Officers.

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LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

A MEETING of this popular Lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, the following being present: Bros. J. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. and Preceptor, G. T. Lenard Treasurer, Alf Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. and Secretary, G. B. Goodfellow, H. J. Harrison, William Goodman, R. Lingard, Jonathan Whittaker, H. G. Jackson, George Parker P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M., J. J. Dean, W. Marshall, George Rothwell Berry.

Brother Goodfellow assumed the principal chair, Bros. Harrison and Goodman acting as Senior and Junior Warden respectively. Lodge was opened at 7.35, and the minutes having been read and passed, the ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dean acting as candidate. The duties of Deacons were undertaken by Bros. Lingard and Whittaker, with Brother Jackson as I.G. The Working Tools were presented and explained by Bro. Goodman, while Bro. Parker P.M. rendered the N.E. Charge.

Bros. Harrison and Goodfellow now changed positions, and the former went through the ceremony of Passing, with Bro. Berry as candidate, the Working Tools being presented by Bro. Hebden.

The following were proposed as Joining Members, and will be balloted for at the meeting to be held on Thursday next: Bros. Thos. Pollitt Cooper, Truth Lodge, 581; J. W. Taylor, Townley Parker Lodge, 1083; Edwin Sawyer, Wilton Lodge, 1077.

Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Abbott Preceptor announced the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held at Denton, on the 22nd inst., and expressed a wish that as many Officers as could make it convenient would attend, so that the gathering might be a successful one.

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ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

THE annual meeting was held on the 24th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, York, when there was a numerous gathering of Companions, including several Past Principals and Visitors from other towns, to assist in the installation and investment of Principals and Officers.

The chair was occupied by Comp. M. Rooke P.G.J. North and East Yorkshire, and, assisted by Comp. H. Foster P.G.D.C. he, in the most perfect manner, installed the Officers.

Amongst other business, the report of the Auditors, which was favourable, was adopted. Much regret was expressed at the sudden indisposition of Treasurer Past Master Jos. Todd, who on this date should have been in London, to receive the honour of investment, in Grand Lodge, as Grand Standard Bearer.

After the business the Companions dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent.

ST. ANNE CHAPTER, No. 970.

THE installation meeting at East Looe, was presided over by Comp. T. Cook P.Z. acting M.E.Z.

Comp. W. Walters was installed in the chair of Z., and E. Olver H., but owing to the unavoidable absence of Comp. H. Shapcott J.-elect, his installation was postponed.

The installing Officer was Comp. W. Alsford, and well did he perform the task. The unavoidable absence of the I.P.Z. Comp. Sholto H. Hare, through serious illness, was feelingly referred to by several Companions, as the presence of so ardent a Mason is always anticipated with real pleasure. After certain sums had been voted to the charities the Chapter closed. The banquet was admirably served at Comp. Cook's comfortable hostelry, the Ship Hotel.

The usual Loyal and Arch toasts were honoured. The presiding First Principal being very brief in his remarks, and the Companions being equally terse in their replies, the proceedings were not unduly protracted. The evening's entertainment was agreeably enhanced by some excellent songs.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON CHAPTER, No. 1602.

A MEETING was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, on Thursday, 25th ult. Comp. W. Wright P.P.G.Org. Middlesex M.E.Z., T. Green H., C. A. Dettmar J., John Weston P.Z. Treas., John Osborn P.Z. S.E., Cox P.S., J. James A.S. Past Principals McLaren, Bailey, Greenfield, Homan, and Bird. Comps. Sage, Herman, Aiming, Parker, and others.

The Chapter was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Benvoise was exalted into the Royal Arch Degree by P.P. Weston, in the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., in a most earnest and praiseworthy manner, and he was ably assisted by the Officers. After hearty good wishes the Chapter was closed.

A choice banquet followed, under the care of Comp. Tuck, manager of the Hotel, who spares neither time nor trouble to merit the satisfaction of the Companions.

The Loyal toasts were given with commendable brevity, and heartily honoured.

The toast of the M.E.Z. was very warmly received, the Companions of the Chapter taking every opportunity to express the very high esteem they entertain for their chief.

The M.E., in replying, thanked the P.Ps. and Comps. for the kind expression of their feelings. Though unable to be with them in the early part of the day he had been providing for their comfort. There was an excellent programme of music, and he should set them an example of short speeches which he hoped all would observe. He was gratified with his reception, and the welfare of the Chapter should be his constant care.

