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MASONIC CHARITY IN THE PAST YEAR.

IT is very gratifying to find that the amounts received by each of the central Institutions during the year just closed are in advance of 1895, the aggregate showing an improvement of no less than £6,263 8s 6d, the actual totals being £68,918 2s 5d for 1896, against £62,654 13s 11d for 1895. The greatest increase is in the case of the Benevolent Institution, which takes the first place with a return of £25,650 16s 6d, an increase of nearly £4,000 compared with 1895. The Girls School shows an improvement of nearly £1,500, and the Boys an advance of just over £900—results which call for the heartiest congratulation on all sides.

The grants of the Board of Benevolence are also in advance of 1895, the totals being £9,132 against £8,765.

We append a summary of the receipts and grants:—

	1895			1896		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Benevolent Institution -	21,746	15	6	25,650	16	6
Boys School -	22,696	18	1	23,603	2	0
Girls School -	18,211	0	4	19,664	3	11
Board of Benevolence -	8,765	0	0	9,132	0	0

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Donations and Subscriptions -	18,725	8	6
Dividends -	3,909	6	4
Donation, Grand Lodge -	1,600	0	0
Donation, Grand Chapter -	150	0	0
Interest on Cash at call -	6	1	8
Perpetual Presentation -	1,260	0	0
	£25,650	16	6

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Donations and Subscriptions -	20,470	5	7
Grand Lodge Subscription -	150	0	0
Grand Chapter Subscription -	10	10	0
Dividends and Interest on Cash at call -	1,931	5	2
Income Tax returned -	22	15	4
Gain on Sale of £10,000 Consols -	813	11	10
Music Fees -	70	0	0
Science and Art Department (Grants earned) -	38	12	6
Prize Funds -	36	5	0
Sundry Receipts -	59	16	7
	£23,603	2	0

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Donations and Subscriptions -	17,070	0	6
Grand Lodge -	150	0	0
Grand Chapter -	10	10	0
Interest on Investments -	2,235	3	6
Interest on Deposits -	48	13	7
Receipts for Musical Instruction -	130	10	0
Income Tax recovered -	6	6	4
Centenary Window Memorials -	13	0	0
	£19,664	3	11

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Matthews the new President took the chair, Bro. D. D. Mercer the chair of Senior Vice President, and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou that of Junior Vice President. After confirming recommendations to the Grand Master made at the former meeting to the extent of £400, the Board relieved forty-six out of fifty-four new cases with £1,145, in sums of £50, £40, £30, £25, £20, £10 and £5.

MASONIC MATERIAL.

A lecture delivered by V.W. Bro. J. B. Trivett, Grand Inspector Workings, at the New South Wales Masonic Club, Sydney, 28th August.

SOME few weeks ago the indefatigable and zealous Secretary of this Club asked me if I would introduce some "Burning Questions" at one or other of the Friday night gatherings of the members, in order to induce debate upon some subject which would be of immediate consequence to the Craft, and relate to the present working of our Lodges. As with material things, so with the ethical, anything of a burning nature should be carefully regarded, since a rash or careless discussion of most questions—especially with ardent thinkers for an audience—is apt to cause friction and bitterness; but a calm and dispassionate expression of opinion, and suggestion of reform, offered with a singleness of purpose for the benefit and improvement of our Craft methods, must be productive of some degree of advancement and advantage to the fraternity generally. It is with this commendable desire of endeavouring to elicit the consideration of the brethren that I ask your forbearance this evening whilst I offer my individual opinions on the subject of "Masonic Material." I have frequently in the course of my Masonic experience heard the expression that Grand Lodge is what the individual private Lodges make it; and that Grand Lodge officers also are what the Grand Lodge choose to elect. This remark is, of course, a truism, but the underlying idea is that you should not make invidious comparisons, not offer depreciatory criticism anent that Grand Lodge or those Grand Lodge officers whom you have created, but should take primary action of electing only such Brethren as shall afford you satisfaction in regarding them as your Grand Lodge or officers. Equally so is it true that we should not adversely comment on the quality of the Masons we may encounter in our mortal pilgrimage, and dolorously sigh because they are of inferior calibre; but we should strike directly at the root of the evil, and take the radical action of so effectually tying our doors that only worthy and admirable novitiates may be able to effect an entrance. How is this most desirable action and result to be obtained, in practice? Let us in the first place consider what is the procedure, ordained by our Constitution, for making Masons. Clause 110 Book of Constitutions directs that "no person shall be made a Mason without having been proposed and seconded at one regular monthly meeting and balloted for at the next regular monthly meeting, which ballot shall not take place unless his name, age, profession or occupation, and place of abode, with the names of his proposer and seconder, have been sent in the summons to all the members of the Lodge." In this clause we are instructed as to the formal procedure to be observed primarily, i.e., that ample notice is to be given to all members of the Lodge of the intended ballot for admission. In the case of a proponent who lives in the vicinity of the Lodge-room ample opportunity is afforded to enable the Lodge members to make enquiry, and to satisfy themselves of the bona fides of the applicant and of his fitness as regards character and disposition to be admitted to their brotherhood.

Some of our Lodges seem to regard their Lodge as a committee of the whole to make the requisite enquiries, and

although the idea is excellent in theory, yet in practice the results are not as a rule very reassuring. Too often this duty, being distributed over the whole membership of the Lodge, is neglected, and when the time arrives for the ballot to be spread little or nothing is known of the candidate beyond the facts communicated by the proposer and seconder. Other Lodges appoint a Committee of Enquiry, consisting of the Wor. Master and Wardens or Past Masters, and this mode is generally satisfactory—the duty being specifically allotted is in most cases faithfully performed. In passing, I may be allowed to refer to the practice observed in one of the oldest and best worked Lodges of this city, viz., it is uniformly understood that every candidate must be introduced to the Wor. Master before the balloting period, to enable that officer, by conversation and inspection, to gauge his characteristics and to form some estimate of his worthiness. But when the candidate for our mysteries hails from a distance, and his qualifications are not so easily ascertainable, we are directed by Clause 112, B.C.: “A Lodge shall not ballot for or initiate into Freemasonry any person who is not a resident in the neighbourhood of the Lodge into which he seeks to be admitted until due enquiry shall have been made of such Lodge, or Lodges, as may exist in the neighbourhood of his residence, respecting the character of the applicant for admission, and a satisfactory reply shall have been received and read in open Lodge under a penalty of having its warrant suspended or cancelled,” &c., &c. This rule is most important—in fact, it may be regarded as one of the buttresses of the Craft—and, if rigidly enforced, will do much to remove the stigma so often hurled at Masonry as to the unworthiness of its constituent members. It is most stringently insisted upon by the Board of General Purposes. Recently a most admirable candidate was proposed in a city Lodge in this colony, who lived in the neighbourhood of a country Lodge. Through inadvertence the Lodge which received the proposition omitted to make the necessary enquiries as per Clause 112, although exercising every precaution otherwise. The consequence was that the Board of G.P. felt bound to take cognisance of the omission and to proceed under the provisions of the clause.

And if it is necessary to enforce the rule in the case of candidates residing in this country, but at a distance from the Lodge approached, how much more essential is it that we should demand its observance in respect of proponents arriving here from other countries, and who may be temporarily sojourners here? Strictly speaking, if a captain of a ship, whose home is in England, be proposed in Sydney, a letter of enquiry should be sent to the Lodge nearest his home in the mother country, and no action should be taken by the local Lodge concerning his candidature until a reply shall have been received and submitted to the members of the Lodge. On account of the importance of the subject of proposals from travellers or sojourners, I shall here enter rather fully into its consideration. Unless it be on the ground of strong personal friendship, or of extended acquaintance, it would be preferable not to initiate candidates arriving from other colonies, and I would now present some reasons for this conclusion. The ancient charges pronounce that “None shall show envy at a Brother's prosperity, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work if capable to finish it.” Now a person residing in England, an old settled country where there is a multiplicity of Lodges, presumably sufficient in numbers and in characteristics of membership to supply the requirements of an intending candidate as to propinquity, community of tastes, and personal preferences, should be able easily to select a Lodge with members suitable for his companionship; and it seems only reasonable that he should apply to such Lodge if his intentions are sincere and honourable. Also it is the duty of an Australian Lodge, in accepting a proposal, to consider whether it is supplanting an English Lodge, and putting it out of its work, for I suppose it will be at once conceded that the English Brethren are capable of “finishing it.” Moreover, when a candidate is proposed in a Lodge, removed by the difference of half the circumference of the globe from the scene of his past history, can it be surprising if the local Lodge approached should entertain some suspicion that he may have been rejected or disregarded by the Brethren on the other side, who best know his character, and who are on account of that knowledge better judges of his fitness for our mysteries. Also in the event of his acceptance here, although perhaps unworthy of that honour, what must be the opinion of our Brethren over the sea concerning us when they shall have learnt that what they regard as worthless has been considered by us as suitable material wherewith to construct the Masonic edifice. Whether suspicion with regard to these possibilities be well founded or not, it must be agreed that a candidate who has lived for years in England, the birthplace of Freemasonry, and has suddenly evinced a strong regard for the Craft, and desires to be admitted to membership in a country where he is little known, or unknown, should be regarded at least with caution and discrimination.

