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TRADING ON FREEMASONRY.

A "PRETTY thing" in mining prospectuses has been commented upon in various quarters, the prime mover making use of his association with Freemasonry in order to bring the scheme under the notice of fellow members of the Craft. Freemasonry was never intended to be used for such a purpose, and we hope the Brother who so attempted to trade on the Order has found out by this time that it is a mistake to do so. If members of the Craft receive glowing accounts of projects specially recommended to them as Masons, we hope their Masonic tuition will stand them in good stead, and induce them to display that caution which is so continuously impressed upon them in their earlier association with the Order. Gold mines are splendid things in their way, but those which are any good do not require Freemasonry as a side issue to bolster them up, while those that are of questionable character only bring discredit on the Craft when attempts are made to associate the two. Apart from this latter consideration we think it may be taken as a maxim: always use especial care in entering into any business arrangement promoted on the basis of Masonic Brotherhood. There is no reason why Masons should not help each other in the affairs of everyday life, but precautions should be taken such as will relieve Freemasonry of any odium if failure results, and had this care been exercised more generally in days gone by we should have fewer Brethren now around us regretting they had been defrauded by men in whom they placed more than ordinary trust—because they came to them as Brother Masons.

A ROMISH "CODE OF HONOUR."

THE letters lately addressed to the "Tablet," in regard to what their writers choose to term "English Freemasonry," have afforded us no small amount of amusement, and really it is very funny to read some of the rubbish these good men are told, and seem to believe as gospel truth, in regard to Freemasonry. If the tales some of them—apparently men of education and knowledge—tell were repeated by the class of wanderers who go from place to place professing to tell fortunes, these same gentlemen would be among the first to denounce them as impostors and cheats, striving to make money out of the ignorant servant girls who know no better; but because the tales are used for a professedly religious purpose we are asked to regard them from a different standpoint, and believe them as though they were unanswerable.

One of the more recent writers asks what the Marquis of Ripon, late Grand Master of England, has to say of his former associates and brethren, and remarks that someone told him, in apology for the silence of the Marquis: "He's a gentleman." But, says the writer, "even gentlemen can disclose secrets when there is a sufficient cause, nay, are bound to reveal them. If Freemasonry be half as bad as it is said to be, the common good

requires that it should be unmasked, all promises and so called gentlemanly codes of honour to the contrary notwithstanding." What a disreputable state of mind one must be in to argue on such lines, and what a beggarly cause it must be that can only hope to live by such underhand tactics as are here advocated.

Let us suppose for one moment that our former Grand Master was to recount in detail all he knew of Freemasonry, and we believe the majority of the English Brethren would readily give him permission to do so if it would put a check on the senseless and absurd abuse levelled against us by the Romish Church, how many of its fanatics would believe the Marquis? The truth would not coincide with their ideas of what takes place within the portals of the Masonic Lodge, and they would only abuse the Marquis of Ripon, or any other ex-member of our Order for matter of that, who did not manufacture lies enough to endorse the nonsense already palmed off upon them by designing schemers, as the works and teachings of English Freemasonry.

FREEMASONRY AND DEVIL-WORSHIP.

THE Masonic Journals seem to be almost unanimous in ignoring the subject of my heading, but I am of opinion that you do good service to Masonry in opening your columns to a free discussion of the matter. Though we know the innocence of the Order, and the thorough absurdity of the charges brought against us, we must yet bear in mind that the Roman Catholics are a powerful body, who either believe, or pretend to believe, in our Devil Worship, and that the subject and object have the approval of all the great Catholic prelates from the Pope downwards, and that these lying Revelators have received the Apostolic Benediction.

As a term, so-called Devil Worship is of great antiquity, and is often enough applied to sects who differ from the general orthodoxy of any particular country. The Turks term a sect of Kurds Devil Worshipers, and a close enquiry into their creed will show that they practice the magical beliefs of their forefathers, the old Assyrians. Equally Freemasonry as a pre-Christian, or so supposed, system, can hardly expect to escape similar calumny; in common with the protestant sects who are "led by the Devil" to reject the doctrine of the Real Presence. In such general sense I should scarcely be offended at being termed a Luciferian, and in writing recently to a Reverend Father on an attack he made against myself and a few high grade Masons in which, *pace* the Abbé Larudan, he asserted that Freemasonry was founded by Faustus Socinius, I did so reply as an antiquary rather than a theologian, and informed him that whilst I preferred the discipline of my own church, I was inclined more, as regards doctrine, to his own; Christianity being mainly a Jewish version of the Osirian worship as we find it in the Book of the Dead and other Sacred literature of the Egyptians, and in further proof of this the only profane record (not to mention the manipulated Sepher Toldoth) of the founder of our faith, is the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmuds which allege that Jesus the Son of Ben Panther received his education from a persecuted Cabalist named Rabbi Joseph, who took his charge into Egypt where he received priestly initiation, and upon his return to Jerusalem was stoned to death for teaching this doctrine to the people. There seems good ground for saying that early christianity was a secret society from which equally sprang Roman orthodoxy and Gnostic heterodoxy by divergence, and I told the Reverend Father that his Church ought to be the last to cast its stone against Freemasonry, since everything connected with his faith could be shown to be Pagan from turret to foundation stone.

Freemasonry, like all sects and all human institutions, has its failings, arising from the laxity of its professors; and if these failings are exposed, we, who desire good, ought to be rather pleased than otherwise, for Masonry would infallibly benefit by such attacks. In all these charges brought against us by numerous writers, amongst whom may be mentioned Dr. Hicks alias Bataille, Diana Vaughan, if such a woman exists, which I much doubt, and Dominico Margiotta; there is some truth mixed with much lying, of the most crazy description, and I am inclined to show in what direction the truth lies. As regards Faustus Socinius, though we know quite well, that he had nothing to do with the establishment of Masonry, yet it seems to be a fact that he did establish a secret society in Poland, and there are certain Anabaptist and other Medals, that have a quasi Masonic appearance; it is even believed that Luther had some reception and protection from a Guild initiation; and I am inclined to think it possible that these Sectarian secret societies may have influenced others, of a later period, that affected or modified certain high grades. However all this may be, if our individual or Masonic Luciferian worship was only a question of orthodoxy according to Roman Catholic ideas, we might let the subject slide, but it is not so. Though I read French with tolerable ease, I must now say that none of this literature has fallen into my hands, and I am not inclined to undertake any trouble in acquiring it. My knowledge of these writers, outside loose newspaper paragraphs, is obtained from A. E. Waite's "Devil Worship in France" (Redway, London, pp. 325), a most interesting book, written in a critical and dispassionate style by a non-Mason, the end of which is that Mr. Waite pronounces the charges to be "lying myths."

As I have just said, were it merely a question of Catholic orthodoxy we might let the matter pass, but Freemasonry generally is accused of possessing a Masonic Pope who ruled the whole Masonic world, with Lucifer in perpetual seance at Charleston; and that this Pope, Albert Pike, attached an Androgyne branch termed the Palladium to his own Scottish Rite, as well as those of Mizraim and Memphis. The ritual, a bogus ritual, drawn by the engineers of this Catholic petard, is a horrible one; we are accused of teaching a species of Manichæism in which, like the ancient followers of Mani, two co-ordinate Spiritual Gods, are recognised, Lucifer and Adonai, the evil and the good, the former being worshipped by Freemasons, as the good God, and the latter held to be the evil genius of our race. As a portion of this disgusting (forged) ritual we are held to exemplify the mystery of generation, and to stab a consecrated Host (the real presence) with a dagger. It is needless to say that such abominations never existed in any Masonic ritual, or anything approaching the Palladium.

It is well known that certain "Rites of Adoption" sprang into existence in France at a comparatively early period last century. They were quite harmless and quite useless. About 1773 the Grand Orient of France accepted the "Adoptive" grades of Apprentice, Companion, Mistress, and other semi-independent bodies increased these to twelve, the last of which was Crowned Princess, 1774. I think also it is true that in Mexico and Spain a few, very few, ladies have been initiated into real Masonry, and advanced even up to the 33° both in the Scottish Rite and Memphis. Pike's Scottish Rite never recognised Adoptive Masonry, however, but the Antient and Primitive Rite of which I have the honour to be Grand Master in Great Britain and Ireland, *ad vitam*, did, however, recognise the twelve grades of Adoption, and we have granted a few certificates of them, but it has always been felt that meetings of them would be distasteful to English Masons, and none have been held or encouraged. One of these grades is termed Lady of the Rose Croix, its ceremony is beautifully innocent, and is drawn upon the model of the old reception of an orthodox Templar, or upon that of St. John. So much exists true as to androgyne or Palladium initiation.

Now as to the question of Dogmatic Directory with a Luciferian *culte*, of which I am alleged to be a member. It cannot be denied truthfully that Brother Pike, as a very able man, and head of the S.G.C. 33° from which all others originated, exercised great influence in his own Rite, all over the world. There is not a Council in the world that has a man in it fit to tie his shoe strings. I fancy it is true also that Pike and Mazzini were in close correspondence together, but, apart from the oligarchical Constitution of his Rite, there can be no stigma placed against Pike, a Republican politician, on that head. As a matter of fact Pike and myself were often at loggerheads in the American newspapers, and he would have been delighted to have sent Lucifer, if he had had him at his call, all over the world to demolish Mizraim and Memphis. The Rituals of the degrees of the Scottish Rite are all well known to me. I am a 33° of the Scottish Rite under the certificates of various Jurisdictions, some under Pike's Alliance, some under his Cerneau opponents, and I can safely say that there is neither a Dogmatic Directory nor a Luciferian colour in any of the Rituals, they are all tamely

orthodox. I now approach another part of the subject which is more particularly my own; and here also there is a basis of truth upon which a superstructure of falsehood has been erected; following Mr. Waite's excellent "Devil Worship in France," I find that the Grand Italian Initiator of these Revelators was Brother G. B. Pessina, of Naples, Grand Master of the Italian Rite of Mizraim.

