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THE BOYS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

ARRANGEMENTS for the Anniversary celebration on behalf of the junior of the two Educational Institutions of English Freemasonry are progressing in a most satisfactory manner, and everything points to as successful a gathering as any that has occurred.

The programme of the Festival itself is much the same as in recent years, the celebration being arranged to take place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, 3rd July, except that, in order to suit the convenience of the Chairman, it is arranged that the Dinner shall commence at 5.30 p.m., instead of 4.15 as formerly, the usual concert following the dinner being dispensed with. A Military band is engaged to play on the Eastern Lawn of the Pavilion from 3 to 5.15 p.m., an Orchestral band in the Dome during the dinner, and on the Eastern Lawn afterwards, thus giving an ample supply of music for those who desire it.

Special trains will run from Victoria at 11 a.m., and from London Bridge at 1.35 p.m., returning from Brighton at 9.30, so that there will be little time to spare after the Festival for those who wish to return to London the same night; but the arrangement is the best that could be made, and will doubtless not only prove satisfactory, but ample for all that is required in the way of toasts and the usual complimentary utterances. The tickets will also be available by the ordinary trains leaving Victoria 11.40 a.m. and 1.50 p.m., and London Bridge at 2 p.m., while a limited number of passes for the trains from Victoria at 3.50 and London Bridge at 4 p.m. will be allowed; application for these having to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the Board, Bro. McLeod, before the 28th inst. Special facilities have been provided in regard to the return journey, which may be extended up to Monday, 8th July, so that those who may desire to do so may remain in Brighton a few days after the Festival. We shall refer again to this Festival in our next issue.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on Saturday last, by invitation of Prosperity Chapter, No. 290. Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. 302 Past G. Prin. Soj. of Eng. Prov. G. H., in charge, presided, while apologies for unavoidable absence were received from several Provincial Officers and others.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened and the principal Officers saluted, the roll was called, when it was found all but five of the Chapters of the Province were represented.

The Minutes of the Annual Convocation, held at Leeds, on Wednesday, 23rd May 1894, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved by Comp. Wm. Harrop, seconded by Comp. H. S. Goodyear, and resolved "that the minutes be taken as read, and confirmed."

The Acting Grand Superintendent then delivered the following address:

Companions—I desire to assure you of the extreme pleasure

it affords me to meet you to-day, the fifty-ninth Convocation of Provincial G. Chapter, our first being at Dewsbury, on 5th May 1858.

I cannot avoid emotion when explaining to you the cause of my presiding, viz., the severe loss we have sustained in the death of our Grand Superintendent Comp. Thomas William Tew. He was taken from us on the 29th March, and was interred at East Hardwick on 2nd April, in the grounds of the Church of which he was the chief founder. His gracious and noble services to the Craft and this Supreme Degree will not soon be forgotten, and I venture to assert that no man ever merited or obtained warmer sympathy or more hearty appreciation.

We have now to look for his successor, and I believe it will be shortly announced that our distinguished Companion the Right Honourable William Lawies Jackson has been appointed as our future Ruler.

There has been a sad fatality amongst our friends in Pontefract. About a week after Comp. Tew's death, viz., on the 6th April, Comp. W. H. B. Atkinson died and was buried at sea. On 7th April, Comp. Isaac Kaberry P.P.G. Registrar, and then holding that office in the Craft; and on 30th May, our esteemed friend, Samuel Slack. All the above-named Companions were active members of Chapter 495, Wakefield, and had recently obtained a Charter for a Chapter to be attached to St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, Pontefract.

Unhappily this does not end our list, and without detracting from the merits of the above-named, I must mention Companion Thomas Bateman Fox P.Z. 208 P.P.G.J., who succumbed to an attack of influenza, followed by rheumatic fever, on 10th May, after several weeks of great suffering. Comp. Bateman Fox had been a leading light in the Craft for some years, and had just retired from the chair of the Charity Committee after four years' devoted service. We are fortunate in obtaining the services of our esteemed friend Comp. William Harrop to discharge the duties of that chair.

Occupying as I do the office of Prov.G.H., the duty is cast upon me of discharging all the duties of Grand Superintendent, and until a successor is appointed and installed, which I can confidently assure you will not be delayed beyond our usual half-yearly meeting in November, I refer you to Royal Arch Regulation, No. 40.

It will be satisfactory to know that we have on our roll 1,335 members, an increase of thirty-seven. During the year 101 new members have been admitted, an increase of six. The Resignations, I am sorry to say, number thirty-nine; the Deaths are nineteen, against thirty-one in previous year, a reduction, I am glad to say, of twelve; the exclusions for non-payment number seventeen, about the same; the members in arrears are fifty-eight, against fifty-six. By promptitude and diligence on the part of the Treasurers and Scribes working together I am convinced this list might be easily reduced one-half.

I have frequently heard that an impression exists, perhaps to a very limited extent however, that Subscriptions can be paid any time within the year. The sooner Treasurers disabuse the minds of the negligent of this unreasonable idea the better. All Masonic Contributions are due in advance, and if not paid within a week or two of the time should be applied for and secured.

It is my pleasing duty to thank the retiring Officers for their services, and to invest their successors, whose appointment has been made on the lines adopted by our late Grand Superintendent.

I will now ask your attention to the business of Provincial Grand Chapter.

Comp. Major Bolton P.Z. 154 Prov.G.Registrar moved, "that this Grand Chapter desires to record on the Minutes its deep sense of the great loss it has sustained by the death of its beloved and lamented Companion Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past Assistant Grand Sojourner (Grand Superintendent of this Province from 1885 until his death on 29th March 1895); also to record its sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Tew and the

members of the family." He said: In moving this resolution I am deeply conscious of the utter insufficiency of any words of mine adequately to express our high estimation of the noble character of our late Grand Superintendent, and the deep sorrow with which his death has filled our hearts. Companion Tew may without any exaggeration be said to have been one of those who are "the salt of the earth." A man of the highest culture and mental attainments and of unblemished character, he was fitted to adorn, and *did* adorn, every sphere of life in which he moved. Blessed with a competency of this world's goods, he also possessed what, alas! does not always accompany the means, viz., a tender heart and a generous disposition, which prompted him to employ his wealth in alleviating the distress and promoting the happiness of all with whom he came in contact. Such being his disposition, he naturally threw himself "heart and soul" into Masonry, and the world indeed saw in him "one to whom the burdened heart might pour forth its sorrows, to whom the distressed might prefer their suit, whose heart was guided by justice, and whose hand was extended by benevolence." He not only subscribed liberally to the Masonic Charities, but Comp. Tew did not content himself with giving of his means, he gave, what was even more valuable, his time and talents ungrudgingly to Masonry, and was never wearied in working for its welfare. Our esteemed Companion Henry Smith could, I am sure, bear witness to this, whilst the admirable addresses given from time to time by our late Grand Superintendent will ever remain testimonies as well to his cultured and well stored mind as to his great zeal for the Craft. Companions, as time rolls on no doubt the place of Companion Tew will be filled by some worthy man, and the poignancy of our grief will be assuaged, but I hope and believe that so long as life endures many of us will bear within our breasts a loving memory of Companion Tew.

Comp. G. H. Parke Z. 154, seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Comp. Henry Cowbrough P.Z. 1042 Prov.G.Treasurer presented his balance sheet, and stated that the balance in Messrs. Leatham, Tew and Co.'s bank to the credit of Provincial Grand Chapter now stood at £213 12s 9d, being about £11 less than they started the year with, but this was accounted for by the vote of £52 10s to the Boys School. He moved that it be received and adopted. This was seconded by the Prov. Grand Registrar, and carried.

The retiring Treasurer then, in complimentary terms, proposed Comp. John Dyson P.Z. 306, as his successor. This was seconded by Comp. John Richardson P.Z. 1001, and on the motion being put, Comp. Dyson was declared to be unanimously elected.

The Acting Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. Henry Smith 302	-	-	H.
John Shaw 139	-	-	J.
Captain H. G. E. Green 154	-	-	Scribe E.
Joe Booth Whiteley 290	-	-	Scribe N.
John Dyson 306 (elected)	-	-	Treasurer
Harold Thomas 296	-	-	Registrar
John Cass, J.P., 302	-	-	Deputy Registrar
John Richardson 1001	-	-	Principal Sojourner.
Geo. T. Schofield, J.P., 337	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
T. Ibbetson Walker 448	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
Francis Fleming 61	-	-	Sword Bearer
Dr. W. F. Watts 208	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
William Cockerft 307	-	-	Standard Bearer
Rev. Canon W. S. Turnbull 1462	-	-	} Assist. Standard Bearers
Wm. Edward Smithies 1283	-	-	
Tom Tomlinson 289	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Thomas Heaton 265	-	-	} Assjst. Dirs. of Ceremonies
J. Kenworthy Blakey 1214	-	-	
Arthur William Gratton 1513	-	-	Organist
Jeremiah Dunnill 1019	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
Alfred Leach 495	-	-	} Stewards
P. Bancroft Coward 904	-	-	
Wm. Aked Statter 153	-	-	
Theo. Bates 308	-	-	
Thomas Norfolk 600	-	-	
Thomas Chester 904	-	-	Janitor.

Comp. Malcolm P.Z. 304 P.P.G.Regr. moved, Comp. John Shaw P.Z. 139 Prov. G.J. seconded, and it was resolved, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Comp. Edward Haigh Z., and the Companions of Prosperity Chapter, No. 290, for their kind invitation and for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the Companions.

There being no invitation for the November meeting (when it is expected that the new Grand Superintendent's Installation would take place), Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

We congratulate, as we are sure our readers will, Bro. Charles Christmas Piper P.M. The Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, upon his election, on Wednesday last, as Chairman for the Westminster Vestry, St. Margaret's and St. John's united, whereby he is, under the new Act, defacto a Justice of the Peace for

London. The Westminster Vestry displayed acumen and discretion in their selection, for Bro. Piper has devoted many years to Parochial administration, has been Chairman of the Finance Committee, and a zealous Guardian of the Poor for St. John's, sitting in the St. George's Union. For tact and discernment in matters pertaining to local requirements, and with a consideration for the ratepayer, few can equal him. He has the best wishes from all Westminster, and his many friends outside, for good health to enable him to attend and carry out this not unenviable preferment, as we know he will do, with impartiality, zeal and judgment.

