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FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

WE have been permitted to make the following extracts from a letter written by a member of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which are interesting as showing the feeling of our Antipodean Brethren at the delay in officially communicating the recognition of Grand Lodge, but of course without in any way supporting the opinions of the writer. As our readers are aware, we have expressed ourselves strongly in the past as to the un-Masonic spirit displayed in regard to the recognition of the Brethren forming the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The perusal of this letter, and a consideration of the statements it contains, as to the course adopted previous to the formation of the Independent Grand Lodge, not only confirms the opinion we had previously formed, but goes far to prove that the spirit of Freemasonry has been conspicuously absent in connection with this question, although it is very difficult to imagine who has felt it worth while to oppose what appears to be the natural course of events, or why so much disregard should have been shown to the wishes of a very large section of the Colonial Brotherhood. Even now it would seem the breach has not been healed, else official notification would have been sent from England as to the decision arrived at in Grand Lodge, and, one would have thought, the right hand of good fellowship would have been extended to our New Zealand Brethren long before the date of the letter we now quote. The subject, from the beginning, appears to us to have been associated with such a display of un-Masonic feeling as to be really a disgrace to those who have kept up the grievance. The opposition may have been perfectly regular from a legal point of view, but as a display of Freemasonry, with its boasted principles of Brotherly Love, it has been a distinct and utter failure—little less than a scandal and a disgrace to Freemasonry, that must have been very hurtful to many of its truest members. The mystery to us is how Brethren can have continued preaching the lessons of the Craft and at the same time keep up what, after all, was but a sentimental grievance, in regard to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Dunedin, November 1896.

DEAR BROTHER —,—I am glad to receive the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 13th June and 25th July, and also the Agenda paper of the United Grand Lodge of England for 29th July, and note that part of the business is to receive a message from the M.W. Grand Master re the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. As the Grand Lodge of New Zealand takes in both the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and the "Freemason" we have seen that "the message" was carried, and the minutes of that Special Meeting were confirmed at the Quarterly Communication on 2nd September. Although we are very glad that we have obtained this Recognition yet we are not going to gush over it nor kill the fatted calf. We do not intend to rush into the arms of our quondam Brothers who have for the last six years and a half kept us at a distance, and whose Officers—especially in the District Grand Lodges—have heaped upon us all the most opprobrious and un-Masonic epithets they could conceive. We have not retaliated, we knew that our cause was just, and therefore we could afford to wait until the tide turned, when we knew that we should be held to be justified in our actions

during the past eight or ten years, for it is nearly this time since the initial steps were taken to inaugurate the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. So now in our success we say "No Cards, No Cake, No Fuss." Our doors have always been open to our Brothers, many of whom have consorted with us all through, though they did not join us.

As we were very anxious that our Brothers everywhere should know what action we have taken, this seems a fitting opportunity of letting you know how we acted.

1. Meetings of the Brethren were held in all our large centres of population as well in other smaller towns. Each Constitution was represented, English, Irish, and Scotch. The whole matter was discussed from every point of view. Masonic Unions were formed in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Otago, all of which kept in close touch with each other. Every Lodge in the country was consulted, short pamphlets and letters were addressed to all Secretaries and W.Ms. Eventually a resolution, agreed to by all the Masonic Unions, was framed and sent to every Lodge in the Colony, asking the Lodge to reply to the Central Union at Wellington, in order that they might focus the question and take steps accordingly. The answers resulted thus—For a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, 92 Lodges—Against, 21—No action, 35—making a total of 148, the number of Lodges then in the Colony.

A conference of Past Masters was held at Wellington, on 11th and 12th September 1889—about 120 Past-Masters being present—apologies being sent for the unavoidable absence of thirty-five Lodge representatives. Between the years 1876-1889 the subject was debated from every point of view. Some thought the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland should be consulted before taking action, but it was clearly shown that those Grand Lodges had previously affirmed their inability to form a Grand Lodge, or to give their sanction to such step being taken—that the proposal and its accomplishment must come from within—that the right to form a Grand Lodge was inherent in the Order alone—and in other cases they declined to advise. Notwithstanding this there are still those who to this day assert as a reason for not joining with us—that we should have asked the advice of our Mother Grand Lodge. We held that ninety-two Lodges in favour of autonomy and the foundation of a Grand Lodge was a sufficient majority. Of the twenty-one who voted against its formation there were several who said that if a Grand Lodge were formed they would re-consider their action. Of the thirty-five who took no notice of the resolution, it may be very safely affirmed they were not opposed to the formation of a Grand Lodge.

2. Our next action was to call a Convention of Lodge Delegates to meet at Wellington, when the whole subject was gone over. A Basis of Union, which had been sent to every Lodge, was considered. A few unimportant alterations were made. Perhaps the only mistake we made was in offering the position of First Grand Master to the Governor, R.W. Bro. Lord Onslow, with 100 Lodges. His lordship asked for 120 Lodges. We were quite sure of having 100 Lodges with us, but to ensure twenty more out of the other forty-eight was not so certain. As Lord Onslow's decision was considered in the light of an Ultimatum the Conference instructed the Executive to carry out its resolution by proclaiming the "Grand Lodge of New Zealand," under the Grand Mastership of R.W. Bro. Henry Thomson, at that time District Grand Master of Canterbury, E.C., an old, active, and experienced Mason, who had not committed himself to our action. The history of that period shows that Bro. Thomson neither sought the position nor desired it, and it was only after repeated requests from the Executive that he at last consented to accept the office. On 29th April the Grand Lodge was inaugurated, and on the 30th the first Grand Master was installed.

[Here follows a scathing criticism on the action of certain distinguished New Zealand Masons which, for obvious reasons, we deem it inadvisable to print.]

The United Grand Lodge of England extended recognition to us on 29th July, the Minutes of that meeting were confirmed

2nd September. The printed Report of the proceedings has been circulated—but up to this date no official intimation of the resolution of Grand Lodge in the matter of our Recognition has been received. Although four months have passed, no official notice of it has been sent from the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England.