(To be continued.)

The following document has been found in the Old Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, which is now being converted into a restaurant:—“Thursday, 6th February 1787. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was initiated into Masonry, at an occasional Lodge convened for the purpose at the Star and Garter, Pall Mall, over which the Duke of Cumberland presided in person. Friday, 1st November, following, his Royal Highness the Duke of York was initiated into Masonry at a special Lodge at the same place, over which the Grand Master presided, being introduced by his royal brother, the Prince of Wales, who assisted at the ceremony.” The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York were, of course, the first and second sons of George III. —“Daily Chronicle.”

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The “Norfolk Standard” gives the following as an extract from the minute book of the Royal Alfred Lodge, formerly held at Diss:—“5th July 1773. It was agreed to celebrate the anniversary of the constitution of the Royal Alfred Lodge on Monday, the 26th instant, Bro. J. Simpson to provide a decent and savoury dinner for thirty Brethren at the price of 2s per man, dinner and supper included. For the proper and regular conducting of this amicable feast it was unanimously agreed to appoint the following Brethren as acting Stewards—W. W. Simpson, H. Thompson, Esq., Thomas Mann, and R. Self, all Visiting Brethren, to pay for the entertainment of the day, 5/3 each. In case any of the honorary members should generously present this honourable society with venison, that the fee to the Park keeper be paid by Bro. James Simpson. Memo.—Every Brother present sung a song, and the evening concluded with cheerfulness, mirth, and true social festivity.”

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The following, from an old P.M. and P.Z., appeared in a recent issue of “Society:”

I am not one of the many Brethren of the Craft who rave about the interest our Royal Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, takes in Freemasonry. I am rather one of those who think that he might show his interest somewhat more actively than he does. It is now two-and-twenty years ago since H.R.H. was first elected Grand Master, when the Marquess of Ripon, the Earl of Ripon as he then was, ‘verted’ to Rome, and had, of course, to resign his Grand Mastership; and think I am speaking well within the mark when I say that I don’t think the Prince has been in a Lodge, Grand Lodge or other, more than twenty times during all these years—an average, say roughly, of once a year since his installation in February 1874. But I am not going to deny that his years of office have been anything else than a blessing to the Order. The numbers of English Masons have more than doubled during that time; and the Prince has given a ‘cachet’ which has sealed the fraternity with a stamp of social consideration it never had before. Above all, where he has exerted his personal feeling on the appointment of Grand Officers he has shown his usual tact, to the great good of our Order. Notably when, at the last Quarterly Communication, he bestowed the rank of Past Grand Warden upon the President of the Board of General Purposes Bro. Thomas Fenn, and upon Bro. Robert Grey the President of the Board of Benevolence.

Very few of us can remember when Bro. Fenn was not a prominent London Mason. Thirty years ago the Masonic ritual had about as many various forms as the ritual of the Church of England till the Prayer Book Reviewers swept away the Sarum Use, and the Hereford Use, and all the other uses, and ordained that there should be but one use all England over. Bro. Fenn and some other Brethren, most of whom have joined the majority, by the way in which at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement they taught how the various ceremonies should be performed, revised and purified Masonic ritual, and brought it to its present pitch of excellence and uniformity. The ability which he there displayed got him the purple of a Grand Officer, and marked him out as the man for President of the Board of General Purposes—a body which is something like a Masonic Committee of General Security. Indeed, it is a sort of Cabinet of Grand Lodge; and Bro. Fenn may say of the Board of General Purposes—as a French king said of the State: ‘I am the State’—‘I am the Board.’

Both these Presidents are City men. Bro. Fenn is a well-known stockbroker, while Bro. Robert Grey is head of the East-cheap firm which bears his name. Before Bro. Grey was appointed President of the Board of Benevolence the monthly doles were dealt out generously enough, but without any system. Now, all is changed, and the thousands of pounds the Board deals out annually are given just as generously, but more carefully, than they ever were before. This is mainly due to Bro. Robert Grey. ‘Bob’ Grey, as old members of the Craft affectionately call him, was initiated in the Lodge of St. Andrews in the East, of which for years he has been the ‘Father.’ He is a pillar of the Prince of Wales Lodge, in which, by special request of H.R.H., he

initiated the Duke of Connaught. There is no Masonic charity of which he is not a most generous supporter; and what is very rare in Masonry, he gives away more money which is not advertised than he does in subscriptions which carry votes with them and publicity.

A CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

THE centenary of Solomon Lodge, Fraserburgh, was celebrated on Wednesday 23rd ult., by a torchlight procession, followed by a supper and ball in the evening.

Bro. C. T. Gordon, of Cairness, Deputy Provincial Master of East Aberdeenshire presided at the supper, at which about 150 ladies and gentlemen attended. After the Loyal and patriotic toasts the Chairman submitted the Centenary of Solomon Lodge. It was now his privilege, he said, to propose to them, the toast of the evening, and his feeling in rising to do so was one of regret that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Lord Saltoun, was unfortunately prevented from being present with them that night, because he was sure they should all have welcomed him in the heartiest manner possible, and he was quite certain of this, that he would have been able to do far more justice to the toast than he hoped to do. At the same time, he felt it a very great privilege to be allowed to participate that night in the celebration of that important—he might say of that unique—event, for they were met there that night to celebrate, looking at the large company assembled in no unfitting or inadequate manner, the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of Solomon Lodge, in Fraserburgh. Well, it would be interesting if they had time to cast their eyes back to the year 1796, and try to realise what Fraserburgh looked, and what the world looked like at that very interesting time. They all knew that in 1796 there was stirring events. There were wars taking place, and many of the stirring events of the time in which this country was very deeply interested. He had no doubt that the town of Fraserburgh took its full share of interest in the great events which were then being enacted. From her being a seaport, she possessed great advantages—considerable advantages certainly over many places of perhaps larger populations situated in the more inland districts of the country, and one could imagine the keen interest with which the people of Fraserburgh would watch for the arrival of vessels bringing tidings of the battles and the important events of that time. And in that connection it showed the zeal and the determination which must have actuated the Freemasons at that time, when they were able to interest their friends and their Brother Masons to such an extent, as to successfully found the Solomon Lodge. Well, it was on the 2nd May 1796, that the Solomon Lodge was founded. They received a charter from Grand Lodge signed by the Earl of Ancrum, who was then Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and the first annual meeting was held early in the following year, and by the minutes they learned that the membership at that time consisted of forty-five, and that a benefit society was at that early stage of the history of Masonry in Fraserburgh founded in connection with the Lodge, and the Lodge flourished and continued to grow in numbers and in wealth for a very considerable time. It became possessed of a very considerable amount of property, and this satisfactory state of affairs continued until the year 1835, and then took place an event

in the history of Freemasons in Fraserburgh which he was afraid they Masons must always look back upon with feelings of regret and disappointment. What took place at that time was this. The Harbour Commissioners began to negotiate with the Lodge for the purchase of the Lodge premises. Nobody would blame the Harbour Commissioners for that, because they probably had in view much needed improvements in the widening of streets at that time. What took place was that the Lodge eventually agreed to dispose of their premises for a very substantial sum, but a sad and disappointing time followed, for at the same meeting the Brethren agreed to dissolve the Lodge entirely, and to divide the funds amongst the members. There were, he believed, at the meeting of sixty-four members only three who stood out and who dissented from the finding. All honour to those three, now he feared nameless Brethren, who had the courage and the faithfulness to stand up at the time and to forego the temptation of present gain—of material advantage to their pockets—for the sake of the high principles of the Craft of Masonry which they professed. But it was the protest of a small minority, and was, of course, of no avail. There continued an interregnum, for the space, he thought, of twenty-eight years. It was not until the year 1863 that Masonry again revived in Fraserburgh, and in that year, which they would remember was the year in which the Prince of Wales's marriage took place, a few of the older Brethren remaining in the town—amongst whom he was sure there would be those three Brethren whom he had referred to, who so nobly stood up for Masonic principles—they came forward and successfully started the Solomon Lodge again. He believed the procession which took place on the 10th March 1863, which was the day of the wedding of the Prince of Wales, formed a very important and imposing feature in local rejoicings. The Lodge had continued from that to the present time in a thoroughly flourishing and satisfactory condition. Its membership was very satisfactory. It was entirely free of debt, and he did not think there had been any event of outstanding importance except perhaps—and it was certainly an important event—the foundation in the year 1883 of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund in connection with the Lodge. That fund last year, by special and most praiseworthy exertions on the part of the Brethren, was brought up to £100, so that it was now on a thoroughly satisfactory footing. He was not going to detain them at great length, but he should like to say this. He did not want to unduly speak in praise of the Masonic Craft in an assembly such as that, but he thought he might say that wherever Masonry existed—and it existed now all over the world—Masons were looked upon as very valuable members of whatever community they happened to be in. He did not think it was too much to say that had it not been for the practice of those great and noble principles that underlay Masonry, had it not been for their acts, the town of Fraserburgh would not have achieved the position which it had done in commerce, in enterprise generally, in education and in art, and, therefore, there is not much chance of it ever happening that in future it would have to be chronicled no Masonic Lodge existed in Fraserburgh. He thought it was pretty certain that the principles of Masonry were bound to flourish; they were so well established and so much appreciated in the community that not only would the present Lodge flourish, but two or even three Lodges would not be sufficient to contain in the course of future years the large body of Masons which he thought were likely to exist in the town of Fraserburgh. He had given them a short sketch of the history of the Lodge, and he did not think he need go further into the subject.—“Aberdeen Free Press.”

