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THE GRAND MASTER'S HOSPITAL FUND.

FEELING that many of our readers are interested in the success of the project of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to endow the hospitals of the metropolis as a means of commemorating the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign, we asked the Secretary to supply us a list of contributions to the Fund from Masonic Lodges, and now have the pleasure of giving the particulars. As stated in a foot note we are unable to identify one or two of the amounts, but no doubt Sir Savile Crossley, Bart., one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Fund, who has kindly sent the details, will enable us to put this right next week.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, London	5	5	0
▲ St. Andrew Lodge, per Treasurer	5	5	0
Friars Lodge, No. 1349, London	5	5	0
Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, London	5	5	0
St. James Union Lodge, No. 180, London, per S. Dibley	2	2	0
St. John Lodge, No. 1343, Grays	2	2	0
Priory Lodge, No. 1000, Southend	2	2	0
Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, Colchester	1	4	0
Granite Lodge, No. 1328, London	1	1	0

DONATIONS.

St. Mary Lodge, No. 63, London, per G. Kelly Treasurer	20	0	0
Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, London	20	0	0
Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, London	10	10	0
St. Thomas Lodge, No. 142, London	10	10	0
▲ Britannic Lodge, Surbiton	10	10	0
Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon	10	0	0
Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261, London	6	10	0
Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, London	5	14	6
Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, London	5	5	0
Pickwick Lodge, No. 2467, London	5	5	0
Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, London	5	5	0
Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, London	5	5	0
Invicta Chapter of Rose Croix, East Greenwich	4	4	0
North Kent Lodge, No. 2499, Bexley Heath	2	15	6
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, per J. K. Pitt Sec.	2	2	0
Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, London	2	2	0
Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385, Barnet	1	6	0
▲ Derby Lodge	1	1	0

▲ We give these items as supplied, but cannot yet identify them.

THE SCHOOL QUARTERLY COURTS.

THE regular Quarterly Courts and half-yearly elections of the two Educational Institutions are to be held next week—on Thursday and Friday respectively.

The Court of the Girls School will assemble at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, at 12 o'clock, and, providing no special business unexpectedly presents itself, will proceed to the election of twenty pupils from a list of twenty-eight approved candidates (No. 20 on the list, I. A. Fincken having been nominated for admission under the Sir Henry Edwards presentation). It is a matter of gratification that so large a proportion of the applicants can be admitted.

The supporters of the Boys School will assemble the following day, at the same time and place, and here the

chief item of interest will undoubtedly be the receipt of a report from the Board of Management, as to the progress in the development of the Bushey site for the new School. The first item on the agenda, however, is an expression of loyalty towards Her Majesty the Queen, Bro. C. E. Keyser P.G.D. Patron and Treasurer of the Institution having given notice of his intention to move a respectful vote of congratulation to the Queen on the completion of the sixtieth year of Her reign.

It will next be proposed to declare a further vacancy to be filled up at the ensuing election, to fill the place of a lad who has left the School before the expiration of his term. The Treasurer will have to be elected (Bro. C. E. Keyser being the only nomination), as also twelve Brethren not Life Governors as Members of the Council, and ten Life Governors to fill vacancies on the Board of Management (in connection with this there are but five Brethren nominated for the five London vacancies, and eight nominations for the five Provincial vacancies).

The list of sixty candidates for admission to the Institution has been reduced to fifty-five, by reason of withdrawals, &c., and for them there are at present twenty-one declared vacancies, to be increased in all probability by the further vacancy sought to be declared, as mentioned above, so that here also there is considerable cause for satisfaction, although the proportion of vacancies to candidates is not so marked as in the case of the sister Institution.

Further details in regard to the two meetings are given in our advertisement columns.

CHESHIRE CHARITIES.

A MEETING of the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire was held at Crewe on Wednesday, Bro. John Clayton presiding. The Chairman gave a report as to the position of the Province in reference to the voting power in support of candidates for the Royal Masonic Charities at ensuing elections. Several petitions were laid before the Committee, and it was decided to support the case of Robert Goodwin Travis for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Several petitions for relief were favourably considered. A series of new bye-laws prepared by the Charity Council for the government of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution was laid before the meeting, and after discussion adopted. At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, which followed, it was decided to hold the meetings of the executive Sub-committee at Birkenhead and Manchester alternately, instead of Crewe and Stockport.

The W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, wishes to make a most earnest appeal to West of England and other Freemasons to support the case of Alfred Sanderson, son of the late Bro. H. J. Sanderson, in the forthcoming election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The late Bro. Sanderson was for many years on the staff of the "Western Morning News," and for the latter period of his life was on the London staff of that journal. He died in December 1894, after a painful illness extending over many months, leaving a widow and three children. Had he lived Bro. Sanderson would this year have been W.M. of the Gallery Lodge. Those who know the circumstances feel that an appeal has never been made for a more deserving case.

CHURCH SERVICE.

IT has been arranged to hold a Masonic Service, on behalf of the debt of £7,000 on the Restoration Fund of the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, at the church, at four o'clock on the afternoon of Ascension Day, Thursday, 27th May, which will be of an exceptional character. The Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro G.M. has signified his intention to be present, accompanied by a number of Grand Officers. A committee of Brethren has been elected (with power to add to their number), to make the necessary arrangements. Lord Llangattock has been appointed Chairman, and the Chapter Clerk Bro. Henry Langston will act as Hon. Secretary. Tickets of admission to Masons will be issued in due course. Secretaries of London and Provincial Lodges desiring information are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, 32 Borough High Street, Southwark.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE annual meeting is to be held on Wednesday next, 7th inst., at three p.m., in the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. The Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, is the President. The business on the agenda paper is pretty full, including the election of Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Auditors for the ensuing year, all of which posts are honorary. An amendment will be proposed as to bye-law 26, by Bro. James Griffin, and Bro. E. H. Shorto P.M., &c. will propose that the sum of £10 be voted to a little girl in aid of her advancement in life. There are six candidates for the three declared vacancies, says the "Western Morning News," so that probably a thousand votes will be necessary to secure election, and there will then be the large number of twenty-two children on the Fund. The Management Committee are anxious to draw attention to this important fact, so that the subscriptions may be considerably increased, and prove that the right step has been taken in thus extending the benefits of the Institution.

WESTERN DISTRICT MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting, held at Princess Square, Plymouth, on the 26th ult., was presided over by Bro. Sitters. Bro. W. Allsford Treas. submitted his report, which showed a favourable balance in hand. From the Secretary's report it was gleaned that the Association had continued its activity during the past year with marked success. Reference was made to the fact that the Three Towns Freemasons, through the Association, had contributed a large sum towards the Indian Famine Fund, which would be paid to London through the Provincial Grand Master Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P.

The Officers elected for the ensuing year are Bros. Major G. Strode, J.P., President, W. Powell and A. Stebbing Vice-Presidents, W. Allsford Treasurer, and J. Gifford Secretary. It was resolved, says the "Western Mercury," that each of the Three Towns Lodges be empowered to elect one member on the Committee, the whole to form the executive Officers of the Association.

CONSECRATION.

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LODGE OF CHARITY.

THE Consecration of this new Lodge, which bears the number 2651 under the Grand Lodge of England, took place on Monday, 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bold Street, Warrington, in the presence of a large number of Brethren, among whom was Bro. Wm. Goodacre P.G. Sword Bearer of England Prov. Grand Secretary of West Lancashire, who had been deputed to perform the ceremony customary in the foundation of a new Lodge.

The founders of the Lodge of Charity present were Bros. John Armstrong P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Ches., R. H. Pearson P.M., J. Rymer Young P.M., J. Hesketh P.M., W. Pierpoint, J. Wass, Herbert Hatton, Thos. Morris, Daniel Jones, J. Shaw Green, Hugh Ferguson, and Thomas Tunstall P.P.G.S. of W.

Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Dr. J. Adams P.M. the S.W.-designate, through illness, and also Professor A. H. Young P.M., owing to an important professional engagement.

The Consecrating Officer, on entering the Lodge, was received by the assembled Brethren in a manner fitting to his exalted rank, and, having taken the chair, appointed Bros. T.

Banner Newton Prov.G.T. as S.W., G. A. Harradon P.P.G.T. as J.W., and John Fletcher P.P.G.D. as I.G.

The Lodge was then opened up to the third degree, and after the usual salutes Bro. Goodacre addressed the Brethren in a few well chosen words on the object of the meeting, explaining that he had been deputed by the M.W.G.M. to consecrate the Lodge. He concluded his brief remarks by wishing the new Lodge the greatest possible success.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Founders were arranged round the Lodge board and signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant; the P.G. Chaplain Bro. H. Leeson having delivered a brilliant oration on the nature and principles of the Institution, the anthem "Behold how good and joyful" was most effectively rendered by the musical artistes. The hymns and other anthems used on such occasions were also effectively chanted, and to the satisfaction of all present.

The Lodge having been dedicated and constituted in the usual form Bro. John Armstrong P.P.G.S. of W. Cheshire was presented as W.M.-designate by the Prov.G.D.C. and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the Consecrating Master. The W.M. then invested Bro. R. H. Pearson P.M. J.W., J. Rymer Young P.M. Treas., John Hesketh P.M. Secretary, Wm. Pierpoint S.D., Herbert Hatton J.D., Thos. Cooper P.M. I.G., J. Shaw Green and Hugh Ferguson Stewards, J. H. Galloway Tyler.