RUFFORD LODGE.

IN Nottingham, on Thursday of last week, a ceremony was performed which will remain memorable in the annals of Freemasonry. From all parts of the Province members had assembled to participate in the Consecration of the Rufford Lodge, No. 2553. Apart from those holding distinguished rank in the county, there were present no fewer than six Officers of Grand Lodge, including Brother Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary.

The gathering lacked one feature only. To the great regret of all, his Grace the Duke of St. Albans the Provincial Grand Master of Notts. was unable to be present. It was one of the largest meetings which upon an occasion of interest has taken place at the Masonic Hall of late years.

Upon the 21st of February last the warrant was issued for the formation of the new Lodge, the founders being Bros. Fred W. Chapman, A. Lawson P.P.G.T., J. Sulley, Augustus J. Barber, Enoch Hind P.G.T., Geo. Chapman P.P.G.D., Henry J. Mellors, Thos. Hallam, Nathan Ashurst P.P.G.D. (Derbyshire), Wm. Thompson Mather, W. W. Randall, Bingley Shaw, Charles Smith, Samuel Stevens, and John James Turner.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 3.30. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master Brother Lieut.-Col. Newton D.P.G.M. and J.D. of Grand Lodge, presided. His Honour Judge Masterman P.G.J.W. officiated as the acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. the Rev. A. J. L. Dobbin P.P.G.S.W. 402, acted as Grand Senior Warden. These Officers were accompanied by the following from Grand Lodge, in addition to the Grand Secretary Bro. Balfour Cockburn Prov.G.M. for Guernsey and Alderney, J. Parkinson P.G.D., Knyvett P.G.D., and J. H. Matthews P.D.G.D.C.

After other business had been disposed of, the ceremony of consecrating the new Lodge was entered upon, the principal Office devolving upon the Grand Secretary of the Order, who was assisted by Bro. Jas. H. Matthews, together with the Rev. H. T. Hayman P.G.C., and the Provincial Grand Officers of Notts.

The installation of Bro. Fredk. William Chapman as the first Master of the new Lodge was performed by Bro. George Chapman P.P.G.D. The appointment and investment of Officers succeeded, Bro. Nathan Ashurst P.M. P.P.G.D. (Derbyshire) acting throughout as Director of Ceremonies.

A banquet followed the consecration ceremony, and for this excellent arrangements had been made. The customary toasts were honoured.

The Grand Secretary, replying to that of the Consecrating Officer, congratulated those assembled upon the interesting and unique circumstances connected with the gathering.—"Nottingham Guardian."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE regret to announce the somewhat sudden death of Bro. Ponard P.M. La France Lodge, No. 2060, for very many years caterer of the Queen's Guard, St. James's Palace, where he died after only a few hours' illness. He was well known to the military officers and Royalties, and greatly respected. His funeral obsequies was attended by his son, Bro. Ernest Ponard W.M. Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, his father's mother Lodge, and by many friends, Masonic and otherwise. Several wreaths were sent as tokens of regard; Bro. Eugène Delacoste P.M. 1627 and Bro. St. Clair P.M. 2060 sent very choice exotic wreaths. Bro. W. Bellamy P.M. 1627, Bro. J. E. Shand P.M. 1563, and numerous others were at the cemetery, and witnessed the interment. We desire to add our sympathy to that of others towards his son and family circle.

AFTER an illness extending over four months, Bro. Edward Rush, of Chester, passed away on the 4th, at the age of fifty-five, the cause of death being heart disease. Bro. Rush was an active Freemason, being Treasurer and a P.M. of the Lodge of Independence, 721. He was well known among his Brethren of the Cheshire and North Wales Provinces, being a frequent visitor at Bangor, Wrexham, and elsewhere.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

As briefly reported in our last issue, the Dean of Gloucester preached in the Cathedral on the occasion of the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge there on the 5th inst.

The Dean took for his text II. Chron. ii., 4, "Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him." He said: In days before the religious houses of the middle ages were swept away, a great Benedictine monastery surrounded the stately Abbey in which we are now gathered for praise and prayer. Daily the crowd of monks who dwelt within its walls were assembled in that storied Chapter Room we have just left. There, each time they met, would the abbot of the famous house rise from his seat and say, "Brothers, let us speak about our Order," and then—sometimes at length, sometimes with only a few earnest words—he would speak of the mighty Benedictine company to which the Gloucester community belonged; of their splendid story, their work, their hopes, their duty, the reason of their existence. Those walls on which you and I have just been gazing have heard many such a soul-stirring reminder. Brothers, your fathers in the world-famed Order whose ensigns you all wear have, I believe, had much to do in this proud Cathedral Church. Let me, who represent the long line of Gloucester abbots, repeat the well-known saying with which my ancestor abbots so often prefaced their words—now quiet and stirring, now meditative, and glowing with storied memories to the old assemblies here. Let me repeat their words to you to-day. Let me speak of our great Order. We Masons number now in England our thousands, knit together by solemn vows. The heir to the Throne of England, our chief, bound together by solemn obligations. How solemn; only we who are Masons know; vowed to be true and loyal, generous and pure, chivalrous and brave, vowed to be servants of God, devoted to our Queen and country; surely a strong goodly company, a very bulwark indeed, of the land we love. So much for the Freemasons of to-day. Whence come we?

What now is the story of our Craft? Let us speak of our past. Look around this glorious House of God. Our Brethren of the Craft designed it, I love to think. Close was the tie which in the early middle ages bound together the mighty Abbot, the Priors, the officers of such a House as Gloucester to the Guild of Masons. Many the counsels they held together. Now the Monk—the teacher of those far back days, would have a great book of stone from which he could teach the people their faith. The Mason wrote his book. Together they planned, they built, this and many another of these great Houses of Prayer. Turn we over a few of the pages of our book, and see something of its teaching. Come with me into the Crypt, or under the Church beneath our feet, built in the eleventh century, about 850 years ago. The Crypt with its low browed arches, its solemn aisles, its massive pillars. It represents the waiting place of the souls separated from the body after death, waiting in God's safe keeping the Resurrection morning, hoping for more and even more light. It was the picture of the happy quiet rest of the blessed dead, safe in the haven where they would be, waiting for the joys of the Resurrection morning.

Each Chapter of the Mason's great book of stone has its teaching, and in the old days again and again has been used in the training of our people. It was a book, a vast book in stone, a book which in those days when few could read, when printed books existed not and written books were rare and costly, taught by symbolic language, partly plain and obvious to the simpler man, partly shrouded in not less attractive mystery. It was at once—I quote another's words (the great Dean of St. Paul's)—significant and inexhaustible, feeding at once and stimulating profound meditation. See the soaring height of our matchless choir. It symbolises the infinity; the incalculable grandeur and majesty of the Divine Works. The mind felt humble under its shadow as before an awful presence. The very form of our great Church was a confession of faith. It typified the Creed. Everywhere was the mystic number; the Trinity was proclaimed by the nave and the aisles. By the three towers,—two of our own are gone, the whole building was a cross. The solemn crypt below represented the under world, the soul of man in darkness and the shadow of death, the body awaiting the Resurrection. This was some of the more obvious universal language—by those who sought more abstruse and recondite mysteries. They might be found in all the multifarious details provoking the jealous curiosity, or dimly suggestive of holy meaning. Sculpture was called in to aid. All the great objective truths of religion had their fitting place.

This association of the great building Abbots of the Middle Ages with the guilds of Masons in their teaching book at once explains and illustrates the forgotten story of the raising of these matchless inimitable piles, the wonder and admiration of succeeding ages. I have already in another form explained at length the reason why this great building work came to an end, and have pointed out how the printed book supplemented the splendid and more costly book of stone. In passing from the

storied past of Masons to the present, I would call attention to one singular piece of ornament in the great Cathedral Church which sets something like a seal upon the truth of the theory. I have ventured very briefly and lightly to sketch before you a close link between the great building abbots and the Masons. There in the South Transept, there in that spot to which all our scholarly architects point as the birthplace of the school of English Gothic, copied in a thousand abbeys, minsters, and churches in England, where was devised the peculiarly English Gothic men call Perpendicular. On the east wall that most remarkable and interesting limb of this great House of God is a highly-ornamental bracket, somewhat large. Its purpose is unknown, but there it stands. It has been there—in quaint suggestive beauty—for more than five centuries and a half, part of the original work. No one but a Freemason could have designed it, carved it, and placed it there. Brother Masons, mark it well. That grey old carved device in stone, in its curious beauty of design, it may be in coming years a fresh study to throw a new light upon this message from the fourteenth century. But as it stands now it seems to tell us who devised our favourite English Gothic. It tells us who stood by Thoky, Wigmore, Stansfield, and Horton, the great Gloucester Abbots of the building ages, giving them a new order in architecture which England has made her own.

Now, there are others in this most ancient House of God this afternoon besides the Brethren of our loved Craft. They mark with curious attention our strange quaint symbols, the jewelled apron, the gold embroidered scarf, the sacred emblems which we Masons wear—emblems which belong to death and life. Men wonder what the secret is which has the strange power of drawing together all sorts and conditions of men. What is the magnet which attracts the sovereign prince and the peasant, the highly-cultivated scholar, the thoughtful merchant, the great statesman, the learned ecclesiastic of our Church of England, the lawyer, and the doctor, the artisans of our people? What magnet draws all these together, welds with one great company the old man nearing the city which has foundations, and the younger man just stepping over the mysterious threshold of life? What draws them here together? What fills the ranks of our Masonic Brotherhood of England with so many willing faithful Companions? I address the strangers to our Craft. It is something, believe me, nobler, grander far than mere enjoyment; something more far-reaching than good fellowship; it is, I think, the initiation of the Divine sympathy which is the secret of the Order, which so wonderfully, so happily, finds an echo in many hearts, and draws us so many and such varied recruits.