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Offices—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

Chief Patroness—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness—H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

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1874 Girls have been provided with Education, Clothing, and Maintenance, the full number of Girls now receiving its benefits being 269.

The Names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards at the 109th Anniversary Festival, which will take place in May next, are earnestly solicited.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary, 5 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

THE PAST YEAR IN THE WEST.

THE Masonic Craft has been very prosperous under the Grand Lodge of England during 1896, and in Devon and Cornwall especially the Lodges have had a good average year, some having been exceedingly prosperous. On the whole more attention has been paid to the class of candidates accepted for initiation. It is felt most keenly by those familiar with the status of additions to the society during this decade that sometimes the personnel of the new members has not been equal to the high requirements of the fraternity; the extensive charities (both local and general) leading many to class Freemasonry among the benefit societies of the country; whereas the true conception includes charity as an accident of the organisation, fraternity really being its distinctive aim. Therefore it is a luxury to be enjoyed only by those in fair or good circumstances at the time of joining. The Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Devon by the R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington (so long the respected local head). The ceremony took place in the Victoria Hall, Exeter, on 12th August. The attendance was not only exceptionally large, but was remarkable for the presence of the Grand Secretary of England and many Grand Officers resident in the West and elsewhere. All the reports were of a most satisfactory character. The receipts amounted to some £400, the balance in hand, after payment of liabilities, being £282, thus in excess of the previous year. The membership, according to the last return, has reached 3,318, in the 52 Lodges, the dues running to £360 3s. Major Davie, J.P., was re-appointed Deputy Prov.G.M., and Bro. John Stocker, Exeter, is the new and energetic Prov. Grand Secretary. Another new Lodge has been constituted, raising the total to 53, viz., the Trinity, No. 2595, Buckfastleigh. There are 28 Chapters in the county, 24 Mark Lodges, and there are also Knight Templar Preceptories and Rose Croix Chapters, a revival of interest in the latter ceremonies being needful in some parts. The Aged Widows' Annuity Fund has been established under most favourable circumstances, the inauguration being accomplished at Exeter, under the chairmanship of Major Geo. S. Strode-Lowe, of Plymouth. Indigent Freemasons and Widows, as well as necessitous children, are now duly cared for, the whole of these funds being ably managed at no cost, save trifling incidentals, by a number of most competent and zealous Brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall assembled at St. John's Hall, Penzance, Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presiding, in the regretted and unavoidable absence of the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, the esteemed Prov. Grand Master. The reports were never more satisfactory, the active membership being now 1,813, with 30 Lodges. Bro. Edward Dixon Anderton, the indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary, was presented with Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Regalia, as well as a silver tea service, &c., by the Brethren, in appreciation of his great services on behalf of the Cornish Craft, as well as his appointment by the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master as Junior Grand Deacon and Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter respectively.

Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., the beloved Prov. Grand Master of the Mark Province of Cornwall, has felt compelled to resign office, in consequence of more pressing duties as his age increases. His rule has been very popular and beneficial for the degree, and it will not be an easy matter to find an eligible resident successor.

In literary matters the West of England has done its share of work during the past year. Bro. W. J. Hughan has traced and published the "Macnab Masonic MS.," of the "Old Charges," besides writing and publishing a "Bibliography of the Old Charges," introduction to the "Historic Notes," No. 170, Weymouth; and a bibliography of his own books, calendars, pamphlets, &c. The valuable address delivered by Major G. C. Davie, J.P., D.Prov.G.M., at the opening of the newly-built Masonic Hall, at Exeter, has been printed and circulated, and deserves wide circulation and most careful perusal. The chief Masonic work, however, is a sumptuous volume on "Masonic Clothing and Regalia," by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, of Torquay. The publishers are Messrs. T. C. and E. C. Jack, of Edinburgh, the book being the finest thing of the kind ever issued.

Several Masonic Halls have been built or restored, and throughout Devon and Cornwall the Brotherhood do not appear to have been either frightened or disheartened by the anti-Masonic congress held recently on the Continent.—"Western Morning News."

A splendid portrait of the Earl of Onslow as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey has been presented to the Weyside Lodge, Woking, by Bro. T. H. Roberts P.M. Viscount Cranley, eldest son of Lord Onslow, was lately initiated in this Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

All Letters must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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STAFFORDSHIRE AND THE BOYS SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your issue of 19th inst. contains a paragraph reporting a speech at Hanley by Bro. Greatbatch, which, by the prominent heading, and your reference to it in the leading article, you appear to assume expresses the opinion of the Province of Staffordshire on the proposed removal of the Boys School. I am sure that Bro. Greatbatch would not desire his personal opinion to be quoted in that sense. Even if the 120 Brethren present on that occasion were unanimous in their approval, they are less than one tenth of the Masons of the Province. It is far from certain even that the sentiments specially applauded were those in condemnation of the removal rather than the suggestions for the localisation of the Charities, of which Bro. Greatbatch is the well-known advocate.

A well-known North Staffordshire Brother, whose active interest in the Charities has lasted for a quarter of a century, and who was present, writes: "As a Visitor I wished to avoid anything of a controversial character or I should have had something to say on the subject."

Bro. Greatbatch holds very strong views on the general management of the Masonic Institutions, looking at them as (to quote his own words) "Elementary" Schools and comparing the cost of teaching staff, as well as office expenses, with the outlay of the School Board of which he is Chairman.

Whether this is the level to which they desire their Schools to aspire is a question for the consideration of the Craft. If it be so, then all the efforts made by the present Board of Management to raise the character and standing of the School are thrown away, and should be limited to securing "Elementary" Education and subsistence at the lowest possible cost.

Your leading article suggests that Bro. Greatbatch's opinions are due to the contemplated removal. It is rather probably the reverse. His feeling towards the Royal Institutions is long anterior to the proposed removal, and having made up his mind to "leave them severely alone" he naturally opposes any further outlay.

Pray let it be understood that in deprecating the acceptance of Bro. Greatbatch's utterances as the voice of Staffordshire I make no claim to give expression to it myself, though, without vanity, I may claim to have had a share in its charitable work equal to that of any Mason in the Province.

Yours fraternally,

J. BODENHAM Past A.G.D.C. P.P.S.G.W. Staffs.

Edgmond, Newport, Salop,
29th December 1896.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Every member of Royal Arch Masonry must sincerely sympathise with Comp. Ensor Drury, whose remarks when acting as Grand Superintendent at the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire at Dewsbury, are reported in your columns of 19th inst. There can be no doubt that if the members of our Chapters were "to show a little more enthusiasm and interest in this beautiful degree, many of the Craft Masons who neglect Royal Arch Masonry altogether would be attracted to it." I have long been of opinion that one of the great causes of this lack of enthusiasm may be attributed to the fact that the Companions meet so seldom. Two, three or four Convocations at the most in a year is the rule in this country, and when the study necessary to perfect a Companion in the ritual is taken into consideration it is hardly surprising to find so few, comparatively speaking, who care to learn, when so few opportunities are afforded them of making use of their knowledge. One's enthusiasm and interest are necessarily blunted. This leads to an excessively bad practice, amounting to almost a scandal, of allowing Officers to occupy their chairs and qualify for Principals, without being able to do the work.

I must certainly add my testimony to that of Comp. Ensor Drury, that it was a very questionable policy to reduce the probation of a Master Mason, to four weeks instead of twelve months, before being admitted to the Supreme Order, and it is very doubtful whether it has led to any increase in the members. Judging from the condition of the Metropolitan Chapters I fear that they cannot boast of one Master Mason in three who joins the Royal Arch.

I am, Yours fraternally,

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GUYS' HOSPITAL ENDOWMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Now that the appeal of the respected joint Freemasons Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale P.G.T. and Bro. Charles Keyser P.G.D. will be before the various London Lodges I think it would not be out of place if I ask you to be kind enough to publish the result of the following investigation made by me since September 1895.

I visited the Hospital during that time, generally twice a month, for the purpose of ascertaining how many Freemasons receive the benefit of that Institution, and this is the result:—

Month.	No. of Freemasons.	Wives of Freemasons
October 1895	8	4
November	4	3
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February	9	4
March	6	5

It was impossible to obtain information from the children, most of them were too young to understand the meaning of the inquiry.