That patriotic Mason General Guiseppe Garibaldi was an Honorary 33°-96° of Egypt, an Honorary G.M. 33° of Pessina's body, and a member of the S.G.C. 33° at Rome; but with this latter power he had some difference. Garibaldi had no political ability, but he was, what is much more reputable, an honest man, and he had, what I never yet found in an Englishman, the unselfishness to decline titles and money for services rendered his country; and like another, *Cincinnatus*, retired to live upon his barren farm. On this account I arranged with the Grand Masters of the A. and P. Rite in the four quarters of the world, to accept Garibaldi as Imperial Grand Master, and thus to confederate the Rite under the signatures of the various Grand Masters. The treaty thus effected is innocent enough, I enclose an unsigned copy, and you are at perfect liberty to make whatever use you like of it. Unfortunately in the case of Egypt, they had taken an earlier step of which I was then unaware, for upon the death of Jacques Etienne Marconis they had elected the Marquis de Beauregard as his successor, and this complicated matters a little. Upon the death of Garibaldi, Pessina was very anxious to become his successor, and drew up a code of laws by which the power would rest in Naples, and certain fees had to be paid to himself, but these laws were accepted by no one but himself. Pessina wished an election to take place, I opposed it on the grounds that we had no satisfactory person to succeed Garibaldi, unless it was Dr. Alex. B. Mott, Grand Master of America, but that it was better in the meantime to recognise Egypt, and in any case, the universally unrecognised Pessina was not a suitable man for the post. However, he insisted upon going to ballot, and Canada agreed to his election for three years; Spain also worked with him for a time, but soon threw him overboard. Pessina immediately proved my words that he was quite unfit for his post. Contemporary with Marconis there existed a person in the United States named Calvin C. Burt, soon expelled from American Masonry, previously to which he was appointed a 33°-95° with power to receive members, and had a photographed copy of Marconis Charter given to him. He began work, pocketed the fees, was expelled the Rite, and still continued his degradations. After a while the photographed charter, rituals, &c., were purchased by Darius Wilson, who began the same business, and Pessina recognised him. The result of this was that Pessina and Wilson began a series of annoyances in this country, they offered charters to Ireland, which Ireland refused; they did the same with Scotland, and a couple of expelled and suspended Scottish Craftsmen accepted, and established a species of irregular Grand Council. I thought under these circumstances it was best to let the Rite rest till this discordance was entirely eliminated. One of the things that Pessina said about me was that I had the desire to succeed Garibaldi myself, an ungrateful untruth, and I mention it here, because it is one of the things that proves that Hicks alias Bataille was acquainted with Pessina.

Now following Mr. Waite, I will notice the following matters. Bataille begins his narrative by saying that he met a man of the name of Carbuccia who had paid Pessina 200 francs (not an extravagant sum) for a Patent of his 33°, that Manchester Initiates had inducted this Carbuccia into Kabalism and Hermetic Philosophy, and that he had seen Lucifer, the idol Baphomet, &c., at a meeting in Ceylon. I can safely and emphatically say that no such man ever visited Manchester, or had any, the least, information from Manchester Masons.

Bataille followed Carbuccia's example and paid Pessina 600 francs for a Patent of his 33°—visited Charleston, and its Eastern dependencies. He equally alleges that he visited me in Manchester, and heard from my lips that I aspired to succeed Garibaldi; it is an infamous lie, but it seems to prove that he knew Pessina.

I now come to Margiotta, and his titles are equally those of Pessina's Rite; it appears that Margiotta was friendly with an old correspondent of mine of the name of Oreste G. Cecchi, a 33° of the acknowledged S.G.C. of Turin. Margiotta was also Venerable of the Lodge Giordano Bruno, where he stated that he was under instructions to carry out the Orders of a Dogmatic Directory; I also am an Honorary Venerable of that Lodge, but I have never yet heard of any Dogmatic Directory in any part of the world. He alleges that Manchester was represented at Rome in the election of Lemmi as Supreme Chief; the sole truth of this lies in the fact that I once commissioned the Illustrious Brother Cecchi as my representative at some innocent social function at Rome. This is the very modest basis of truth.

What really to think of Margiotta I scarcely know. Let the reader judge for himself. One night, after a meeting, Pessina

and his Officers met together at the former's house, and Margiotta was permitted to see the Devil proceeding out of a whisky bottle! At Cecchi's beautiful old walled garden he was shown a tame goat, which Margiotta professes to believe was a Materialisation of the G.A. of the U. who is Lucifer. Now I really believe in both White and Black Magic, but the things recorded in Mr. Waite's book are impossibilities; had any of them seen me personally, I should have made no secret of it, for as a matter of fact I have largely experimented in these matters, with exceptional success; probably tenfold more than those against whom the most serious charges are made, and therefore I should not have escaped with the paltry allegations they have made against me.

But in regard to the existence of a sect of non-Masonic Luciferians in Paris, I am inclined to think with Mr. Waite that it is more than probable; and that the purloining in various parts of France of the Consecrated Host is a proof of it. Not a month ago a friend sent for my perusal the "Mage Magnetic" of Cahagnet (Paris 1858), in which is a Ritual of Black Magic, the Rites said to be in use in some parts of France for invoking evil spirits, and Cahagnet was not the man to devise such a Ritual himself, he was of a different stamp to these men, who are in an organised conspiracy to damage Masonry; but the end of which will be that the Order will be strengthened by the ordeal through which it is passing; whilst the Catholic Church will be humiliated and confounded, more the pity.

I send the above, written in great haste, and amidst much pre-occupation, nothing concealing, or setting down ought in malice, it is the simple truth, and explains how I came to be mixed up in these charges, together with others who probably think themselves much more orthodox than your humble servant.

JOHN YARKER.

TREATY BETWEEN THE ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF
MASONRY,
OR ORIENTAL ORDER OF MEMPHIS, OR OF EGYPT, IN GREAT BRITAIN AND
IRELAND,

IN IN
AND RATIFIED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTERS.

To the Glory of the Sublime Architect of the Universe;

Salutation on all Points of the Triangle;

Respect to the Order.

Peace, Tolerance, Truth.

To all Illustrious and Enlightened Masons throughout the World.—

Union, Prosperity, Friendship, Fraternity.

Know Ye, The Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Masters and Hierophants of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, in Great Britain and Ireland, in having judged it expedient in the interest of our well-beloved Rite that such regulations should be made between them, the High Contracting Parties, as may tend to unite more closely Brethren of their several jurisdictions, and to promote the interchange of courtesy and hospitality, have agreed to conclude a Treaty, between the Sovereign Powers over which they respectively preside, and to promote such union have decreed the following articles, viz. :—

I.

The Treaty, or Contracting Parties, mutually agree to recognise one Supreme Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Hierophant, and Honorary Grand Patron, who shall be, *ad vitam*, the Most Illustrious Brother General Giuseppe Garibaldi, 33—97°, of Italy, as successor to the Illustrious and Enlightened Brother Jacques Et. Marconis, 33—97°, Paris, France.

II.

All Illustrious Brethren visiting or joining Chapters, Senates, or Councils in the jurisdiction of any of the Contracting Parties, shall be received, according to their rank at home, on an equal footing with those among whom they may respectively come, taking precedence according to their degree, and amongst those of equal rank, according to the dates of their respective patents of creation.

III.

The Contracting Parties agree that none of them will issue any Charter, Warrant, or Patent, authorising the establishment of any Chapter, Senate, or Council, or the reception of any Member of the Rite, within the jurisdiction of the other.

IV.

The Contracting Parties agree to render their Statutes, Laws, Ordinances, Forms, Rituals, and other matters as homologous as the circumstances and requirements of their several jurisdictions will admit.

V.

The Contracting Parties agree to fraternise, so far as relative circumstances will permit, with all friendly Rites, but to hold no intercourse with or recognise any Masonic Body, Rite, or Power within the territory of any of them, or within any foreign territory, unless such Rite or Power maintains amicable relations with our Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, or Oriental Order of Memphis, or of Egypt.

VI.

All judgments, decrees, or sentences pronounced by the competent Supreme Authority in the territory of the Contracting Parties shall be valid and executory in the others without further process; and no appeal, error, or review shall lie against such judgment, decrees, or sentences except in the

Supreme Court of the country from which they emanated, save by special licence and authority or delegation under hand and seal of the Sovereign Grand Master of such country; and in such case any judgment pronounced thereon shall be final.

VII.

The Contracting Parties further agree that all judicial acts done according to law by one of them shall be communicated to the other, and thereupon published throughout the jurisdiction of the same, and any act of contumacy punished by the authority of such country shall be regarded by the other as contumacy against its own Judicial Act.

VIII.

The Contracting Parties shall be at liberty to send reciprocally a Representative or Legate to be accredited to each other respectively, who shall receive all the honours due to his Representative position.

IX.

The Contracting Parties agree that all advantages of this Treaty may hereafter be extended to regular and legitimate Sovereign Powers of our Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, 33—95°, in all states, kingdoms, or empires not included herein.

X.

Any disputes or disagreements which may arise on any of these articles shall be referred to the mediation and decision of the Supreme Sovereign Grand Master, under Article I.

In witness whereof the abovenamed Grand Masters have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and date undernoted, 000,000,881.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Carlisle, on Friday, 6th inst., under the presidency of Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Provincial Grand Master. In addition to the usual business, which was transacted under the banner of Union Lodge, the proceedings included a procession to St. Paul's Church, followed by a banquet.

PROPOSED NEW LODGE FOR ESSEX.

PERMISSION was recently sought of the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master of Essex to form a Lodge at Burnham-on-Crouch. This was granted, and on Tuesday of last week a meeting took place at Bro. F. H. Bright's office, to appoint the first Officers and transact other business. There were present Bros. Dr. R. Gorton Coombe, F. H. Bright, E. Gowers, F. Green, W. J. Nicholls, Peter Richmond, J. B. Richmond, and D. S. Hawkins. Bro. Howard Flanders telegraphed his regret at being unable to attend. It was decided to call the Lodge the "Crouch." The probable home of the Lodge will be at the Temperance Hotel. Bro. Bright was nominated W.M., Dr. Coombe S.W., J. B. Richmond J.W., W. J. Nicholls Secretary, and E. Gowers Treasurer. It is expected that the Earl of Warwick will attend the consecration of the Lodge, as soon as the necessary forms have been observed.