The W.M. proposed that a vote of thanks be given to the Consecrating Officer and his assistants, for their impressive rendering of the several ceremonies, and that Bros. Goodacre, Newhouse, Lambert, and Leeson be elected honorary members of the Lodge, which was carried with the utmost enthusiasm. A Founder's jewel, suitably engraved, was also presented to Bros. Goodacre and Newhouse. The honorary members all expressed their thanks for the honour done them.

Letters of regret at inability to be present were received from several Brethren.

Five propositions for initiation, and five for joining were submitted.

After the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers had retired in procession, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren subsequently partook of a banquet, served in the Masonic Hall. The banquet itself and the speedy and efficient manner in which it was served reflected the greatest credit upon Bro. Chartry, in whose hands the catering had been placed.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts, and then the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., the Deputy Grand Master and other Officers of Grand Lodge, to which Bro. Newhouse D.G.Swd.Br. replied.

Bro. Wm. Pierpoint S.D. proposed the D.Prov.G.M. of West Lancs. and the Provincial Officers of this and other Provinces, to which Bros. J. J. Lambert and John Fletcher responded on behalf of West Lancashire, and F. Broadsmith for Cheshire.

The toast of the W.M. was submitted in most felicitous terms by the Consecrating Officer Bro. Goodacre, Bro. William Hutson singing a special variation of "Here's to his health in a song."

After replying, the W.M. proposed the health of the Consecrating Master Bro. Wm. Goodacre, and said they were greatly favoured in being privileged to have their Lodge consecrated by one of the, if not the ablest Officer in England.

The Mother Lodge, No. 148, was proposed by Bro. J. Rymer Young P.M. in eloquent and feeling terms, and was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Lythgoe W.M., W. B. Roberts Secretary, and Greenough Treasurer.

The Masonic Charities was in good hands in Bro. Thos. Morris, the Rev. R. Edwards responding.

The Visitors, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

ROYAL

Masonic Institution for Girls.

INSTITUTED 1788.

The 109th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH MAY 1897,

THE RIGHT HON. LORD LLANGATTOCK

Right Worshipful Prov.G.M. of South Wales Eastern Division in the Chair.

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

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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

BELFAST CHARITIES.

ON the 26th ult., the Ulster Hall, Belfast, was the scene of the annual festival promoted in the interests of the Belfast Masonic Charities, and probably on no previous occasion has larger or more representative patronage been extended to the function. The spacious hall was filled to overflowing, and both from a spectacular and musical standpoint the committee provided for the audience a programme *recherché* in its character.

The concert was preceded by a short business meeting, at which the reports of the charities—the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund and the Belfast Widows' Fund—were adopted, the speakers dwelling upon the services rendered by these organisations, which are so admirably managed and so self-sacrificingly officered that practically all the money received is disbursed for the benefit of the members of the Order and those who were dependent upon them for support. This, continues the "Belfast News-Letter," is what one would expect in connection with funds administered by members of a body the value of whose work in the cause of charity must be admitted by those who are the strongest opponents of its existence and the keenest critics of its operations. Were it not for this annual meeting, the outside public would know nothing, or comparatively little, of this important work, and even then the reports submitted cannot record the self-sacrificing labours and earnest efforts of those by whom the funds are so admirably administered. But while this public meeting is held, it is not for eliciting public support. Freemasons are capable of meeting, and do meet, all the claims made upon their charity; but it is well that occasionally the public should be reminded that there is in existence in their midst an organisation whose members are actuated by a thorough Christian spirit, and whose action has done more undoubtedly than the members of any other organisation to promote the practice of one of the noblest of virtues. The great and attractive feature of the annual demonstration is the procession, and this year's function, looked at in this light, was probably one of the most brilliant ever seen in the building. The attendance of the Brethren was extremely large, and the higher grades of the Order were well represented, the fine display of regalia imparting colour and brightness to an animated and interesting scene.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Provincial Officers, and other dignitaries having ascended the platform, on the call of Bro. James H. Woods P.J.G.W. Bro. Valentine was saluted with Masonic honours. He then took his seat as chairman, and expressed his pleasure at the reception he had obtained, and at the encouragement which all interested in the working of those charities would receive from such a large gathering as filled the hall that evening. That was the annual meeting in support of their two local charities—the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund and the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund—and he was glad to say that, as regarded their standing, both were in a position of prosperity. Last year they had received the largest amount of subscriptions given to the Funds, but, at the same time, they had to regret that the claims upon one of them were larger than usual. This called for the hearty and earnest support of the members of the Order, and he had no doubt that support would be given.

The reports of the Funds were taken as read. That presented by the Committee of the Charity Fund referred to the sustained interest taken in it, and the fact that the appeal to Lodges to secure direct representation at the monthly Committee meetings had met with a hearty response. The total income for the last three years was shown at—1894, £429 5s 10d; 1895, £471 7s 11d; 1896, £494 4s 11d. Total expenditure—1894, £479 4s 6d; 1895, £417 2s 1d; 1896, £499 10s 1d (inclusive of £100 invested). Donations had been received from Lodges to the extent of £60, and a bequest from Miss Isabella Logan for £10, in appreciation of aid rendered to a deceased relative. A sum of £240 per annum is now expended in monthly pensions, it was stated, to aged and infirm Brethren and widows and other relatives who were dependent on deceased Brethren. The report of the Widows' Fund showed that the income in 1895 was £1,035 13s 11d, as against £1,077 12s 8d in 1896. Grants had been made during the year to the extent of £779 2s, and donations received amounted to £94. In both reports touching and sympathetic reference was made to the lamented death of Bro. Hugh Doey, of Lodge 609, a Brother who had been for over sixty years a member of the Order, and who was one of the earliest promoters of the Widows' Fund, as well as one of its most hearty and liberal supporters. Not only this Fund, but Masonic charity throughout the Province, the report proceeded, had sustained a very great loss in his death.

Bro. Rev. R. J. Clarke proposed "That the reports and Treasurer's statements of accounts be received, adopted, and printed for circulation, and that this meeting, recognising the continued usefulness of these funds, feels it to be its duty to urge

upon Lodges and Brethren the necessity of sustaining them by a liberally increased pecuniary aid in order to meet their ever increasing claims, and thereby promote the noble virtue of charity, the keystone of the Masonic Order." In doing so he said the funds were administered by large and representative committees, by those who were good and true Masons, by men who would attend to their business, and admirably discharge their important duties. Every application received the most careful and discriminating attention, and the members of the committees, by reason of their social positions and various occupations, were well qualified to deal with every claim. He, and he was sure many others, could bear testimony to the vast amount of suffering that had been relieved through the agency of the Funds during the past year. Many families in difficulties had been put in a position of earning a respectable livelihood. Cases of deep and pressing distress had been relieved, and an incalculable amount of good had been done. It was very gratifying to know that during last year, as far as he was aware, not a single deserving applicant had been sent empty away.

Bro. John Horner P.M., in seconding the resolution, said that the work of these charities was of such an important character that they could not help appreciating the efforts of those by whom the funds were so admirably administered. The Masonic charities were to his mind in a sense peculiar. There was nothing in that glorious word charity which in any way cast a stigma upon those who were recipients of it. In the Masonic Charity Boards they met to give out to those who sought help what was their proper due. He did not think that any recipient of Masonic charity could ever come forward asking for such assistance with any other object in view than that of receiving a just and perfect right, and he knew himself, having had intimate connection with the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund, and knowing the manner in which its gifts had been bestowed, that no charitable organisations were administered with more care.

The comfortable home of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction—the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road—has just changed hands, the new proprietor being Bro. Morton Barnes, late of the Coach and Horses, High Road, Tottenham, where the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, has been held for a period of upwards of thirty years, for a considerable portion of which Bro. Barnes has been a member. We tender our good wishes to our Brother in his new home, and trust he will be able to make the Lodge and members frequenting his establishment so comfortable as to ensure the continuance of their support.

In the course of the speeches at the invitation gathering at the Glasgow Masonic Hall, referred to in our last issue, and reported elsewhere this week, one of the speakers suggested that shareholders, when making their will, might consider the advisability of bequeathing their shares to the Company. The adoption of this commendable suggestion, remarks the "Glasgow Evening News," will ultimately enrich the benevolent fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.

The new Lodge at Liscard is to be consecrated on Saturday next, 10th inst. The Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton Provincial Grand Master will officiate as Consecrating Officer, and Colonel C. S. Dean P.S.G.W. as Installing Master. The musical arrangements have been entrusted to Bro. J. T. Hindle P.G.O. and a large gathering may be expected.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON Saturday, 20th ult., the funeral took place in the Newton Cemetery, of Quartermaster Sergeant Thomas Howard, who died at his residence, Ashton Road, Makerfield, and the profound respect and high esteem felt towards the deceased found expression in various ways. His old comrades in the Lancashire Hussars resolved to pay a last tribute by accompanying the remains to the grave, and hence the melancholy ceremony was of a military and public character, the procession including representatives of the Freemasons and Oddfellows. The late Bro. Howard was Senior Warden of the Lodge of Faith, Ashton, and had he survived till the end of the year would have been Master of the Lodge.

THE mortal remains of Bro. Lose were laid in their last resting place on the 22nd ult., at the Plymouth Cemetery. Following the chief mourners were the Brethren of the Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847, of which the deceased Brother was Secretary, and by whom unmistakable and deep appreciation for the very able and energetic abilities displayed by him were shown. The members of the Lodge attended en masse.

THE FREEMASON'S SECRET.

(Continued from page 149.)