During the six years of our formation we have found no difficulty in carrying on all the affairs and business of Grand Lodge. Our proceedings have been regularly sent all over the world. We have been recognised by between forty and fifty Grand Lodges, and even our unrecognised position has not affected our progress. We have no intention of putting ourselves into a position of antagonism to other Lodges, under the English or any other Constitution, who remain outside of us. If they elect to remain attached to their Mother Grand Lodge they can do so, though we think that those Grand Lodges ought not—Masonically—to allow such action. No Grand Lodge in America would allow it. It is occupying a false position and ought to be discouraged. We alter no landmarks, we interfere with no Lodge in its internal work, and as our action has been most regular throughout, Lodges ought not to be allowed to stand out in dissent from us. Still, as the Home Grand Lodges affirm the action, we do not dispute it, but it will hardly tend to harmony. We have now 109 Lodges on our Roll, our income is ample, and we have laid up a Benevolent Fund of over £1,300, which is unique in the history of Freemasonry in New Zealand. We carry on our business in perfect unity and concord, and we know such feeling will continue.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

THE GRAND MASTER'S HOSPITAL FUND.

THE following additional amounts have been received during the week in answer to the appeal of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on behalf of the Hospitals of the metropolis:

	£	s.
St. Peter Lodge	31	10
Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, London, per S. B. Abraham	10	10 0
St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351, London	10	10 0
Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London	10	10 0
St. John Lodge	5	5 0
Barnet Lodge, No. 2509, New Barnet	2	12 0

The donation of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, should be £21, not £20 as recorded last week.

The Britannic Lodge mentioned last week is No. 33, London, the donation being forwarded per John Stripp Treasurer.

In addition to the amounts announced as sent direct to the Prince of Wales's Fund, other Lodges have already made contributions, forwarding them to one or other of the different Branches which are working in support of the project. In this connection we notice that the Lady Mayoress's Branch has received £10 10s from the Barnato Lodge, while we also know of different sums sent to the "Daily Telegraph" Fund. We hope to be able to publish full details of these at a later date.

KENT.

THIS year's meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will, by invitation of the Pattison Lodge, be held at Plumstead, and the date is the day following the Jubilee celebration, Wednesday, 23rd June. It is twenty-nine years since Plumstead was thus honoured, and much may be expected on such an occasion, says the "Bromley Journal." The Brethren of the Pattison Lodge have formed a guarantee fund to cover expenses, and Lord Amherst Provincial Grand Master, and his colleagues, will be worthily entertained. All the other Lodges in the district, whether they be under Metropolitan or Provincial authority, are preparing to take part in the august ceremonies of the day, and an effort is being made to render it worthy the Diamond Jubilee year.

THE QUARTERLY COURTS.

THE half-yearly elections were regularly held this week. On Thursday twenty girls were elected from a list of twenty-eight candidates, the whole of the unsuccessful being eligible, so far as age is concerned, for the next contest. On Friday twenty-two Boys were elected from fifty-four candidates. One of the unsuccessful (Spurgeon, No. 55) has reached the age limit, so that thirty-one candidates will be carried forward.

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VICTORIA JUBILEE MASONIC ANNUITY FUND.

THE Committee of Management of this, the most recently established charitable organisation in connection with the Masonic Order in Ireland, have issued their seventh annual report, dealing with the year 1896. It contains very interesting information for the members of the Craft, and, at the same time, affords unmistakable evidence that the chief object of Freemasons—charity—is always foremost in their transactions, mysterious though some of them be. The patron of the Fund is His Grace the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master, and the President is Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, the senior Vice-President being Lord Clanmorris.

The Committee, at the outset, place on record their grateful thanks to the President for his munificent gift of £100 five per cent. Canadian stock, thereby perpetuating his yearly donation of £5; and to Bro. W. E. Grumbleton, J.P., Belgrove, Queenstown, who generously contributed a further donation (through Bro. F. W. Ewart) of £50 to the Fund.

The total subscriptions and donations received during 1896 amounted to £942 4s 6d, as against £565 9s 4d received in 1895. The yearly subscriptions have increased by £41 16s 1d, the Life Governorships by £196; and £400 has been placed in the India three per cents.—as compared with £275 invested in 1895—after paying all annuities and office expenses, which latter have been reduced by about fifteen per cent. Such a satisfactory statement as this the Committee thinks speaks for itself. The Committee, however, notice with regret the small number of annual subscribers as compared with those in the Masonic Orphan Girls School and Boys School list, and can only account for it in two ways—viz., that the Fund is not sufficiently well-known to the Masonic Order, or that its benefits are not adequately appreciated. Time, they trust, will efficiently deal both with the former and the latter case. It is worthy of remark that the Brethren in the south of Ireland contribute more largely to the Fund than those in the north. Why this should be the Committee are at a loss to account for, as applications for annuities are open to all Masons in Ireland, irrespective of locality, who are over sixty years of age, and have been subscribing members to their Lodge for five years, or the widows of such.

This being the sixtieth year of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign, and the tenth year since the inauguration of this Fund in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, the Committee earnestly appeal to their Masonic Brethren to aid them in celebrating the same, by showing their sympathy with this charitable movement in subscribing liberally to this Fund, so that the Committee may have the felicity of announcing at the end of the present year that the cordial benevolence manifested by the generous Brotherhood has enabled them to attain the object set forth at the first meeting of the founders, in having an invested Fund of £5,000. There are sixteen annuitants on the list, each receiving £15 per annum.—"Dublin Express."

The Brethren of Hull propose, amongst other matters, the raising of funds for the benefit of the local Royal Infirmary or Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, in commemoration of the Jubilee.

Members of the Masonic body are desirous of making a united effort on behalf of the Portsmouth New Hospital Fund. This worthy and appropriate memorial of Her Majesty's sixty year's reign must have the warm approval of their Grand Master the Prince of Wales, whose movement on behalf of the London Hospitals has elicited a cordial response.—"Portsmouth Times."

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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DEVONSHIRE.

TWO new Lodges are to be constituted in the Province this month, the Dart Lodge, No. 2641, at the Subscription Rooms, Dartmouth, on Wednesday, the 21st inst.; and the Queen Victoria Lodge, No. 2655, at the Town Hall, East Stonehouse, on Friday, the 23rd inst. The latter Lodge is to be held at St. Budeaux, near Plymouth. The business each day will begin shortly before three o'clock, when special Provincial Grand Lodges will be opened by the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., the esteemed Provincial Grand Master. The banquet on the 21st will be served at the Raleigh Hotel, Dartmouth, and on the 23rd at the Town Hall, Stonehouse; but provision will only be made for those who apply beforehand, says the "Western Morning News." These additions will raise the total in Devon to fifty-six Lodges, eighteen of which are held in the Three Towns of Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport.