Our England would be poorer without the spirit of Masonry. It makes but little noise, it asks for no recruits. It silently does its quiet work. It aids not only its own homes touched with sorrow, where the widow and the orphan are tenderly cared for, not only its own suffering, sad-hearted Brothers, not only is it ever doing its quiet blessed work among those linked to their own Order, but it whispers its noble maxims to many a heart. Not a few generous, high-souled deeds are the fruit of English Masonry. It is a secret Order, says the caviller at its high and lofty aims. Yes, secret, chiefly because it never boasts; secret, because it carries out in silence the Lord's own sweet command, which, in good deeds, bids the right hand often be ignorant of what the left is doing. We Englishmen love well our religion and our Queen; our bravest, best, and purest believe that the vast edifice of the Anglo-Saxon empire endures age after age because it rests upon the mighty pillars of religion and loyalty, upon the Altar and the Throne. Am I not right in telling out with no uncertain, wavering voice that at least in our England this bond of loyalty and religion are indeed sacred and precious to English Masons? I affirm that in our favoured land not a few of its most religious and most loyal among our citizens are Brothers of our Masonic Order.

Once more I turn to you, my Brothers, speaking with the voice of that authority in the Craft to which your generous trust has raised me, and to which I am well and sorrowfully conscious I have no claim, but simply a hard-worked scholar's love for Masonry has, I believe, a noble future in front of it. Throughout Europe there is now a painful, anxious feeling of unrest and discontent. Many of our poorer Brothers, who know not their right hand from their left, guided too often by unwise and reckless advisers, are dissatisfied and reckless. They wish to disturb, to break up, to destroy the present Order of things amongst us. Am I exaggerating? Again, again, sad wishes and sad words are scattered broadcast. You have all heard them, read them, grieved over them, not once or twice. These poor souls little think that if their wishes were granted, and a great levelling of all classes was accomplished, they little think that the sure result would be a poverty far deeper, a misery far more reaching than that which all pitiful loving men now deplore and long to relieve; for if wealth were shattered, shattered too would be work. The same fell blow which destroys capital must, at the same time, destroy labour.

If dark days of strife fall on us, our Brotherhood of Masons will surely be a noble bulwark of order, for we form a numerous company and a strong one; a company welded together by bands forged in no easy workshop; a company made up of all sorts and conditions of men, from the princes of the House of England, down to the toiler living on a daily wage. With us every rank and condition, every age is represented. Each city has its Masonic garrison, each district its faithful Lodge of Masons.

What a mighty influence will the Order exercise if days of trouble and anxiety come upon us! Please God the lowering clouds which threaten Europe and England will get dispersed, and the shadow flee away. But, Brothers, let us be ready, standing shoulder to shoulder, quietly giving, resolutely teaching order and obedience, reverence for all that is higher, better, nobler, than ourselves (ehrfurcht is that splendid German word, better than our own), holding fast those sublime teachings we Masons know so well, and prize so highly. Living up, as best we can, to that high Masonic ideal which ever sets before us self-sacrifice for others, loyalty to our Queen, patriotism to our country, and above all clinging to that pure and simple religion which our forefathers have taught us, and which alone has made our England free and great and strong. Then in coming days, whether of sunshine or of clouds, of quiet prosperity or of stress and storm, will you be the noblest, truest patriot army of which men have ever dared to dream. Surely has Masonry before it a great and a blessed future. Turn we then with heart and soul to that great Architect of the Universe whom we adore, and pray we, God's soldiers, in these anxious troublous days.

"Sound the loud trumpet of God, come forth great Cause to array us,
King and Leader of men, Thy soldiers sorrowing seek Thee."

—"Gloucester Chronicle."

DUBLIN MASONIC SCHOOLS.

THE one hundred and third annual distribution of prizes in connection with these Schools took place at the commencement of last month, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., who said he much regretted the duty of presiding on that occasion devolved upon him, as his Grace the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master was not well enough to be present. They had also to regret the absence of the Duchess of Abercorn, who took such a deep interest in the Schools. They had present on that occasion, however, Lady Templetown, the wife of their newly-elected Grand Junior Warden, who had kindly undertaken to distribute the prizes. He was glad to say that the School was in a flourishing condition. They had just completed a new drill hall, which was a credit, not only to those who had designed it and those who had built it, but on the Order who had subscribed to it.

At the close of the musical performance by the pupils, Lady Templetown distributed the prizes.

At the close of the distribution, the Chairman said that some of the Girls, instead of taking their prizes in books, preferred to take them in money, which was placed from time to time in the Savings Bank. Bertha Gwynne, to whom the prize last given was awarded, was now leaving the School, having completed the period of seven years in which children were taught in the Institution. She had now to her credit in the Savings Bank, to be given to her on leaving, a sum of £31 4s 11d, the value of prizes she had received.

Bro. J. Creed Meredith Grand Treasurer said he had been entrusted with the task of proposing a resolution which he was perfectly certain would meet with the unanimous approval of that vast assemblage. The Grand Lodge of Ireland felt that a debt of gratitude—and he was perfectly certain that every member of the audience would concur with them—that they were under a debt of gratitude to Lady Templetown for the trouble which she had taken in coming there that evening, and for the part which she had so gracefully played in the performances of the evening. He was aware that neither Lord Templetown nor his consort thought it any trouble to take part in any good work in Ireland. Lady Templetown, too, no doubt, felt that to some extent she was discharging her duty in coming there with the Junior Grand Warden to take her place in distributing the prizes to the children. He thought he might say that Lady Templetown had been pleased with what she had seen that evening, and he hoped that it would not be the last time they would have the privilege and the pleasure of having her to take a part in such a gathering as that. He believed he was right in saying that a journey was undertaken specially for the purpose of being there that night, but that journey was undertaken willingly, and, might he say, with a true Irish heart. At any rate he was perfectly certain that they would all give Lady Templetown a hearty Irish welcome.

Bro. Thomas Valentine, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Antrim seconded the resolution, which was carried by acclamation, and

The Chairman conveyed to Lady Templetown the thanks of the assemblage. He might add, what the proposer and seconder of the resolution were not aware of, that it was against medical advice that Lady Templetown had come there that night, and she deserved the more gratitude at their hands.

Lord Templetown acknowledged, on Lady Templetown's behalf, the very kind vote of thanks accorded her. He said: As my words to you on this happy occasion must be few, I make no excuse for saying at once that the school claims not only our moral support, but generous and sustained financial aid. In asking for this support from all who can afford to give it, I am not pleading for a new improved institution, as this is the 103rd anniversary of the Female Orphan School, which provides for and educates 97 children from all parts of Ireland. I am simply asking you to cast your bread upon the waters in perfect faith that your reward must come to you in God's good time. Surely there can be no question that caring for orphans is one's first duty.

The Chairman said that after what they had seen of the children he thought they ought not to allow the proceedings to close without expressing their appreciation of the efforts of the matron (Mrs. Neale), the head governess (Miss Triggs), and the other governesses of the school. He was proud to say that in the whole 103 years of the existence of the school they had never had to hang their heads for shame at the after career of any of the scholars. Their interest in them did not cease when they left school, but wherever they went correspondence was always kept up with them, and an interest taken in their success in life.

This terminated the formal proceedings, after which dancing commenced, and was kept up until half-past eleven o'clock, when the proceedings concluded with the playing of the National Anthem.—"Irish Times."

AN OLD LODGE.

A CORRESPONDENT of the "Dundee Advertiser" writes:—A Brechin Masonic Lodge book contains the following:—"Att Brechine, the 28th day of February, 1740 years, John Spence, Commissary Clerk of Brechin, Master. Compeared Alexander Andrews, Mason and Deput Master of the Right Worshipful the United Lodge of the Holy Apostle St. John Brechin and Fordoun, who by the powers given him by the Honourable and Renowned and Right Worshipful Lodge of Brechine and their Grand Master had admitted the persons after-named in their several stations under written freemen to the foresaid Lodge of Brechine, to witt, Robert Reith, mason in Bankhead of Glenfarquhar; David Andrew, Tennant in Drumellie; William Smith, hammerman in Auchinblae; Robert Findlay, apprentice mason in Tipertay; John Mason, merchant in Auchinblae; Alexander Hamilton, surgeon and apothecary in Fordoun; John Findlay, mason in Tipertay; David Campbell junior, Mill of Glenbervie; George Scott, farmer in Candie; Hugh M'Bean, in Townhead of Boghall; James Farquharson, in Tipertay. The whole of the above-named persons to the above-named Robert Findlay being free masters' apprentices only. Excepting those persons after-named—John Ross, officer of His Majesty's Excise at Fordoun, who were and hereby are admitted, received, and erected freemen of the said Lodge, with full power to them and each one of them in their several stations to exert, use, bruik, and enjoy the whole liberties, immunities, and privileges of the Lodge in their several stations as fully and freely in all respects and conditions as any other freemen of the said Lodge does or may doe the same. In witness whereof these presents written by James Doig, merchant and late Dean of Guild of Brechine, are subscribed by the Master upon this and the preceding pages, place, day, month, and year foresaid." [Our contemporary asks: Can any of our readers give any information regarding this old Fordoun Masonic Lodge?]

THE FIRST MASONIC LAW CASE.

THIS action, the first after the amalgamation of the two Grand Lodges of England, was tried in the Palace Court, Westminster, wherein Thomas Smith was plaintiff, and William Finch defendant. The plaintiff was a copper plate printer, and the action was brought to recover £4 2s, being the amount of work done for the defendant. A plea was set up by Finch, stating that the plaintiff was indebted to him £16 19s 6d for making him a Mason, and giving him instructions in the various degrees in his Independent Lodge, at his own house, near Westminster Bridge. It was proved by the evidence of Rev. Dr. Hemming Past Senior Grand Warden, as well as of Mr. White and Mr. Harper joint Secretaries to the Grand Lodge, that the defendant was not authorised to make Masons; on the contrary, that his whole system was an imposition on the parties who were so deceived by him, and that no man had a right to make Masons for private emolument. The trial occupied a considerable portion of time, and after an excellent charge from the Judge, stating that from the whole evidence it appeared that Finch's conduct was altogether unjustifiable, that he could not either make Masons nor procure them admission to any Lodge, and that he was totally disavowed by the fraternity, the jury without hesitation gave a verdict against Finch, to the full amount of the printer's demand.—Exchange.