HERE then, the real life begins. He walks before his associates, and the world looks on while the questions are asked and answers given. And first among the lessons one hears as he engages in the duties of daily life, is that written by the Psalmist and repeated to-day as of divine origin:

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment. As the dew of Hermon and as the dew that descended upon the Mountain of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

After learning the lesson of a common brotherhood where each is received for what he is in and of himself, it is natural to expect that the man shall pledge himself to his fellow men, to be a man among men, true to his trust and faithful in his daily toil. Then the world confides in him, takes him by the hand and receives him as a fellow worker for the common good, gives him light.

The grip of a mutual fellowship is accepted among men as a token of fraternity. The word is common property wherever men strive to do and say the right thing. Both these advantages come to those who show their willingness to act the part of sympathetic helpers in the work of the world. Now the world says to its workers "Stand upright, with the square of truth beneath your feet, and the working tools of an earnest manhood in your hands."

But this is not all, the world expects one to magnify his calling, to show his sincerity by deeds as well as words; to maintain such purity of life and conduct as best befits those who claim companionship with angels as well as men. The "white leather apron" may not come to all who live and labour in the world, but the thing it signifies must be in the heart of every man if he would see life at its best and know all that the noblest ambition would achieve.

But suppose after all is said and done, after an honest effort and a willing heart have shown how faithful and true a human life may be, there still come want and destitution and poverty! Is life a failure because of that? There are times when the world asks "You find yourself entirely destitute?" But who does not know that there is a fund of wealth in the consciousness of personal rectitude? That a virtuous intent opens the way to human sympathy and assistance? Selfishness is not supreme anywhere. Noble character makes friends among the lowly and oppressed as well as with the rich and great. The compensations of life flow in on every side, and common experience establishes the fact that the hungry are fed, the naked clothed, the sick are visited, and the poor find the Gospel of God a thing of joy to the soul.

Nothing now remains but to take life as one finds it, accustom himself to the use of such working tools as the nature of the case demands, and live in accordance with the Golden Rule that admonishes him to do to others as he would have others do to him.

Such is the Entered Apprentice Degree in Freemasonry, and the lesson it would impart is that which concerns a good beginning for the duties and responsibilities that are to come in the future. The lights that are to guide the novitiate are Faith in God, and Love towards his fellow men. The Plumb, Level and Square are emblems of uprightness, fraternity and rectitude. The principles of action are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The cardinal virtues are Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance and Justice. Who could be injured by such teachings as these?—Rev. T. E. St. John, in "Freemasons Repository."

THE LEVEL.

THE chief glory of Masonry is that it levels all the barriers that intervene between individuals and communities, and brings together upon a plane of common equality persons of the most diverse opinions, occupations and interests. Over-leaping all boundaries of selfishness and exclusiveness, over-ruling all social and class distinctions, breaking down all the partitions of bigotry and intolerance, it unites in common work and common object the good and true of all pursuits, opinions and languages. The Lodge can never become the exclusive creature of any social, political, or religious class or sect, because it is the joint possession of the best representatives of all classes and conditions. Here upon the level—the symbol of equality—the rich and poor, the high and low, the titled prince and the sturdy yeoman, forget all differences of rank and station, and unite their best endeavour for the highest good of each and all. Here the best representatives of the various church creeds and the most diverse theological sentiments stand side by side without a single test between them! Here the leaders of opposite parties and rival factions forget their intrigues, and catching the spirit of royal sympathy and philanthropy breathed from every lesson of the Fraternity,

their hearts are melted into responsive love and fraternal peace. Here nobility of birth and blood is superseded by that higher nobility which is of disposition and life. Here the crown of royalty and the sceptre of authority belong to those most distinguished for virtue and honour. Here all languages are melted into words and symbols conveying the same meaning to all minds, and bearing the same significance in all circles. Of course, it is not assumed that these noble and honourable aims are never lost sight of by persons who have sought and obtained the fellowship of the Fraternity. Bad men sometimes conceal their selfish designs so skilfully that the closest scrutiny may fail to unmask them. But the object of Freemasonry to unite and harmonise in a benevolent and honourable work, the best representatives of all theological and governmental opinions, is not the less apparent on this account. And that its influence in this direction has been exceedingly potential and beneficent no one acquainted with the facts of the case will pretend to deny.—"Freemasons Repository."

MASONIC COMPASSES.

AN article in relation to the much mooted question as to which is the correct word—"compass" or "compasses"—is a question that has troubled me in my dreams and waking hours ever since I began to study Masonic symbolism, and to endeavour to find out the correct pronunciation and meaning of words contained in the Masonic vocabulary. I had heard "compass" and "compasses" used in the same breath, and the most diligent inquiry has so far failed to elicit any further light on the subject. I have also heard used the word "scissors," and frequently a "pair of scissors," but never "scissorses" or a "pair of scissorses," and as a compass is made of two pointed branches, the same as a pair of scissors, I am at a loss to determine exactly where I am at. My present dilemma reminds me of the tailor and the tailor's goose. He wanted two of them and, when he set down to write an order for them, he said: "Send me two tailor's geese." That didn't sound just right, and so he changed it to read: "Send me two tailor's geeses." That looked worse than the other, and so he made up his mind that neither way of wording the order would do. After scratching his head a few minutes, he seized a pen and sheet of paper and wrote: "Send me a tailor's goose, and—dang it, send me another!" Even that unique way of getting out of it has still left the question unsettled in my mind, and it seems to be as far from solution as ever. But the tailor got out of it to his own satisfaction—much after the way that Lincoln, when a young captain of militia, got his company on the other side of the fence one day when out drilling them. They were marching in platoons and he wanted to get the boys through the gate, but when he had arrived there he couldn't think how to give the order to get them in proper line, so they could march through, and so he said: "Halt—break ranks—and in two minutes assemble on the other side of the fence!"—Aroz, in "Masonic Advocate."

GLASGOW MASONIC HALL.

THE Masonic Temple which has been built to accommodate the Glasgow Brethren of the Craft was thrown open for public inspection on Saturday. The premises have been used for meetings of the various Lodges for some time, but it was thought that the shareholders and their lady friends should have an opportunity of inspecting the whole suite of halls and rooms under the genial influences of afternoon tea and a little music. Accordingly invitations were issued by the Chairman and Directors of the Company.

The movement which has resulted in the erection of the handsome building at 100 West Regent Street was originated by Bro. John Graham Provincial Grand Master. A limited liability company was formed, and the money required was speedily subscribed. The site is on the north of the thoroughfare, and two buildings have been erected on it, the one fronting the street, and the other on the back portion of the ground. The former has been almost entirely arranged in suites of offices, the rents of which will furnish a considerable annual revenue. The other one is devoted entirely to Masonic purposes.

The designs were prepared by Bro. J. L. Cowan, who has adopted a free treatment of the English renaissance style of architecture. The building is four storeys in height. The basement is occupied by reception, cloak, and ladies' rooms, with a purveyor's kitchen, as well as a machinery room containing the appliances for mechanical heating and ventilation. On the street level a commodious hall has been constructed 64ft. long by 38ft. wide. There is a dado panelled in stained wood 9ft. high, and above the walls are treated somewhat elaborately, with capitals between the windows, which run round three sides. The lights are semi-circular headed, and are filled with stained glass on which are displayed the arms of Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge, the arms of the city, and various Masonic symbols. The hall is comfortably seated for 400 persons, and there is a pneumatic organ which has been built by Messrs. Brindley & Foster, Sheffield. On the next floor there is a commodious Lodge room 45ft. by 26ft., and a large adjacent room with committee, smoking, and other rooms. The Lodge room is treated simply and severely in the old Greek style. There is a lesser Lodge room above, 30ft. by 24ft., and there are a store room and caretaker's house of three apartments on the top floor.

The cost of the buildings was £11,500, which, together with £4,000 paid for the site and the money spent on decoration, brings the total expenditure up to about £16,000. The invitation of the chairman and directors of the Company was responded to by a very large party of ladies and gentlemen.

After inspecting the premises the company assembled in the hall, where a concert of vocal and instrumental music was gone through.—"Glasgow Herald."

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ROYAL ARCH.

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EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Town Hall, Bury, on Wednesday, 24th ult. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Prov.G. Superintendent presided. There was a full attendance of members, all the Chapters in the Province being represented.

Companion J. B. Goulburn moved the adoption of the financial statement, which showed a substantial balance in hand. Comp. F. W. Lean seconded the motion, which was passed.

Upon the motion of Comp. C. D. Cheetham, seconded by Comp. J. T. Newbold, Comp. R. Pollitt (Bury) was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Colonel Starkie made sympathetic reference to the loss sustained by Freemasonry in East Lancashire by the death of Companion J. H. Sillitoe P.G.H., which occurred a few days before. He referred to the great assistance the deceased had always rendered to him in the discharge of the duties of his office as head of the Masonic body in East Lancashire, and to his untiring labours in the cause of the Masonic charities.

Colonel Starkie invested the Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, as follow :

Comp. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds 62	-	-	H.
James Heelis 62	-	-	J.
J. Newton 37	-	-	Scribe E.
C. D. Cheetham 993	-	-	Scribe N.
R. Pollitt 42	-	-	Treasurer
W. F. Chambers 210	-	-	Registrar
J. S. Scott 345	-	-	Deputy Registrar
F. W. Lean 935	-	-	Principal Sojourner
C. H. Woods 381	-	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
O. C. Crompton	-	-	2nd Assist. Sojourner
Max Weigenthaler 645	-	-	Sword Bearer
A. B. Bennett 204	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
J. Bottomley 277	-	-	} Standard Bearers
G. Whowell 344	-	-	
P. Ratcliffe 219	-	-	} Director of Ceremonies
James Shuttleworth 286	-	-	
W. T. Allitt	-	-	} Assist Dirs. of Cers.
J. Corney 325	-	-	
W. Ormerod 462	-	-	} Janitor.
E. H. Flower 1055	-	-	

Comps. S. Newton and G. W. Davies were afterwards elected Auditors.