The Crouch End Lodge, formed, it will be remembered, about two years ago, and with its headquarters at the Gate House, Highgate, is prospering, says the "Hornsey Journal." Bro. H. W. Abrahams is the Master of the Lodge, which numbers among its members many of the best-known men in Stroud Green and other parts of Hornsey.

The future meetings of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744, will be held on Wednesday instead of Thursday evenings. The Lodge opens at 8 o'clock, at the Prince of Wales, 119 Hampstead Road, N.W., and is under the Preceptorship of Bro. Hillier P.M., with Bro. J. Adcock as Treasurer and Bro. A. George Secretary.

The seventh annual dinner of the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743, will be held at Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, on Monday next, 12th inst., when Lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m., under the presidency of Bro. G. S. Daunton P.M. 2255 and 1949, who will also preside at the dinner, to be served at 7 o'clock. Bro. Daunton will have the assistance of Bro. R. Poore P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middx., and several other well known members of the Lodge and their friends. Tickets, 5s each, may be obtained of Bro. Daunton Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, 1 Guilford Street, W.C.

The intimation that the Grand Master intends to appoint Bro. S. B. Bancroft to be one of the Senior Grand Deacons at the ensuing Festival is a welcome compliment to the dramatic profession, many members of which are among the most enthusiastic and capable of the fraternity, says the "World." It is true that Brothers Augustus Harris and Edward Terry were both Grand Treasurers, but this was by election of Grand Lodge. The last actor who was appointed to the purple by the head of the Craft was, our contemporary thinks, Bro. Benjamin Webster, who was made a Junior Grand Deacon by the Duke of Sussex.

An "Old Mason" writes to "Society":—Charity is a Masonic virtue, some say the Masonic virtue, and I believe that it is to a very distinguished Mason and a Past Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, Colonel George Lambert, V.D., that the initiation of the scheme of the Company to celebrate this year is due. The Goldsmiths' scheme is to grant pensions to the trade, but no Freeman of the Company—for every impecunious Goldsmith, should such a rare bird on earth exist, is otherwise well provided for—is to be eligible for them. Over and above this pension plan, they propose to grant temporary assistance to such tradesmen of their craft as have fallen on evil days. This is the best part of the scheme—a pension demoralises even a General. Colonel Lambert is one of the best known men in Masonic and Civic circles. I dare not say to how many Lodges and Chapters he belongs, or of how many City Guilds he is a member. No subscription list seems complete without his name, and he does, indeed, follow the Gospel precept, and let his light so shine before men that they may glorify his good works. He is one of the last of the old race of tradesmen who were not ashamed of the shop, and at "Lambert's," the famous silversmith's at the top of the Haymarket, he may still be seen, as he has been for nearly a half a century now, dressed in the regulation "swallow-tail" of the holders of the Royal Warrant. Masons discuss the probability of his becoming Sir George Lambert. There is a sort of precedent for his knighting, for was not John Bennett, the famous watchmaker, knighted at the very time when he kept the well know shop in Cheapside?

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On 12th April, and following days, CHEAP THIRD CLASS RETURN TICKETS, available for use on the forward journey on either 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th or 19th April, and for return to 21st April inclusive, will be issued at the above-named Stations to Bath, Bristol, Minehead, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and other stations in the South and West of England.

EXCURSIONS will leave PADDINGTON as under :

WEDNESDAY, 14th April.—A Fortnight in Ireland—4.45 p.m.—For Belfast, Armagh, Enniskillen, Giant's Causeway, &c.

6.10 p.m.—For Waterford, Clonmel, Tipperary, Limerick, Kilkenny, Killarney, &c.

THURSDAY, 15th April, 7.55 a.m.—For Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Bodmin, Newquay, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, &c., to return 22nd, 23rd or 24th April.

8.10 a.m.—For Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c., to return 19th or 20th April, and to Shrewsbury, Hereford, Welshpool, Harlech, Aberystwyth, Llangollen, Barmouth, Llanudno, Bettws-y-Coed, Carnarvon, &c., to return 19th, 20th or 24th April.

8.15 a.m.—For Chipping Norton, Cheltenham, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, &c., to return 19th or 20th April.

12.5 noon.—For Newbury, Devizes, for 8, 9 or 10 days, and to Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, &c., for 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10 days.

12.5 noon and 11.10 p.m.—For Bath and Bristol, to return 19th or 20th April.

12.40 p.m.—For Chippenham, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., to return 19th or 20th April, and from certain stations on 23rd April; and for Wells, Yeovil, Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., to return 22nd, 23rd or 24th April.

1.30 p.m.—For Douglas (Isle of Man), for 9 days or less.

3.35 p.m.—For Cork, allowing a fortnight or less.

12.15 midnight.—For Cardiff, and Swansea, for 4 or 8 days, and for Newport, Llanelli, Carmarthen, New Milford, &c., for 4 days.

GOOD FRIDAY, 9.35 a.m.—For Reading, Oxford, &c., to return same day. Oxford passengers can also return 19th April.

SATURDAY, 17th April, 7.55 a.m.—To Cheltenham, Gloucester, &c., to return 23rd April, and to Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, &c., to return 19th or 23rd April.

6.12 p.m. For Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, &c., to return 19th or 20th April.

EASTER MONDAY, 6.15 a.m.—For Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, &c., to return same day or 20th April.

6.55 a.m.—For Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., to return same day, or 21st, 22nd or 23rd April.

7.40 a.m.—For Reading, Newbury, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c., to return same day.

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Tickets at a Single Fare for the Double Journey will also be issued by above excursion to places named, available for return by one fixed train on any day within sixteen days, including date of issue and return.

Thursday, 15th April, for 6 days, to Cambridge, St. Ives, Wisbech, Lynn, Cromer, Norwich, Yarmouth, Lincoln, Sleaford, Ollerton, Edwinstowe, Tuxford, Chesterfield, Gainsboro', Spalding, Boston, Louth, Grimsby, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Burslem, Stoke, Newark, Retford, Sheffield, Barnsley, Huddersfield, Manchester, Stockport, Warrington, Liverpool, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Keighley, Hull, Beverley, Hornsea, Withernsea, York, Filey, Ripon, Harrogate, Scarborough, Redcar, Saltburn, Whitby, Bridlington, Middlesboro', Stockton, Hartlepool, Darlington, Durham, Richmond, Newcastle, Tynemouth, &c., from Woolwich (Arsenal and Dockyard), Victoria (L.C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon and King's Cross (G.N.), returning 19th and 20th April.