The election meeting of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362 was held on Wednesday, when Bro. T. W. Mogford was chosen as Worshipful Master in succession to his brother, Bro. G. D. Mogford. We hope to give a detailed report in our next issue.

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There was a very large gathering at the Kirby (late the Clarence) Lodge of Instruction, No. 263, on Tuesday, at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the occasion of the fifth Festival of the Lodge, which was in every way a success. We shall give fuller details in our next issue.

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The borough of Longton is bestirring itself for the purpose of giving a fitting reception when the Prince of Wales visits the town in January. According to present arrangements, the stone-laying of the new public building will be conducted with Masonic rites, and the Officers of Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, and the Officers of P.G. Lodge will attend to assist the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the ceremony.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON Thursday, the remains of Bro. Harry Alma Thomas were interred at Hampstead Cemetery, in the presence of many Brethren and friends. The Galen Lodge, of which the deceased was I.G., was represented by Bros. Morrisson W.M., Carteighe S.W., and Bascombe S.D. Our late Brother, though only a young Mason, took a very great interest in the Craft, and was only forty-two years of age.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE CONVERSAZIONE.

THE second annual conversazione of this Lodge was held in the King's Hall, of the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday of last week, under the most favourable auspices, a numerous company, including several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and a large proportion of ladies assembling to take part in the proceedings, among them being some foreign Brethren, dressed in the regalia of their respective countries.

These gatherings promise to become very popular among the members of the Craft, and the thanks of the Brethren are certainly due to this Lodge for the researches its members have made into the antiquity of Freemasonry, and other matters that pertain to the Order.

A very interesting exhibition of jewels, medals and clothing from various parts of the world was displayed in cases about the room, and attracted considerable attention from the fair sex, some of whom openly expressed the gratification they would have to wear such lovely adornments. From a Masonic point of view the principal objects of the exhibition were:—A Senior Warden's Silver Collar jewel engraved with emblems of Lodge Ballygawley, No. 679, Ireland; a medallion jewel of Battersea enamel; an oval pierced gilt jewel, dated 1722; a very gorgeous Past Master's jewel in brilliants, presented to Bro. George Scott by Lodges 124, 145 and 374, in 1819; bronze square and compasses dug up at Corfu with coins and vessels of ninth century; a silver gilt medal of Lodge La Vertu, at Leyden, 1807; Badge of the General Grand Chapter of Topeka, Illinois; a jewel of an Officer of the Grand Lodge of the three Globes, Berlin; an old Scottish 32° Eagle beautifully carved in mother-of-pearl; an old French Star for Royal Order of Scotland, partly worked in silk thread, eighteenth century; several jewels and badges from Denmark, Hungary, Switzerland and Germany, which we are unable to detail.

Among the clothing shown by the Lodge was an ancient hand painted apron, collar and jewel of 1750; a Royal Arch Apron and sash, 1797; some old Knight Templar aprons of leather, &c.

There were also some rare and quaint French Masonic engravings, and some specimens of Masonic pottery in the shape of punch bowls, mugs and firing glasses.

The entertainment was under the direction of Bros. Edward Macbean W.M., R. F. Gould P.G.D., Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley P.G.D. Ireland, T. B. Whytehead P.G.S.B., and Major J. H. Leslie. Bro. W. H. Rylands P.A.G.D.C. was in charge of the Masonic exhibits, and Bro. Sydney T. Klein, F.R.A.S., undertook by means of numerous microscopes to illustrate some of the hidden mysteries of nature and science, including the famous Röntgen X Rays. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Gotthelf Greiner and Max Laistner, of the Pilgrim Lodge, and formed not the least attractive feature of the evening.

A telegram to the Galignani "Daily Messenger," dated Rome, 5th November, states: "The Grand Master of the Italian Freemasons Signor Ernest Nathan has gone to Milan with a view to end a discord which has broken out between the Freemasons of Milan and their Brethren in Rome. The Milan Lodges, it appears, complain of the abolition of certain long-existing ceremonies by the Grand Orient Lodge of Rome, and have at the same time assumed a rather Radical attitude. To give an opportunity for discussion and reconciliation a large banquet was prepared in Milan, at which twenty-four representatives of twenty-two Lodges, Lombardian, Piedmontese, Ligurian, Venetian, and Lodge Emilia of Switzerland, were present, but the recalcitrants held aloof. Signor Nathan has shown signs of a disposition to favour innovations."

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The Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of the Transvaal Bro. Geo. Richards has consented to take the chair at the first annual festival to be held at Johannesburg next April in connection with the Transvaal Masonic Educational Institution, which is about to be erected in the Golden City.

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A special service for Freemasons of the neighbourhood will be held at St. Paul's Church, Devonport, on Sunday afternoon next, when the preacher will be Bro. the Rev. H. M. Millett, Vicar of Millbrook, P.G.C. Cornwall S.W. 893. The collection will be given to the Royal Albert Hospital.

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The Countess of Warwick, who was accompanied by the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, distributed the prizes to the successful pupils of the Barking Technical Education Schools on Wednesday.

FREEMASONRY.

By Archibald T. Dunn, F.R.H.S., in the "Catholic Times."

1.—ITS HISTORICAL POSITION.

THE fact that the Anti-Masonic Congress which has been recently held at Trent was attended by so many eminent Catholics and representative men from many countries, and that its labours were blessed by the Holy Father in a special message, has attracted attention to the Order or Craft known as "Freemasons." In this country we are accustomed to look upon Freemasonry as a social organisation, similar to many others, such as the Oddfellows, the "Foresters," the "Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes," the "Shepherds," the "Hearts of Oak," and many others having titles which are ridiculous and puerile.

But the Freemasons' Craft stands at the head of these, both in antiquity and number. It has been established in many countries both of the Old and the New World; it counts among its members the most eminent personalities both in social and political life; it commands the Governments and the Press of many States; and, finally, its work, where it has the power, is distinctly anti-Christian, and specially directed against the Catholic Church. These tendencies and these results have been detected by the occupants of the Chair of St. Peter, and pointed out to the Catholics of the world in solemn Bulls which have been issued by several Popes—by Clement XII. in 1738; by Benedict XIV. in 1751; by Pius IX., who called it "The Army of Satan" and finally by the Holy Father Leo XIII.

These Apostolical Letters point out to us Catholics our duty and our attitude towards Freemasonry in general. But, on the other hand, Freemasonry in England is so apparently harmless, and so evidently "respectable" through the dignity of the names connected with it, that we are sometimes tempted to believe that the accusations made against the Craft must be either libellous or based upon misunderstanding. So we are assured by friends who are members of the Craft, some of them Masters or Past Masters of Lodges, and therefore, presumably, persons whose opinions and statements are worthy of credit. And they inform us that there is nothing in the teachings of Freemasonry which is at all antagonistic to the principles of the Church. What, then, are we to believe? Our belief naturally accords with that of the Holy Father. For "Roma locuta est."

It seems, therefore, that the time has come for us in England to examine into the origin, history, and objects of the craft.

And first, as regards the assumptions made by Masonic writers as to its supposed antiquity. These are sufficiently amusing to justify us in reproducing some of the assertions made from time to time by prominent members of the Order—one might even say leaders. Let us hear them.

Mr. R. Freke Gould, who describes himself as "Past Senior Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge of England," has recently written the "History of Freemasonry, etc., derived from official sources." The work is an important one, in six volumes quarto, and is dedicated by permission to the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of England. It would be impossible to quote a higher or more reliable authority on the subject. Mr. Gould says:

"Masonic writers have made Masons of every man of note from Adam to Nimrod and Solomon. Some say that Masonry was introduced into England by 'Brank, a King of the Trojan race, and into Ireland by Jeremiah (!); that 27,000 Masons went to the Crusades; and that Luther was received into the Society on Christmas night, 1520, just fifteen days after he had burned the Pope's Bull. These are all creations of the fancy and fabulous narrations" (Vol. II., p. 5). This is, at least, honest on the part of Mr. Gould. But it must be pointed out that in the speeches of prominent Freemasons, which appear now and then in the public Press, these or similar pretensions to antiquity continue to be put forward. These amusing and fanciful pedigrees are by no means new in the Craft, however.

In 1730 a Freemason named Pritchard wrote a work called "The Origin of Freemasonry," in which he said: "At the building of the Tower of Babel the art and mystery of Freemasonry was first introduced, and from thence handed down by Euclid, and he communicated it to Hiram, the Master Mason of Solomon's Temple" (!). Now, Solomon's Temple was built 1004 years before the Christian era, while Euclid lived only 270 years before Christ.

Again, in 1763, Captain George Smith, Inspector of the Royal Artillery Academy at Woolwich, the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, published "The Use and Abuse of Freemasonry," in which he tried to show that it was coeval with the Creation. The Rev. Dr. Dodd, "Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge," in his oration delivered at the opening of Freemasons' Hall, London, quite agreed with this theory. Another Masonic writer said that "Masonry is derived from the religion of the ancient Druids, who were priests of the sun, which they worshipped. The sun is the central figure on their aprons, and they wear it also pendant on their breasts in their Lodges and their processions. The Druids, like the Magi of Persia and the priests of Heliopolis in Egypt, were priests of the sun. They paid worship to this great luminary as the great visible agent of a great invisible cause, whom they styled 'Time without limits.' Another favourite fiction of the Freemasons is that their Craft was founded by the Templars of the Middle Ages. Now, the Order of Templars was suppressed in 1312, and all its members were dispersed at once, while the Freemasons only came into existence, as Mr. Freke Gould informs us, in 1717.

It would seem that one of the boasted mysterious secrets of the Craft must be the art of reconciling incompatible dates and historical facts.

(To be continued.)

ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

THE correspondence under this heading is thus continued in our contemporary, the "Tablet." We have directed attention to the second of these letters in our editorial.