Yours fraternally,

MAURICE SPEIGEL P.M. P.Z.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

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| 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons'-hall | 995 Furness, Ulverston |
| 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's | 1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth |
| 144 St. Luke, Anderton's | 1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith |
| 188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern | 1134 Newall, Manchester |
| 1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall | 1197 Nyanza, Ilminster |
| 1321 Emblematic, Criterion | 1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare |
| 1924 Wickham, Brockley | 1244 Marwood, Redcar |
| 2535 Fellowship, Frascati | 1282 Ancholme, Brigg |
| 2578 National Artillery, Criterion | 1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham |
| | 1488 St. Eleth, Alnwick |
| | 1509 Madoc, Portmadoc |
| 53 Royal Sussex, Bath | 1619 Sackville, East Grinstead |
| 107 Philanthropic, Lynn | 1726 Gordon, Bognor |
| 113 Unanimity, Preston | 1780 Albert Edward, Southampton |
| 119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n | 1785 St. Petroc, Padstow |
| 135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water | 1807 Loyal Wye, Bulth |
| 154 Unanimity, Wakefield | 1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham |
| 156 Harmony, Plymouth | 1970 Hadrian, South Shields |
| 199 Peace and Harmony, Dover | 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell |
| 251 Loyal, Barnstaple | 2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon |
| 328 St. John, Torquay | 2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne |
| 331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro | 2290 Fairfield, Fairfield |
| 338 Vitruvian, Ross | 2414 Wychwood, Burford |
| 395 Guy, Leamington | |
| 422 Yarborough, Gainsboro' | |
| 428 Sincerity, Northwich | |
| 431 St. George, N. Shields | |
| 441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge | |
| 482 St. James, Handsworth | |
| 529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester | |
| 622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne | |
| 839 R.L. Gloucestershire, Gloucester | |
| 850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne | |
| 928 Friendship, Petersfield | |
| 959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich | |
| 977 Fowey, Fowey | |
| 1045 Stamford, Altrincham | |
| 1050 Gundolph, Rochester | |
| 1051 Rowley, Lancaster | |
| 1071 Zetland, Saltash | |
| 1077 Wilton, Blackley | |
| 1180 Forward, Birmingham | |
| 1211 Goderich, Leeds | |
| 1239 Wentworth, Sheffield | |
| 1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter | |
| 1264 Neptune, Liverpool | |
| 1399 Marlborough, Woodstock | |
| 1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham | |
| 1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft | |
| 1573 Caradoc, Swansea | |
| 1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge | |
| 2039 Londonderry, Sunderland | |
| 2163 Jersey, Southall | |
| 2166 Cotchele, Calstock | |
| 2240 Arrow, Kington | |
| 2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne | |
| 2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne | |
| 2525 Thurston, Coniston | |
| 2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough | |
| 2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough | |

Tuesday.

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| 9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall | |
| 172 Old Concord, F.M.H. | |
| 765 St. James, Southwark | |
| 1159 M'quis Dalhousie, 33, Golden Sq. | |
| 1472 Henley, North Woolwich | |
| 2032 Richmond, Richmond | |
| 47 Newstead, Nottingham | |
| 52 Union, Norwich | |
| 70 St. John, Plymouth | |
| 103 Beauford, Bristol | |
| 120 Palladian, Hereford | |
| 124 Marquis of Granby, Durham | |
| 158 Adam, Sheerness | |
| 209 Etonian, Windsor | |
| 226 Benevolence, Littleboro' | |
| 252 Harmonic, Dudley | |
| 265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley | |
| 315 Royal York, Brighton | |
| 340 Alfred, Oxford | |
| 364 Cambrian, Neath | |
| 393 St. David, Berwick | |
| 421 Loyal of Industry, S'hamolton | |
| 457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth | |
| 493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester | |
| 510 St. Martin, Liskeard | |
| 558 Temple, Folkestone | |
| 660 Camalodunum, New Malton | |
| 673 St. John, Liverpool | |
| 734 Londesborough, Bridlington | |
| 794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield | |
| 804 Carnarvon, Havant | |
| 847 Fortesque, Honiton | |
| 948 St. Barnabas, Linslade | |
| 960 Bute, Cardiff | |
| 974 Pentalpha, Bradford | |

Wednesday.

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| 1298 Royal Standard, Highbury | |
| 1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern | |
| 1687 Rothesay, Frascati | |
| 74 Athol, Birmingham | |
| 94 Phoenix, Sunderland | |
| 137 Amity, Poole | |
| 159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse | |
| 164 Perseverance, Sidmouth | |
| 168 Mariner, Guernsey | |
| 279 St. John, Leicester | |
| 282 Bedford, Tavistock | |
| 287 Unanimity, Stockport | |
| 298 Harmony, Rochdale | |
| 326 Moira of Honour, Bristol | |
| 327 St. John, Wigton | |
| 406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T. | |
| 417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester | |
| 429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate | |
| 471 Silurian, Newport, Mon. | |
| 678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth | |
| 929 Waveney, Bungay | |
| 970 St. Anne, East Looe | |
| 992 St. Thomas, Manchester | |
| 1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey | |
| 1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man | |
| 1010 Kingston, Hull | |
| 1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool | |
| 1085 Hartington, Derby | |
| 1167 Alnwick, Alnwick | |
| 1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse | |
| 1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich | |
| 1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street | |
| 1333 Athelstan, Atherstone | |
| 1335 Lindsey, Wigan | |
| 1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh | |
| 1431 St. Alphege, Solihull | |
| 1461 Clausentum, Woolston | |
| 1478 Lougheat, Warminster | |
| 1532 Bective, Carlisle | |
| 1620 Marlborough, Liverpool | |
| 1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington | |
| 1736 St. John, Halifax | |
| 1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool | |
| 2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson | |
| 2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells | |
| 2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton | |
| 2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey | |
| 2334 Jersey, Bicester | |
| 2368 Alan, Alderley Edge | |
| 2382 Loyal Hay, Hay | |
| 2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough | |
| 2453 Duke of York, Cardiff | |
| 2464 Longsight, Longsight | |
| 2495 Goodacre, Bootle | |
| 2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale | |
| 2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury | |

Thursday.

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| 538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall | |
| 1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury | |
| 1383 Friends in C'ncil, 33, G'den Sq. | |
| 1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate | |
| 1790 Old England, Thornton Heath | |
| 1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway | |
| 1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell | |
| 2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford | |
| 24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle | |
| 31 United Industrious, Canterbury | |
| 38 Union, Chichester | |

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| 41 Royal Cumberland, Bath | |
| 110 Loyal C'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil | |
| 114 British Union, Ipswich | |
| 195 Hengist, Pournemouth | |
| 219 Prudence, Todmorden | |
| 249 Mariner, Liverpool | |
| 254 Trinity, Coventry | |
| 266 Naphtali, Heywood | |
| 269 Fidelity, Blackburn | |
| 289 Fidelity, Leeds | |
| 294 Constitutional, Beverley | |
| 295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield | |
| 300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne | |
| 305 Apollo, Beccles | |
| 309 Harmony, Fareham | |
| 317 Affability, Manchester | |
| 360 Pomfret, Northampton | |
| 362 Doric, Grantham | |
| 419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton | |
| 446 Benevolent, Wells | |
| 462 Bank Terrace, Accrington | |
| 509 Tees, Stockton | |
| 531 St. Helen, Hartlepool | |
| 539 St. Matthew, Walsall | |
| 633 Yarborough, Manchester | |
| 637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent | |
| 703 Clifton, Blackpool | |
| 792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby | |
| 856 Restormel, Lostwithiel | |
| 913 Pattison, Plumstead | |
| 976 Royal Clarence, Bruton | |
| 1012 Prince of Wales, Bury | |
| 1231 Savile, Elland | |
| 1284 Brent, Topsham | |
| 1304 Olive Union, Horncastle | |
| 1324 Okeover, Ripley | |
| 1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington | |
| 1384 Equity, Widnes | |
| 1473 Bootle, Bootle | |
| 1500 Walpole, Norwich | |
| 1504 Red Rose of Lanc'ster, Padstow | |
| 1513 Friendly, Barnsley | |
| 1557 Albert Edward, Hexham | |
| 1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm | |
| 1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford | |
| 1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon | |
| 1829 Burrell, Brighton | |
| 1874 Lechmere V'nt'r, Balsall H'th | |
| 1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst | |
| 2043 Kendrick, Reading | |
| 2169 Osborne, East Cowes | |
| 2321 Acacia, Bradford | |
| 2342 Easterford, Kelvedon | |

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| 2350 Corinthian, Hindley |
| 2386 Clarence, Chester |
| 2496 Wirral, Birkenhead |

Friday.