In connection with the above excursions, tickets will be issued at Holloway, Finsbury Park, the High Barnet and Edgware branch stations, Haringay, Hornsey, Wood Green, the Enfield branch stations, New Southgate, Oakleigh Park, and New Barnet, at the King's Cross fares, and passengers booking at these stations may, without extra payment, travel by ordinary train to either Finsbury Park or King's Cross, as may be necessary in order to join the excursion trains.

Easter Monday, 19th April, for one day to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, Cambridge, Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe, from Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, &c.

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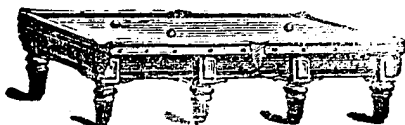
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At a GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 8th April 1897, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by ballot of 20 GIRLS into the Institution from a list of 29 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:

No. on List.	Name	Votes	No. on Poll.
8	Sewart, R.	3702	1
4	Tidy, F.	3549	2
1	Chowne, R. J.	3451	3
25	Morton, D.	3448	4
14	Pickles, V. M.	3443	5
27	Hamer, E. M.	3385	6
7	Holman, E. M.	3365	7
26	Worsell, F. J.	3307	8
5	Pattison, E.	3305	9
17	Brooks, E. A. W.	3285	10
22	Birkenfeld, A. B. K.	3258	11
3	Frost, F. E.	3252	12
13	Ashburner, A. J.	3173	13
29	Clayton, W.	3111	14
18	Underwood, D.	3108	15
28	Brinjes, D. L.	3052	16
10	Cooke, G. M.	3046	17
24	Jarman, O. V.	2961	18
19	Harding, J. M.	2901	19
2	Harding, F. M. L.	2727	20

The number of votes recorded to unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

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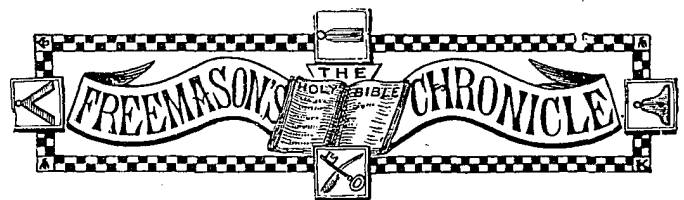
At a QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 9th day of April 1897, V.W. BRO. RICHARD EVE Patron and Trustee (P.G. Treas.) in the chair, a ballot took place for the election of 22 BOYS from an approved list of 54 CANDIDATES, the following being declared SUCCESSFUL:—

No.	Name.	Votes.	No.	Name.	Votes.
1	Crook, R.	3726	12	Hirst, R.	3382
2	Travis, T. G.	3639	13	Smith, A. B.	3347
3	Thompson, H.	3606	14	Newman, W. E.	3335
4	Griffiths, K.	3580	15	Sarjant, R. J.	3302
5	Armstrong T. B.	3566	16	Dover, A. E.	3239
6	Aikman, W. J.	3545	17	Smith, S. G.	3213
7	Hawkes, H. L.	3545	18	Venables, G. V.	3163
8	Booth, J. R.	3487	19	Stephenson, H. W.	3017
9	Sherwood, W. M. F.	3454	20	Illingworth, E.	2943
10	Baker, A.	3475	21	Linnett, B. W.	2857
11	Lindsey, H.	3385	22	Martin, G. H.	2748

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the Office.

J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

* * 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.



SATURDAY, 10TH APRIL 1897.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

At the Quarterly Court of this Institution, held at the Freemasons' Hall, London, yesterday (Friday) afternoon, the following Brethren were elected to fill the five Provincial vacancies on the Board of Management:—W. F. Smithson, 336 votes; M. Barker, 296 votes; J. E. Le Feuvre, 195 votes; R. Vassar Vassar-Smith, 185 votes; and J. W. Burgess, 181 votes. The other candidates were B. A. Smith (45), W. H. Spaul (39), and W. Whittle (18).

As stated last week only five Brethren were nominated for the five London vacancies, so there was no contest in that section.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE annual installation meeting of this old established Lodge was held on the 25th ult., at their new quarters at the Holborn Restaurant. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. J. Greig, who was supported by close on 200 Brethren, among whom were about forty Past Masters, says the "East London Observer."

After preliminary business, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. J. Carter, L. Newman, W. G. Read, and E. S. Underwood, immediately following this ceremony by passing Bros. C. Laurispach and P. Barabain. He next proceeded to install his successor in the chair. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Bro. Greig for the excellent and impressive manner in which he performed the installation, as well as the previous ceremonies of passing and raising. The Worshipful Master for the ensuing year Bro. G. T. Kinipple, one of the churchwardens of Stepney, then invested his Officers, giving the address to, each in a manner thoroughly up to the traditions of this Lodge for excellency of work.

The following sums were then voted unanimously:—ten guineas to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Hospital Fund; one guinea to the fund being raised by the Freemasons for endowing a bed at Guy's Hospital; three guineas to a former Brother in great distress; and five guineas for a Life Governorship of one of the Masonic Charities, for presentation to the wife of the Secretary of the Lodge Bro. Harriss P.M., in appreciation of the able and courteous manner in which he has performed the duties of his important office.

After hearty good wishes, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where the banquet was excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hamp.

The W.M. gave the usual preliminary toasts. Bro. Greig proposed the Worshipful Master, in happy terms, stating that the Lodge had fortunately had a succession of excellent Masters, carrying out the precepts of the Craft, and he felt sure that the present W.M. would not be behind any of his predecessors in this respect, but would prove a Master of whom they would all be proud.

The W.M. had a most cordial reception on rising to respond. He said there were moments in every man's life when he found it very difficult to find words to express all that was in his heart; that was one of the most peculiar moments in his own, but he did most heartily thank the Brethren for the kind reception they had given him, and the members of the Lodge for electing him to the exalted position that it was now his privilege to hold. When he was initiated ten years ago he thought he could not attain to this position, but by the grace of the Great Architect he had been spared to do so. He would do his best, and should be amply rewarded if at the end of his year of office it could be said to him, "well done, good and worthy Brother."

In submitting the toast of the Installing and I.P.M., Bro. Kinipple said he approached the task with some diffidence, as it might be considered that he was simply reciprocating the kind words Bro. Greig had used towards himself, but they must admit that Bro. Greig had proved himself one of the most able Masters the Lodge had ever had, and that he had completed his year of office as W.M. most successfully by the able manner in which he had rendered the installation ceremony that evening. It was indeed a very pleasant duty that he had to perform in pinning on his breast the Past Master's jewel, and also presenting him with a silver tea service and tantallus, as a mark of appreciation of his very valuable services during the past year. They all hoped he and his wife would be spared many years to make good use of them in memory of his many Masonic friends.