SIR,—In answer to "F.O.B." I must respectfully, but firmly, object to one or two well meant, but, to my mind, unwarranted statements. 1. About my presumed practical inexperience of English Freemasonry, as a Catholic, whereas he implies that he, when a Protestant, had practical experience of all that English Freemasonry really is. Now I differ from him here. First, as a Catholic priest I assure him that I know more, theoretically and practically, about its real inner workings than he bargains for, and that, whether I derive it from proofs "a priori or a posteriori," I do not now intend to state, but I assure him that I do know. I know also that the real secrets are kept sedulously by Masonry in this country from the vast majority of its dupes, who are led to take the oath and join its ranks much in the way your correspondent states, viz., by assurances as vague as they are general, that there is no secret incompatible with their civil, moral, or religious duties. It may be, and often is, the case that both the one who persuades another to join as well as the one persuaded are in complete ignorance of anything detrimental to any of man's duties to God and his neighbour. It is part of the policy of Masonry not to let its dupes in England know too much, to cover over its true character in their eyes with an outward show of philanthropy, benevolence, brotherhood, and other such expressions, which, when used by true "Freemasonry as it is," mean mendacity, humbug, cant, and even blasphemy, for Masonry, in truth, is not the upholder, but the uprooter, of philanthropy, benevolence, brotherhood, &c. Yet it is superlatively diplomatic, and plays its cards well in this country; it does not show its true and best cards to its dupes, but to its more "enlightened" and "more practically experienced" Brethren on the Continent, with whom it forms one compact body with the same end in view. Your correspondent has, I trust, been reading the admirable exposure of Masonry now appearing weekly in one of our well known Catholic contemporaries. If so he will come to the same conclusion as I do as to all Masonry.

Whatever "F.O.B." may think about my "practical inexperience" of English Freemasonry, I am proud to know that, for the honour of most English members of the Craft, there is revealed simply nothing about the real character of the secret society they have sworn fealty to. To any attentive reader of your correspondent's last letter it will easily occur, as it immediately did to me, that his real knowledge and practical "experience" of English Masonry is not merely extremely qualified, but is practically nil. He is not the only one. Even the post of the Grand Master does not mean for him who holds it any greater knowledge of the Society beyond the nonsense contained in the "Masonic Ritual." There is a dark recess into which he dare not, cannot penetrate. All he knows are the grips and signs, and the so-called great secrets of the degree he belongs to. High posts in the governing body of this Society do not bring to those who fill them a paramount acquaintance with the dark secrets, but generally a lesser knowledge than what is possessed by many English Masons that form the mere rank and file.

Regarding the oath, I am glad to see he does not question the accuracy of my quotation, nor the thorough genuineness of the Masonic Ritual from which I quoted. I gather from his letter that with certain assurances of its harmlessness and the honesty of secrets they swear to keep, many Englishmen are induced, as he once was, to take the oath.

Now, without questioning for one moment the innocence of motive in taking the oath under these conditions, I cannot see how men can be so blind as not to see that (1) they are taking a most sacred oath of fealty to a Society which legally has no status, no right, human or divine, to exact an oath from them. (2) If the secrets are all good, pious, and straightforward, why so much secrecy, such solemnity, such calling of the Almighty down to witness such laying one's self open to have murder done upon him if he reveals? Would I as a priest have any right even in a good cause, and with regard to secrets that are perfectly good *in se*, have any right to ask "F.O.B." to swear an oath to keep them, and if he did not, could I make him lay himself completely at my mercy to kill him, or in any way injure him? If I have no such power, then who has given this right to English Freemasonry? Christians are taught that oaths may never be taken, unless our own honour or our neighbour's honour, &c., require it, or without just reason. Will he kindly explain what just reason has Freemasonry to exact an oath or solemn vow, with horrible threats of murder attached to the formula, if the matter that makes up the secret is after all harmless, "not contrary to man's social, religious, and moral duties?" If so, then why the secrecy, the swearing of an oath, the hempen rope, the drawn sword, and the passing of the thumb across the throat as pointing out in dumb show what will really be done if the person reveals? Perhaps his "practical experience" may enlighten.

Yours truly,

NORBERT JONES, C.R.L.

Sidmouth.

SIR,—The letter signed "F.O.B." in your paper of 10th October, is the best I have seen regarding the matter of Freemasonry. If we are to know anything for certain about it, we must ask those who have been members. What a shame to be talking of Baptism of Fire for instance, when here's an ex-Mason who denies its existence. How disgraceful to speak of a Luciferian temple in Charleston, South Carolina, when Charleston people who should know, don't know anything of it! How childish to pay so much attention to this bugaboo of a Diana Vaughan! How sad to find Catholics in America referring one to Italy for Masonic crimes, and Catholics in Italy asseverating that these occur in the State of New York—the case of Morgan for example. Ask the Masons who have become Catholics. Ask Englishmen and Americans. Other testimony will never do for us. For my part I have been waiting for nearly twenty years to hear what the Marquis of Ripon, who had reached the 33°, and was head of all the Masons in England, has to say of his former associates and Brethren.

In apology for his silence, one said to me: "He's a gentleman." But even gentlemen can disclose secrets when there is a sufficient cause, nay, are bound to reveal them. If Freemasonry be half as bad as it is said to be, the common good requires that it should be unmasked, all promises and so-called gentlemanly codes of honour to the contrary notwithstanding.

EDWARD MCSWEENEY.

Mount St. Mary's College, Maryland, U.S.A.

THE QUEEN'S LONG REIGN.

SOME Freemasons, whose example will probably be followed by others, have decided to commemorate the long reign of her Majesty the Queen by Masonic services in the various churches. What will probably be the first service of this kind will be held at St. Catherine's Church, Hatcham, on Sunday, 22nd inst. A Committee of local Masons has been formed, and a dispensation obtained to wear Masonic clothing and jewels (Arch and Craft). The preacher will be Bro. the Rev. J. S. Barrass, M.A., Rector of St. Michael's Bassishaw, Basinghall Street. The collection will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and to the placing of a suitable memorial in the church. It is stated that at an early date similar services will be held throughout the country.—"Daily News."

CENTENARY AT CARLISLE.

ON Friday, 6th inst., the Union Lodge, No. 310, which was formed in July 1796, celebrated their centenary at Carlisle. The original Warrant establishing the Lodge was signed by the Earl of Moira acting Grand Master.

On Saturday afternoon Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire laid the foundation stone of new Volunteer barracks for the first battalion of the East Lancashire regiment, at Darwen, with full Masonic honours. There was a great gathering of Volunteers, followed by a reception.

The Annual banquet of the St. John's Lodge of Instruction No. 1343, took place on Wednesday, at Grays, Essex, with remarkable success. We are obliged to hold over the report until next week.

We are compelled to hold over several items of news this week, among other matters reports of different Lodge of Instruction meetings.

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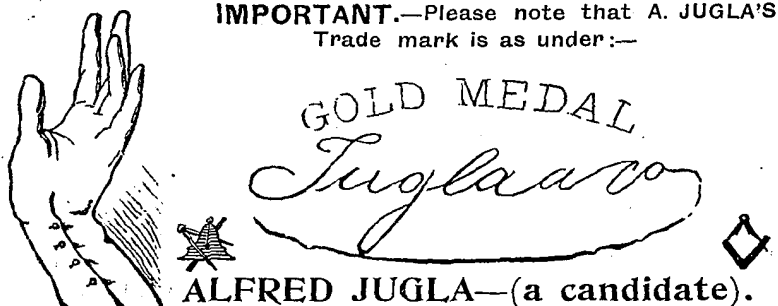
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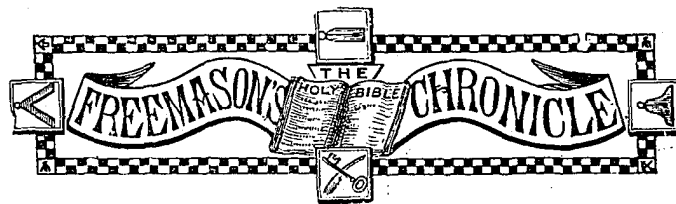
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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 5th inst., the Grand Master Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., presiding, with the Earl of Rosslyn Senior Grand Warden, and Major E. W. Allan Junior Grand Warden. There was a large attendance.

A statement submitted by the Grand Treasurer showed that for the quarter ending 24th October the income had been £717, being £152 in excess of the expenditure. There had been 802 entrants to the Order. During the same period £90 had been given in grants to distressed Brethren or to the widows of Masons.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of Office-Bearers for the ensuing year. The minutes of Grand Committee on this subject bore that the Grand Master stated to them that his term of office would expire in November, and that on referring to the list of Past Grand Masters he found that of the seventy-three gentlemen who had preceded him in the office of the Grand Master three only had exceeded three years consecutive service, and that he knew that there were others on the roll for promotion to the highest honour in the gift of Grand Lodge. He was aware that there were special circumstances under which in two instances the period of service was prolonged beyond three years, but in his own case no such reasons existed. From a consideration of these facts, and the knowledge that at present there was no disturbing element in the administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge, which were never in a more flourishing condition, he respectfully declined re-nomination for election as Grand Master. On the motion of Brother Colonel John Campbell, Perth, seconded by Brother Christie, Stirling, and supported by Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, it was unanimously agreed that the best thanks of Grand Committee be given to Sir Charles Dalrymple for the most efficient and highly acceptable discharge of the duties of the Masonic throne during the three years just ending.

The Grand Master, in nominating his successor, said no justification was required for his own withdrawal from re-election, for it had been the rarest thing for a Grand Master to hold office for over three years. He had very great pleasure in moving the nomination of Lord Saltoun, who had served in the offices of Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden, and Substitute and Depute Grand Master. He was a hearty and loyal Mason, had very greatly at heart the interests of Masonry in Scotland, and he could not but think that his lordship would fulfil in a manner of which they would approve the grave duties of the office.

This was seconded by Bro W. Officer, S.S.C., and carried with acclamation.