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| 157 Bedford, Freemasons'-hall |
| 177 Domatic, Anderton's |
| 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons'-hall |
| 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington |
| 1704 Anchor, Café Royal |
| 1997 John Carpenter, Albion |
| 2399 Ordnance, Plumstead |
| 36 Glamorgan, Cardiff |
| 81 Doric, Woodbridge |
| 170 All Souls, Weymouth |
| 458 Aire and Calder, Goole |
| 526 Honour, Wolverhampton |
| 680 Sefton, Liverpool |
| 786 Croxeth United Service, L'pool |
| 815 Blair, Manchester |
| 916 Hartington, Eastbourne |
| 1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Har'wg'te |
| 1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard |
| 1102 Mirfield, Mirfield |
| 1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland |
| 1289 Rock, Birkenhead |
| 1428 United Service, Landport |
| 1605 De la Pole, Hull |
| 1661 Newton, Newark-on-Trent |
| 1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne |
| 1849 Royal Leek, Bangor |
| 1983 Martyn, Southwold |
| 2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney |
| 2554 Manchester, Manchester |
| 2558 Furnival, Sheffield |

Saturday.

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| 176 Cavea, Albion |
| 1328 Granite, Holborn Restanrant |
| 1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel |
| 1686 Paxton, Camberwell |
| 1743 Perseverance, Anderton's |
| 1839 Duke of Cornwall, F'masons'-h. |
| 2029 King Solomon, Markmasons'-h. |
| 2579 Lewisham, Lewisham |
| 1755 Eldon, Portishead |
| 1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't. |
| 2095 Caterham, Caterham |
| 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray |
| 2326 Wigan, Wigan |
| 2359 Doric, Didsbury |

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A GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, the 7th day of January 1897, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the list for the Election in April next, and declare the number of girls then to be elected.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
 31st December 1896.

The 109th Anniversary Festival will take place in May next, under distinguished presidency.

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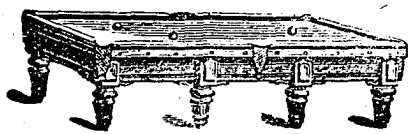
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A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 8th day of January 1897, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution; to approve and declare the List of Candidates for the election on Friday, 9th April next, and to determine the number of Boys then to be elected.

The chair will be taken at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

1st January 1897.

** The Ninety-ninth Anniversary Festival will be held on 30th June 1897, under the distinguished presidency of the Rt. Hon. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., R.W. Prov.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland. The services of Brethren representing Lodges or Provinces, and of Ladies, as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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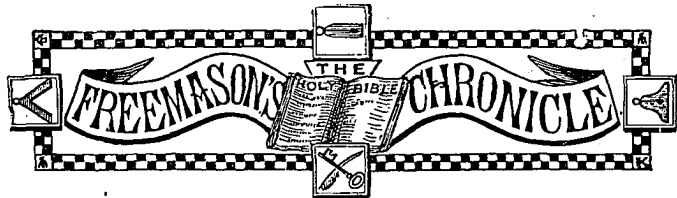
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SATURDAY, 2ND JANUARY 1897.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

COPY of the Report of the Examiner to the Cambridge University Syndicate.

To the Secretary of the Local Examination and Lectures Syndicate of the University of Cambridge.

SIR,—I have the honour to lay before the Syndicate the following Report of my recent examination of the Royal Masonic School, Wood Green.

REPORT.

The total number of boys in the School was 253. These were divided into six Forms, some of which were sub-divided, so that, on the whole, eleven separate Classes were presented for examination.

The four highest Forms, numbering about 150 boys, were examined chiefly by printed papers and written answers, the remaining two Forms almost entirely by viva voce questioning.

The subjects in which papers were set were Scripture, English Grammar and Language, Shakespeare, Scott, English History, Geography, Latin, Greek, French, Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION.

Scripture.—The books generally read had been I Samuel and St. Matthew; but in some cases the Acts had been taken as an alternative for I Samuel. The results were, on the whole, quite satisfactory, showing, what pleased me well, a steady improvement towards the top of the School, while the work of the highest Form claimed my special notice on account of its evenness, the four boys who composed this Form all working very neatly and gaining marks for the whole paper that were of almost equal value.

English Subjects.—Of these Grammar was certainly the strong, and perhaps History the weak subject. But if in History the acquaintance with details of the special period was slighter than might have been wished, it must, on the other hand, be mentioned that the Upper Forms showed a very good knowledge of the general outlines of the whole period.

In parsing and analysis all Classes did well, and in many cases extremely

well. In Shakespeare, too, and in Scott, some very good papers were done, and the number of failures throughout the School was small.

A praiseworthy knowledge of the Geography of Great Britain was shown by Form IIIA., and of Commercial Geography by many in Forms IIIB. and IIIC.

Latin.—Forms VI. and VA. reached a decidedly good average standard in grammar and composition, and the lower Classes generally proved to be quite at home in the accidence. For translation subjects Forms VI. and VA. had been reading Cicero, In Verrem and Virgil's Aeneid, Book XI., in which subjects a majority of boys reached at least a pass standard, whilst a few did really well. Forms VIb. and IV. had read a book of Caesar, with similarly good results.

Greek.—Two boys took an elementary paper and satisfied me that they were well up in the accidence of the noun and adjective. Their Greek characters too were well and neatly formed.

French.—A searching general paper was very successfully attempted by Forms VI. and VA. On a less advanced, but still not easy paper, Form VB. gained good, and, in at least one instance, excellent marks. Form IV., taking the same paper, showed less strength as a Class, though they did well in individual cases. The lower Forms, on easier papers suited to their ages, satisfied me generally in accidence, but often failed when they came to the turning of English sentences into French.

The translation sent up—from the upper Forms in particular—was highly satisfactory.

Arithmetic.—In Form VI. there was one failure, but all the others in the Class gained excellent marks. Form VA., on the same paper, did well and showed a remarkably even front, except in the case of one boy, who was distinctly in advance of the rest. The other Forms, on papers set to meet their several standards, exhibited much variety in their work, as the mark-lists will testify.

Algebra.—Form VI. had been ambitious enough to ask for a paper extending to the Binomial Theorem, and one boy at least quite justified the request by gaining upon such a paper, by a most creditable performance, three-fourths of the full marks offered. Form VA. were not of course expected to attempt the whole of the same paper, but several boys did well on the first part of it, and one boy (who showed too some knowledge of logarithms) very well. The Junior Classes acquitted themselves, I thought, quite as well, in proportion, in this subject as in Arithmetic.

Euclid.—Forms VI. and VA. had read six books with great care, and two boys out of four in the Upper Form, and one boy in the Lower, sent up admirable papers. The work of the rest was good so far as it went, the propositions attempted being for the most part logically written out and accompanied by neatly drawn figures. Form VB. and IV. offered two books; but not many, in trying the paper, got beyond the questions set upon Book I.

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I visited the School on Tuesday, 27th October, and two following days.

Having called some time previously and been introduced by the Head Master to all the Staff, I began now at once with Form IIA.—the highest of the Classes that had done little or no written work—and, with the help of their Form Master, I put them through their paces by a rapid viva voce questioning on all their subjects. From this Class I went next to Form IIB., and so downwards to the lowest. The results, so far as elementary knowledge went, were of at least a good average quality, while the discipline and behaviour throughout were, to my observation, perfect.

Faults, and also excellencies, peculiar to each Class I pointed out at the time of my visit; but I may here further notice that a certain common fault in their viva voce answering seemed to consist in a want of confidence, shown in a disinclination to speak out. Again, though Reading was nearly always fair or good, the Recitation was poor and afforded nothing approaching to elocution. Practice in simultaneous recitation—the Master leading—would no doubt do much to remedy this, and, if introduced at suitable times, might make a bright change in the work of the Class. With the general knowledge shown, throughout these Junior Classes, I was, as I have already said, very well satisfied; yet I should have liked in some Classes to have seen a little more vivacity in the answering.

The third morning of my visit I devoted mainly to an inspection of certain technical work, which I found was being rather extensively carried on, under skilled supervision, out of regular school hours. I visited the printing and book-binding rooms and the carpenter's shop, while capital specimens were shown me of what the boys had been doing in each department.

I have visited many Schools, but never before saw printing and book-binding so successfully undertaken by the boys, and though, in the present buildings, this branch of education is conducted under some difficulties, while chemistry has to be entirely omitted for want of a laboratory, yet I see, in the development of this technical side of the School, exactly what seems to be wanted in order to give to a certain section of the boys, who have little spirit or aptitude for books, just the employment and training most useful to awaken their interest and to fit them for after life.

My knowledge of the contemplated removal of the School to another site leads me to speak now with the more emphasis, because of the opportunities that new buildings will naturally afford, not only for providing adequately for Science and Art (which are at present scarcely recognised in the School) but also for developing these technical branches of instruction, which apparently have made such a good beginning.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) T. J. SANDERSON, M.A.

late Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge.

Brington Rectory, Huntingdon,

14th November 1896.

Certified as correct,

J. H. FLATHER, M.A.,

Assistant Secretary to the Syndicate.

19th November 1896.

Bro. Dr. Charles Forshaw, LL.D., will publish at an early date "Bradford" (an historic ode) and other poems. The volume is under the direct patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, and the author has received permission to inscribe it to James Leslie Wanklyn, Esq., M.P. Many of the leading magistrates and merchants of the town of Bradford have already subscribed

for copies. The work is being produced to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough. The poem from whence the title is derived will occupy several pages, and will deal with events of interest in the past history of Bradford. The rest of the book will contain Sonnets, Songs, &c., many of which allude to the locality. The price of the book, which will consist of 304 pages, crown 8vo., will be 3s. Orders may be addressed to the Author: Dr. Charles F. Forshaw, Winder House, Bradford.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Right Hon. and Most Rev. Edward White Benson, D.D.,
Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England.