A LODGE BI-CENTENARY.

ON Thursday, 6th inst., the members of St. John's Lodge, Dunblane, No. 9, celebrated their bi-centenary. In the course of the afternoon the Brethren were visited by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire West, and by a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and dined in the Victoria Hall.

There was present one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Freemason in Scotland—Bro. Wm. Neilson. He is 91 years of age, and was made a Mason at Denny in 1822—73 years ago. The Lodge having been raised to the third degree, Bro. C. Murray Stewart W.M. expressed his satisfaction at the excellent turn-out of members and Brethren from a distance to take part in the interesting ceremony. In handing the mallet of Office to Colonel Stirling, he said they were met to celebrate one of the most eventful periods in the history of the Lodge. They not only welcomed Colonel Stirling as the Grand Master of Perthshire West, but remembered that he was once Master of the Lodge, and that it was due to him that there was a resuscitation of that Masonic spirit they saw that day. He hoped that Colonel Stirling would long be spared to go out and in among them.

Colonel Stirling said it was with no ordinary feelings that he received from the W.M.'s hands the emblem of power in that his mother Lodge, where he had gathered round him many friends. He was glad that on an occasion like that, the bi-centenary, not of the Lodge, but only of its written records, they should have in the chair as their Worshipful Master one so well known to Masonry, so well known in Dunblane, and who was so thoroughly trustworthy, active and zealous. He was proud to be Provincial Grand Master on that occasion, and it was with feelings of true interest that he was present. Nothing would have brought him north but the bi-centenary of his mother Lodge. In returning the emblem of Office, he expressed the hope that Bro. Murray Stewart might be long spared to worthily fill the chair.

A deputation then attended from Grand Lodge, headed by Sir Charles Dalrymple, of New Hailes, Bart., Grand Master of Scotland.

Bro. Murray Stewart, in handing the mallet of Office to the Grand Master Mason, explained the object of the meeting, and said that very few Lodges in Scotland were in a position to say that they had complete records for 200 years. Not only were the members proud of their position, but the feeling was reciprocated in the Provincial Lodge and in Grand Lodge. He welcomed Sir Charles Dalrymple as the head of the Craft in Scotland, and the deputation who accompanied him, and expressed the hope that he would be long spared to superintend Masonry.

Sir Charles Dalrymple, in returning thanks, said that the occasion was one of no ordinary interest, and it gave him and the deputation from Grand Lodge the greatest pleasure to be present.

Bro. Murray Stewart read a short history of the Lodge, which it had been arranged to put in a jar and place in a cavity in the Lodge Room floor along with lists of the Masters of the Lodge since 1695, Provincial Grand Officers, bye-laws of Provincial Grand Lodge and of Lodge Dunblane, and copies of the "Dundee Advertiser" and order of service that day. The Grand Master placed the jar in the cavity, the Brethren meanwhile singing "Oh God, our help in ages past." Bro. Murray Stewart, on behalf of the Office-bearers and members of the Lodge, presented Sir Charles Dalrymple with the silver trowel with which he had performed the ceremony, and thanked him and the members of Grand Lodge for their presence and assistance at the celebration of their 200th birthday. He trusted that it would be a memorial to him of the service that day, and a token to future generations of the interest which Sir Charles took in Masonry. The trowel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Scotland Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., of New Hailes, by the Right Worshipful Master, Office-bearers, and members of Lodge No. 9, Dunblane, on the occasion of the bi-centenary celebration of the written records of their Lodge.—6th June 1895."

Sir Charles Dalrymple said that when he was invited to be present he had no expectation that so interesting and impressive a ceremony would have formed part of the proceedings, and he could not imagine any circumstance that could lead him to receive that beautiful trowel. He would treasure the gift more than he could say. It was the second he had received since his appointment as Master Mason, and he looked on them as milestones and landmarks of his Masonic career. He reciprocated most heartily on the part of the Grand Lodge the kind things which the Worshipful Master had said, and expressed his pleasure that the account of the Lodge was to be preserved in a more enduring form. Nothing could be more interesting than the connection between the Lodge and the family of the Provincial Grand Master. He noticed with interest the reference made to

his generosity in the matter of the hall. It was no ordinary thing to be able to say that one man's family had been connected with a Lodge for upwards of 150 years, at all events. But one thing was even more interesting than that, and it was that the interest in Masonry by the representative of the family at the present day should be as great as at any previous time. He congratulated Bro. Murray Stewart in occupying the chair on that occasion, and said that no one who listened to his remarks that day would feel that they could have had a better Chairman.

The Lodge was closed in the usual form.—"Dundee Advertiser."

The Coborn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1804, has been removed from the Eagle, Snaresbrook, and now meets on Thursdays, at 8 p.m. at the George Inn, High Road, South Woodford.

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Lady Lechmere has presented to the Province of Worcestershire, for the use of its Master for the time being, the clothing and jewels of office which were worn by her husband, the late Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.

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A grand Bazaar and Fancy Fair is to be held in Brownlow House and Gardens, Lurgan, commencing Monday, 24th inst., and to continue for the three succeeding days, with the object of raising sufficient funds to build a Masonic Hall suitable for the requirements of the three Lodges working in the town (24, 134, and 151 under the Irish Constitution). Our Irish Brethren appear to have made every arrangement to ensure success, and we hope the efforts of the many Ladies and others who are working will lead to the most satisfactory results. As we have had the pleasure of business relations with one of the Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers (Bro. S. Agnew, M.D.) for many years past, we should like to be the means of securing him a contribution to the fund for which he is working, and therefore ask our readers to bear the Bazaar in mind if they have anything suitable for the many stalls that will be provided. As is usual in these matters, there is no limit to the variety of articles that may be sent, whether of Masonic or general interest.

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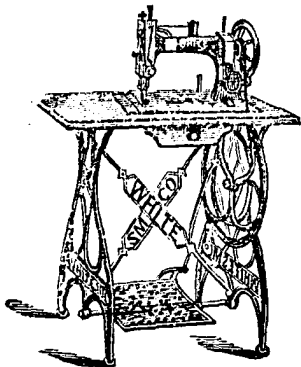
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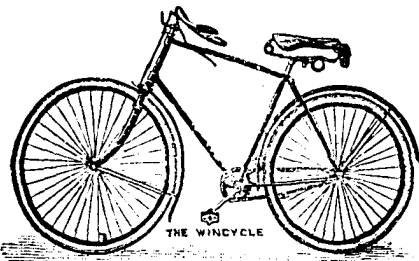
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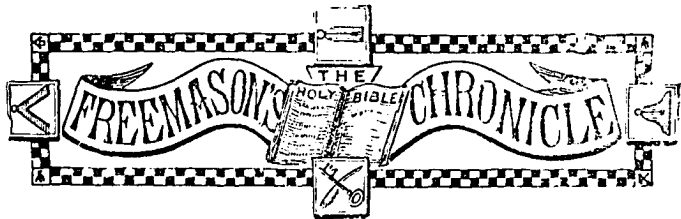
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The local papers are jubilant over the honour conferred by Grand Lodge last week on Bro. John Lane. Besides the signal mark of approval, says the “Western Morning News,” Grand Lodge also presented Bro. Lane with a handsome “full dress” set of clothing (with which he was invested by the Grand Master in the chair) and an “undress suit” for ordinary purposes. This most unusual gift, and never before made under such circumstances, continues our contemporary, is doubtless due to the fact that

Bro. Lane has made over to the Grand Lodge, freely by deed of gift, the copyright of his most invaluable work, which is without an imitator or rival, and is published by authority and vote of the Grand Lodge of England. It is anticipated that a similar relative position will be conferred on the same Brother when the Grand Royal Arch Chapter assembles on 7th August. Bro. Lane is, Masonically speaking, young for Grand Lodge honours, having been initiated in the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, in 1878, and served as W.M. in 1882. In 1887 he was elected as one of the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London. Lord Ebrington Provincial Grand Master of Devon appointed Bro. Lane to the rank of Past Provincial Grand Registrar, being the highest jubilee honour given in the county, and later on the high position of Past S.G.W. was conferred on him, in recognition of his great services to the Craft, by vote of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The applause which greeted his investment in Grand Lodge, and the signal honours thus conferred, prove how highly Bro. Lane's labours are appreciated.

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As in former years, the Lodges of Adelaide, South Australia, propose to hold a “United” Installation festival. In response to the preliminary circular it was announced that seven of the Lodges had agreed to join the movement for the current year. The novelty of the arrangement consists in all the installations taking place at the same time, a banquet or dance following, under a joint Committee, the success of former meetings being such as to justify their repetition.

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In view of the large number of accidents that happen during the summer holiday season, the Royal National Life-boat Institution do well in desiring great publicity for their “directions for restoring the apparently drowned.” We regret we are unable to spare the space to reproduce them in extenso, but are convinced the Secretary will be pleased to send a copy to any of our readers on receipt of a request, addressed to him at the offices of the Institution, 14 John Street, Adelphi, W.C.

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THE COLONIAL BOARD ELECTION.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to my claim to be a member of the Colonial Board, under the provisions of Article 283, Book of Constitutions, I desire to say that, immediately after the declaration of the poll on Wednesday, the 5th inst., it was officially intimated to me that the question would have to be decided by Grand Lodge in September. To say the least of it, this announcement is peculiar, after the deliverance of the V.W. Deputy Grand Registrar, in Grand Lodge, the same evening, when he remarked:—“He did not think there could be much difficulty as to the meaning of that rule, and to attempt to explain it would be an insult to common sense. It was impossible to give a ruling till after the election.”