Lord Rosslyn made graceful reference to the manner in which Sir Charles Dalrymple had discharged the duties of the chair, and moved that a hearty vote of thanks be minuted for his most valuable services to Freemasonry in Scotland.

Bro. Charles Payne, who performed the responsible duties of Director of Ceremonies so satisfactorily on the occasion of the Prince of Wales unveiling the bust of Lord Suffield at the Agricultural Hall, Norwich, has received a pleasing souvenir of the event in the form of a photograph of his Royal Highness, in the Grand Master's clothing, and inscribed with his signature as G.M. Lord Suffield, the G.M. of the Province, sent Bro. Payne the following letter:—

Sandringham, Norfolk,
1st November 1896.

DEAR BRO. PAYNE,—I am directed by the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to send you the enclosed, which was forwarded to me by Bro. Mills for H.R.H.'s signature. The Prince of Wales was much pleased with the appearance of the Provincial Grand Lodge Room in Norwich on the occasion of the presentation of my bust, and understood that you were the principal person who decorated and arranged all so entirely satisfactorily. I personally expressed to you my own appreciation of your efforts.

I am, dear Bro. Payne,

Yours fraternally,

SUFFIELD.

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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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

WE must sincerely congratulate Bro. John A. Harrison upon the altogether admirable manner in which he presided over this Lodge as W.M. at the first meeting after his installation, which was held at the Masonic Temple, Criterion Restaurant, on the 6th. Bro. Harrison was ably supported by his Officers, who contributed to the general effect by the perfect way in which their duties were performed. They were Bros. Walter Clifford I.P.M., W. C. Hooper S.W., John Foss J.W., Walter J. W. Beard P.M. Treasurer, Will E. Chapman P.A.D.C. Secretary, Lionel W. Harris S.D., W. Sergeant Lee D.C., and G. P. Hadley I.G.

There was a full attendance of the members of the Lodge, and the following visitors were also present:—Bros. Imre Kiralfy W.M.-elect of the Empress Lodge 2581, F. Driver P.M. 45, R. J. C. Davis P.M. 1694, Frederick Long I.P.M. 143, Dr. T. Wholey W.M. 2470, Arthur Cohen 180, J. K. Frost 1673, Sidney H. Baker 2265, Orilton Cooper P.M. 211, and others.

It was a somewhat trying ordeal for the new Master, seeing that the entire three ceremonies had to be performed, but Bro. Harrison proved more than equal to the occasion, for not only did he work the prescribed ritual in the three degrees, but closed down the Lodge, and would doubtless have given the addresses to the candidates but time and circumstances did not permit.

Bro. George Marlow Pratt was raised in the third degree, and took his seat as a Master Mason; Bro. Osmond was passed as a Fellow Craft; and Messrs. Samuel Garcia Asher, Robert Green, R. V. Shone, and Dr. Herbert White having been duly approved were regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. Edmund Emilius Parsons Ludlow, of the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 857, was admitted as a joining member. Bro. Austin J.D. having resigned, the W.M. appointed and invested Bro. W. Sergeant Lee in his stead, and Bro. P.M. Cleave was appointed as D.C.

Bro. H. Thompson Lyne presented the Lodge with a splendid album, and Bro. Harrison humourously expressed the hope that all the members would send their "effigies," in order that they might be identified in case of emergency. A vote of congratulation was accorded to Bro. Will E. Chapman upon his promotion to the rank of Grand Officer, and he was duly saluted by the Brethren, for which he briefly returned thanks.

With reference to the gift of thirty guineas so pleasingly bestowed by Bro. Imre Kiralfy to the Lodge Benevolent Fund, as recorded in these columns, it was resolved that an additional thirty guineas be given by the Lodge, so as to make it a Life Subscriber to the three Masonic Charities. Past Master's collars and jewels were ordered for the use of Bros. Osmond Carr and Walter Clifford.

There being no other business the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to refreshment. The excellent work of the Master was the topic of the evening, and all the visiting Past Masters were unanimous in their opinion that their visit had proved a Masonic treat. With such a talented company it is needless to say that the postprandial entertainment was a success, each of the initiates distinguishing himself either with songs, recitations or piano performances.

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LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., Bro. Saml. Gaskill W.M. The principal business of the evening was that of initiating Mr. Joseph Winslow Scott, Engineer, Newton Heath. Bro. R. Alf. Hepworth I.P.M. performed the ceremony, with the assistance of Bro. Herbert A. Owles S.W., who delivered the ancient charge to the candidate in his own peculiarly impressive manner.

Subsequently the Brethren adjourned to the festive board, where a very pleasant evening was spent, the Loyal and Masonic toasts being relieved by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. John Studd P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. M. H. Blamey P.M., E. Roberts P.M., J. G. Mead Sec., Nuttall, Simpson, J. S. Derbyshire I.G. 1045, and J. G. Pittam Org. 1993.

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HUMPHREY CHETHAM LODGE, No. 645.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, 4th inst., Bro. James Andrew Orrell W.M., there being a good attendance. As indicated by the summons, there was not only a ballot due for a joining member, but also a ceremony in each of the degrees. Of the latter, however, only two were taken, viz., the initiation of Mr. Samuel Faulkner Orrell, and the raising to the sublime degree of Bro. Roger Neale Carter, after which the Brethren adjourned.

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PELHAM PILLAR LODGE, No. 792.

THE annual installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Grimsby, on Thursday, 5th inst., the Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Yarborough being amongst those present. The W.M. Bro. Charles Maddison P.S.G.W. was succeeded by Bro. William Hill.

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PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 959.

THE annual installation festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, 2nd inst., when Bro. Thomas Normandale was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, by Bro. R. H. Unsworth W.M.

After the conclusion of the business of the Lodge, the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent dinner was provided, and the customary toasts honoured.

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WAVERLEY LODGE, No. 1322.

THE twenty-sixth installation of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 29th ult., at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, there being present the largest number of Brethren ever seen in the Lodge. Immediately after the time appointed, Bro. J. Mercer Jones P.M. acting W.M. opened the proceedings, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Wright Wood P.M. presented Bro. Samuel Grundy S.W. (who had been unanimously appointed W.M.-elect) to receive the benefit of installation, the ceremony of which was ably performed by Bro. Jones, assisted by Past Masters Walter Newton P.P.G.J.D. as S.W., John Smith P.P.G.J.D. as J.W., Enos Andrew P.P.G.O. Cheshire as Organist, G. W. Davies Prov. Grand Steward as I.G. The ceremony, which was a musical one, was rendered in a very efficient manner. The new W.M. invested Bro. Walter Rawlinson as the I.P.M., and explained his jewel to him. He also performed the whole of the ceremony and investiture with respect to all other Officers, explaining fully the duties to each of them in a most able and impressive manner.

The following is a list of the Officers appointed and invested:—Bros. M. Newman S.W., A. Cooper J.W., W. Newton P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Treasurer, W. Eastwood P.P.G.S. Sec., W. Newton P.M. P.P.G.J.D. D.C., J. Mercer Jones P.M. Assistant D.C., Enos Andrew, Mus. D., P.P.G.O. Cheshire Org., Samuel Kirk Assistant Organist, James Travis S.D., Tom Ogden J.D., Robert Wood I.G., Augustus R. Hooper and George Parry Stewards, Dan Birkby Tyler.

Bro. Walter Newton presented the Working Tools in the three degrees; Bro. W. Eastwood delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren generally; and Bro. John Smith gave the concluding prayer, with which the installation ceremony was brought to a close. After all business had been disposed of, and hearty good wishes expressed by the large number of visiting Brethren for the new W.M., the Lodge was closed.

Subsequently an excellent banquet was served, presided over by Brother Samuel Grundy W.M., Loyal and Masonic toasts being drunk most heartily. A delightful entertainment had been provided, Bro. John Dronsfield reciting in his inimitable manner several sketches in the Lancashire dialect from the works of Edwin Waugh and Bro. Ben Brierley, which created much merriment. Bros. James Schofield, T. Ogden, H. Green and A. Cooper ably contributed to the vocal portion of the entertainment, assisted by Bro. E. Andrew at the pianoforte.

Bro. W. Rawlinson I.P.M. proposed the toast of the evening, the newly-made W.M., in a very neat speech, and spoke in high praise of the manner in which he had performed the whole of his duties in the Lodge, further adding that the Brethren felt proud of having that day placed Bro. Grundy in the high position he then occupied, and predicted a successful year of office both for him and the Lodge. These remarks were received with manifest approbation.

The song "Here's to his health" was excellently rendered by Bro. Green, the chorus at the finish of the last verse being repeated several times. After another song from Bro. Ogden, Bro. Samuel Grundy W.M., who was received with vociferous applause, responded, and thanked Bro. Rawlinson for his felicitous remarks, and the Brethren for the hearty response they had given to the toast of his health. He was aware the position of Worshipful Master carried with it duties and responsibilities which he assured them he would not shirk, and relying as he felt sure he could on the hearty co-operation and assistance of all the Brethren of the Waverley, and particularly of the Officers, he would do his utmost to maintain, if not to increase, its prestige as a Lodge for efficiency in working, and sincerely hoped that when he vacated the chair he should do so with honour to the Lodge and to himself, and that it might be truly said that amongst the many happy and prosperous years Waverley Lodge had seen, that under his rule might not be reckoned as the least of them. The speech was happily given and very warmly applauded.

Bro. Grundy then proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Masters, and said he felt sure he expressed the unanimous wish of all the Brethren to see the former more often among them (he living at Grimsby), and as to the latter, their work might be equalled, but few could excel it, and so long as the Lodge had Officers of such undoubted ability, its reputation would be maintained.

Bro. Jones, in reply, referred to the junior Brethren having, in the transference of the W.M. from the position of S.W., lost their Captain, and said that the W.M. had that day been appointed Commander in Chief to the whole of the Lodge.

The toasts of the Provincial Officers and Visiting Brethren were afterwards given and responded to, the latter being proposed by Bro. G. W. Davies, who said the W.M. ought to feel both proud and honoured by the brilliant assemblage gathered there, purposely to testify to him their appreciation of his fitness for the position of Master. The proceedings were shortly after brought to a close.