Bro. Greig, evidently touched by the kindness of the Brethren, said it was a very embarrassing and difficult task to adequately acknowledge such great kindness, especially when accompanied by such handsome presents. He had done his best for the Lodge, and should continue to do so. He heartily and sincerely thanked them, and that moment would remain engraven on heart and memory all his life.

The W.M. then gave the toast of the Visitors, saying he was particularly fortunate in having so many present at his installation. They were always pleased to see and entertain guests, and he hoped they had all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. With the toast he coupled the names of Bros. J. R. Johnson P.M., J. G. Millbourn P.M., F. T. Wood P.M., and J. Tolworthy W.M.; who, in replying, bore testimony to the excellent working in the Lodge, and expressed appreciation of the manner in which they had been welcomed and entertained.

Shortly before the close of the proceedings the W.M. announced that, including the ten guineas voted by the Lodge, the amount collected at the banquet table would enable them to send 427 shillings to their M.W.G.M.'s Hospital Fund, in the name of the Lodge and their visitors.

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HOLLOWAY LODGE, No. 2601.

HELD in Beale's handsome Masonic rooms, the second installation meeting of this Lodge was attended by a large and influential number of Brethren, under the presidency of Bro. James Terry P.G.Swd.B. W.M. who regularly opened the Lodge and disposed of the preliminary business.

Bro. Fred Varley was presented by Bro. V. Larnier, and was installed in an able and impressive manner as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

Messrs. R. Midworth and T. B. Herbert were initiated into the Order. Letters of regret having been read by Bro. Macfarlane Secretary, from several friends unable to be present, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent repast was served.

The I.P.M. there proposed in eulogistic terms the health of the W.M., the sentiment being received with enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, in thanking the Brethren for the honour conferred upon him, promised to do all in his power for the prosperity of the Lodge. He was installed Master of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, in 1893, and vacating the chair of that Lodge he considered it to be his duty to further extend the grand principles of Freemasonry. Although the Holloway Lodge was only consecrated last year, he was proud to say that it had already become a complete success.

The next toast was the Installing Master, and in proposing this the Worshipful Master referred to the valuable services Bro. Terry had rendered, not only to the Craft and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but to the Holloway Lodge in particular. He pinned on Bro. Terry's breast the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, which had at the previous meeting been voted unanimously to him, and also handed to him a handsome present from the Brethren for Mrs. Terry.

Bro. Terry thanked the Brethren most heartily, and mentioned that he was Past Master of fourteen different Lodges.

The newly initiated were toasted, as were also the Visitors, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Officers.

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HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON Monday, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, W., Bro. W. Handover W.M., H. Smith S.W., H. Crookes J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Sec. acting Preceptor, J. H. Beardon S.D., H. Harris J.D., S. G. Thorne I.G., A. L. Butters W.M. 2163, W. Gibbin, Wynman, and several others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. W. Gibbin candidate. The same Brother answered the questions and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. H. Harris candidate. Bro. W. Gibbin was elected a member, and Bro. H. Smith chosen W.M. for next meeting.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 6th inst., Bro. G. H. Fennell W.M., W. Boyce P.M. S.W., A. S. Bird J.W., Pollock S.D., Parker J.D., Burden I.G., F. Bromhead P.M. acting Preceptor, F. Thornton Sec., Soar, Goulston, Joss, Panting, and F. Webster.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goulston acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Webster answered the questions leading to the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, he acting as candidate. Bro. Boyce was elected to the chair for Wednesday next.

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ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE CHAUCER INSTRUCTION LODGE.

A VERY pleasant, happy, and most successful meeting of this Lodge, No. 1540, took place on Tuesday, at Ye Olde White Hart Hotel, Borough High Street.

Bro. H. Bulpitt J.W. 2589 occupied the chair, supported by Bros. W. Roots W.M. 2589 Preceptor, John Hattersley P.M. 2589 Treas., Frank Queld Sec., W. Pottinger, Bull, S. Levy, J. Levy, Gale, Nash, J. Sullivan, E. Roberts, Ellis, Wright, Wood, Crawford, F. Clark I.G. 1848, G. E. Cannon, J. Cannon, W. G. Cannon, A. Atkin, Benedict, A. Sullivan, Wynman, and several others.

Upon the removal of the cloth Bro. H. Bulpitt gave the customary. Loyal toasts in capital style, and they were most royally received.

The toast of the evening was proposed by Bro. John Hattersley P.M. Treasurer, who gave success to the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction and health to the Chairman, whom he complimented for the able manner in which he presided. He was very pleased to see the Junior Warden of the Borough Lodge in the chair on that occasion, and hoped to see him as W.M. of his Lodge at no distant date.

Bro. Bulpitt thanked the Treasurer for his kind remarks, and also thanked the Brethren for receiving him in such a cordial manner. He further thanked them for having selected him as President for that evening.

The next toast the Chairman had very much pleasure in proposing was that of Bro. Roots W.M. of the Borough Lodge and Preceptor of their Lodge of Instruction. All who knew Bro. Roots felt he deserved great praise, for he was a hard working Mason, one who always did his best to teach those who required his assistance, and was always willing to give every attention to their requirements.

Bro. Roots, on rising, was most heartily received. He thanked the President for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him, and the Brethren for their cordial endorsement. The work he did was purely a labour of love. He was pleased to say the Instruction Lodge had done a great deal of good; those who visited it having all benefited by it. They did not meet in large numbers, but those who did attend could all do the work perfectly. He was very pleased to think that whenever his name was mentioned it was always received in a most cordial manner. Any Brother wishing to join the Instruction Lodge would receive a most hearty welcome and such tuition as he required.

The next toast was also given by the Chairman in an eloquent manner, and was that of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Hattersley the Treasurer; as they all knew, was always striving to do everything for the benefit and welfare of Masonry; the Secretary Bro. Frank Queld was also a very hard working Brother, and his ability was all the more creditable as he was but a young Mason; by attention and hard work he had risen to the position of Secretary. The toast was well received.

The Treasurer expressed his thanks for the kind terms in which he and the Secretary had been referred to. He endeavoured to take very great care of the funds, until such time as they had ten guineas in hand, when it was at once handed over in the cause of Charity; he was pleased to say they were generally able to give that amount in the good cause each year.