The Article reads thus:—“Where practicable, three members of the Board shall be Past Masters of Colonial Lodges.”

As at present constituted, the President and Vice-President of the Board are respectively Past Masters of Lodges in the West Indies and in India. No other member of the Board has passed the chair of a Lodge in foreign parts.

Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

10th June 1895.

The Midland Railway Company has added a “List of Furnished Lodgings for 1895” to the publications provided for the convenience of its passengers. This gives a list of Farmhouse and Country Lodgings, which must be of great service to those who desire to spend a holiday in the less frequented parts of the country, where hotels and other special facilities for visitors are not so ready to hand as in the busy haunts of the tourist. This, and similar works issued by the other great lines of railway, have really opened up a new field for the seeker after rest and health, while an equal advantage must accrue to those who are able to accommodate visitors, but hitherto were unable to get into communication with them. There are some beautiful spots traversed by the Midland route, and those who are thinking of spending a few days in quietude would do well to consult this list, with the certainty of finding serviceable information.

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But why does a Mason seek a Brother? For one of three purposes. For the purpose of pleasure and entertainment while he is travelling; he can readily separate those of his chance companions who are Freemasons from those who are not. It is not for us to say here how he does it, but every Craftsman understands that art for himself. The second purpose is, when a Brother is in dire distress, and needs the ministrations of an unselfish friend, and every Brother well knows how he may find this friend. The third purpose is, and it is of this that we desire particularly to speak, when a Brother desires to visit a Lodge in a strange place, where he is unknown, either for his personal pleasure, or to receive that aid and assistance which every Freemason may justly ask when he is in distress. Whether his aim be pleasure or relief, in either case he sends in his name to the Lodge, and knowing that he cannot be vouched for, he requests an examination. Now the duties of a W.M. begin, and his action determines the question, in the particular instance, whether the boasted universality of Freemasonry is a myth, and Masonic friendship but a name. Benjamin Franklin said there is no better relation than a faithful friend, and it remains to be seen whether the Brothers inside the Lodge are friends to the Brother outside who is knocking for admission.

When, on some occasion, you have gone to your Lodge an hour after it has opened, have you not often observed several persons sitting outside, as if anxiously waiting for something? They belong to two classes, being either applicants for initiation, or visitors awaiting examination. The former may reasonably and justly have to wait some time, but the latter, if the outer door be opened at all, ought to receive prompt and even immediate attention. And why? They are our Brethren, our visiting Brethren.

They may be hundreds or thousands of miles away from home. They may be seeking that communion which every Freemason is entitled to seek from the meeting Craft—a communion for Masonic pleasure; or they may be seeking relief. We have no right to inquire why they seek us. It is their right, and in the absence of any personal objection from a member, it is our duty to receive them. Every minute that we unnecessarily keep them waiting outside, we are doing injustice to Freemasonry, we are derelict to our obligations, and we are indicating by our actions that the vaunted universality of Freemasonry is a sham, so far as our exemplification of its precepts is concerned, and that the truest Freemasons are those who are outside the Lodge, wrongfully delayed or denied an admission by those within. We wish we could speak in the hearing of every W.M. on this subject, for we would say, act instantly upon every application for an examination from one who claims to be a Brother and seeks to visit the Lodge. It requires but a minute to dispose of such an application; with the appointment of a committee of examination the work is practically done. Put yourself in the applicant's place. How would you like to sit outside of a Lodge for a half-an-hour, or an hour or more, and see the outer door opened again and again, and no attention paid to your reasonable request for an examination? And what are the excuses which W.M.'s usually plead? "We are just going to close," or "We are just going to work," or "The Lodge Room is already crowded," or "It is so very late." All of these are the merest pretences; they are not reasons. No one of them is of any Masonic weight. Suppose you are "just going to close," or it is "very late," and there is a Brother waiting outside to visit you who is "in distress," can you rightly close under such circumstances? Ought you not, under almost any circumstances, to give one who has sought your Lodge an opportunity to share in your friendship and Brotherly love? It is always safe, nay always right, to err on the charitable, the Fraternal side, in this matter of the examination of visitors. We cannot act too promptly, and we ought never to deny an examination, except for the strongest reasons—if it is possible, indeed, for any such reasons to exist.—"The Keystone."

MASONIC HOMES V MASONIC CHARITY.

THERE can be no doubt that the great Masonic Brotherhood wish to discharge their full obligations as Masons. We believe this to be true, after thirty-six years of active service in trying to promulgate the principles

of Brotherly love, relief and truth, and in establishing that God-like attribute—charity. We would not dictate to any Mason his duty in this regard, as we believe all Brethren, who have been properly instructed in their duties as members of this time-honoured institution, are capable of judging for themselves where their duty begins and ends. The neophyte who passes through the inner door of a Masonic Lodge does so after a careful scrutiny of his qualifications to become a Mason. He must be a man of intelligence, of sound judgment, of good habits and of exemplary life to gain admission where the unbiased unanimous opinion of good men and true is expressed by a secret ballot. To impugn the motives of any body of such men in any matter where they have expressed their deliberate judgment, is a very serious matter, and the man who does so, be he Mason or not, assumes a responsibility for which he should be made to answer. The Mason who assumes to know a Brother's duty better than he knows it himself should be fortified in a way to maintain his position, and prove his superior knowledge of the requirements of Freemasonry. Unless able to do so, he should close up like a clam, and await the probing knife that will serve him up on a half-shell.

Masonic Charity is the distinctive feature of Freemasonry. It is taught from the beginning to the end of this grand fraternal, heaven-born institution. How best to put it into every-day active life is a question in which all Masons are equally interested, and which all must share an equal responsibility. When the question has been thus decided the majority are entitled to be respected in their judgment, and the minority, or any individual thereof, has no license to abuse or reprove their action, and those who do so are like the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not like unto other men.

The question of establishing Masonic Homes under the supervision and direction of Masonic Grand Lodges, is one that is being brought to the front by the action of certain Grand Lodges that have been brought to this issue in the last few years. The Grand Lodge of Michigan has refused to tax the Masons of that jurisdiction to support a Masonic Home, built by voluntary contribution, at Grand Rapids, which is expected to provide for all indigent Master Masons, their widows and children for all time to come.

In this action the more than thirty-six thousand Masons of Michigan have acted according to their best judgment, and the "American Tyler," wiser in its own conceits than a large majority of this great army of devoted Masons, has seen proper to denounce their action as un-Masonic and a reproach on Masonry. So too in the case of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, in which the Brethren refused to impose a tax on the Masons of that jurisdiction for the maintenance of a Masonic Home, several of our contemporaries are pouring out their vials of wrath because the Grand Lodge decided not to impose an indiscriminate tax on the Masons of Kansas to erect and maintain a Masonic Home. We stand in the breach to defend our Brethren of Michigan and Kansas in their action, as they believed to be right, and will endeavour to make our stand-point a Masonic one.

The levying of a tax on any body of Masons, for any specific purpose, falls alike upon those who are able or unable to pay. No Brother should be required to pay any sum beyond the scope of his ability. Many Masons have all they can do to provide for their families and to pay the small amount of annual dues necessary to support their Lodge. To impose a tax on them to support others, who are equally able to support themselves, is contrary to the principles and teachings of Masonry. In a jurisdiction like that of Michigan there are thousands of worthy Brethren who are hard pushed to provide for their own families. To levy a tax of one dollar a year on them to help some one else is foreign to the design and purpose of Masonry, and there is no obligation on them to pay such a tax. So in the case of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, a large majority of the Masons of that State decided that they did not wish to be taxed to support a Masonic Home, and the "Masonic Constellation" denounces them as guilty of "un-Masonic conduct, unbecoming Masons," and casts other reflections on them wholly uncalled for.

Masonic Homes are a modern idea in Masonry. Probably one-half of the Masons now living became such before a single Home had been erected. There have been other and much less expensive ways for providing for those who were entitled to Masonic aid, and such aid has always been cheerfully given in a truly Masonic way by those who were able to grant it. The poor Brother with a large family that required every dollar of his hard earnings for their support, was not told that he must pay one dollar a year for the erection of a magnificent building, and its maintenance as a home for others, or lose his standing as a Mason. If that is Masonic Charity we fail to find the brand of genuine Masonry on it.

Of course, there can be no objection to a Masonic Home when maintained by voluntary contributions, by endowments, or where a Grand Lodge has a rental income sufficient to support it, as is the case in New York, but if a tax is to be laid upon the Masons of any State to maintain one, it should be levied upon an assessment of their property, the same as all taxes are levied, so that the burden may be evenly distributed, and the poor Brother not compelled to pay the same as his wealthy neighbour.—"Masonic Advocate."

THE Directors of Spiers and Pond Limited, notify that the Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th inst., both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing the Interest Warrants, on the 5 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures, the 5 per cent. "A" Mortgage Debenture Stock, and the 5 per cent. "B" Debenture Stock, and the 4 per cent. "C" Debenture Stock of the Company. The Warrants will be posted on the evening of the 29th instant.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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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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SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Café Royal, Regent Street, under the presidency of Bro. J. N. Nash W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. Clark S.W., N. Nersessian J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., Baron D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, J. Heilbron as S.D., G. Levin J.D., T. H. Hodd I.G., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, Emil Hahn I.P.M., H. F. Casperd P.M., W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M., S. J. Heibron, T. M. Lambie, S. Gottlieb, A. Marks, J. Cohen and J. Silverston.

Visitors:—Bro. H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.Std. Essex, J. Dencyger P.M. 205, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, C. Kempton P.M. 1237, S. Lancaster P.M. 1668, J. C. Conway P.M. 1291, G. Mariane W.M. 1017, J. Stroud P.M. 1227, M. Siegenberg W.M. 188, W. C. Bradley P.M. 1951, S. Fonseca 1563, A. H. Marks S.W. 1563, J. W. Martell J.W. 1563, H. Fonseca W.M. 1563, C. Toy 1608, and J. E. Shand P.M. 1563.