The toast of the P.Ps., Visitors, Exalte and Officers followed, the replies being in accordance with the wishes of the M.E.Z. Too much praise

cannot be given to the Z. for so thoughtfully providing for the pleasure of the Companions. The singing of Miss Edyha Kemp was highly appreciated. Miss Jesse McLaren, a daughter of P.P. McLaren, played a fantasia on the violin in splendid form, and those excellent artistes, Comp. James Bayne, Bros. R. Evans, Cecil Barnard and Mr. Hall, who so successfully contributed to the harmony of the evening, felt amply repaid by the genuine praise they received from the M.E. and all present.

The Janitor closed a very successful meeting.

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NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, on Monday, 29th ult., when Comp. Lardner acted as M.E.Z., Davison H., Radcliffe J., G. Gregory S.E., Bunker S.N., Walkden P.S., with Past Principals McDowall, George, Hancock and Edmonds; Comps. Galloway, Pain, Hanes, Sage and Tuck.

The usual formalities having been observed, the ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Galloway acting as candidate. The whole work of the Degree was carried through in an efficient manner, reflecting credit, not only on the Officers concerned, but also on those who act as instructors. Companions desiring improvement and a pleasant hour or two in the work of Arch Masonry are cordially invited to attend the regular meetings.

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KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 3.

AT the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Tuesday, 23rd ult., under the presidency of Bro. A. C. Goodinge W.M., Bro. Deputy Goodinge, father of the Master, was advanced to the Mark degree.

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UNION LODGE, No. 124.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, under the presidency of Bro. J. D. Todd P.M., who presided in the absence of the W.M. Bro. John Scarborough.

The W.M. elect Bro. George Washington Bain was presented by Bro. F. Maddison, and was duly installed by Bro. J. D. Todd P.M.

KNIGHTS OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

ST. AUBYN Council of the Masonic Knights of Constantinople held their annual convocation at the Masonic Rooms, Moon Street, Morice Town, on Friday of last week, when S.K. F. M. H. Somerville was elected and installed I.S. for the ensuing year.

PRESENTATION TO A PRECEPTOR.

THE fine room at the "Rising Sun" Tavern, Globe Road, Mile End, which is the locale of the Israel Lodge of Instruction, was filled to its utmost capacity on Sunday evening, 21st ult., the occasion being the presentation of a testimonial to the Preceptor, Bro. W. Richardson. Messrs. Defries and Son, of Hounsditch, the well-known decorators to Her Majesty's Government, had most lavishly decked the room with silk flags and trophies. Festoons of flowers covered the undraped parts; even the ceiling was a masterpiece of work, the flowers forming one large and artistic canopy. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Defries, for it was understood that the whole of the decoration was their gift. The programme was also much admired, and the only fault was that the Hon. Secretary had not provided enough, as they were eagerly sought for as an artistic souvenir of the occasion. They were the work of Bro. W. Yetton, of Globe Road.

At a glance one could see the meeting had been most carefully arranged, the W.M. being Bro. L. Simmons, author of "The three grand principles of the Order," S.W. Bro. L. A. DaCosta P.M. Preceptor of the Friars Lodge of Instruction; J.W. Bro. Oxley P.M., author of the "Golden Thoughts"; S.D. Bro. Basil Stewart P.M. Preceptor of the Clarence and Avondale Lodge of Instruction; J.D. Bro. J. J. Hall, author of the "Sun Worshipers and Freemasonry"; and the I.G. Brother M. A. Raimain Chairman of the Testimonial Committee. There were nearly 100 Brethren present.

The W.M. commenced the proceedings by opening the Lodge and calling upon Bro. G. W. Speth, author of "Folk-lore of Operative Masonry," to introduce Bro. Sir B. W. Richardson, and to give a short address. Bro. Speth was particularly happy in the trite way he accomplished his task, and his reference to the recognition by the Queen of the great merits of the distinguished doctor called forth hearty applause.

Sir B. W. Richardson met with a most cordial reception. In beautiful language he held his listeners spell-bound while he discoursed upon "Freemasonry: What it was, what it is, and what it will be." He told how the grand principle was the great force, teaching all God's creatures to love one another, fighting the demon of intolerance. The early parts of the address were devoted to a history of the Craft, and proved most interesting; and when the distinguished savant resumed his seat it was some minutes before the applause ceased. The W.M., saying "This being the man whom we delight to honour," asked Sir Benjamin to present the testimonial to the Preceptor Bro. William Richardson; a task he performed with eloquent grace, the words, "Now, my dear namesake," being most affecting in their reference.