The Secretary also acknowledged the toast. He said he did not particularly care for the work of Secretary, but was pleased to do what he could for the welfare of the Lodge, and was delighted to be under the leadership of their worthy Preceptor.

Bro. Frank Clark I.G. 1848 having asked the President and other Brethren to drink with him, it being the occasion of his birthday, was thanked from the chair for thus adding to the pleasures of the evening. The Chairman felt the Brethren would join him in wishing Bro. Clark many happy returns of the day, and pledge his and Mrs. Clark's very good health in the wine just presented by Bro. Clark.

After receiving the hearty good wishes of the Brethren Bro. Clark acknowledged their good wishes, both on behalf of his wife and for himself.

A hearty vote of thanks was also offered from the chair to Brother Alfred Atkins, for his kindness in providing the Brethren with such an excellent

musical treat, his artistes including Mrs. E. Roberts, Miss Emmerson Hurst, Bro. Clifton Wood, Mr. Walter Fullerton, and Mr. Will Webster, with Mr. Stuart Hobson at the piano.

Mr. Percy Seymour, the manager of the Hotel, was also thanked for what he had done towards ensuring the enjoyment of the company, the supper and its service being most satisfactory under his supervision.

The Tyler's toast concluded a happy and harmonious evening.

PROVINCIAL.

ST. MATTHEW LODGE, No. 539.

THIS Walsall Lodge attains its jubilee during the present year, having been founded in 1847. One of its few remaining original members is Bro. Frank James, who was W.M. in 1855-56, and in recognition of his many eminent services the Brethren invited him to allow himself to be again elected for this year. Although it is expected that the duties will be unusually heavy, Bro. James consented, and the installation took place on the 1st inst. The police parade room, which was let by the Town Council, was used for the Lodge meeting, which was very largely attended.

After the Lodge had been closed a large company sat down to the usual banquet at the Dragon Hotel, where the newly-installed W.M. was supported by a large number of Past Masters and other Brethren.

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT LODGE, No. 1793.

A BRILLIANT assembly of members and their friends gathered at the annual festival of this Lodge, held at Bro. W. Wickes's, the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, on Wednesday, 31st ult., the occasion being the installation of Bro. William Smith, who is well-known in connection with the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Bro. J. E. Ruffle W.M. presided, and was assisted by Bros. W. Middleweek P.M. P.A.G.D.C. I.P.M., J. Finch P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. S.W., William Smith W.M.-elect J.W., R. W. Forge P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, E. W. Warner P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. Secretary, T. Middleweek S.D., E. Hall J.D., R. Coff acting I.G., E. I. Packington I.P.M. 2444 Org., H. Ward Steward, John Gilbert P.G.Ty. Tyler. Also Bros. Howard H. Room P.G.Std.B. Prov.G.Secretary, W. J. Porter P.M., B. Muller P.M., F. Chandler P.M. P.P.G.P., R. Edwards, H. J. Thompson, Albert Williams, A. H. Gomme, H. Hewett, M. R. Fitzwilliam, W. H. Brougham, and several others.

Amongst the visitors we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. John Mayo W.M. 1618 2222, &c., the popular host of the Castle Hotel, East Molesey; C. Oldridge W.M. 1638; J. A. Harvey P.M. 1314, A. Ellenden 1623, W. Andrews S.W. 177 and 2421, C. A. Sanger 1642, W. Rice W.M. 1656, W. Tunge P.M. 975, J. Edgell P.M. 889, R. C. Fox, R. Moorman, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and several others.

The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Afterwards Mr. Henry Hoad, who was balloted for, with a result unanimous in his favour, was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in a most impressive and faultless manner.

The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree and Bro. R. W. Forge Treasurer presented Bro. William Smith as W.M.-elect for the ensuing twelve months, and he was regularly obligated. The Lodge was advanced and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. Smith was regularly placed in the chair, the whole of the ceremonial work being most impressively rendered.

The new ruler was now saluted in the three degrees, and being invested with the full dignities of his office proceeded to appoint the following as his assistant Officers for the year:—J. E. Ruffle I.P.M., Thomas Middleweek S.W., Edw. Hall J.W., R. W. Forge P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treas., E. W. Warner P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Sec., R. Coff S.D., C. H. Houghton J.D., H. Hunt I.G., E. J. Packington P.M. Org., D. G. Morris D.C., A. Goddard and W. Brougham Sids, J. Gilbert Prov.G.T. Tyler. This portion of the business being completed the Installing Master Bro. J. E. Ruffle gave the customary addresses, with marked effect, for which he received the well earned congratulation of the Brethren.

The W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Ruffle, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the Brethren. The inscription of the jewel was:

Presented by
The Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793,
to Bro. J. E. RUFFLE,

for his valuable and efficient services as Worshipful Master during the year, 1896-7.

In acknowledgment of the jewel Bro. Ruffle, in a most eloquent manner, thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their kindness.

It was proposed by the Treasurer, and seconded by the Secretary, that a sum of £10 be voted to the family of a late Brother, which was most willingly agreed to. It was also proposed, seconded, supported and unanimously carried, that Bro. Ruffle I.P.M. should represent the Lodge on the Charity Committee of the Province, and the Lodge votes were handed to him for that purpose.

A few new members were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and, after a few more transactions, the Lodge was closed with hearty good wishes of the Brethren and Visitors alike.

The company then adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent banquet was awaiting them. We must compliment Bro. W. Wickes, the host, for the very perfect style in which the dinner was served. The viands, wine, cigars, &c., were all of first class quality, and everything that could be desired.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly attended to with musical honours. In proposing the Grand Officers the W.M. had much pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. Howard H. Room P.G.Std.Br. Grand Sec., who cordially acknowledged the fraternal goodwill expressed towards the Officers of Grand Lodge in general, and to himself in particular. He was delighted to see the Sir Charles Bright Lodge so flourishing, and was gratified to see his friend Bro. W. Smith in the chair as W.M. The Brethren could not have done better than by electing him.

In proposing the health of the Worshipful Master Bro. Ruffle I.P.M. stated that the W.M. had set a splendid example, and he would follow it by being brief with his speech. The toast, he was sure, would be received with the same amount of pleasure as he experienced in giving it. Bro. Smith

had begun his work in the chair by investing his Officers in a manner that gave great satisfaction, and was a credit to him. He was sure the new Master would make one of the best rulers the Sir Charles Bright Lodge had ever had.