It should be mentioned that the floor was entirely covered with a new and beautiful Brussels carpet, of Masonic design, the Lodge room looking superb by its new adornment. It was the unanimous opinion of the Brethren that this was par excellence the most successful gathering in connection with the Waverley Lodge.

A communication from one of the visitors which it has been our privilege to see, congratulates Bro. Grundy upon his advent into the chair, and endorses all the flattering things uttered in his favour on this night. It further adds that Bro. Grundy acquitted himself most worthily, his investiture of the Officers being so well done that it was a real surprise to the visiting Brethren. "The Lodge," it says, "seems to have a good future before it, your good humour and genial presence being likely to help it on. It struck me on Thursday night that I ought to feel glad that I was not following close on your heels, for I am sure you have set a precedent which the junior Officers will not all be able to follow. I must sympathise with the 'young Brigade' at the loss of their Captain. Seeing the affliction is only temporary, they will soon get over the trouble in their strife for higher honours. I noticed some of the 'Old Brigade' are getting weak and feeble, and will soon require a Captain."

The new carpet is the nicest I have seen, and the menu card is simply a work of art. I was so pleased with it that I took one away. The dinner was also well served, in fact the best I ever sat down to."

Besides those previously mentioned, the following were present at the opening of the Lodge, viz., Brs. Albert Sumner P.M., Joseph Riley P.M., John Miller P.M., Geo. Manwood, Joseph Taylor, John T. Coles, Sam Moss, Alfred Adams, James Kershaw 300 P.P.G.D., W. Kenworthy 89 P.P.G.D.C.,

F. Read 89 P.P.A.D.C., T. L. Buckley 1218 P.G.J.D., Thos. Perrin 461 P.P.G.A.P., John Clayton 89 P.P.G.S.W. Ches., John Bottomley 324 P.P.G.S. D.C., Thos. Threlfall 1773 P.G.S., Jas. Fitton 268 P.P.G.S., Sam Hall I.P.M. 78, W. H. Buckley I.P.M. 1218, J. A. Wood P.M. 89, Jas. White P.M. 300, J. Marshall P.M. 336, Hy. B. Brown P.M. 581, J. O. Lawton P.M. 1408, J. Snell W.M. 300, Wm. Higson W.M. 324, H. Schofield W.M. 830, B. Aldred W.M. 1218, T. W. Travers W.M. 1354, J. P. Thomson W.M. 1774, Thos. Oldham 6 New York, Wm. C. Flint 1375, H. J. Widdows 2322, and many others as indicated in our remarks above. Several letters of apology for inability to attend were received.

WEST LANCASHIRE LODGE, No. 1403.

THIS Lodge, which was consecrated at Ormskirk, in September 1872, by the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, now Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro Grand Master, and has within the past two months been removed to Preston, held its installation meeting in the Masonic Hall, Bull and Royal Hotel, Preston, on Thursday, 29th ult. The outgoing Worshipful Master Bro. Geo. Lea ("Ormskirk Advertiser") was succeeded in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. J. R. Burrows (Fairfield, Liverpool), the installation ceremony being given in a most impressive manner by Bro. T. W. Rice P.Pr.G.W., in a representative Board of Installed Masters.

The Officers for the ensuing year were invested, as follow:—Bro. Geo. Lea I.P.M., J. S. Sommers S.W., J. Sellers J.W., J. Orritt P.M. Treas., Thomas Forrester P.P.G.Std.Br. Secretary, E. B. Leach S.D., W. L. Gee J.D., T. W. Rice P.Pr.G.W. D.C., G. Burton I.G.

Bro. Forrester was appointed Charity Representative. The balance sheet as audited was presented, received, and adopted, and showed the Lodge to be in a favourable position.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, 15th ult., Bro. E. S. Done W.M.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, and minor matters disposed of, the principal function of the day commenced, viz., that of installing Bro. F. W. Maxwell S.W. into the chair of King Solomon, this duty being undertaken by Bro. Wm. B. Midgley P.M., assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Maxwell was presented by Bro. W. W. Briggs P.M., and duly obligated as to the duties and qualifications of a Master, after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with. The newly-installed W.M. addressed and invested his I.P.M., the proclamations in the E, W. and S. being undertaken by Bro. Briggs, who also presented and explained the working tools of the various degrees. The address to the W.M. from the W. was delivered by Bro. Jno. W. Thompson P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treas., that from the E. to the Wardens by Bro. R. Hothersall P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., while that from the S. to the Brethren generally was given by Bro. Allan Mercer P.M. 1170. Bro. John Wardle P.M. Sec. invested and addressed the following Officers, viz., Bros. H. B. Fawcett S.W., Dr. Stephenson J.W., Jno. W. Thompson P.P.G.Std.Br. Treas., Jno. Wardle P.M. Sec., James Kershaw S.D., Geo. H. Nield J.D., Ashton Whitworth I.G., W. W. Briggs P.M. D.C., S. F. Simons P.M. Organist, Jno. B. Midgley, J. D. Ramage, D. McCarthy Stwds., R. Hothersall P.P.G.A.D.C. Charity Representative.

Hearty good wishes having been expressed by visitors, Bro. Maxwell closed the Lodge in peace and harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet. The services of several members and visitors were requisitioned, who relieved the various speeches by songs, &c., a very pleasant evening passing quickly away.

Bro. Done I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., predicted that he would fill the proud position of Master with infinite credit, and wished him long life and happiness.

Bro. Maxwell W.M., in reply, apologised at the onset for being an indifferent post-prandial speaker, and immediately proceeded to justify his denunciation of himself by a powerful "à outrance" oration, which was listened to with interest. He contended that he had not been placed in the chair of K.S. by reason of any personal merit which he might possess—it was rather one of the lucky revolutions of Fortune's wheel. He very humbly adverted to a few domestic matters which bore an analogicalness to his Masonic progress. For instance, five years ago that night was the first St. John's Festival which he was able to attend, then was registered the birth of his first infant, and now, five years hence, he had to announce that he was about to leave the neighbourhood of Prestwich, just as he had reached the highest position which the Brethren could bestow upon him. He hoped that their charter, which was twenty-one years old, might still pass unsullied downwards, and that it might be in his power to render it even more glorious than it was that day, and to this consummation,—that they might if possible make the annals of the Concord Lodge at least equal to, if not better than they had been before,—he hopefully looked forward to receiving the unstinted help of the Past Masters. With reference to the Charities, he said nothing could better show that Masonry was a real truth than those Institutions, and he would truly like to see in greater measure a method of providing for all indigent people. He hoped that Masonry might grow and be a living power in the land. In conclusion he added that if his words seemed feeble, his heart felt in every pulsation a thankfulness to them for placing him in the enviable position which he occupied that evening.

Bro. Maxwell, in very appropriate words, then presented to his predecessor in the chair a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which bore the following inscription:

Presented by the Brethren of the
Concord Lodge, 1534, Prestwich,
to Bro. C. S. Done,
W.M. 1895-6.
15th October 1896.

Other toasts followed. In addition to those mentioned above, we noticed that the following were present, viz., Bros. Edw. Hilton P.M., Ald. J. Stanley, John Marshall 61 P.P.G.P. West Yorks, W. H. Southern P.M. 992, H. G. Ward J.W. 993, Hy. Pleasance 633, G. H. Wade 992, and Dr. W. F. Dearden 2363.

ELLIOT LODGE, No. 1567.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 7th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, Middlesex, when there was a numerous

attendance of members and visitors to witness the installation of Bro. Wm. T. Dillon S.W.

Bro. T. I. Bird P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S.Br. Middx. W.M. presided, supported by the following Officers and members of the Lodge:—Bro. W. T. Dillon W.M.-elect S.W., S. Pardoe P.M. 1585 J.W., Harry Willsmer Secretary, E. W. Winter Chaplain, E. Brooker acting S.D., H. Dailey acting J.D., Langdon acting I.G., Mason and Millin Stewards, Howard H. Room P.G.St.Br. Eng. Prov. Grand Secretary, J. H. Pearson P.M., A. Bevis P.M., E. T. Taylor P.M., Past Prov. Grand Officers; Nichols I.P.M., Fagan, Fenn, Ditchman, Hume, Webster, Weedon, Tilley, Calley, Butterson, Keighley, Wadeson, Harris, Tyler, and T. C. Edmonds P.M. Tyler.

Visitors:—Bros. J. J. Thomas 753 V.Pres. Bd. Gen. Purposes, W. J. Stratton P.M., T. A. Grune P.M. 1719, Harry Rogers 1763, S. A. Bevan 1585, T. Matthews 1585, A. E. Horstead 1897, W. R. Hazell S.D. 2045, Frederick Jacob P.G.D.C. 1851, H. D. Pickell J.W. 1851, J. W. Smith 1701, G. Goatley 311, C. M. Walker 2455, F. W. Bishop 1056, G. H. Allen 1319, F. C. Tilley 1348, A. Unwin 753, S. A. Pardoe 1585, Wm. Briggs 1366, W. S. Wright I.G. 1996, E. V. New P.M. 173, W. C. Wigley P.M. 1348, E. W. Browning J.W. 2455, E. Delevanti Organist 2021, E. Webb 704, G. F. L. Foulger 1076.

Bro. Bird P.M. W.M. installed his successor into the chair of K.S., and delivered the addresses in a very impressive manner.

The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. S. J. Millin S.W., E. Brooker J.W., T. I. Bird P.M., &c. Secretary, Langdon S.D., Dailey J.D., Mason I.G., Calley, Ditchman, and King Stewards.

The Treasurer was not invested, in consequence of the illness of Bro. John Mason P.M., &c., who had been elected at the last meeting in October, but had since declined to hold the office any longer, his health having, much to the regret of the members, prevented him from attending for some time past.