Upon the motion of Comp. Lean, seconded by Comp. A. H. Jeffris, and supported by Colonel Starkie, a letter of condolence was directed to be sent to the widow and family of the late Comp. Sillitoe.

It was also resolved, on the motion of Comp. Cheetham, seconded by Comp. Hooper, that the sum of £10 be given to the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

At the close of the meeting there was a banquet at the Derby Hotel.—"Manchester Guardian."

GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

A MEETING was held in Edinburgh on the 22nd ult., when Lord Haddington was elected First Grand Principal, and Comp. C. C. Nisbett, W.S., Deputy.

The Companions afterwards celebrated the festival of the Vernal Equinox, when the toast of the First Grand Principal and other Office bearers of the Supreme Grand Chapter was proposed by Comp. C. C. Yorstoun.

Replying, the Chairman mentioned that the income for the past year had been £956—an increase of £142 over the previous year; and that the membership had been 1031, against 929.

HOPE CHAPTER, No. 574.

WEDNESDAY, the 17th ult., was a busy day in Newbury from a Masonic point of view, the Hope Chapter assembling in the Temperance Hall at three o'clock, under the able presidency of Comp. O. E. Keyser M.E.Z., the attendance also including several distinguished visitors, who had come to Newbury for the purpose of being present at the installation of the newly-elected Worshipful Master of the Porchester Lodge of Mark Masons, which took place subsequently.

The business comprised the election of Bros. Herbert Ravenor, George Elms, and Edward Hill, members of the Craft Lodge, each of whom was exalted with the usual ceremonial.

Auditors for the ensuing year were appointed, and other business was transacted, after which the Chapter was closed in due form.

DERBY CHAPTER, No. 1055.

THE regular meeting was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, 25th ult., Comp. J. W. Hallam Z. In consequence of former absence,

the installation of Comp. F. W. Maxwell as J. now took place, the ceremony being performed by Comp. John Marshall P.P.G.P.S., who afterwards addressed the Principals, Officers, and Companions.

The following Brethren were balloted for and afterwards exalted to the Royal Arch degree, viz: Bros. Dr. Frederick Stephenson, D. McCarthy, and Thomas E. Collier, all of the Concord Lodge, No. 1534.

Supper followed, which was in turn succeeded by the festive board, where Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured, a very pleasant evening being spent.

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HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 890.

AT the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Paddington, on the 19th ult., Comp. C. J. Butler Z. 1196 Z., J. H. Roberts H. 1196 H., J. Almond Z. 1837 J., H. Dehane P.Z. 890 P.P.G.P.S. Essex Scribe E., and others.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Watts as candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Butler, for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of President.

SUN WORSHIP AND FREEMASONRY.

A LECTURE was given on Thursday, 25th ult., at the St. John's Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306, held at the Queen Victoria, Exmouth Street, Stepney, by Bro. J. J. Hall P.M. 1278, on "Sun Worship and the Ancient Mysteries, and their resemblance to Freemasonry," the chair being taken by Bro. John Stevens P.M.

Bro. Hall prefaced his address by stating he was desirous of showing how similar certain signs and symbols used in Freemasonry were to those used by the ancient sun worshippers. The lecturer began with a long account of the Egyptians, their religion, morals, myths, and symbols. The origin of the signs of the Zodiac was next given, and an account of the Crux Ansata, the Tau and Blazing Star followed. Another symbol was traced to the Phoenician Sun God "Baal." This symbol the lecturer stated was discovered by the Spaniards on their arrival at the temple of the Sun at Cuzco, in Peru, and it may also be seen at one of our English cathedrals. A lengthened dissertation was next given of the Svastica and other sun symbols, which have been discovered on ancient coins and pre-historic remains.

The lecturer concluded by giving a short account of the rise of Gothic architecture and operative Masonry, and showed how Pagan symbols were introduced into Christianity and thus handed into Freemasonry. Several photos, illustrations, and rough drawings were exhibited, which helped to explain the lecture.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., and accorded by the Brethren to Bro. Hall, and on the proposition of Bro. Preceptor Arter he was made an honorary member of the Lodge.

Bro. Hall expressed his sincere appreciation of the honour conferred upon him, and said he was pleased to have given the Brethren a pleasant evening's entertainment.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 9th day of April 1897, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:

To consider the following Notice of Motion, given at the Council held 26th March, by the W. Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER P.G. Deacon, Patron and Treasurer:—

"That a respectful vote of congratulation be tendered to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Grand Patron of the Institution, on the occasion of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of Her glorious and beneficent reign."

To consider the following Resolution of the Council of Friday, 26th March 1897:

"That the Quarterly Court be recommended to declare a further vacancy at the Election on Friday, 9th April, to fill the place of the boy George Albert Valentine Howes, discharged at the request of his parent before the expiration of his term."

To receive a Report from the Board of Management as to the progress in the development of the Bushey site for the new School.

To elect a Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months.

To elect, as members of the Council, Twelve Brethren not being Life Governors.

To elect Ten Life Governors, to fill vacancies on the Board of Management, Five to be Members of London Lodges or Chapters, and Five to be Members of Provincial Grand Lodges or Chapters.

To elect Twenty-one, or if the above recommendation be adopted, Twenty-two Boys from an approved list of Sixty Candidates, reduced to Fifty-five by the withdrawal of:

(No. 13 on List)—MINERS, ARNOLD BEVERLY (admitted to Institution on extraordinary vacancy),

(No. 32 on List)—PARRY, REY GRIFFITH (withdrawn by friends),

(No. 33 on List)—PARSONS, GEORGE (withdrawn by friends),

(No. 48 on List)—COLLINS, LLOYD (removed by order of the Council, 29th January 1897),

(No. 51 on List)—BARLOW, WALTER CREIL (withdrawn by friends).

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys and for Members of the Board of Management will open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

London, 31st March 1897.

* * * The Ninety-ninth Anniversary Festival will be held on the 30th June 1897, under the distinguished presidency of Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., R.W. Prov.G.M. for 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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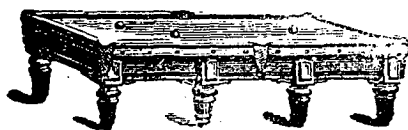
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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, the 8th day of April 1897, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; and to elect twenty Girls into the School, from a list of twenty-eight approved candidates (Irene Alice Fincken, No. 20 on the List, having been nominated for admission under the "Sir Henry Edwards" Presentation). The election will commence at one o'clock, or immediately after the conclusion of the General Business.

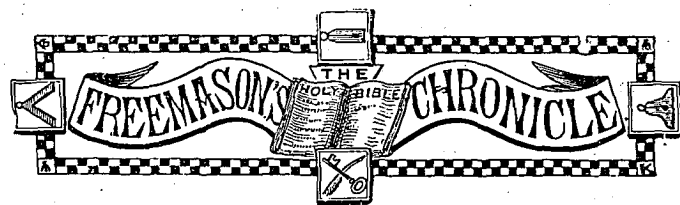
F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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

1st April 1897.

* * * The 109th Anniversary Festival will take place on Wednesday, 12th May next, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock, R.W. Prov. Grand Master South Wales Eastern Division.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being greatly needed.



SATURDAY, 3RD APRIL 1897.

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THE COST OF OUR CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The sincere thanks of the Brethren are due to you for calling attention to the cost of maintaining the Masonic Charities. As "CRITIC" says in his letter, reference to this subject is considered as little short of high treason by those at head-quarters. But this will not prevent the Brethren forming their opinion, and smothered criticism will burst forth if too much confined. Are these matters properly dealt with in the Masonic Press? Attention has been called in two or three quarters lately to the high salaries paid to the clerical staff of our Institutions, as compared with other Charities. Why could not the whole be regulated by one central Committee, with one Secretary, instead of three highly paid officials? How is it that Charitable Institutions are so generous in this direction?

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We have much pleasure in tendering our congratulations to Bro. E. C. Mulvey, who, we believe, is to receive from the Grand Master the appointment of Pursuivant at the annual Festival of Grand Lodge on the 28th inst. Bro. Mulvey has for many years taken an active interest in the work of Freemasonry, and the honour thus conferred upon him will doubtless prove one of the most popular appointments of the year.

PLYMOUTH INSTRUCTION LODGE.

BROS. C. G. Withell, G. Dunsterville, and W. E. Chapell are the permanent Officers of the Instruction Lodge which holds its meetings under the banner of Lodge St. John, No. 70, at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth. The Lodge is opened every Thursday during the winter months, enabling members of the Three Towns Lodges to participate in the instruction of working the degrees of the Order. The past week concludes the 1896-7 session, says the "Western Mercury," and on Thursday, 25th ult., several Brethren joined in the annual supper held at the Club.

The health of the three executive Officers named was drunk amid great enthusiasm. The success, it was stated, had been very marked during the past session, and some young members who had gained the necessary knowledge in the Lodge testified to the ability and kindness at all times displayed by Bros. Withell, G. Dunsterville and Chapell. Songs by several of those present concluded the proceedings.

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.