Bro. W. Smith W.M., on rising to respond, had a very hearty welcome. He thanked Bro. Ruffle for his very kind words, and the Brethren for their greeting; he was proud to be Worshipful Master of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, and felt sure that with the able assistance of his Officers the Lodge would continue on its flourishing career.

The next toast was that of the Initiates. The W.M. said he was sure, from the attention Bro. Henry Hoad had paid to the ceremony, that he would be an ornament to the Lodge, and would give every satisfaction.

The Initiate, in reply, thanked the W.M. and Brethren for admitting him into the Lodge, of which he was pleased to become a member. He would endeavour to give satisfaction.

The Installing Master, in replying to the toast given in his honour, thanked the W.M. for the kind words he had used in proposing his health, and also thanked the Brethren for receiving the toast in such a hearty manner. It was only due to hard work that he occupied his present position, and as he should be pleased to continue it he promised to render the present Worshipful Master all the assistance in his power.

The next toast was that of the Visitors, which the W.M. had much pleasure in proposing. Guests were always welcome at the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, the members of which were very pleased to see so many familiar faces. With the toast he had much pleasure in coupling Bro. John Mayo W.M. 1618 2222, &c., Past Master Oldridge W.M. 1638, J. A. Harvey P.M. 1314, Bro. Ellenden 1623, W. Andrews S.W. 177 and 2421, W. Rice W.M. 1656, W. Tunge P.M. 975, J. Edgell P.M. 889, R. C. Fox, R. Moorman, and others.

Bro. John Mayo responded in an eloquent manner, thanking the W.M. and members for the kind way in which they had received and entertained him and the other visitors. He had the pleasure of knowing the W.M., and was sure he would be a perfect ruler in the Lodge. Several other Visitors responded in a suitable manner.

The W.M. now had very much pleasure in proposing the toast of the Past Masters, and in doing so he said they were Masons who could be relied upon. It was a pleasure to undertake the duties of the Lodge with such an able body of Past Masters.

Bros. W. J. Porter, J. Finch, W. Middleweek, and other Past Masters responded to the toast in suitable terms.

The Secretary and Treasurer's toast was fully honoured and responded to, and then came that of the Officers. The W.M. remarked that a Master, however competent he might be, could not do without an efficient staff of Officers. By selecting Bro. T. Middleweek as Senior Warden, Bro. Edward Hall as Junior Warden, Bro. Coff as S.D., and Bro. C. H. Houghton as J.D., he was sure he had found reliable Officers, and the Lodge could not do otherwise than prosper with their united labour.

The Officers made suitable response, pledging themselves to render all the assistance in their power, and hoping to be able to give many proofs of their ability, thereby promoting the interests of the Lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought a most delightful and pleasant evening to a termination.

The vocal and musical entertainment was one of the very best, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The following took part:—Bros. W. Middleweek P.M., F. Hall, Fox, H. Thompson, Mr. Overall, Mr. F. Ruffle, and several others.

COTEHELE LODGE, No. 2166.

CALSTOCK, the favourite holiday resort of inhabitants of the Three Towns of Plymouth, Stonehouse and Devonport, was visited by several prominent Brethren on the 2nd inst., to assist in installing Bro. Major G. Shanks as Master. Bro. Wm. Coulter W.M. presided over the opening proceedings.

At the conclusion of the business an adjournment was made to the Tamar Hotel (proprietor Bro. Herring), where the annual installation banquet was held, under the presidency of the newly installed Master.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John in connection with this Lodge took place at the Palatine Hotel, Hunt's Bank, Manchester, last month, Bro. Thos. T. Hardicker W.M.

Although two ceremonies were due, and had been announced on the summons, yet it was thought that an attempt to perform the same might unduly interfere with the more important function of installation; the latter was therefore allowed to proceed undisturbed. Bro. Hardicker was the Installing Master, and he acquitted himself in so satisfactory a manner as afterwards to receive the commendation of many visitors. Past Masters W. T. Schofield P.P.G.D., William Boden, and S. Mamelok, who assisted, were also in excellent form, and deserved all the praise which was lavished upon them.

A board of Installed Masters was formed, which consisted of Bros. Hardicker as Master, John Chadwick P.G.Sw.B. P.P.G.Sec. as S.W., Jas. W. Abbott P.P.G.D.C. as J.W., and Abm. Pemberton P.P.G.D.C. as I.G.

Bro. Clement John Hall S.W. Worshipful Master-elect having been presented to receive the benefits of installation, answered the ancient constitutional questions as put by Bro. Boden, and was afterwards duly placed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Hardicker, who regularly proclaimed him in the E., W. and S. The working tools of the various degrees were presented and explained by Bro. Mamelok, the addresses being given as follow, viz., that to the W.M. by Bro. Hardicker, that to the Wardens by Bro. Schofield, and that to the Brethren generally by Bro. Mamelok. Bro. Boden was responsible for all the investitures of other Officers, which were as follow:—Bros. R. Meggitt S.W., J. Kinsey J.W., W. H. Taylor Chap., O. Rushton Treas. T. H. Stott Sec., A. G. Bryce S.D., T. D. Lightfoot J.D., J. Whittle D.C., S. Kew I.G., J. Fairbairn, A. Sutcliffe, R. Hamilton, R. H. Whatham, W. E. Brooks, J. H. Crowther, and James Park Stewards.

Bro. William Boden P.M. was appointed Charity Representative.

Lodge having been closed in peace and harmony, the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a recherché dinner had been provided. The usual Loyal toasts were proposed by the newly installed W.M., who took the opportunity of referring to the jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and hoped the City of Manchester, as also Manchester Masons, would not be behind in testifying their loyalty in the forthcoming celebrations.

The toast of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bros. Captain C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and John Chadwick P.G.Swd.Br.England, the former praising the work of installation

as performed by the retiring Master, and also reverting to the fact that if information was required in connection with Craft matters, there were Past Masters and Provincial Officers present, whose names he mentioned, who were always ready and willing to give assistance if called upon.

The toast of the newly installed Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Hardicker I.P.M., in a very trenchant speech, to which Bro. Hall replied, saying he felt the Brethren of the Duke of York Lodge had conferred a very great honour upon him by placing him at their head. He duly appreciated that honour, and would do his best to maintain the standard of excellence in working which had been established by his predecessors. He believed he had the confidence and esteem of all the Officers who had been appointed to assist him, and with the additional help of the Past Masters, which he thought would be ungrudgingly given, looked forward to a most successful year. Certainly no effort on his part would be spared to make his term of office a record one in every possible way.