After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Heibron to the second degree, after which a Board of Installed Masters, twenty-two in number, was formed, and the Senior Warden Bro. A. Clark was ably and impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Nash I.P.M. The new Master appointing his Officers as follow:—J. Nash I.P.M., N. Nersessian S.W., G. Levin J.W., Rev. M. J. Heilbron Chap., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, B. D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, J. D. Hood J.D., T. M. Lambie S.D., S. J. Heilbron I.G., T. D. Corshine D.C., J. Bayne Organist, J. Cohn Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler.

After this duty the W.M. impressively initiated Messrs. Thos. P. Lambie, Edwin James Potter and J. H. R. Kelly into the Craft, work which proved the newly elected Master proficient in the duties of the chair.

The I.P.M. Bro. Nash was presented with a Past Master's Jewel in recognition of his genial and useful service during the past year, and he expressed himself right proud of the honour and compliment paid him in the valuable commendation of his services.

After this the Brethren adjourned to banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received, a capital musical entertainment and excellent songs being interspersed.

A very enjoyable "Samson Lodge" evening was spent, Visitors and all present expressing satisfaction with the whole of the proceedings, and feeling assured that with the present W.M., the Past Masters and genial Secretary Baron D. Barnett P.M., the Samson Lodge must be a success.

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COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2397.

AN interesting ceremony took place on Tuesday, says the "Daily Chronicle," at this Lodge, an Anglo-American body working under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, when Mr. Benjamin Franklin Stevens was initiated into Freemasonry. Mr. Stevens, who is a noted antiquarian and bibliophile, and the chairman of the American Society in London, has for the past thirty-five years represented the United States Government in this country as despatch agent. His initiation, at the age of sixty-two, into the Masonic body was naturally regarded with peculiar interest, particularly by American Freemasons, and a large and distinguished gathering assembled at the Café Royal to witness the ceremony, which was impressively performed by Bro. H. S. Wellcome, the present Master of the Lodge. The ceremony was followed by a banquet.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

AT the regular meeting of the Lodge, held at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, 10th inst., Bro. F. E. Sach W.M. presiding, Bro. John Parker S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. George Hawken was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Major Shanks, of Bodmin, who was Master of Sincerity twenty-five years ago, was present, and was nominated as a rejoining member.

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PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 199.

ON Monday afternoon, 3rd inst., there was a gathering of the local Freemasons at the Freemasons' Hall, Dover, to take part in the ceremony of installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. H. H. Goodwin S.W. had been unanimously selected by the Lodge, and he was duly installed, the ceremony being perfectly carried out by Bro. Dr. W. J. Best I.P.M.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the adjoining building, where an excellent banquet was served by Brother E. M. Birch.

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RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

ON Friday, 7th inst., Bro. Dr. Sharp, of Huntspill, the S.W. of the Lodge, which is held at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. E. A. Burnett, and the installation will take place next month. Brother J. Burnett P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Ashwell Tyler.

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FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE annual meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on Monday, 10th inst., when Bro. W. G. Connor was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Brother J. B. Fraser, assisted by Bro. Geo. Abbott, who acted as D.C.

The installation banquet followed. The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Henniker, remarked that this toast was always well received in Lodge Fidelity, because his Lordship was a very old member of the Lodge.

Rev. C. A. Sinclair, in appropriate terms, proposed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, coupled with the name of Bro. George Abbott, who, in a suitable response, alluded to the desire of the Provincial Grand Master that the Grand Lodge to be held at Aldeburgh this year should be a "red-letter day" in their annals, and he (Bro. Abbott) trusted that the members of Fidelity Lodge would muster as strongly as possible.

Brother Kidall, in proposing the toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master, said he did so with a great amount of pleasure, for, in electing Bro. Connor to the chair of King Solomon he believed the Lodge had acted wisely and well. He had been associated with Bro. Connor in the work of the Lodge, and served together in the Wardens' chairs, and therefore he knew that they had a W.M. thoroughly conversant with all the tenets of Masonry, and on the old military maxim that he who had learnt to serve might be safely trusted to rule, the Worshipful Brother who had served in what he might call "the lesser collars" with credit to his Lodge and honour to himself, was without doubt able and willing to direct and rule the Lodge and ascend the ladder of Masonic fame.

The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks to the Brethren for electing him unanimously to the chair, said he only hoped that during his year of office he would be half as successful as Bro. Kidall had been. Bro. Kidall had had a most extraordinary year of office. He had had five initiations, four passings, and four raisings. He hoped that during his year of office he might maintain the honour and dignity of the chair as well as it had been maintained in the past.

Other toasts followed, including the Installing Master, reference being made to the many years Bro. J. B. Fraser had conducted the ceremony so impressively.

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DE MOULHAM LODGE, No. 1146.

AT the monthly meeting, held at Swanage, Bro. F. A. K. Hounsall S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, which has enjoyed a long and prosperous career, took place on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, where, even in view of numerous absentees who were making holiday, there was a large and influential attendance, including several present and past Provincial Officers.

The retiring Worshipful Master Bro. T. T. Tickle, who was supported by a full complement of Officers, occupied the usual place of honour, and concluded his year's work by installing Bro. W. Cattle as his successor in the chair of W.M.

In the course of the proceedings a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Brother Tickle I.P.M.

After an excellent banquet, served by Bro. J. Casey, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and a musical programme was given by Bros. Hudson, Higinbotham, S. Smith, and others.

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TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458.

THE regular meeting was held at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, 1st inst. Among those present were Bros. E. M. Shepherd W.M., Geo. T. Lenard W.M. 1077 Acting S.W., Thos. Pollitt Cooper J.W., T. H. Hall P.M. Sec., Alfred Hebden P.M. D.C. P.P.G.D.D.C., Robert Caldwell P.M. P.P.G.Swd.B., H. L. Burgess I.P.M., H. G. Needle P.M., Herbert Hellewell, J. J. Dean, Wm. Dewhurst, John Pearce, &c. Visitor:—Bro. G. Rothwell Berry 1011.

The preliminary business having been transacted, and the Lodge advanced, Bro. Pearce was raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Hebden, this ceremony being followed by a similar one in which Bro. Dewhurst was raised by Bro. Caldwell, the Traditional History being afterwards rendered by Bro. Hall, and it goes without saying that having been placed in such capable hands, the whole of the work was excellently well performed.

The Secretary announced that the annual picnic would take place on Saturday, 13th July, the neighbourhood selected being that of Bolton Abbey. For several years in succession we have accompanied the annual excursion of the Truth Lodge, and can confidently assure those whose intention it is to avail themselves of this opportunity, that should the elements be propitious a day of delightful enjoyment is in store, the Officers in charge being ever animated with a desire to make the outing an unqualified success.

A very commendable act graced the last proceedings of the present session, viz., that of voting a sum of twenty guineas to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. The Lodge now stands adjourned until Saturday, 7th September.

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TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester, on Monday, the 10th inst., amongst those present being Bros. Fras. Long I.P.M., Geo. Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Sec., Wm. Yeadon S.D., H. Russell I.G., David Johnson P.M. D.C., H. P. Jones P.M. P.P.G.R., John Rathbone P.M., Herman Preston, J. Kimberley, C. H. Moss, Walter Lees, S. Woollam, F. H. Krause. Visitors: M. Frith 148, John Sewell J.D. 2306 (Brisbane, Australia).

The Lodge was opened in due form at 6:25, when the minutes of the last regular meeting was read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Woollam having expressed a wish to make a further advance into ancient Freemasonry, was questioned in the usual way, and having answered very satisfactorily, the Brethren adjourned for tea.

On re-assembling the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Woollam was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. Long I.P.M. (in the absence of the W.M., who was away on the continent for his health) assisted by Bro. Rathbone P.M., who presented the Working Tools.

The Lodge, by virtue, remained opened in the first degree, when a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Captain Langshaw for a very handsome present of three vols. of songs, received that day from America, to the Lodge. After hearty good wishes had been expressed, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

At the social board, after the Loyal toasts had been honoured, Bro. Long proposed the health of the newly-raised Brother, who replied in suitable terms.

Bro. Jones proposed the health of the Visitors, who replied, Bro. Sewell making a few remarks respecting the difference in the working of the Australian and English Lodges, and giving a hearty welcome to any Brother visiting Brisbane.

Bro. Long proposed the health of the W.M., and stated he had received a letter from him saying he was coming back a new man, and strange to say immediately after his health had been drunk he turned up, looking very much improved in health, and responded to the toast, giving the Brethren a short account of his travels.

Other toasts and recitations followed by Bros. Lees, Russell and Long, and solos by Bro. M. Firth, who ably presided at the piano.

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ELLIOT LODGE, No. 1567.

ON Saturday, 1st inst., the members held a meeting at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, but, owing to the holidays, the attendance was rather scanty. Brother G. R. Nichols W.M. was among those who were unable to be present, but his place was ably filled by Bro. John Mason P.M. The business transacted was the passing of Bros. Butterton and King, and the raising of Bro. E. Parsons, and these ceremonies were carried out in the usual manner. The Brethren subsequently dined together at the hostelry.

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ASHBURTON LODGE, No. 2189.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ashburton, on the 6th, when Bro. R. E. Tucker was installed by Bro. S. Wills P.M. 1402.

After the installation the annual banquet was held at Bro. Sawdye's Golden Lion Hotel, the W.M. presiding.

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LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE regular meeting was held at the Club House, Longsight, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Henry Grimshaw W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the Finance Committee submitted their statement for approval, and after discussion the matter was deferred.

The Pic-nic Committee presented their report, and it was announced that Buxton had been decided upon, the date fixed being Wednesday, 26th instant.

The Charity Representative reminded the Brethren of the Festival to be held at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, on the 3rd July. It transpired that six members of the Lodge are qualifying themselves as Stewards on the occasion.