MARK MASONRY.

PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

THE installation meeting was held at Newbury, on Wednesday, 17th ult., under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Keyser W.M. The Senior Warden of the Lodge Bro. Edward Hill, having been unanimously elected to preside during the coming twelvemonths, was installed by Bro. Keyser, the entire ceremony being performed in a most perfect and impressive manner.

A short discussion ensued in reference to the annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge which will be held in the summer, under the banner of the Porchester Lodge, when a numerous attendance is expected, Bro. Keyser having invited the Brethren of the Province, together with their lady friends, to drive, after the Lodge business, via Greenham and Crookham Commons, to Aldermaston Park, where he will entertain them at dinner.

Bro. Ravenscroft, on behalf of Viscount Valentia and the Grand Lodge, tendered hearty thanks to Bro. Keyser for his kind offer, and the third Wednesday in June was mentioned as the probable date. Should the above date prove inconvenient to Lord Valentia, the gathering will probably be deferred until July, owing to the Jubilee festivities in the latter portion of June.

A case for the Mark Benevolent Fund having been considered, the necessary forms were signed for transmission to the Mark Grand Lodge.

At the close of the business the Mark Masons adjourned to the Chequers Hotel, where they were joined at a well-served banquet by several Brethren of the Lodge of Hope, including Past Masters R. Ravenor and H. S. Hannington.

The newly installed Worshipful Master presided, and proposed as the second toast H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Mark Master Mason, and the rest of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, associating with it the name of Bro. Keyser, to whom the W.M. referred as a most enthusiastic and liberal Mason, always ready by his personal efforts and his purse, to help any charitable work or alleviate distress.

Bro. Keyser, in reply, said he must plead guilty to putting his heart and soul into Masonry, and doing his best to promote the success of the different degrees, and the welfare of the various charitable Institutions connected with the Order. Bro. Keyser said that as he had not yet the honour of holding office in the Mark Masonic Province of Berks and Oxon, it gave him much pleasure to propose the health of the Prov.G.M. Lord Valentia, the Deputy Prov.G.M. Bro. Tomkins, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. He felt proud to belong to such a prosperous little Province, and he congratulated them upon having such an excellent Provincial Grand Master in the person of Viscount Valentia. They were all pleased to have with them their Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Ravenscroft, as well as other Provincial Grand Officers. He strongly advised Craft Masons to join the Mark degree.

Bro. Ravenscroft suitably replied, observing that notwithstanding the numerous duties which devolved upon their Provincial Grand Master, in Parliament and elsewhere, his Lordship showed himself extremely careful and particular in connection with the work of the Province, the details of which were gone through by him, and either endorsed or altered as circumstances might demand. The Deputy Prov.G.M., residing at St. Leonards, was unable to visit the Lodges as formerly, but, as they all knew, he was an enthusiastic Mark Mason, and took a large share in the formation of this Province, the welfare of which he had done his utmost to promote. As regarded himself, it gave him unqualified pleasure to visit the Porchester Lodge, which had such a good record, because it was not only the oldest Lodge in the Province, but also was known for its vigour and good working. He considered it was the duty of every Craft Mason to complete his Masonic career by taking the Mark degree, and also joining a Royal Arch Chapter. He warmly thanked the Newbury Brethren for their kind and hospitable reception, and presaged that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be one of the best and most attractive ever held.

In complimentary terms Brother Keyser proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who briefly acknowledged the compliment, remarking that he regarded it as a great honour to have had the presence of a number of Brethren from a distance.

Past Master Stephen Knight appropriately proposed the toast of the visiting Brethren, for whom Bro. Bonny responded, remarking that it was always a pleasure to visit Newbury in connection with any Masonic function. He felt that the Mark degree was a survival of old operative Masonry, and ought to be taken before the Royal Arch degree. He regarded the Porchester Lodge as one to which any Brother might well feel proud to belong.

Past Master Knight (who had taken the chair at the request of the W.M. on his leaving to catch the train) submitted the toast of the Wardens, Overseers, and other Officers of the Lodge. He felt that the W.M. might be congratulated upon being supported by a body of men who would fill their respective positions in an efficient manner. In referring to the Officers individually, the speaker, on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge, warmly congratulated their excellent Secretary Bro. Stickland upon his success at Windsor that afternoon, in having been appointed Surveyor to the Corporation of the Royal Borough from among nearly 150 candidates. They were glad to know that Bro. Stickland would continue to hold office in this Lodge during the coming year.

Bro. Stickland returned thanks, expressing his appreciation of the hearty congratulations conveyed through Bro. Knight. He had had the pleasure of belonging to the Masonic Lodges in Newbury for five or six years, during which he had experienced every possible kindness, and although he was sorry he was about to leave many old friends in Newbury, he felt that in Windsor he would find good and true Masons. He fully appreciated all the kindness which had been shown to him during his seven years stay in Newbury.

METHAM LODGE, No. 96.

UNTIL recently this Mark Lodge held its meetings in the vicinity of Devonport. But the membership declining permission was obtained from Provincial Grand Lodge to remove to Plympton, where at that time no Mark Lodge existed. Subsequent events have proved that the step was a

wise one, and it is gratifying to the Master and members generally to find that prosperity now attends Mark Masonry in the suburb town.

On the 10th inst. the annual installation meeting was held, Bro. Joseph Pearse being duly appointed presiding Officer by Bros. R. Hambly, James Gidley, T. J. R. Challice, H. W. Pengelly, J. H. Blackell, and John Parker.

It was resolved that Bro. R. Hambly be recommended as a candidate to join the future executive Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

DEWAR LODGE, No. 237.

THE installation meeting of the Dewar Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was held at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester, on the 13th ult. The W.C.N. E. Barrell installed his successor Bro. J. W. Nash in a very able and impressive manner.

The following candidates were elevated: Bros. John Percy White W.M. of Gordon Lodge, No. 364, William Russell W.M.-elect 364, Robert Urquhart Secretary of United Service Lodge, No. 69, Charles Woodger S.O. 69.

The following Officers were appointed: Bros. G. H. Russell J., S. J. Brice S., H. S. Bagshaw Treas., E. Barrell Scribe, T. J. Nye S.D., L. Salt J.D., W. H. Dakers D.C., J. W. Peart Org., J. Smart Guardian, G. Sweet Steward, and J. Arum Warden.

The Lodge being closed the Brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the usual toasts were honoured. In the course of the evening Bro. White stated that the members of his Lodge proposed asking for a Royal Ark Mariners Charter, in connection with the Gordon Mark Lodge, of Gravesend, which would form the second in the Province of Kent.

CRAFT : METROPOLITAN.

CAMDEN LODGE, No. 704.

THE traditional reputation of this Lodge was ably sustained at the installation meeting held on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when Bro. John Simpson was placed in the chair, the members being supported by a goodly array of distinguished visitors.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. C. Gammon W.M., and the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. John Simpson was presented to the installing Master Bro. W. C. Beaumont P.A.G.D.C., who, by the invitation of the Lodge, attended to perform the ceremony, by Bro. H. W. Coplestone P.M. D.C., to be installed. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Beaumont in an exceptionally brilliant manner, says the "St. Pancras Gazette."

Messrs. José Juan Franco, Wm. Leighton Fraser, and Chas. Schindler were then initiated in due form, and Bro. Systimus Fenwick Atkinson was admitted as a joining member. The W.M. presented Bro. Charles Gammon I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, which was suitably acknowledged, and the Lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. Charles Gammon I.P.M., in proposing the Worshipful Master, said he had known Bro. Simpson from his infancy, and a close friendship had been formed between them. He was glad to see him attain the distinguished position of W.M. of the Camden Lodge, and felt confident he would prove himself as good a Master as any of his predecessors, for the more work he had to do the more he was pleased. He was glad to say there were several candidates about to present themselves for initiation, and the work consequent thereon would enable the Brethren the more to recognise the ability of their W.M. in the performance of his Masonic duties.

In reply, Bro. Simpson thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had submitted the toast, and the Brethren for the cordial reception they had given to it. He had practically been in harness from the day he joined the Camden Lodge, nearly nine years ago, and he had always endeavoured to aid the members in any project they initiated, either for the good of that Lodge or Masonry generally, and, thanks to the able tuition of Past Masters, he felt himself competent to fulfil the duties he had undertaken. He had for years aspired to the distinguished position it was then his privilege to hold, and they might rest assured that he would leave no effort untried to promote the best interests of the Camden Lodge. He trusted when he vacated the chair he would enjoy the goodwill and esteem of the Brethren in the same manner as he had that night.

The W.M. then proposed the Installing Master. It was to him one of the greatest pleasures of that evening's gathering to propose that toast. Bro. Beaumont had attended at the special invitation of the Lodge to perform the ceremony of installation. He had the pleasure and honour of being initiated into that Lodge by Bro. Beaumont, and that night installed by him, by the kindness of the I.P.M., and while there were many Past Masters in that Lodge well qualified to perform the ceremony—he appreciated much their kindness in permitting a departure from the ordinary rule; that act of grace he recognised to the fullest extent, and he should ever remember it with feelings of gratitude. Bro. Beaumont had followed his career in Freemasonry, and had done everything to encourage him to endeavour to worthily fulfil the proud and honourable position he held that night, and he felt certain he was echoing the sentiments of every Brother present when he said they gave Bro. Beaumont a hearty welcome at all times in that Lodge, and they trusted he was satisfied with the working of the Lodge which he had witnessed that day. There were times when the heart was almost too full for the tongue to give adequate expression to one's feelings, and that was his position that night. He could only say on behalf of the Lodge that he thanked Bro. Beaumont for the kindness he had conferred upon the Lodge by his presence, and he sincerely trusted he might be long spared to continue the admirable work he was doing in Freemasonry. He felt certain he would add lustre to the already brilliant traditions of the Grand Officers of England.