The ballot having proved unanimously in favour of Messrs. F. J. Hood, G. Marvin and J. Cooper these three gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry according to custom, the W.M. giving convincing proof thus early of his capabilities for carrying out the duties of his high and important office, to his own credit and to the satisfaction of the Brethren.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet table—where a sumptuous repast was provided under the personal supervision of Bro. Harris.

The menu was very tastefully arranged, bearing an excellent likeness of Bro. Dillon the W.M., and during the evening other souvenirs of his installation meeting were presented to each member and visitor, as also was a signed cabinet photograph of Bro. T. I. Bird the retiring W.M., who has filled the chair of this Lodge in the years 1885 and 1895.

Bro. Bird was presented during the evening, by Bro. S. Pardoe P.M. and late J.W., on behalf "of a few friends," with a testimonial in recognition of his second Mastership.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received due recognition at the hands of the W.M. and I.P.M., and an excellent entertainment was provided by Bro. E. Delevanti Organist 2021, assisted by Miss Isabel Dillon, Bros. Arthur Court, G. T. Miles (Harp), Roland Henry and G. H. Allen.

JOSHUA NUNN LODGE, No. 2154.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 27th ult., in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall, Halstead, when there was a large gathering of Brethren, including several from London, Colchester, Maldon, Chelmsford, and elsewhere.

Bro. W. R. Errington was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremonial being performed by Bro. J. M. Knight P.M. 95 and 2154.

Mr. H. G. Cobb was initiated a member of the Order.

The banquet was afterwards held in the George Hotel, the toasts usual on such an occasion being duly honoured, and several Brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening.

The proceedings came to a close about 10 o'clock, a special train having been kindly arranged by the manager of the Colne Valley Railway for the convenience of Brethren from a distance. Miss Philbrick, of Wakes Colne, kindly sent a box of floral button-holes for the members and visitors.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John in connection with this Lodge took place in the large dining hall of the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 26th ult., the principal business of the day being that of installing Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. into the chair of K.S. The ceremony, which was undertaken by Bro. Henry Nall W.M. P.P.G.Tr. West Lancs., who had the assistance of other Past Masters, was made especially attractive by the fact that it was distinctly of a musical character, and although sans a great and pretentious orchestra, yet no pains had been spared to give it attractiveness and finish. So far as human judgment is capable of discerning, there was not a single hitch throughout the whole proceedings, and Bro. Nall, who was largely responsible for this fact, conveyed to the members and visitors alike an altogether memorable scene, which is one only of a lifetime. The following is a list of the Officers appointed and invested:—Bros. Edwyn A. Smith S.W., Thomas Hamnett J.W., F. W. Wollaston P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Chap., Joseph Hilton Treas., M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., Sam Luke S.D., S. H. Stubbs J.D., Seth Wrigley P.M. P.G.J.D. D.C., W. H. Purdy Org., F. Todd I.G., Dr. Councillor W. F. Dearden, H. Bowes, S. L. Watts, H. B. Muir Stewards.

Bro. Thomas was re-appointed Charity Representative.

We must not forget to mention that immediately after his installation, Bro. Hilton presented to the I.P.M. a very handsome jewel, which bore this inscription:—

Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, No. 2363.

Presented to

W. BRO. HENRY NALL P.M. P.P.G.Tr. (W.L.),
for his valuable services as Worshipful Master, 1895-6.
26th October 1896.

Following the business of installation was a magnificent banquet, provided by the management in that usually lavish style which a century or two ago would have brought into operation the sumptuary laws.

The Loyal toasts were proposed by the newly-installed W.M., who made neat references to the various members of the Royal Family.

Bro. John Chadwick P.G.S.B. Eng. replied to the toast of the Grand Officers, while that of the Provincial Officers received fitting responses from Bros. W. Goldthorpe P.P.G.Reg., Jas. W. Abbott P.M. W.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C.,

Jas. J. Lambert P.M. 1887 P.P.G.Reg. West Lancs. and H. G. Small P.M. 2868 P.G.D.C. Cheshire.

Bro. Nall I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, saying it had often occurred to him that amongst the ancient rules, regulations, and landmarks which had been made to perpetuate Freemasonry, there was none so important as that which provided the Lodge with a new Master annually. It is the hope of reward which sweetens labour, and it is a justifiable and praiseworthy object, that of aspiring to get to the principal chair. When a Brother is put into office, the knowledge of this fact adds a stimulus to his efforts, and he works with far greater éclat than if something blocked the way. No member of the Lodge had worked more enthusiastically than had Bro. Hilton; he was capable of increasing and maintaining its prestige, and of rendering the ceremonies in a perfect manner, with that solemnity, decorum, and impressiveness which are their due. Therefore his election to the chair of K.S. by them was the fulfilment of a very obvious duty which would not only honour him, but would also redound to their own credit, for he would set them an example which they need not fear to imitate.

Bro. Hilton W.M. responded. He said it was customary for a W.M. under similar circumstances to confess that he hardly knew what to utter, and he gave them credit for speaking the truth, for it was indeed difficult to collect one's thoughts. Several Brethren had sent letters and telegrams of apology for non-attendance that evening, but he had just received a telegram of a totally different nature from his dear wife who was then away from home. It was worded as follows:—"Love to you, and greetings to all the assembled company," a message which indicated at least that her sympathies were with him in the proceedings then taking place. His utterances as W.M. ought to be those of sincere thanks to them for electing him to preside over them, as also for the various tokens of good will on their part, and he hoped he might not disappoint their expectations. In the first place he must try to discharge his obligation towards Bro. Nall, trusting that he would be able to live up to his prophecies as to what he was capable of accomplishing. The heartiness with which his health had been drunk indicated to him that on the part of the Officers they meant to support him, while he, on the other hand, would do all he could to maintain the reputation which the Lodge had gained during the various terms of his predecessors. When placed in a similar position by the members of the Truth Lodge, he had found that the W.M. possessed a great amount of power, but he also found that the members themselves possessed a corresponding power, and if in the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge these two powers were combined, then there would be something like order. Bro. Hilton spoke of forthcoming work which he expected would very shortly confront the Officers, and also reverted to the anticipated presence of their lady friends at a soirée and picnic, at the same time advising his auditors to look up their sweethearts if they had not wives to accompany them. He sincerely hoped that during his year of Mastership nothing would occur to mar the Lodge proceedings, but that peace, order, and harmony would reign, and the best traditions of the Craft be upheld.

In subsequently proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Hilton mentioned the fact that Bro. Nall had not only been a Provincial Officer in the Craft, but in Royal Arch Masonry also. He had furthermore celebrated his occupancy of the chair, by making himself a Life Governor of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. They were all attached to their late Worshipful Master, and he hoped that nothing would occur to sever his connection with them.

Bro. Nall I.P.M. said, in response, that he thanked them for the kindness with which they had always treated him, and also for the very handsome jewel which they had presented him. It would be a memento of a happy year of office. He had tried so to conduct the affairs of the Lodge as to gain the respect of all, for he believed that it was better to earn the loyalty of love than the loyalty of fear. He would take that opportunity of stating that no W.M. had been surrounded by a more devoted and efficient staff of Officers from the highest to the lowest than those elected to support him, and he tendered them his sincere thanks for their loyalty towards him.

Other toasts followed, these being very agreeably relieved by the efforts of Bros. Nall, Thomas, Todd, Luke and Chas. Harrop, who sang several numbers. Bro. Wrigley played a solo on the autoharp; Bro. G. R. Ward, who is an artist in this particular line, treated the company to a bones solo; while Bro. Thos. Black P.M. P.P.G.D. gave an admirable recitation in a masterly style.

Josh Billings says, "There is not much fun in physic, but there is a good deal of physic in fun," and those who had the good fortune to hear a concerted piece entitled "Minnehaha Minstrelsy," which was rendered by members of the Minnehaha troupe who belong to the Lodge, would admit that there was much truth in the words of the celebrated American writer just quoted. Bro. Cyril H. Beever P.M. especially provoked the risible faculties of his audience by actions, which, to say that they were essentially Beeveresque implies a good deal to those who have seen him, but all the laughter of the audience failed to disturb the entertainer, whose features were immobile as those of the great Mikado himself.

Besides those already mentioned, we noticed the presence of Bros. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds D.Prov.G.M., W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. Eng. Prov.G. Sec. W.L., W. H. Norton P.M. 1534 P.P.G.Reg., P. Lawton P.M. 78 P.P.J.G.W., T. W. Rice P.P.G.W. W.L., W. T. Rylance I.P.M. 1357, T. W. Start P.M. 1052, W. Groves P.M. 1134, T. W. Rostron P.M. 1140, Jas. Burgess P.M. 1161, J. G. Batty P.M. 1387, Chas. Rawle W.M. 1375, G. Garnett W.M. 2109, Arthur H. Smith W.M. 2322, C. H. Hardman W.M. 2349 S.W. 1055, T. A. Lever W.M. 2482, and others, to the number of nearly sixty.

WHITE ROSE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2491.

THERE was an exceptionally large attendance at the Masonic Hall, Sheffield, on Friday, 6th inst., when Bro. W. Gunstone was installed in due and ancient form by his predecessor in office, Bro. C. F. Brindley. Special music was written for the occasion by Bro. T. W. Hanforth, Muc. Bac., P.G.O., and was admirably rendered by Bro. J. Hunt P.P.G.D., Bro. W. Gadsby P.P.G.O., and Bro. William Foxon. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers.

A banquet was subsequently served by Bro. Turner, and the usual Masonic toasts were agreeably interspersed with an admirable musical programme, to which Bro. H. Rose Grand Organist of England and others contributed, whilst Brother Ernest Moore was responsible for an effective recitation.

GLYN EBBW LODGE, No. 2556.

THE first installation since the consecration of the Lodge took place at the Central Hall, Ebbw Vale, on Wednesday, 4th inst., when Bro.

Mark Joseph Samuel Lyons P.G.A.S. S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Nestor Louis Wilputte Prov.G.D.C., in a most efficient manner.

ST. TRILLO LODGE, No. 2569.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Friday, 6th inst., at Colwyn Bay, when Bro. J. G. Tuxford Prov.G.Treas. North Wales was placed in the chair as ruler for the ensuing year, and regularly appointed the assistant Officers. The annual banquet followed, at the Colwyn Bay Hotel.