The portly frame and grey head of Bro. Richardson was bent with emotion, and his reply was at times almost inaudible: tears coursed down his cheek, his hands were clasped together in an expression of thanks more eloquent than words. He alluded to the purse of money which had been given him as being of but transitory value, while the engrossed address was a token of undying love—remarks which were received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Joseph C. Blank, author of "Imperial Federation," proposed a vote of thanks to Sir B. W. Richardson, and paid an interesting and eloquent tribute to the learned doctor, sketching his brilliant career with emphasis and point. He mentioned that twenty-five years ago he had been an interested listener to the lectures Sir Benjamin gave at the Jews Infant Schools.

Bro. the Rev. Isidore Myers, B.A., author of "Gems from the Talmud," seconded it in a very witty speech, his definition of gout and rheumatism causing roars of laughter; and he contributed a great deal to the evening's entertainment by the delightful resumé he gave of the Jewish character, as sketched by the popular authors.

The Brethren greeted Sir B. W. Richardson, upon his rising to respond, with round after round of applause, which testified how much they appreciated his coming among them; and the reply he made was very flattering to those present, for he congratulated them upon their coming together in such noble work, disclaiming all idea of social distinction, but impressing upon them how heartily he was with them in their common cause of brotherly love.

Bro. Bromhead said it was an honour to propose Bro. Dr. Howard, Bro. Greigson and Bro. Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson as Hon. Members of the Israel Lodge of Instruction, as he was certain no names would appear on the books of the Lodge more worthy the honour.

Bro. Ben Da Costa seconded the vote, which was carried with acclamation.

Dr. Howard responded in fitting terms. Several new members were proposed, and Bro. London, in replying, mentioned that undoubtedly Bro. Harris, their Hon. Secretary, believed all Freemasons were very wicked who were not members of the Israel Lodge of Instruction.

A vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, proposed by Bro. H. Marks P.M. 1349, and seconded by Bro. Speth, closed the proceedings. The presentation consisted of a purse of money and a beautifully engrossed address on vellum, by Mr. Sim Friedlander, of Moor Lane, framed by Messrs. Isaacs and Son, of Cutler Street; the frame of rich English gold being much admired.—"East London Observer."

THE OLD MASONIANS.

THE members of this Association of "Old Boys" held their ninth annual dinner at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday of last week, under the genial and able Chairmanship of Bro. Geo. Everett P.G. Treasurer.

Among those present were Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, J. Morrison McLeod P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire and Sec. R.M.I.B., J. Strachan P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland, J. J. Thomas, W. H. Bailey P.P.G. Reg. P.G.W. Staffs., C. Woods S.W. 2345, H. Bowler, R. H. Williams; Messrs R. Barnes, R. S. Chandler, F. Dyer, J. S. Francis, J. H. Hewitt, C. P. O'Doherty, W. J. Packer, F. L. Scurr, J. Seagrave, S. J. Simpson, C. H. Uwins, A. S. West and G. C. Willett.

After a *recherché* repast the Chairman proposed the usual Loyal toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. Everett, in proposing success to the "Old Masonians" pointed out that the objects of the association should appeal to the hearts of all members of the Craft. Not only did they meet together for social purposes, but they made a point of giving mutual assistance, especially to anyone in special need, and generally in promoting the welfare of ex-scholars of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This was a noble work, was being well done, and he was gratified to notice the gradual progress that was being made.

Mr. R. S. Chandler Treasurer of the Society thanked their President for the interest he had taken, and for kindly advice and words of encouragement. He then gave an outline of the work that had been done in the past year. He pointed out that their financial position was sound, and expressed a hope that when their objects became well known they should receive the support of the Craft at large.

Mr. O'Doherty Secretary also responded.

Bro. H. Bowler proposed the Past Presidents and Vice Presidents, and, in reply, Bro. Godson P.G.M. Worcestershire, said it was his good fortune to make his first speech after his recent elevation by the M.W.G.M., to the Old Masonians. He was proud because he had been one of the hardest workers in the founding of this Association. The possibilities of good work before them was very great, and no one was more anxious than himself to see this brought to a successful issue.