Bro. Beaumont P.A.G.D.C., in responding, said some hours ago it was his duty to tell the proposer of the toast that he was expected to be "easy of address and courteous in manner." They had had evidence that he was very easy of address, and his extreme courtesy of manner rendered it difficult for him to respond to the excellent speech they had heard, in which he himself had been spoken of in far too flattering terms. His thoughts that night had been entirely directed to the W.M., whose health had already been proposed in a manner which he could not emulate, because the speech of the I.P.M. was absolutely inimitable. He felt jealous of the I.P.M.,

because he thought he had known Bro. Simpson far longer than any of the Brethren present, but he knew him as intimately as any of the Brethren could do. He had the honour of initiating him into that Lodge, and he then ventured to prophesy the progress he would make in Freemasonry. If a man showed qualities outside a Lodge which were likely to endear him to the Lodge they might be quite sure those qualities would show themselves within the Lodge. They knew more of his Masonic career than he did, but he had seen him do his work that night in a manner which must have given satisfaction to every Brother who witnessed it. It was not every W.M. who on the night of his installation, when his nerves were necessarily untinged, could go through the work so well and so quickly as their W.M. had done that evening, and he thought they would agree with him that what he had ventured to prophesy had been thoroughly fulfilled. He desired to thank the Lodge, and particularly the I.P.M. and Past Masters, for the privilege they had accorded to him in permitting him to perform the ceremony of installation, and the Brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast which had been so ably proposed.

Other toasts followed.

PROVINCIAL.

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AMITY LODGE, No. 137.

AT a recent meeting of the Brethren, at Poole, an interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation to the Lodge Secretary Bro. C. J. Woodford of a centenary jewel in 18-carat gold. A most gratifying circumstance in connection with the presentation was that the address accompanying the jewel bore the names of all the members of the Lodge who could be reached. The presentation was to mark the esteem in which Bro. Woodford is held, and also as a slight recognition of the valuable services he has rendered as Secretary for the past four years. The presentation was introduced by Bro. Dugdale, the address was read by Bro. Taylor, and the investiture of the jewel was made by the W.M. Bro. Whadcoat.

Bro. Woodford acknowledged the gift in a suitable manner.

HOLMESDALE LODGE, No. 874.

MASONIC function is always a brilliant spectacle, says the "Brighton Gazette," and precisely this may be said of the annual installation meeting held at the Tunbridge Wells Pump Room. In addition to the members of the Lodge itself there were present many Provincial Officers and visitors from other Lodges in Kent and Sussex. The chief business was the installation into the Worshipful Master's chair of Bro. Louis Beale, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. W. Roper. This was followed by a splendid banquet, also at the Pump Room.

Notable among the guests was Bro. W. Alworthy Cleveland, of the Washington Lodge, U.S.A., who, as a guest from across "the herring pond," was welcomed with unaffected heartiness.

Proposing the toast of the visitors Bro. W. C. Cripps referred eloquently to the feeling between Masons in America and England. They were Brothers in truth and Brothers in deed. At times, no doubt, there had been difficulties between England and America, which it was only natural would exist between two such nations, proud of their respective birthrights, of their privileges, and rightly jealous of the duties and interests committed to their charge, but he believed that, should any serious difficulty arise between nations, England would have no truer friend than her younger daughter America. And should any difficulties arise which would involve America, he knew she would get the assistance of England. Jealousy between nations could be removed in no better way than by mutual intercourse. The American ambassador had always been well received by England, and this had tended to cement the friendship between the two countries. They were pleased that evening to welcome a Brother from America.

Bro. Cleveland's response was an excellent one. He commenced with a high compliment to the Lodge. He had been for fifty years a Mason, and he had no hesitation in saying that in all his experience he had never seen a Lodge conducted better than this Lodge had been. He had 128 Lodges to visit every year, and he had never, until that evening, been examined as a Mason ought to be examined. He could assure his English Brethren that there was a feeling now growing up in the States in favour of England, and should any difficulty ever arise, she could safely count on having some eighty millions of Americans at her back. Further, the Bill for arbitration, passed by Lord Salisbury last session, would be passed by the Senate within one month from now. That would be the first step towards the federation of the English speaking races throughout the world. Englishmen must not give heed to those men who were speaking against this scheme, as they were not true Americans. He had found Masons in every known quarter of the globe, and in thanking the Brethren present for their kind hospitality, he hoped the two countries would always be found joined hand in hand.

Bro. Hudson responded for the Province of Sussex, and Bro. Colonel Tester also responded as a visitor. He wished the W.M. a very happy and prosperous year of office. Masons were doing a great national good. He was especially pleased at being present that night, for his son had had the honour of proving their distinguished American visitor.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE installation meeting was held at East Stonehouse, on the 22nd ult., when Bro. Maunder, being convalescent, was presented to a large number of Past Masters, and duly installed Worshipful Master.

Heartily congratulations were offered the newly installed Master on his recovery, and good wishes were extended to the Brethren generally.

During the evening Bro. A. E. Maddock was presented by Bro. Powell, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of services rendered. Bro. Maddock returned thanks. The musical portion of the ceremony was admirably rendered by the Lodge choir, a feature that is worthy of imitation.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1343.

A MEETING took place at the Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex, on Wednesday, 24th ult., under the presidency of Bro. F. W. Pelling W.M., who was assisted by Bro. Edward Ayres S.W., J. Weymouth J.W., Charles Westwood

Prov.G.A.D.C. Treasurer, H. C. Borradaile P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, Charles Cobham P.P.G.S.W., G. H. Silverwood S.D., C. Asplin J.D., Richard Atkins I.G., Robert Matthews, H. H. Slater, I. Sievwright, Arthur C. James, G. E. Gilbert, R. Renton, W. Brown, D. Pean, T. W. Barrett, W. H. Brough, G. H. Jones, I. Melvin, H. Tuson, Herbert E. Brooks, F. Spencer Guy P.M., Elliot Fletcher.

The Visiting Brethren were William Harvey I.P.M. 174, H. Hyde S.W. 1227, S. G. Thorne 1425, G. A. Peters W.M. 1227, and Orlton Cooper P.M. 211.

The Lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The first business was to pass Bro. Rev. A. H. Delafield and W. Brown, who answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. Having been entrusted and retired the Fellow Craft Lodge was opened, when those Brethren were duly admitted to this degree.

Bro. Frank Spurr, a candidate for the sublime degree, proved his proficiency, was regularly raised as a Master Mason, and took his seat in the Lodge. Both the ceremonies were admirably rendered by Bro. Pelling, who gave the whole of the traditional history. The Officers were also perfect in their respective duties, so that everything went smoothly.

In accordance with the regulations the Bye-laws were read in open Lodge, and the Brethren subsequently proceeded to ballot for a Master for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Edward Ayres S.W., who suitably returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bros. Charles Westwood was re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. George Martin as Tyler for the year.

In earnest and eulogistic terms Bro. Ayres proposed that a vote of thanks, together with a Past Master's jewel and collar, be awarded to the W.M. upon leaving the chair, and for his services to the Lodge. This was agreed to with acclamation.

Bro. Pelling, in acknowledging the compliment, said the kindness of the Brethren made him very reluctant to leave the chair, but he was much gratified to find that he had given them satisfaction during his tenure of office. He had endeavoured to do his best and maintain the dignity of the Lodge, and he should ever do his utmost to promote its interests.

Three members tendered their resignations owing to various circumstances, and one candidate was proposed for initiation. A grant was made to a Brother in temporary difficulty, and there being no further business the Master received the hearty good wishes of the Brethren, the usual hymn was sung, and the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The Brethren afterwards partook of supper, and a pleasant evening was subsequently spent.

LIVERPOOL DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

THIS Lodge, which this year attains its majority, is justly recognised as the premier Masonic body in the Province of West Lancashire for the accommodation of Brethren connected with the musical, dramatic, medical, and literary professions. At the ordinary monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd ult., in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, a large gathering of Brethren took place, upwards of 120 being present, including the leading members of the Lodge, fourteen Provincial Grand Officers, and thirty Masters, Past Masters, and Officers from other Lodges.

The occasion was also rendered specially interesting by the fact that four members of the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company were the recipients of Masonic honours.

The chair was occupied by Bro. Harris Fineberg W.M., supported by a full complement of Officers. The ceremonial work was admirably carried through by the chief, and Bro. H. Round P.M. P.G.S., and others.

A banquet took place afterwards, and in the course of the evening a choice musical programme was given by Bros. Eaton Batty, Nelson Jackson, Frank A. Wood, W. Paull, L. Pringle, A. S. Winkworth, G. Holliday, Russell, Walleit, F. Mills, and the Masonic Quartet. The "Masonic Overture" (Bro. H. Round) was played by a full orchestra of Masonic Brethren, and elicited great enthusiasm.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting took place at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, 19th ult., Bro. Thomas M. Brown W.M. It was not a large programme which confronted the Officers, the business consisting simply of a passing. Bro. James Hart, after proving his efficiency, was duly advanced another step in Masonry as F.C., the ceremony being performed by the W.M., while Bro. William Lambert S.W. presented and explained the Working Tools to the candidate.