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ROYAL PAVILION CHAPTER, No. 315.

THE annual meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 20th ult., when the Chapter was honoured with the attendance of the Grand Superintendent of the Province Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph. Comp. A. J. Carpenter was installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers.

The company afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet under the presidency of the newly-installed Z.

The customary Loyal and Arch toasts were honoured, and a programme of music was well sustained.

UNITY CHAPTER, No. 1247.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Friday, 16th ult., when the Principals were installed:—Comp. G. F. Watson Z., P. G. L. Pearce H., A. Goodman J. The ceremony was very impressively and ably conducted by Comp. J. R. Lord P.Z. P.G.D.C., and J. Gidley.

There was also an exaltation. After the formal business the Companions adjourned to the Club, where they partook of an excellent supper.

FRANCIS WHITE CHAPTER, No. 1437.

THE installation meeting took place at Romford, on Thursday, 15th ult., when Comp. R. K. Bull was installed as M.E.Z., F. S. Guy as H., and James Boulton as J.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. Thos. Griffiths P.Z. 907, to whom a vote of thanks was passed for the able way in which he performed the installation ceremony, and he was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Chapter.

Comp. Griffiths, in acknowledgment, said he had been elected Honorary Member in one or two Chapters, but none should he be more proud of than this, which bore the honoured name of Francis White, with whom he had been associated in Masonry for many years. He was sorry that the state of Comp. Francis White's health had prevented his personally performing the ceremony, though he was glad that that worthy Companion was able to be present at the meeting.

The M.E.Z. mentioned that at the last meeting it had been decided to mark in some way the fact of Comp. Francis White serving the office of M.E.Z. for the second time, and Comp. White having expressed a desire that it should take the form of a grant to the Boys School, he moved that this be done, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The Companions afterwards dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel, Bro. Reynolds' catering as usual giving the greatest satisfaction.

Amongst those present on the occasion was the Scribe E. of the Province Comp. T. J. Ralling P.G.S.W.B. Eng.

The first Fancy Dress Ball of the season at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, will take place on Wednesday next, dancing commencing at 11 p.m. The same elaborate preparations have been made for the gathering as proved so successful under the management of the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, and it is hoped this season the meetings may prove as popular as their predecessors.

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

8 British, Freemasons'-hall
21 Emulation, Albion
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern
720 Panmure, Balham
862 Whittington, Freemasons'-hall
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons'-hall
1506 White Horse o' K't., HlbrnV.Hl.
1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtrn.
1657 Aldersgate, Albion
1694 Imperial, Westminster
1728 Temple Bar, Anderson's
2060 La France, Café Royal
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.
2563 Justicia, Freemasons'-hall

61 Probity, Halifax
77 Freedom, Gravesend
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
148 Lights, Warrington
236 York, York
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham

264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
312 Lion, Whitby
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
382 Royal Union, Uxbridge
408 Three Graces, Haworth
424 Borough, Gatheshead
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
455 Perseverance, Kettering
466 Merit, Stamford Baron
467 Tudor, Oldham
613 Unity, Southport
840 Scientific, Wolverton
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
900 St. George, Tewkesbury
925 Bedford, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Croston
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1199 Agriculture, Yatton
1208 Corinthian, Dover
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1337 Anchor, Northallerton

1443 Salem, Dawlish
1502 Israel, Liverpool
1542 Legiolum, Castleford
1575 Clive, Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
1814 Worsley, Worsley
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
2049 Eilan Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2074 St. Clare, Landport
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
2114 Prudence, Liverpool
2187 Adur, Henfield
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2309 Christopher, Eton
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, 5

30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.
73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
162 Cadogan, Freemasons'-hall
194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
704 Camden, Anderton's
857 St. Mark, Camberwell
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
2021 Queen Westminster, Holb'n R'st.
2022 Haven, Ealing
2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill
2500 Old Boys', Criterion
126 Silent Temple, Burnley
160 True Friendship, Rochford
213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
366 St. David, Milford
373 Socrates, Huntingdon
384 St. David, Bangor
414 Union, Reading
418 Mentoria, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon
468 Light, Birmingham
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
551 Yarborough, Ventnor
560 Vernon, Stourport
599 Sherwell, Banbury
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
667 Alliance, Liverpool
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby'Z'ch
789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
960 Bute, Cardiff
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1006 Tregullow, St. Day
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'u.
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1276 Warren, Seacombe
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1410 St. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
1893 Lumley, Skegness
1894 Hershel, Slough
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows

2316 Princes, Liverpool
2339 Mistley, Manningtree
2351 Ermine, Lincoln
2360 Victoria, Southport
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
2536 Staines, Staines
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

General Committee, Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence at 5.

Grand Stewards, Freemasons'-hall.

7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
190 Oak, Freemasons'-hall
700 Nelson, Plumstead
969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1150 Buckingham & Chandos, F.M.H.
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tavern
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll
1571 Leopold, Southwark
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1673 Welcome, Holborn Viaduct H'tl.
1677 Crusaders, Highbury
2241 Cordwainer Ward, C'non St. Ho
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
2361 Cricklewood, Frascati
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
2456 Chaney Bar, Hall Lincolns Inn
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel

20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
86 Loyalty, Prescott
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
258 Any-hibious, Heckmondwike
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
311 South Saxon, Lewes
320 Loyalty, Mottram
325 St. John, Salford
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford
451 Sutherland, Burslem
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
533 Eaton, Congleton
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
592 Cottswold, Cirencester
606 Segontium, Caernarvon
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
697 United, Colchester
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
823 Everton, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1040 Sykes, Driffild
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
1265 Vale of Catnos, Oakham
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighouse, Brighouse

1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
1544 Mount Edgcombe, Camborne
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
2120 Abbey, Chertsey
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2502 Gatwick, Horley
2514 City, Liverpool
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf
2587 Radnor, Folkestone

Thursday.

House Committee, Girls School, 4.30

23 Globe, Freemasons'-hall
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
55 Constitutional, Cannon St. Ho.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons'-hall
169 Temperance, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's
657 Canonbury, Holborn Rest
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons'-h.
1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel
1420 Earl Spencer, Lavender Hill
1475 Peckham, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1901 Selwyn, Peckham
2310 London Scottish Rifles, Crit'ion.
2524 Train Bands, Finsbury Barr'ks.
42 Relief, Bury
56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
57 Humber, Hull
71 Unity, Lowestoft
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
280 Worcester, Worcester
283 Amity, Haslingden
286 Samaritan, Bacup
318 True and Faithful, Helston
322 Peace, Stockport
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnworth
361 Industry, Hyde
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
659 Blagdon, Blyth
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes
710 Pleiades, Totnes
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
761 St. John, Dursley
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
939 Pelham, Worksop

940 Philanthropy, Stockton
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1184 Abbey, Battle
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1432 Fitz-Allan, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
1512 Hemming, Hampton Court
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca
1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.
1763 St. Mary, Thame
1776 Landport, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
1892 Wallington, Sutton
2028 Granite, Narborough
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2107 Etheldreda, Newmarket
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2226 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Southwell
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2430 Runnymede, Wraysbury
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
2555 England Centre, Weedon
2570 Prince Llewellyn, Cardiff

Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School, 2.30.

143 Middlesex, Albion
975 Rose of Denmark, Kennington
1118 Oxford and Cambridge, F.M.H.
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons'-h.
1962 London Rifle Brigade, And't'n's.
2157 St. Mark's College, H'lb'rn Rest
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall
152 Virtue, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah Ark, Tipton
355 R'l. S'x. Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Watford
445 Fidelity, Towcester
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
541 De Lorraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
566 St. Germain, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-Wold
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1054 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth Priory, C'p't'n-on-Sea
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel
1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.
1329 Sphinx, Camberwell
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
1767 Kensington, Kensington
2308 Viator, Anderton's
149 Peace, Meltham
416 Surrey, Reigate
811 Yarborough, Brighton
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1556 Addiscombe, Croydon
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, B'k'hurst Hill
2437 Downshire, Wokingham
2458 Eton, Eton
2548 Herga, Harrow

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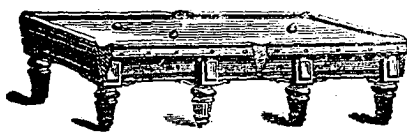
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Covent Garden.—Wednesday, 18th November, Fancy Dress Ball.
Lyceum.—8, Cymbeline. Matinée, Wednesday, 25th November, 2.
Haymarket.—8-15, Under the Red Robe. Matinée, Wednesday and Satur-
day, 2-30.
St. James's.—8-15, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Wednesday and
Saturday, 2.
Globe.—8, The Muff of the Regiment. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinée, Wed-
nesday and Saturday, 3.
Prince of Wales's.—8-15, The White Silk Dress. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Gaiety.—8-15, My Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Adelphi.—8, Boys Together.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Little Genius. 9, The Colibris. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Duke of York's.—8, The Gay Parisienne. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Terry's.—8-15, Woman's proper place. 9, Love in idleness. Matinée, Sat-
urday, 2-30.
Lyric.—8-15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, The Manxman.
Savoy.—7-30, Weather or No. 8-30, The Mikado. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Comedy.—On Thursday, A White Elephant.
Criterion.—8-30, Rosemary. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Garrick.—8, Lord Tom Noddy. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Daly's.—8-15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Vaudeville.—8-15, Round a Tree. 9, A Night out. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Court.—8-15, Number One round the Corner. 9-30, The Belle of Cairo.
Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Royalty.—8-30, The Storm. 9, His little dodge. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Princess's.—8, Two little Vagabonds. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday,
2-30.
Parkhurst.—Next week, All Abroad.
Alhambra.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. 8-15, Irish Ballet Divertissement.
9-30, The Animatographe. 10, Rip Van Winkle.
Empire.—7-40, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Divertissement, La
Danse. Cinematographe.
Palace.—7-45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c.
Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2-30.
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