Bro. Strachan congratulated the members on adopting the principles that made Freemasonry good and great.

Mr. F. L. Scurr proposed the prosperity of the R.M.I.B., and Bro. J. Morrison McLeod replied, referring to the changes in the curriculum of the school, and to its success in mechanical, technical, and general education. He looked for even greater advances in the future.

Mr. W. J. Packer proposed the Visitors, and Bros. J. J. Thomas and W. H. Bailey responded.

Mr. Dyer proposed the Officers, and Bro. Williams, in response, pointed out that still the Officers had much uphill work before them.

Mr. Uwins, in proposing the Chairman, our President, said that in spite of the excellent chairmen of the past, he had no hesitation in saying that Bro. Everett had entered into their feelings, and made himself as one of them, in a way that no other had done. His eminence in the Craft, and his very genial conduct that evening were things never to be forgotten.

Bro. G. Everett responded, and a very successful evening was concluded, the pleasure of which had been enhanced by capital singing.

Among those who sent letters of regret, expressing their inability to be present at the meeting, were Bros. Lord Leigh, Sir Augustus Harris, J. Leach Barrett, James Terry, H. Pritchard, Richard Eve, George Kenning, Rev. H. Hebb, H. Vassar-Smith, J.P., &c.

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).

16 Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
188 Joppa, Freemasons Tavern
256 Unions, Freemasons' hall
1319 Asaph, Freemasons' hall
1924 Wickham, Brockley
1996 Priory, Acton
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen Amherst, Hackney
53 Royal Sussex, Bath
61 Probity, Halifax

85 Faithful, Harlesden
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Square and Compasses, Whitehaven
135 Perpetual Friendship, Bridgewater
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
270 Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bdg.
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross

388 Prudence, Halesworth
395 Guy, Leamington
408 Three Graces, Haworth
422 Yarborough, Gainsborough
431 St. George, N. Shields
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
441 Throe G. Principles, Cambridge
467 Tudor, Oldham
473 Churchill, Oxford
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
607 Chicheley, Thrapston
613 Unity, Southport
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
699 Boscawen, Chacewater
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
839 Royal Glo'stershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundulph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1168 Benevolence, Sherborne
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neytune, Liverpool
1271 Friendship and Unity, Bradford-on-Avon
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1286 Bayon, Lincoln
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1447 St. Matthew, Barton-o-Humber
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1564 St. John, Woking
1573 Caradoc, Swansea
1575 Clive, Market Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1895 Thames, Henley
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotehele, Calstock
2187 Adur, Henfield
2240 Arrow, Kington

Tuesday.

Colonial Board, Freemasons-hall, 4
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus H.
171 Amity, Ship and Turtle
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons-hall
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Limehouse
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow
2032 Richmond, Richmond
2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel
2190 Savage Club, F.M.H.
47 Newstead, Nottingham
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam's, Sheerness
160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford
209 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleborough
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
294 Constitutional, Beverley
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
366 St. David, Milford
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, Southmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmth
484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
599 Cherwell, Banbury
615 St. John and St. Paul, Erith
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
660 Camalodunum, Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
789 Dunheved, Launceston
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
847 Fortescue, Honiton
855 Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
960 Bute, Cardiff

974 Pentalpha, Bradford
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1023 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1067 Royal Forest of Dean, Newnham-on-Severn
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1134 Newall, Manchester
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour and Friendship, Blandford
1282 Anholme, Brigg
1310 Harrow, Harrow
1336 Square and Compass, Wrexham
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1587 St. Giles, Cleadale
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, S. Shields
1981 Arnold, East Molesey
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
2136 St. Michael, Bishop's Stortford
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2475 Border, Blackwater

Wednesday.