The festive board which followed was well sustained, the harmonious portion being contributed by Bros. G. L. Harcastle Organist, John Horrick, Fred. Daniels, James Hart, Thomas Bradbury, and Edward Roberts P.M. 1459.

During the evening the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. J. Harrop P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., and alluded to his contemplated retirement from public life. Bro. Harrop has been connected with the Salford Corporation for a period of forty-two years, and the W.M. sincerely hoped that in their retirement he and Mrs. Harrop might spend very many years of unalloyed happiness. Bro. Harrop responded.

The visitors present were Bros. J. Bowers P.M. 1730 P.G.S.D., Edward L. Littler P.M. 1730 P.P.G.P., Walter Bowers I.P.M. 1730, and William Thorp 191.

CROOK LODGE, No. 2019.

THE installation of Bro. J. H. Pollard as Worshipful Master was performed at the Masonic Hall, Crook, on Wednesday, 24th ult., by Bro. T. Hardy P.M. P.P.G.P. and Bro. E. Milburn P.M. P.P.S.G.D.

Afterwards the Brethren sat down to a banquet to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

EARL OF LEICESTER LODGE, No. 2237.

ON Monday, 15th ult., at the New Hall, Wells, the members assembled in large numbers upon the occasion of the installation of Brother G. S. Andrews in the Master's chair for the year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. A. Goddard P.M. P.P.G.W., assisted by Bro. G. F. Smith P.M. P.P.G.S.B.

After Lodge the Brethren assembled at the Crown, where a banquet was provided. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and the proceedings were rendered additionally pleasant by the musical contributions of Bros. Himson, Goddard, Smith, Wright, Wainwright, Loynes, and others.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 22nd ult., Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. 1458 P.P.G.D.C. W.M. There was a very good attendance. Two initiations were due, but only one candidate put in an appearance, Mr. Frank Albert Slowe, Portland Street, Manchester, who, after being regularly balloted for, received his first impressions of Freemasonry at the hands of the W.M.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being varied by songs, recitations, &c., contributed by Bros. Fred Hilton W.M., Henry Nall P.M. P.P.G.Treas. (W.L.) I.P.M., E. A. Smith S.W., Sam Luke S.D., F. Todd I.G., Seth Wrigley P.M. P.G.J.D. D.C., W. H. Purdy Organist, Edward Parnell, and Edward Roberts P.M. 1459.

Bro. Nall, who was responsible for the introduction of the candidate into the Lodge, proposed the health of Bro. Slowe, which was enthusiastically received. The former, in reverting to the general principles of Freemasonry, stated that Bro. Slowe had joined a body of gentlemen and Brothers who could fully appreciate his worth, and accord him the welcome he deserved. Bro. Slowe briefly responded.

The W.M. proposed the health of the visitors, giving them a hearty welcome. He explained that this was perhaps the only Lodge which carried out in its entirety a full musical service, and he hoped the visitors had been well satisfied. Certainly it was the object of the Officers to make the Lodge attractive, while, on the other hand, it should be as perfect as possible.

The visitors—Bros. John W. Taylor W.M. 1083, and R. V. Critchley W.M. 1140 replied, both referring to the admirable work performed by the W.M. and his Officers, which they characterised as being Masonically correct, so far as they were able to judge. They were very much impressed with the beautiful musical ceremony, and would carry away with them some happy reminiscences.

Other toasts followed.

LLANGATTOCK LODGE, No. 2547.

THE annual festival was observed on Monday, 22nd ult., when a large number of Brethren and visitors assembled in the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, to witness the installation as W.M. of Bro. Charles Jones. The Installing Master was Bro. Thomas Matthews W.M., and Bro. J. Munday P.M. acted as D.C.

A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation to Bro. Thomas Matthews, by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, of a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services as W.M. for two years. This was followed by another presentation of a silver tea and coffee service to the retiring W.M., by the members initiated during the second year of his office.

A hearty welcome was extended to the distinguished visitors present. In the evening the Brethren assembled in large numbers around the festive board at the Royal Hotel.

INSTRUCTION.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

AFTER the annual dinner, which was held last week, the Brethren assembled in strong force on Tuesday, to greet the new proprietor (Bro. Morton Barnes) at the usual quarters of the Lodge, the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W. Bro. Miller S.W. of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362 occupied the chair as W.M., and was ably assisted by Bros. Major Reed S.W., G. W. Barter J.W., R. J. Rogers Treasurer Acting Preceptor, G. D. Mogford P.M. 2362 Secretary, T. W. Mogford W.M. 2362 S.D., H. Bagnall J.D., A. Williams I.G., E. Thomas Steward, G. Weaver, Busby, M. Barnes, W. J. Sweet P.M. 105, Wynman, &c.

The W.M. commenced the working with the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Thomas acting as candidate, and he performed the ceremony in a perfect manner, after which the charge of that degree was given. The Lodge was called off and on, and on resuming, the W.M. opened in the second degree. Bro. G. Weaver answered the questions, was entrusted, and the third ceremony was rehearsed in his favour, the work being again gone through most creditably.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. G. W. Barter was elected W.M. for next Tuesday, on account of the S.W.'s absence for that evening.

Bro. Morton Barnes, the Host, was unanimously elected a member, and suitably responded, shortly after which the Lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON Monday, 29th ult., at Bro. E. Stevens's, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, Paddington, Bro. G. E. Harris W.M., W. H. Handover S.W., W. Smith J.W., Delane P.M. Sec. acting Preceptor, H. Crookes S.D., J. Chubb J.D., J. H. Beardon I.G., A. Williams Std., W. H. Harris, S. G. Thorne, G. D. Mogford P.M., Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. H. Harris candidate. Bro. Thorne answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the same Brother acting as candidate. After a few more transactions the Lodge was closed. Bro. W. Handover will preside at next meeting as W.M.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THERE was a good attendance at this Lodge at the regular meeting on Monday, 22nd ult., at Ridler's Hotel, Holborn. Bro. E. Thorn acted as W.M., with A. Eades S.W., F. Foulger J.W., R. Poore P.M. Preceptor, C. S. Dauntton P.M. Sec., E. Hoare S.D., J. Gemmell J.D., F. Collins I.G., H. Keys, J. W. Elam.

The W.M. opened the Lodge in the first and second degrees and then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. Hoare, who resumed in the first degree and commenced with the ceremony of initiation, Bro. H. Keys acting as candidate. Bro. Elam answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Great credit is due to Bro. E. Hoare for his working of both these ceremonies, the work being faultless.

The W.M. resumed his chair and closed the Lodge in the second degree. It was proposed by Bro. Poore that a vote of thanks be recorded on the

minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. opened and closed the Lodge for the first time, and considering that the W.M. was but a young Mason. Bro. Eades was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 31st ult., Bros. W. Joss W.M., G. H. Fennell S.W., W. Boyce P.M. J.W., W. Bettinson S.D., J. Butcher J.D., Burden I.G., DeCasseres P.M. Preceptor, Thornton Sec., M. Corper jun., Goodman, West, Harris, F. Bromhead P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. M. Corper jun. acting as candidate. The Brethren assisted the W.M. to work the first section of the lecture. The Brethren assisted Bro. Boyce to work the second, Bro. F. Bromhead P.M. the third, and Bro. Harris the fourth section. Bro. Corper jun. answered the questions leading to the second degree.

Bro. Fennell was elected to the chair for Wednesday next.

An appeal was made to the Brethren of this Lodge of Instruction to assist in the election of Albert Leslie Spurgeon, a candidate for the Boys Institution. As the child will be over age before the following election it is hoped this case will be well supported next week.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Criterion.—In "The Physician," a new play of modern life, Mr. Henry Arthur Jones has given us another phase—or perhaps we should say a series of phases—of the life we live at the present time. The principal characters are not altogether of the best, but Mr. Jones has evolved a wonderfully interesting play out of far from agreeable materials. Dr. Lewin Carey, a fashionable middle-aged physician, has an intrigue with Lady Valerie Camville, who, fearful of scandal and bored with her lover's devotion, decides to leave him. In despair Dr. Carey throws up his profession, and is about to depart for India, when he is consulted by Miss Edana Hinde, who is anxious about the health of her sweetheart, Walter Amphiel. Attracted by her pretty face the physician promises to take up the case, and soon finds out that Amphiel is a dispicable drunkard and seducer, although posing as an advocate of teetotalism. A fine study of character is evinced in the doctor's struggle between love and duty, until Edana learns the truth and, Amphiel conveniently dying, the usual happy ending takes place. We have so long been accustomed to see Mr. Charles Wyndham as the representative of light touch and go characters, that the more serious side of his art is at first rather startling. But those who remember his David Garrick, and his more recent Sir Jasper, can readily imagine what artistic qualifications he brings to bear upon the complicated part of Dr. Carey. The alternations of grief, hope, and love are admirably depicted, and as the play proceeds one's sympathy is aroused and we wish him joy in his wooing. The next important character, that of Lady Valerie, the bored, restless woman of society, ever in search of distraction, but finding no happiness, is faithfully represented by Miss Marion Terry. Edana is a somewhat colourless character, and gives but little scope for Miss Mary Moore's talents, but is of course a charming and graceful picture in the play. The wretched Walter is shown up with nervous intensity by Mr. T. B. Thalberg, and some humorous sketches of country people are given by Misses E. Vining, O. Addison, M. Clayton, and Messrs. J. G. Taylor, Kenneth Douglas, and A. E. George. The most pleasing personages are the Rev. Peregrine and Dr. Brooker, the physician's manly straightforward friend, both of which are capably portrayed by Mr. Alfred Bishop and Mr. Leslie Kenyon. The piece is prettily mounted, and the costumes of Mesdames Moore and Terry are exquisite. Matinees will be given every Saturday at 2.30, so as to enable those living out of town an opportunity of witnessing the performance, without the inconvenience of late trains.