A sum of £10 having been voted to the Masonic Charities for the purpose of endowing the S.W. and J.W.'s chairs, the Lodge was closed, and the usual festive board followed, Masonic and other toasts being agreeably varied by songs, &c., given by Bros. Hy. Grimshaw, W. Gadd, Hy. Sheard, C. S. Cotton, T. T. Jones, Henry Wood, Councillor Thos. Uttley, and Edward Roberts.

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CARVILLE LODGE, No. 2497.

ON Monday evening the interesting ceremony of the unfurling of a handsome new banner, and of presentations to the W.M. Bro. R. Hudson P.G.Sw.B. Eng. Prov.G.Sec. Durham took place at the Masonic Hall, Wallsend, in the presence of a large number of the Officers and members of the Lodge, visitors from Northumbrian Lodges, and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham.

After other business, Bro. Summers Hunter S.D. asked the W.M., on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge, to accept and unfurl the handsome new Lodge banner, which had been worked by the Ladies' Needlework Guild of the Diocese of Newcastle, which bore the arms of the Carr family of Carville, the arms of the W.M., and of an Officer of the Lodge.

Bro. R. Hudson expressed, on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge, the great pleasure it gave him to comply with their request, and unfurl the new banner, and hoped it would be a rallying point round which the Brethren of the Carville Lodge might assemble from meeting to meeting, and that they would look up to it with pleasure and profit.

It was mentioned by the Rev. W. M. O'Brady-Jones J.W. that the banner was designed by Mr. Wm. Searle Hicks, architect, of Newcastle. The Rev. W. M. O'Brady-Jones J.W. thereafter offered the dedicatory prayer, and the banner was unfurled amid applause by the W.M.

Bro. G. A. Allan P.M., on behalf of the Officers of the Carville Lodge, presented to the W.M. a beautifully designed Founders' Jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

The WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ROBERT HUDSON Past Grand Sword Bearer
England Secretary of the Province of Durham,

From the Officers of Carville Lodge, No. 2497, Northumberland, as an evidence of affection and esteem, on the completion of his occupancy of the chair as first Master, 1895.

Bro. Allan thanked Bro. Hudson for his kindness in becoming their first W.M., and was sure that if the Lodge continued as he had placed them, it would be second to none in the harmony and efficiency of its working.

Bro. Hudson said that when he took the chair he little expected that there was such a pleasant year in store for them. He hoped that the harmony would long continue, and would ever remember the period when he presided over the Lodge.

Bro. John Dixon, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented to the W.M. an excellent photographic portrait of Bro. Hudson, framed, for the walls of the Lodge, by Mr. R. E. Ruddock, of Newcastle.

This was also suitably acknowledged by Bro. Hudson, who said the portrait would be hung next to that of so worthy a Mason as the late Bro. Colonel Addison Potter, C.B., and next to that of Bro. G. A. Allan I.P.M.

The W.M. moved, and Bro. W. Philipson Secretary seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Summers Hunter S.D. for the gift of the banner to the Lodge, which was passed with acclamation.

Bro. M. Murray S.W. proposed that the best thanks of the members of the Carville Lodge be accorded to Mrs. Wilberforce for her permission granted to the Diocesan Needlework Guild to make the banner just unveiled, and to Mrs. Frere and the ladies of the Guild who had so kindly executed

the work, and the Secretary be instructed to convey the same to the ladies named.

Bro. the Rev. W. M. O'Brady-Jones J.W. seconded the motion, and mentioned that the ladies had gratuitously done the beautiful needlework of the banner.

The motion was carried with acclamation, says the "Newcastle Daily Journal," after which the provincial visitors from Durham, and representatives from about 30 Lodges in Northumberland and Durham, expressed their hearty good wishes, which were duly acknowledged by Bro. R. Hudson, and the meeting shortly after terminated with the singing of the closing hymn.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE report of the second annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction has been delayed in transit, but as several of our subscribers are interested in the doings of No. 211, we give particulars of the meeting, even at this late date. The supper took place on Monday, 22nd April, at the regular quarters of the Lodge, the Norland Arms, Addison Road North, W., Bro. G. Cockrell W.M. of the Mother Lodge occupying the chair.

The Lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and then the Lodge was closed, when the Brethren sat down to an excellent supper prepared in Bro. Copley's best style.

The usual Loyal toasts were honoured, and several of the Brethren contributed to the harmony during the intervals on the toast list, the piano being presided over by Bro. Louis Lee.

The indefatigable Preceptor Bro. G. E. Higginson P.M. 1791, gave a very interesting account of the progress that the Lodge has made during its short career, and the popular W.M. Bro. G. Cockrell stated that he was very proud of the list he should present at the Festival of the R.M.I.G., the greater part of which had been given by the members of the Benevolent Association in connection with their Lodge of Instruction.

The Secretary, in replying to the toast of the "quill driver," stated that the Lodge had collected no less a sum than £100 14s 2d during its existence, which sum had gone to the Masonic Charities. Thirty-eight Brethren supported the W.M. on this occasion, and it was agreed by all present that the Mother Lodge, who, by the way, celebrates the hundredth year of its existence this coming autumn, might well be proud of its offspring, which is doing so much good in the cause of Charity, and in making Masons proficient in the ritual in the West End of London.

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ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 328.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Tuesday, 21st ult., when the following Principals were installed by Companion J. Taylor P.Z.: Companions W. Hersey Z., T. Beckett H., S. Wills J.

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CHAPTER OF RECTITUDE, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Clarence Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 6th inst., the following being present:—Companions Joseph T. Richardson M.E.Z. P.Z. P.P.G.A.Soj., James Hayes H., Robert Rudman E., Julius Arensberg P.Z. P.P.G.St.Br., W. J. Melling P.Z., Robert Adthead, S. Kindler, H. Goodman, Edward Roberts, and J. Nelson Stokes.

The paucity of numbers in attendance was undoubtedly due to the fact that the date of meeting fell in Whit-week—the holiday Saturnalia of Cottonopolis. But notwithstanding this, Comp. Richardson duly opened the Chapter, and the whole of the general business was disposed of before the Companions adjourned.

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DUNDAS CHAPTER, No. 1255.

THE annual meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Thursday, 6th inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals W. H. Botterel Z., W. S. Warren H., and E. G. Dutton J. The ceremony was conducted by Comps. J. R. Lord, W. Allsford, and J. Gidley.

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MARMADUKE TENNANT CHAPTER, No. 1992.

THE first annual meeting and installation was held at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, on Wednesday, 29th ult. The Principals of the Chapter, Comps. John T. Hogg Z., F. J. Ferris Bailey H., and J. T. Ridley J., having been installed by Comp. David Williams in an impressive manner, the Z. appointed the others Officers.

A number of distinguished Companions attended from the Provincial Grand Chapter and other Chapters of the Province, and were present at a banquet subsequently held. The post-prandial proceedings were entertaining, and enlivened by some excellent songs and recitations, contributed by Comps. Evans, Vaughan, Ferrier, Taylor, and John Sheridan.

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 78.

ON Tuesday, 4th inst., Bro. E. W. Carus-Wilson was installed W.M. by Brother J. Tonkin P.P.G.D.C., and the Officers were invested.

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"No harm can ever result to a Mason from ceasing to cherish unkind feelings towards a Brother. The sleep that follows the compromise of Fraternal discords is sweeter than all the revenge which successful hatred has ever achieved; and the smile of forgiveness better becomes the life of a Mason than the curl of scorn. It ought not to be necessary to inform a Mason how and why he should be ready to stretch forth his hand to a Brother, to Fraternally receive, assist, protect and forgive."

MASONIC PINS.

A CORRESPONDENT of the "Masonic Herald" says a Masonic Pin is "a grave reflection on Masonry as an artist and sculptor," adding "if you are a true Mason the world knows it, and you need no Masonic Pin." He insists that Grand Lodges shall cry out against the use of Pins.

These utterances are as extreme as that of the fellow in the story who said that diamonds were no longer worn except by gamblers and women of doubtful reputation, and that therefore he had given his to his sister. It is in bad taste to overload one's self with Masonic jewelry, or jewelry of any kind; but it is extreme to hold out the impression that it is a sort of misdemeanour or disgrace to wear a Masonic emblem. A Mason is a free man, within the limits of the moral law, and those who think they have a right to dictate what he shall eat, and what he shall drink, and wherewithal he shall be clothed, misconceive the spirit of the Institution. A Mason is perfectly free to wear emblems or not to wear them, but if he overloads himself with them he will find that it does not impress judicious Brethren with any sense of his importance. An undue pride in the mere ornamental parts of Freemasonry is apt to produce a bad impression, but if a Mason chooses to wear a modest Pin nobody has a right to censure him for it. In point of fact, some of our best Masons choose to wear an emblem of one kind or another.

A great many Masons in large cities have found the wearing of Masonic Pins more or less inconvenient, because it makes them a mark of every Masonic dead beat whom they meet on the streets. These fellows are always on the look-out for Masonic emblems, and never fail to strike the wearer for relief, usually alleging some reason why they will suffer irreparable harm if time is taken to investigate the truth of their stories. Under these circumstances, many Masons prefer to give them something rather than take time to look into the matter, and this is the course which does most to foster the nefarious industry of these imposters. On the other hand the wearing of a Masonic emblem often leads to the formation of many pleasant acquaintances, and occasionally to permanent friendships.—"Masonic Home Journal."

BIOGRAPHICAL.

His Excellency M.W. Bro. Samuel James Way, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Justice of South Australia, D.C.L., &c., M.W. Pro Grand Master of South Australia.