Through all the years that are to be,
I shall recall that noble face;
The grave and gentle courtesy
Which never failed to leave its trace.

There are some men we always love
Though we may know them scarce at all;
A pleasant word from those above
How gladly do we now recall.

When death has snatched them swift away,
The sunny smile and kindly thought,
The summons we must all obey—
Oh! with what pain are we distraught.

His station placed him near the Throne,
Our Western Patriarch, our chief;
A great Archbishop, that alone—
Could scarce have filled our hearts with grief.

A vast Cathedral nobly planned;
A Church House worthy of her needs;
Peace through his wisdom; understand
These are his glory, these his deeds.

Cornwall to him was very dear,
Dear to me also, 'twas my home:
The happy home for many a year—
I shall forget when death doth come.

They loved him when as Bishop he
Lived in their midst on Kenwyn's height,
For he was always gracious, free,
A great man, jealousy despite.

He ne'er sought popularity
Like some well-known as highly placed
But a true patriot-statesman he
Who for self-seeking showed distaste.

The Church's Champion, when they sought,
In Wales to drag her to the ground,
Ecclesia Anglicana wrought—
Upon his banner soon they found.

The note of warning clarion voiced,
He gave, and Churchmen rose in arms,
The Church was saved, and we rejoiced;
We now are free from war's alarms.

Her cords we lengthen, and her stakes
We strengthen as the days go by;
But he is dead. Who undertakes
To lead us now to victory?

A splendid isolation ours,
"The Church of England shall be free,"
Magna Charta gave us powers,
No Roman vassals will we be.

Oh! Churchmen over all the lands,
Oh! Englishmen beyond the sea,
Remember and stretch out your hands,
For Anglo-Catholic ye be.

Help us to rear the stately fane
Begun by England's greatest son,
Then shall come joy from out our pain,
And sorrow cease. The work is done,

The late Archbishop was consecrated first Bishop of Truro, and during his occupancy of the See the beautiful Cathedral designed by Pearson was erected. The choir and transepts are complete, but the nave is only begun, and the central tower also. When attending the Church Congress in Wales at the time of the attack on the Church in the Principality, he said he came from the seat of Augustine to assure them that they would defend them. His eloquent and powerful address had a wonderful effect in stirring up Churchmen in defence of the Church of England in Wales, and undoubtedly contributed greatly to the defeat of the Disestablishment Bill. He was equally opposed to Scotch disestablishment. "The Truro Time was what touched his affections most. To hear him speak of Truro and of Truro people and Cornish folk was always a delight. He thought that they loved him, and his own love for them was peculiarly tender and eloquent. Even in hours of sadness and anxiety it always brightened him to think and speak of Cornwall."—Extract from letter to Chancellor of Truro Cathedral from the Archbishop's son. It has been resolved to finish the Cathedral as a monument to the saintly Prelate. The Prince of Wales is president of the committee.

Our Brethren of the Craft will remember that the foundation stone of the Cathedral was laid by the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales assisted by the Grand Lodge of England. The Princess of Wales and her two sons being also present.

The two great pillars at the entrance of the Chancel were erected by the Freemasons of Cornwall, at a cost of £600.

The Grand Lodge has never contributed a penny to the Cathedral—the 60th year of the Queen's reign suggests an opportunity.

EMMA HOLMES,

Aberdeen, 1896.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE annual meeting took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, 12th ult., when Bro. George Tarran was installed W.M. in the presence of a distinguished assembly of Brethren.

The visitors included Brothers Lord Glenesk, the Archdeacon of London, R. Eve, Edward Terry, R. Turtle Pigott, J. R. Diggle, Rev. W. J. Hawksley, Charles Carson, and Langton.

The duties of Installing-Master were performed by the retiring W.M. Brother Husk, who was presented with a Past Master's jewel. Brother Tarran presided at the banquet which followed, and the musical part of the programme was furnished by Brothers Dalgety Henderson, Cheesewright, W. Nicholl, Templar Saxe, Vernon Taylor, and J. A. Collings (accompanist).

INSTRUCTION.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

AT Bro. Jones's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, on Tuesday, Bros. C. J. Brown W.M., G. Barter S.W., J. W. Mogford J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Prec., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362 Sec., W. Bushey S.D., F. Beesley J.D., C. Holston I.G., W. Roberts W.M. 733, and others.

After the usual preliminaries Bro. Roberts was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts again acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge in a very able manner. The Lodge was resumed to the 2nd degree and the W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. D. Mogford, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Brown the W.M. invested the Officers. Bro. Barter was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

RELIEF LODGE, No. 42.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at the Philips Hall, Bury, on Thursday, 17th ult., Bro. Vincent Brown W.M. There was an attendance of about forty members of the Lodge, and thirty visiting Brethren, to witness the installation into the chair of K.S. of Bro. John Booth Worshipful Master-elect. The ordinary business having been disposed of, an illuminated address, bound in book form, in morocco leather, was presented to Bro. J. W. Kenyon P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, in recognition of the attainment of his jubilee as a member of the Lodge, the presentation being made by Bro. E. Simpkin P.M., who was supported by Bro. T. Carter P.M. P.P.G. Org.

The Worshipful Master said they had a most pleasing duty—that of presenting an illuminated address to the Senior Past Master of the Lodge Bro. J. W. Kenyon, who was initiated into the Lodge on 3rd December 1846. They all felt deeply grateful to the Grand Geometrician of the Universe that He had spared their Brother to render efficient service for so long a period to the cause which they all had so close at heart.

Bro. Simpkin, in making the presentation, said he did so by command of the Worshipful Master. The presentation had the unanimous approval of the whole of the members of the Lodge. He himself was the next oldest member of the Lodge, and it therefore afforded him peculiar pleasure to have been selected to perform this duty. After congratulating Bro. Kenyon on his long and useful connection with Masonry, Bro. Simpkin handed over to him the address, which was as follows:—

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

Lodge Relief, No. 42.

TO BRO. JAMES WILLIAM KENYON P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works E.L.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren of Lodge Relief, No. 42, hail with satisfaction the celebration of your jubilee as a Brother, your initiation dating from the 3rd day of December 1846. We are deeply grateful that it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to extend and fraternally cement for so long a period your honourable connection with the Brethren of the Lodge, and that during this period you have had the satisfaction of twice holding the highest office in the Lodge, viz., that of its Worshipful Master, and that you have also been honoured by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, he having appointed you Grand Superintendent of Works for the Province. We rejoice to retain upon our Lodge roll the names of Brethren whose watchful care, foresight, and zeal have in the past so materially promoted and fostered the true interests of our Lodge. We heartily embrace the present opportunity of thus testifying our appreciation of your long and very valuable services, and sincerely trust that you may be spared to adorn our Lodge for many years to come. On behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge, we are yours faithfully and fraternally,

VINCENT BROWN W.M.

THOS. CARTER P.M. P.P.G.O. E.L. Secretary.

Grey Mare Hotel, Bury,
17th December 1896.

Bro. Carter said he had been requested to supplement the address by saying a word or two on behalf of the Past Masters and Brethren of the Lodge. He felt he could scarcely do justice to his thoughts or adequately express the feelings of the Brethren. But he could tell Bro. Kenyon that they regarded him as a very zealous and exemplary and assiduous Mason. At all times, in season and out of season, he had always been ready to give

a helping hand in whatever was required; hence their hearts rejoiced that he had been so long spared to keep up his connection with the Lodge. He could not help but express his more than delight at seeing Bro. Kenyon standing there in honourable old age an exemplary Mason, a pattern of good fellowship and an example of goodwill to them all. And although his sun might now be setting in the west, he was sure he merely conveyed the feelings of the Brethren present when he trusted that the day might be long distant before Bro. Kenyon would be called to that bourne whence no traveller returned. He trusted that Bro. Kenyon might be long spared to them to continue the Brotherly love, the happiness, and the harmony that he had spread among them for so many years. Such was their desire and strong hope. They presented Bro. Kenyon with that address accompanied by every good wish.

Bro. Kenyon, in reply, said he had a great deal to be thankful for. This Lodge, of which he had been a member fifty years, had celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary, and had now arrived at the good old age of 163 years, with an unbroken record. He did not think there was another Lodge in Lancashire could say that. He then treated his auditors to some very interesting reminiscences with regard to the method of conducting the Lodge at the time of his initiation. It appeared that Bro. Fred Anderton was the oldest surviving Past Master, whilst Bros. Simpkin, Eccles, and Carter were also very old members. In conclusion, Bro. Kenyon thanked the Brethren most heartily for their very handsome gift.