London Pavilion.—After a very long connection with this popular place of amusement our respected Brother Edward Swanborough has resigned his position of manager, and has been succeeded by another worthy member of the Craft in the person of Bro. Frank Glenister, who is determined to maintain the old traditions of the house. The programme, which embraces some of the best known names in the music-hall profession, has all the charm of variety, and as a special attraction there is the marvellous Sandow, who combines strength with grace in his wonderful entertainment; Miss Jennie Mills, in "La Danse Lumineuse"; and Mdlle. Louise Beaudet, the latest importation from the Continent. In celebration of the Diamond Jubilee, a grand special matinee will be given on Monday, 26th instant, in aid of the special Appeal Fund of £100,000 for the Charing Cross Hospital, when all the best available talent will appear.

Garrick.—"My Friend the Prince" having now settled down into a permanent success, Bro. Brickwell, the lessee, will take the opportunity of paying a long promised visit to America, during which time he will combine business with pleasure, by negotiating on the other side for two or three plays he has already secured and copyrighted in this country. Bro. Brickwell hopes to sail the third week in April.

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83 United Prudence, Albion
144 St. Luke, Anderton's
256 Union, Freemasons'-hall
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell
1853 Caxton, Freemasons'-hall
2578 National Artillery, Criterion
53 Royal Sussex, Bath
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstable
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
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, Wimbome
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
839 Rl. 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
1070 Starkie, Southport
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1594 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kingston
2322 East Lanc. Cent'rion, M'chester.
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2525 Thurston, Coniston
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

18 Old Dundee, Cannon St. Ho.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
166 Union, Criterion
217 Stability, Anderton's
1159 M'quis Dalhousie, 33, Golden Sq.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Htl
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1693 Kingsland, Highbury
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2469 Hortus, Freemasons'-hall
2524 Train Bands, Finsbury Barr'ks.
47 Newstead, Nottingham
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
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'thmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
615 St. John & St. Paul, Erith
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.
702 Sherborne, Stroud
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
847 Fortesque, Honiton
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
974 Pentalfa, Bradford
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1310 Harrow, Harrow
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham
1367 Beamister Manor, Beam'ster.
1488 St. Eleth, Almwch
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2490 Amptill, Amptill
2561 West Essex, Buckhurst Hill

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H. at 4.
511 Zetland, Anderton's
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
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.
611 Marches, Ludlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Boston
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
1063 Malling Abbey, West Malling
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
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

Thursday.

Quarterly General Court, Girls School
F.M.H. at 12.
19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho.
91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall
263 Bank of England, Albion
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
879 Southwark, Southwark
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1471 Islington, Highbury
1558 Duke of Connaught, C'mb'rwell
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
1791 Creaton, Freemasons'-hall
1804 Coborn, Bow
2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith
35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
97 Palatine, Sunderland
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
191 St. John, Bury
333 Royal Preston, Preston
344 Faith, Radcliffe
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
442 St. Peter, Peterboro'
477 Mersey, Birkenhead
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Gnisborough
585 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Deal
816 Royd, Littleboro'
945 Abbey, Abingdon
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lancaster
1098 St. George, Tredegar
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Tynemouth
1911 De la Pré, Northampton
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2016 Shaldon, Alton
2038 Portcullis, Langport

2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge
2285 Eden, Workington
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
2449 Duke of York, Manchester
2468 St. John, Douglas, Isle of Man
2529 Abbey, Whalley
2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Friday.

Quarterly Meeting Boys School,
F.M.H.
134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle
157 Bedford, Freemasons'-hall
749 Belgrave, Anderton's
1559 New Cross, Greenwich
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
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'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
1826 Parthenon, Croydon
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney
2554 Manchester, Manchester
2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

108 London, Ship and Turtle
173 Phoenix, Freemasons'-hall
1446 Mount Edgcombe, Southwark
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern
1612 West Middlesex, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's
2369 Cornish, Markmasons'-hall
2513 Sir Walter S. John, Cam'well
2579 Lewisham, Lewisham
1347 Lorne, Sutton
1415 Campbell, Hampton Court
1423 Era, Twickenham
1631 Unity, Harrow Station
1755 Eldon, Portishead
1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't.
2326 Wigan, Wigan

ROBBING A LODGE.

ON Saturday morning, 20th February, as Bro. Candy S.W. of the Lodge at Rodepoort entered the Assembly Rooms for the purpose of seeing that everything was straight for the English Church Service on the following morning, he noticed that the door of the cupboard in which the Lodge regalia had been placed was open, and at once went to shut it, thinking that by accident it had been unlocked. He then found that all the drawers had been prized open by some such instrument as a jemmy. On examining the regalia it was at once apparent to him that all the jewels were missing, and that every particle of silver had been stripped from the regalia, the latter having been folded and replaced in the drawers as they were found. A bottle of champagne and two bottles of whiskey had also been demolished, and the Bible, which had been left closed, was found open. This barefaced and shameful robbery, which can scarcely have a parallel, has been placed in the hands of the police, and although there is at present no clue, it is to be hoped that the perpetrators may speedily be brought to justice. However, good may result, as it may force the members of the Craft to the belief that it is time they had a hall of their own, with its caretaker.—"Standard and Diggers' News."

EARL OF ZETLAND LADIES NIGHT.

THE first annual Ladies night of the Earl of Zetland Lodge and Chapter, No. 1364, took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Saturday, 20th ult., and proved very enjoyable.

The members of the Lodge met first at 3 o'clock, and the work having been completed several lady friends paid a visit to the Lodge, and were shown as much of the "outward and visible" work of the Craft as was permissible.

The company afterwards dined together, and then followed a cinderella dance, at which about one hundred were present.

Messrs. Street and Co., Advertising Agents, of 30 Cornhill, E.C. and 5 Serle Street, W.C., announce that in consequence of their increasing business, and for the convenience of their west end clients, they will open on Monday, 5th April, a branch establishment at 164 Piccadilly, W.

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Her Majesty's.—On Wednesday, 28th April, The Seats of the Mighty. Lyceum.—Monday and Tuesday, 8, Wednesday, 2, Richard III. On Saturday, Madame Sans Gêne.

Haymarket.—8.30, Under the Red Robe. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

St. James's.—7.45, The Princess and the Butterfly. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

Savoy.—7.50, Weather or No. 8.30, His Majesty. 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.

Prince of Wales's.—8.15, La Poupée. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30. Other afternoons, at 3, A Pierrot's Life, &c.

Gaiety.—8, The Circus Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Shaftesbury.—8, The Yashmak.

Adelphi.—7.45, All that glitters is not gold. 9, Black Ey'd Susan.

Comedy.—8, Byeways. 9, Saucy Sally. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Lyric.—8.15 Daughters of Babylon. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Criterion.—8.30, The Physician. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Court.—8.15, A bit of old Chelsea. 9, Sweet Nancy. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Globe.—8, Confederates. 9, The Mac Haggis. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Garrick.—8.15, The Lady Lawyer. 9, My friend the Prince. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Olympic.—8, The Mariners of England.

Princess's.—8, Two little Vagabonds. Matinée, Wednesday 2.30.

Grand.—Next week, Charley's Aunt.

Parkhurst.—Next week, at 8, Shall we forgive her?

Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. 8, Rip Van Winkle. The Animatographe. 9.30, Fregoli. 10.25, The Tzigane.

Empire.—7.40, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Divertissement. The Cinematographe, &c.

Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment, New American Biograph, &c.

Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30.

Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.

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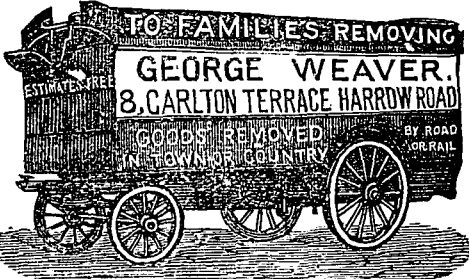
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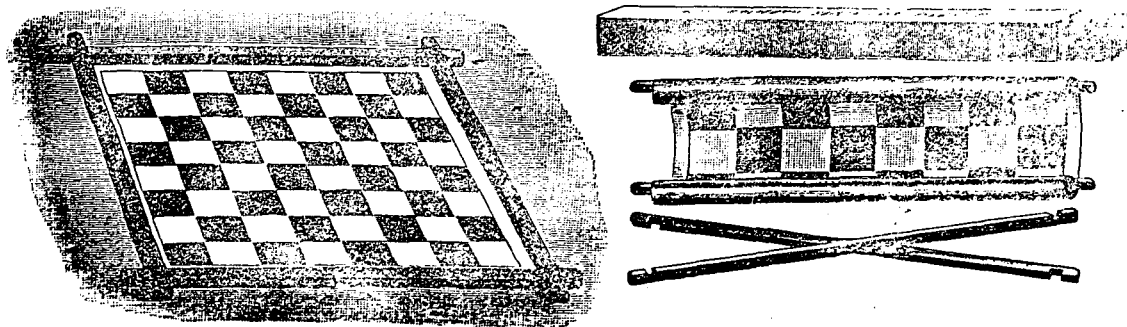
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