OUR distinguished Brother (for he holds the proud position of being the Lieutenant Governor, and the Chief Justice of South Australia) was initiated in the Lodge of Harmony, E.C., No. 505, now No. 3 of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, on the 13th October 1862. He does not appear to have taken a very active part in Masonic affairs until the establishment of the Grand Lodge of South Australia in April 1884, when the Degree of Past Master was conferred upon him, and he was unanimously elected to the high office of Grand Master of the newly-formed Grand Lodge. At each of the five succeeding annual meetings he was re-elected without opposition, until in October 1889 he resigned the position to allow of the nomination and election of His Excellency, the Earl of Kintore, the then newly appointed Governor of the Colony. Immediately after the installation of his successor, Bro. Way was appointed as Pro Grand Master, which office he has since held. Upon his retirement from the office of Grand Master he was presented by the Brethren with a very handsome Past Grand Master's jewel, as a visible token of their appreciation of his faithful and zealous services as Grand Master for the initial five years of the existence of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

The United Grand Lodge of England appointed him their representative near the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and a very handsome jewel presented by the former Grand Lodge shows how highly our eminent Brother was esteemed by its members. Upon the inauguration of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Australia, he, by virtue of his office as G.M. of the Blue, and in accordance with the Constitutions of the newly formed Grand Chapter, assumed the position of First Grand Principal, and was duly installed as such on 26th April 1886. He was exalted in the South Australian Chapter, No. 563, E.C., now No. 4, S.A.C., on 14th June 1886, but as in other degrees, his time precluded him from regularly attending and advancing step by step through the various chairs. He is a member of the Adelaide Mark Lodge, No. 41, E.C., having been advanced on the 28th July 1884. By authority of the M.W.G.M. of England he was made a Past Master of the Order on the 11th September 1889, and subsequently had the rank of Past Grand Warden conferred upon him by special resolution of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Our M.W. Brother has rendered such aid to Freemasonry in the various colonies that his name has become almost a household word in the Masonic world of Australia. Who amongst us that heard the speech made by Bro. Way on the occasion of the consummation of Masonic Union and the formation of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales will ever forget it, or the kindly dignified manner in which he installed the first Grand Master of that territory, M.W. Bro. Lord Carrington, into that position? Again at the formation of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapters of Victoria, and still again at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania did our eloquent Brother do service for the benefit of Masonic Unity in those territories, and deliver addresses and charges well worthy of being preserved in the Libraries or records of every Masonic Lodge in the colonies as masterpieces of Masonic eloquence and learning. Such is the Masonic career of the subject of our illustration. As Grand Master he entertained his Grand Officers on several occasions, and proved himself a perfect host. Indeed it is said that in dispensing his hospitality he makes the premier host in Australia.

The calls on his time are many and varied; besides performing the arduous duties of the Chief Justiceship, at present His Honour has become transformed into His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the functions of the position are thoroughly carried out; indeed, a strong feeling exists that he should be appointed Governor for a term, with but a comparatively small salary, to help the Colony's finances during these depressed times, and although it is, perhaps, a debateable subject, there could not be found in

South Australia a more popular, respected or honoured man. His munificent private charities are varied, and his time, advice and help are ever at the service of those in need of them, and to help forward a good cause. As the Earl of Kintore's period of office as Grand Master of South Australia expires in April, there is no doubt but that we shall see Bro. Way again elected as Grand Master, which office he will doubtless continue to hold at his pleasure, but should a Governor be appointed who is a Freemason, doubtless our then Grand Master will again resign and be appointed Pro Grand Master, and that he will long continue his active connection with the Grand Lodge of South Australia is doubtless the desire of all Masons in the Colony.—"Masonry."

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 1506 White Horse Kent, Holb. Via. Hotel
- 77 Freedom, Gravesend
- 236 York, York
- 248 True Love and Unity, Devon
- 312 Lion, Whitby
- 359 Peace & Harmony, Southampton
- 466 Merit, Stamford Baron
- 872 Lewis, Whitehaven
- 949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
- 986 Hesketh, Preston
- 1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
- 1199 Agriculture, Yatton
- 1238 Gooch, Twickenham
- 1255 Dundas, Plymouth
- 1337 Anchor, Northallerton
- 1443 Salem, Dawlish
- 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
- 1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
- 1814 Worsley, Worsley
- 1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
- 2074 St. Clair, Landport
- 2086 Dacre, Stevenage
- 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
- 2349 W. Lancashire Century, Blackpool
- 2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield

Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- 1339 Stockwell, Camberwell
- 1695 New Finsbury Park, Holb. Via. Hotel
- 2191 Anglo American, Criterion
- 223 Charity, Plymouth
- 418 Menturia, Hanley
- 432 Abbey, Nuneaton
- 667 Alliance, Liverpool
- 830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
- 958 St. Aubin, Jersey
- 1006 Tregullow, St. Day
- 1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
- 1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1424 Brownrigg Unity, Old Brompton
- 1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
- 1787 Grenville, Buckingham
- 1893 Lumley, Skegness
- 1903 Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Portsmouth
- 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
- 2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows

Wednesday.

- Board of Benevolence at 5.
- 700 Nelson, Plumstead
- 1392 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
- 2140 Huguenot, Criterion
- 2266 Cator, Beckenham
- 32 St. George's Harmony, Liverpool
- 121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
- 137 Amity, Poole
- 178 Antiquity, Wigan
- 200 Old Globe, Scarborough
- 210 Duke of Athol, Denton
- 221 St. John, Bolton
- 243 Loyalty, Guernsey
- 246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
- 311 South Saxon, Lewes
- 342 Royal Sussex, Landport
- 581 Faith, Openshaw
- 531 Buckingham, Aylesbury
- 610 Colston, Bristol
- 662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
- 726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
- 795 St. John, Maidenhead
- 823 Everton, Liverpool
- 865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
- 874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
- 950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
- 962 Sun and Sector, Workington
- 1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
- 1040 Sykes, Driffild

- 1086 Walton, Kirkdale
- 1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
- 1136 Carew, Torpoint
- 1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
- 1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
- 1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
- 1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
- 1334 Norman, Durham
- 1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
- 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea
- 1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
- 1638 Brownrigg, Kingston-o-Thames
- 1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
- 2135 Constance, Consett
- 2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Farnborough
- 2258 W.D. United Service, E. Stonehouse
- 2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
- 2434 Anderida, Eastbourne

Thursday.

- House Committee Girls School, Battersea, 4-30.
- 1320 Blackheath, Bridge House Ho.
- 1681 Londesborough, Café Royal
- 1716 All Saints, Poplar

- 6 Friendship, Criterion
- 57 Humber, Hull
- 98 St. Martin, Burslem
- 203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
- 230 Fidelity, Devonport
- 245 Mechanics, Jersey
- 286 Samaritan, Bacup
- 322 Peace, Stockport
- 343 Concord, Preston
- 345 Perseverance, Blackburn
- 350 Charity, Farnsworth
- 367 Probity and Freedom, Rochdale
- 489 Benevolence, Bideford
- 600 Harmony, Bradford
- 605 Combermers, Birkenhead
- 659 Blagdon, Blyth
- 758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
- 833 Afan, Aberavon
- 939 Pelham, Worksop
- 940 Philanthropy, Stockton
- 1011 Richmond, Manchester
- 1037 Portland, Portland
- 1042 Excelsior, Leeds
- 1184 Abbey, Battle
- 1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
- 1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
- 1332 Unity, Crediton
- 1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
- 1393 Hamer, Liverpool
- 1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
- 1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
- 1534 Concord, Prestwich
- 1562 Homfray, Risca, Mon.
- 1776 Landport, Landport
- 1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W.
- 1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
- 1892 Wallington, Carshalton
- 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
- 2226 St. David, Rhymney
- 2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
- 2302 St. Mary, Southwell
- 2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
- 2341 Clemency, Oldham
- 2352 Universities, Durham
- 2390 Exmoor, Minehead
- 2430 Runnymede, Wraysbury

Friday.

- Board of Management, Boys School, 2-30
- 143 Middlesex, Albion
- 975 Rose of Denmark, Kennington
- 2157 St. Mark's College, Holbn. Res.
- 152 Virtue, Manchester
- 271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
- 347 Noah's Ark, Tipton
- 541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
- 1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
- 1311 Zetland, Leeds
- 1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
- 2005 Brooke, Chingford
- 2063 St. Osyth's Priory, Clacton-on-Sea
- 2231 Talbot, Stretford
- 2447 Palatine, Manchester

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7.30
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
 211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, 8
 1227 Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., 8
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junction
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6.30
 1349 Friars, White Horse, White Horse Lane, Mile End Road, 8
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's Road, W., 8
 1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7.30
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7.30
 1548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney
 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8.30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, W. Kensington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
 1975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7.30
 2030 Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster, S.W., 7.30
 2150 Tivoli, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 7
 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Cock Tavern, N, 8

Tuesday.

- 25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street,
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn,
 177 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7.30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 238 Pilgrim, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st and 3rd Tuesday), 6.30
 263 Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, 7.30
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7.30
 733 Westbourne, Prince Alfred Hotel, Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill,
 820 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8.30
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 933 Doric, Plough Tavern, Bow Road
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School Rooms, Battersea Rise, 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7.30
 1446 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7.30
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st Tuesday), 6.30
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M. H., Leytonstone, E.
 East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Rd., 8
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6.30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7.30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge Street
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., 7
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Road, 7.30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, 8
 860 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7.30

- 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7.30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton Street, W., 7.30
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7.30
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7.30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, W.C., 8
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, White Hart, New Cross Gate, S.E., 8.
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, 8
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Kennington, 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7.30
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime
 house, E., 7.30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7.30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6.30
 1558 Duke of Connaught, Palmeston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7.45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7.30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5.30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7.30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
 1996 Priors, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Fred. William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, 8

Friday.

- Emulation, Freemasons Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7.30
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7.30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, N., 8
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
 1897 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road (near West Hackney
 Church), 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Road, Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, W., 8
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales, Bishop's Road, W., 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

Saturday.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St Catherine's Park, near
 Nunhead Junction, 7.30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.
 1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney
 1624 Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Stn., S.W., 7
 1719 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Percy Hill, Catford, S.E., 8
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St. W.

We shall be glad if Secretaries and others interested in Lodges of Instruction will inform us of any errors or omissions in the above list. We shall also be pleased to receive Reports of the different meetings, forms for same will be forwarded on application.