The ceremony of installation was afterwards proceeded with, Bro. John Booth being duly placed in the principal chair, the Installing Officers being Past Masters T. Rigby P.P.G.Swd.Br., J. Redfern P.P.G.P., and Vincent Brown I.P.M.

The Officers invested were:—Bros. H. Pollard S.W., F. B. Barlow J.W., Walter Spencer Chap., T. H. Sleigh P.M. Treas., T. Rigby P.M. Sec., C. R. Scholes S.D., W. E. Hall J.D., J. Redfern P.M. D. of C., J. W. Southern Org., R. W. Buxton I.G., H. Cass and T. S. Collinge Stewards, and T. Carter P.M. Accompanist.

Subsequently a very excellent banquet was served in the Lodge room at the Grey Mare Hotel, Market Street, which did infinite credit to the caterer Mr. L. R. Duckworth.

Principal among the visitors were the following:—Bros. A. Wolstenholme P.M. 266 P.P.G.D., A. Hopkinson P.M. P.P.G.S. of Wks., John Marshall P.M. 61 P.P.G.P. (West Yorks), Thomas Threlfall P.M. 1773 Prov. G.S., J. Bullivant P.M. 191, W. H. Mitchell W.M. 128, John Hoyle W.M. 191, O. C. Crompton P.M. 191, F. Rothwell W.M. 1392, T. J. Hutchinson W.M. 2560, J. Haworth J.W. 1392.

The Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly varied by an interesting musical programme, the contributors being Bros. T. Carter, H. Matthews, T. Mellor I.P.M. 2560, Thomas Hannett J.W. 2363, W. Dickson Chap. 191, M. Stansfield Sec. 78, W. B. Bell Org. 191, C. Hughes 128, and E. Royles 1392. Bros. Carter and Bell played the accompaniments.

HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

THE feast of St. John was celebrated ecclesiastically on Sunday, but the time-honoured custom of installing the new Worshipful Master of the Humber Lodge had to be postponed until Monday, 28th ult., says the "Eastern Morning News," when the Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Hull, was crowded, its capacity being taxed to the uttermost. The choice of the Brethren had happily been bestowed upon Bro. James Milestone, and he was duly installed into the ancient chair of K.S., the sublime ritual being rendered by the most perfect Master of the ceremony Bro. George Wilson P.M. P.P.G.D., whose efforts were ably supported by Past Masters Thomas Morrill, E. Corris, and J. Henderson.

The new Master having been duly saluted he invested the Officers.

During the course of the proceedings the retiring Worshipful Master Brother Thomas Morrill was the recipient of a valuable and handsome presentation for the eminent services he had rendered to his Mother Lodge during his tenure of office. Like his illustrious father the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hull Councillor H. Morrill, Bro. Thomas Morrill has been a most successful and popular Master; on every occasion he has magnified not only his eminent position as the head of the leading and wealthiest private Lodge in the kingdom, but has advanced its best and truest interests in a manner which has met with the heartiest approbation of his brethren. He has had the honour of entertaining the annual convocation of Provincial Grand Lodge, at which the Right Hon. Lord Bolton presided in the absence of the Marquis of Zetland; he represented the Lodge (in conjunction with Bro. J. Henderson) at the festival of the Aged Freemasons, when the subscription list of the Humber was the largest of any of the Lodges represented; the anniversary of the Queen's accession and longest reign was loyally observed, and a telegram of congratulation wired to Her Majesty, who sent a most gracious reply, while the Brethren were feted with an interesting and enjoyable day's outing. Then, too, there was the concert within the sacred precincts of the Lodge; and last, but not least, the grand ball, given by the Humber in aid of the Masonic Charities, which fittingly terminated a most useful year of office.

Bro. Councillor G. W. Richardson S.W., in making the presentation, said that a very pleasurable duty had devolved upon him. He had to ask Bro. Morrill to accept, on behalf of the members, a token of esteem and regard in recognition of his sterling services to the Lodge. The past year had been one of unqualified success. He then duly decorated Bro. Morrill with a magnificent gold Past Master's jewel, and wished him good health, prosperity, and long life. Concluding his remarks, Councillor Richardson also asked the Master's acceptance, on behalf of his esteemed wife—Mrs. T. Morrill—of a superb chased solid silver tea and coffee service, weighing sixty-three ounces. They were indebted to Mrs. Morrill for the graceful and kindly manner in which she had on several occasions assisted the W.M., more especially in regard to the social functions of the Lodge.

Bro. Thomas Morrill, who was visibly affected, briefly returned thanks. After expressing the indebtedness he felt in receiving the tokens of regard, he said he had only done his duty, which any man placed in the position of W.M. of their grand old Lodge was expected to do. He felt he was totally unable to adequately express the depth of his gratitude for the tangible proof of the Brethren's esteem towards his dear wife, and he asked them to accept in all sincerity their united and hearty thanks.

The gifts were suitably inscribed. The 18ct. Past Master's Jewel bore the monogram of the recipient in gold, and the inscription was:

Presented to

Bro. THOS. MORRILL,

by the Brethren of the Humber Lodge of Freemasons, No. 57, as a token of regard and appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him as their W.M. during 1896.

The banquet was celebrated in the banquetting hall, where, after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. E. Corris proposed the toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master and Officers. In doing so he said that was one of the red-letter days of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master took up the reins of office from one who had done his duty in a most able manner. The new Master started on a new voyage with an excellent crew; he had any number of charts and guiding lights to enable him to steer his ship along, but sometimes the unexpected happened—a Craft not knowing the rules of the road came into collision. However, he did not expect the “unexpected,” or even that a collision would occur during Bro. Milestone’s year of office. After a poetical and flowery speech, Bro. Corris proposed the Master’s health, and said that, as he knew he would promote in every way the well-being of the Lodge, they looked forward to a reasonable measure of success during 1897.

Bro. Milestone W.M. responded, and thanked the Brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He said he had had difficulties to surmount in the past, and he would try to perform the arduous duties he would be called upon for. He had done his best in the selection of his Officers, and they would constitute a good crew. He looked for the support of the Past Masters and Brethren generally, which would ensure success. He would maintain the prestige and integrity of the Lodge as in the past, and would do his level best—speaking was not his forte, “work” being more in his line. He was delighted with the encouragement given him by the splendid attendance of members and visiting Brothers.

Bro. H. Glassman S.W. and Bro. W. C. Thornton J.W. also replied.

The toast of the Immediate Past Master Bro. T. Morrill and Officers was enthusiastically received and duly acknowledged by the recipients.

Other toasts followed. Bro. J. R. Stringer P.P.G.O. arranged a very interesting musical programme.

Bro. George Everingham (the chief steward) purveyed in *recherché* style, and Bro. H. J. Oldroyd discharged the duties as Director of Ceremonies in an efficient manner.

LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE usual monthly meeting of this old Lodge was held at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday, 21st ult. Bro. Robert C. Fowle W.M. presided, and he was assisted by his Officers: William Gunn S.W., George Masters J.W., John Solomon S.D., Joseph Davis J.D., E. B. Wilks I.G., George Rackstraw P.M. Treas., J. C. Biggs P.M. Secretary, Frank Hitchens P.M. D.C., F. W. Martin A.D.C., R. Ceiley Organist, R. Matthews Steward. There were also present Past Masters G. T. King, Thomas Deane, Joseph Solomon, Rev. Augustus Jackson, Thomas Nettlingham, W. Barlow, J. P. White D.C., James A. Whitfield I.P.M.; Bros. H. Sandford, R. Bill, A. Prevost, W. H. Loft, J. Mason, T. Sandford.

Visitors:—J. N. Willis J.W. 483, and E. Ingman J.D. 483.

The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes were read, and the Treasurer’s report was presented. Bro. Arthur Fowle being a candidate for the third degree, proved his proficiency as a Fellow Craft, and was regularly raised to the sublime degree, and took his seat in the Lodge as a Master Mason. The ceremony was admirably rendered by the Worshipful Master.

Upon the proposition of Bro. Biggs the following sums were voted from the Lodge funds for the local charities:—Christmas dinner to the poor 21s, Breakfasts to poor children 21s, Gravesend Hospital £2 2s, Public Soup Kitchen 21s, Home for Destitute Children 21s.

Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to supper, the principal item of which was two fine turkeys presented by the Master. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent, and the company separated with hearty good wishes for the new year.

RESTORATION LODGE, No. 111.

THE members assembled on the 30th ult., at the Freemasons’ Hall, Darlington, to assist at the installation of Bro. John Broughton into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being very impressively performed by Bro. Richard Luick P.M. P.P.S.G.W.

A banquet was subsequently held in the banquetting hall of the Lodge, which was attended by upwards of fifty Brethren.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. During the evening a very beautiful jewel was presented to Bro. C. J. Walton, for his valuable services rendered to the Lodge during the past year.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE installation banquet took place at the Freemasons’ Club, Plymouth, on Thursday, 31st ult. Bro. George Collins W.M. presided, and was well supported. In proposing the toast of the Grand Master of Devon Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P., a tribute was paid to his high qualities as a gentleman and Mason.

Much pleasure was expressed at the presence of Bro. Westlake, and, in responding, Bro. Westlake gave a very interesting account of the various charities.