Festival, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, 6
Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H. at 4
3 Fidelity, Freemasons-hall
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
15 Kent, Freemasons-hall
820 Lily of Richmond, Richmond
1629 United, Freemasons-hall
1827 Alliance, Gresham Street
1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood
2347 Grafton, Blanchard's Rest.
2470 Telegraph Cable, Ship & Turtle
2528 Lancastrian, Frascati

54 Hope, Rochdale
84 Doyle's of Fellowship, Guernsey
125 Prince Edwin, Hythe
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
146 Antiquity, Bolton
187 Roy. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
204 Caledonian, Manchester
225 St. Luke, Ipswich
244 Yarborough, Jersey
250 Minerva, Hull
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
274 Tranquillity, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
320 Loyalty, Mottam
323 Concord, Stockport
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
387 Airedale, Shipley
409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford
463 E. Surrey of Concord, Croydon
483 Sympathy, Gravesend
498 Royal Standard, Dudley
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead

533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
606 Segontium, Carnarvon
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
666 Benevolence, Princetown
679 St. David, Aberdare
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
697 United, Colchester
730 Ellesmere, Chorley
731 Arboretum, Derby
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
852 Zetland, Salford
851 Worthing of Friendship, Worthing

854 Albert, Shaw
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
1005 Zetland, Gloucester
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
1060 Marmion, Tamworth
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
1091 Erme, Ivybridge
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Reading
1107 Cornwallis, Chislehurst
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1242 Tynwald, Douglas
1248 Denison, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Workington
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1544 Mount-Edgecombe, Camborne
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1586 Upper Norwood, U. Norwood
1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-o-Tyne
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1692 Hervey, Bromley, Kent
1703 Windrush, Witney
1715 Arthur John Brogden, Grange-over-Sands

1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1798 Zion, Manchester
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
1868 Unity, Oldham
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
1932 Whitworth, Spenny moor
1947 Stanford, Hove
2046 Robinson, Maidstone
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
2284 Smyth, Grimsby
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2389 Avondale, Middlewich
2404 Lord C. Beresford, Chatham
2423 St. Mark, Connah's Quay
2450 Loxfield, Uckfield
2483 Hadrian, Westham

Thursday.

19 Royal Atlestan, City Term. Ho.
91 Regularity, Freemasons-hall
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Ereemasons-hall
534 Polish National, Freemason'h.
879 Southwark, Bridge House Hot.
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1642 Earl Carnarvon, Notting Hill
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn R.
2033 University of London, F.M.H.
2168 Derby Allerof, Midland G. H.
2417 Bolingbroke, Clapham Junction
2509 Barnet, New Barnet

35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
97 Palatine, Sunderland
130 Royal Gloucester, Southampton
132 Unity, Ringwood Hants.
139 Britannia, Sheffield
191 St. John, Bury
215 Commerce, Haslingden
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
324 Moira, Stalybridge
333 Royal Preston, Preston
344 Faith, Keadcliffe
361 Industry, Hyde
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton,
442 St. Peter, Peterborough
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 Friendship and Sincerity, Shaftesbury

477 Mersey, Birkenhead
497 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Guisborough
586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
625 Devonshire, Glossop
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
761 St. John, Dursley
784 Wellington, Deal

786 Croxteth United Service, Liverpool
816 Royd's, Littleborough
945 Abbey, Abingdon
971 Trafalgar, Batley
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lytham
1098 St. George, Tredegar
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Damerel
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
1495 Arkwright, Bath
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waterfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1763 St. Mary, Thame
1863 Priory, Tynemouth
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2016 Shalden, Alton
2038 Portcullis, Langport
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2139 Ashburton, Ashburton
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2235 Eden, Workington
2262 Dagmar, Wraybury
2278 Kingswood, Elstree
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2343 Sir William, Bedford
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2449 Duke of York, Manchester

Friday.

33 Britannic, Freemasons-hall
134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington
1997 John Carpenter, Albion
2399 Ordnance, Plumstead

81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
355 R. Sussex Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
460 Sutherland of Unity, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
815 Blair, Hulme, Manchester
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Harrogate
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1239 Rock, Birkenhead
1428 United Service, Landport
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1605 De La Pole, Hull
1661 Newton, Newark-upon-Trent
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-o-Tyne
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1826 Parthenon, Croydon
1933 Martyn, Southwold
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2380 Beneventa, Daventry

Saturday.

173 Phoenix, Freemasons-hall
176 Caveac, Albion
1328 Granite, Freemasons-hall
1635 Guelph, Leyton
1635 Paxton, Camberwell
2029 King Solomon, Mark M. Hall
2206 Hendon, Hendon
149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.
444 Union, Starcross
453 Chigwell, Chingford
869 Gresham, Cheshunt Park
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1755 Eldon, Portishead
1990 Hampshire of Emulation, Landport
2006 Tilbury, Purfleet
2069 Prudence, Leeds
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2359 Doric, Didsbury

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