The toast of the W.M. of Lodge Friendship was warmly received, and, in reply, he hoped he should deserve the eulogies passed upon him that evening.

In proposing “Absent Brethren,” the W.M. remarked that as Friendship had a large number of Brethren of both services as members, it was a toast which appealed to their sympathies, and the naval and military Brethren would know that although absent they were never forgotten at the festive board.

Brother Allsford proposed Lodge Friendship, in felicitous terms, stating that this day was the 125th anniversary of the issue of the Lodge’s charter, and gave an account of some interesting incidents of its early history.

MOIRA LODGE, No. 324.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at the Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stalybridge, on Thursday, the 10th ult., a large number of members and visitors being present. Lodge was opened at an early hour by Bro. Wm. Higson W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Auditors presented their report. This was highly satisfactory, showing a handsome balance in the hands of the Treasurer: it was adopted.

Then followed the real business of the day—that of installing into the chair of K.S. Bro. Walter Barrow W.M.-elect, the ceremony being performed by Brother John Bottomley P.P.G.S.Wd.Br., he being very ably assisted by Past Masters Daniel Holt Sec. as S.W., Rev. J. Grant Bird

P.P.G.C. as J.W., and Stanley Robinson as I.G. Bro. Higson W.M. presented the Worshipful Master-elect to receive the benefits of installation, and after having been duly obligated he retired until the formation of a Board of Installed Masters, when the ceremony was proceeded with.

The following is a list of Officers invested by the Installing Master, who fully described their jewels and explained their duties: Bros. William Higson I.P.M., Samuel Hall S.W., Robt. Newton J.W., Rev. J. Grant Bird P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Daniel Holt P.M. Sec., Alfred Webb Treas., J. Bottomley P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Dir. of Cers. and Charity Representative, E. Andrew P.M. P.P.G.O. Org., Lewis Buckley S.D., Henry Jones J.D., Saml. Higson I.G., W. Higson and James Sykes Stewards, Jos. Marsden P.M. Tyler.

Lodge Moira is to be congratulated upon the fact of possessing such a competent Installing Master as Bro. Bottomley, his proclamations being eclipsed only by the masterly way in which he delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren respectively. And if confirmation of this fact were needed, it was supplied by the words of Bro. Richard Newhouse D.G.S.Br. England P.G. Secretary, who, having to catch an early train asked permission to speak before retiring. Bro. Newhouse paid a very high tribute of praise and approbation to Bro. Bottomley for the very able and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been performed, and also complimented Bro. Holt P.M. upon his lucid, effective, and eloquent explanation of the working tools, adding that he took it to be an honour having been invited to witness such splendid working. The speaker closed his remarks by adverting to the good work of the charities.

A very excellent banquet was subsequently served in the Lodge room, under the presidency of Bro. Barrow W.M. (host). The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, they being pleasantly varied by songs, sketches, and instrumental music, contributed by Bros. J. Bottomley P.M., A. Hagne, W. Higson, H. Jones, D. Holt, A. Yarwood, R. Firth S.W. 1218, R. Stanley 1408, and others.

Bro. William Higson I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M. in eulogistic terms and referred to the many good qualities which Bro. Barrow possessed, wishing him a happy and successful year of office. He further said he felt sure that when his term of office expired the Brethren would have no cause to regret having installed him into the chair that day.

Bro. D. Higson P.M. P.G.St.B. then sang “The Master’s Toast,” by Bro. E. Andrew P.P.G.O.

The W.M. rose to respond, and judging from the manner in which he was received, his popularity is already assured. After tendering his thanks for the good words of the proposer of the toast, and to the Brethren generally for the honour conferred on him, he referred to his connection with the Moira Lodge, and of his deep attachment to Masonry, saying that the more he knew of it the better he liked it, and the higher he went the greater his zeal, not only in the Craft but in the superior branches of Freemasonry. He made an earnest appeal to his younger Brethren not to be content with the outer “Crust,” but to get to the “Kernel,” and soar to the highest pinnacles of Masonry. He expressed his dislike of those persons who joined in order to become possessed of the secrets alone, so as to bear the name of a Mason, and then leave it. As for himself, he was determined to go on, and “go up” till he attained the summit of Masonry, and to do his duty well, so that his life and actions might testify to the principles of the Institution which honoured him as one of its rulers that day.

Bro. John Clayton P.M. 89 P.P.G.S.W. proposed the health of Colonel LeGendre N. Starkie P.G.M. East Lancashire and the Provincial Officers, coupling with it the name of Bro. Dr. T. D. Foreman P.M. P.P.G.S.D. After extolling their many qualifications and abilities he made an urgent appeal for the Charities, which had effected so much good and were the envy of the whole world.

Dr. Foreman, in response, thanked the Worshipful Master for his invitation. It was not that alone which had induced him to attend, but there was another great attraction to him and that was to see his old friend Bro. John Bottomley perform his work. He desired to say that of all the Brethren with whom he had come in contact there was none appreciated more than Bro. Bottomley. He had heard him perform his work in the Craft before, and also in the higher degrees, and the masterly way in which he did his work in those degrees was in every way a credit to him. Bro. Foreman strongly recommended all Brethren to join the higher branches of Masonry. The way that Bro. Bottomley had performed his work on the first occasion in those branches was in every sense a pleasure to witness.

Bro. D. Higson P.M., in proposing the Installing Masters, spoke of the great ability, “natural and acquired,” of Bros. Bottomley and Holt, both of whom had earned the honour, esteem, and affection of every Brother in the Lodge. He trusted the day was far distant when their great services would be lost to them. Such noble examples as were set them would live till time ceased to roll.

Bro. Bottomley, on rising to respond, was received with vociferous applause, and, after thanking the proposer and the Brethren for the compliment, said the work which he had done that day had been a pleasure to him, as it was indeed a labour of love. He well remembered some eight years ago when he had the pleasing privilege to second the proposition of Bro. Barrow as a candidate for Freemasonry. He afterwards initiated, passed, and raised him, so that it was a most pleasing duty that day to confer upon him the highest honour the Craft could bestow, by placing him in the chair of K.S., and he felt sure Bro. Barrow would do his duty, faithfully fulfil every pledge which he had given, and would govern the Lodge so as to gain the esteem of the Brethren, and merit the testimony of a good conscience.

Bro. Holt P.M. Secretary, in also returning thanks, spoke of the small part he and Bro. Bird (Chaplain of the Lodge) had taken in the Installation ceremony. He went on to say that Lodge Moira was in a most unique and happy possession of such a member as Installing Master Bottomley, who was without doubt a host in himself, and from the prodigious amount of work he had done for many years now past was well and properly designated the Father of the Lodge. His working of the installation, the investiture of Officers, and the giving of the addresses, spoke volumes; and those who had had the extreme pleasure of witnessing the whole could well understand the genuine pride every member of Lodge Moira felt in their esteemed Bro. Bottomley. The good wishes expressed for the W.M. he cordially re-echoed, each and every one.

Besides those already mentioned, there were present Past Masters Wm. Dyson P.P.G.S., Saml. Marsden P.P.G.S., and H. Fielden; Bros. H. Block-sage, T. Bradbury, R. Wharam, Matthew Stringer, Walter Cooper, A. E. Charlesworth, and James Renwick.

Visitors:—Bros. Saml. N. Brooks P.M. 361 P.P.G.D.D.C., Jas. Fitton P.M. 268 P.G.S., Tom Simpson P.M. 1088, George Wagstaff P.M. 1088, Reuben Firth P.M. 1218, Joseph Rowland P.M. 1218, J. Mercer Jones P.M. 1222, Elias Wild P.M. 1408, Ralph Garside P.M. 1428, Jas. Harding W.M. 461, Harry Binns W.M. 1088, Samuel Grundy W.M. 1322, A. B. Pownall S.D. 268, Jas. R. Norman I.G. 89, and many others.

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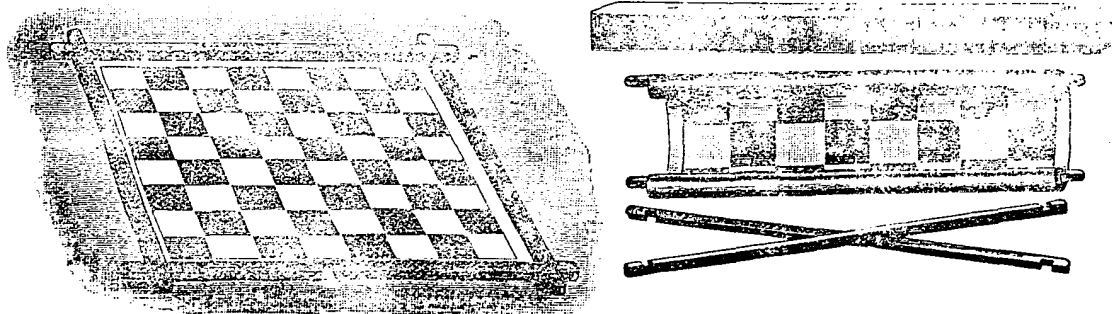
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