Bro. Hall then proposed the health of the I.P.M., saying that Bro. Hardicker had been a most successful Master, and one who knew how to do his work, as evidenced by his efforts that day. His Officers had also been exceptionally good workers, which fact was very creditable. Personally he reckoned him as a particular friend outside Masonry, and it was with the greatest pleasure that he now pinned upon his breast a Past Master's jewel by way of marking the respect in which he was held by members of the Lodge. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
BRO. T. T. HARDICKER P.M.,
by the members of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449,
as a token of esteem for services rendered.
11th March 1897.

Other toasts followed, notably that of the visitors, proposed by Bro. Robert Meggitt S.W. Besides those already mentioned, we noticed that there were present Bros. C. D. Cheetham P.M. Prov. J.G.W., James Beardmore P.M. 852 Prov. G.D.C., Geo. A. Myers P.M. 1730 P.P.G.D.C. (W.L.), Rev. J. O. Jelly P.M. 277 P.P.G.Chap., Geo. W. Belshaw W.M. 1219, T. A. Lever W.M. 2482, John Walker W.M. 2359, M. B. Salt P.M. 1588, and others.

The musical septet consisted of Bros. Nelson Stokes, A. Lewtas, C. Blacow, T. H. Stott, O. Rushton, and S. Kew, with C. H. Thompson as accompanist, some very good numbers being furnished.



BRO. CLEMENT JOHN HALL,
W.M. OF THE DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449, 1897-8.

Bro. Clement John Hall, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is a gentleman who does not lay claim to a great array of titles, nor to meretricious popularity, his field of action being limited and circumscribed by country recreations which rightfully belong to one who, like himself, has retired from mercantile and kindred pursuits; nor has he yet ventured into the arena of politics or other active public positions which might, with his abilities, have made him prominent in some local Sanhedrim.

He was initiated in the Strangeways Lodge, No. 1219, in May 1891; is also a member of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588; was one of the Founders of the Duke of York Lodge, and became its first Secretary, which position he retained for two years, afterwards going to Junior Warden, and culminating as we see in that of Worshipful Master, which is just the right place for such a man as he to be in.

Bro. Hall is a Royal Arch Mason, and belongs to the Caledonian Chapter, No. 204, while in Mark Masonry he is connected with the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 34, where he has recently attained the dignity of S.D.

He has the congenital merit of being good tempered, and we hope that under his guidance the Brethren of the Duke of York Lodge will be bound in a sodality which may not be broken for many years to come. He has announced his intention of doing his best during his year of office, and of sticking to his Lodge, and with this pronouncement we may expect that he will do so, even with the tenacity of limpets to a rock.

BERESFORD PEIRSE LODGE, No. 2610.

ON Friday, 2nd inst., the annual festival was held in Bedale Town Hall, when Sir Henry Beresford Peirse, Bart., W.M.-elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably performed in the presence of a large number of Brethren by Bro. C. N. Backhouse Prov. G.W.

On the completion of business the banquet was held at the Black Swan Hotel, the new W.M. presiding, when the customary Masonic toasts were honoured. There was a very large attendance of Brethren, including Provincial Officers.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION No. 581.

THE bi-monthly meeting of this useful Lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on Tuesday, 30th ult., Bro. James W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor. Proceedings commenced at 7.30, the principal chair being assumed by Bro. H. E. Massie, the other chairs being occupied by Bros. F. Middleton S.W., and Charles H. Griffiths J.W.

Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Horsfield P.M. took the chair, and Bro. H. Bacon, the candidate, was questioned, received a test of merit, and retired.

Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. F. Middleton, the traditional history being given by Bro. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.C., who also presented and explained the working tools of the degree.

We are glad to state that propositions for joining members were made, and duly honoured. The next meeting was fixed for Thursday, 8th inst.

ROYAL ARCH.

RECTITUDE CHAPTER, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 1st inst., Comp. Hy. B. Brown M.E.Z.

An exaltation was due, but the candidate did not put in an appearance. The ordinary business of the Chapter having been disposed of, an early adjournment was made to supper, this being followed by the social board. Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were submitted and duly responded to, the following contributing to the harmony of the evening: Comps. Robert Rudman J., Harry G. Walker E., Nelson Stokes N., T. C. Lilly P.S., Wm. Rostron Treas., Chas. W. Dove, Robert Adshead, H. J. Harrison, W. J. Melling P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., C. H. Griffiths, and others.

Comp. Melling alluded in very touching terms to the loss recently sustained by Comp. Ben Walker, in the death of his daughter, and it seemed to be the universal desire of the Companions that Scribe E. should be instructed to communicate with Comp. Walker, conveying the heartfelt sympathy of the Companions with him in his bereavement.

Comp. Brown M.E.Z. imparted the information that Comp. Dove was about to leave Manchester, and take up a permanent residence in London. Whilst expressing sorrow that his personality would be lost to Manchester Masons, yet it was satisfactory to know that financially the change would benefit Comp. Dove. On behalf of the members of the Rectitude Chapter he heartily wished God speed to Comp. Dove, whose health was most enthusiastically drunk.

Comp. Dove responded, thanking Comp. Brown and the other Companions for their hearty good wishes. He was very sorry to sever a connection of years, but explained that the exigencies of circumstances demanded it.

We tender our congratulations to Bro. Frank James, who was on Thursday installed as Worshipful Master of the St. Matthew Lodge, No. 539, Walsall, on his continued good health and interest in our Order. Bro. James was one of the founders, in 1847, of the Lodge over which he now presides, and previously occupied its chair—in 1855-56. His re-appointment this year is in connection with the celebration of the Jubilee of the Lodge, and in recognition of the many services he has rendered during the fifty years of its existence. We venture to think there are very few instances on record where a founder has lived to preside at the Jubilee of his Lodge's establishment. We trust our Brother may enjoy good health during this auspicious year of his Mastership.

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The Booking Office at Paddington station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before Easter.

Cheap tickets at special low fares, and available on the forward journey on 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th or 19th April, will be issued from London to Bath, Bristol, Minhead, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and certain other stations in the South and West of England. Tickets at 25s. return, available for 14 days, will also be issued for use on 15th, 17th, or 19th April, to Guernsey and Jersey.

On Wednesday, 14th April, excursions, allowing a fortnight in Ireland, will be run to Waterford, Limerick, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, &c.

On Thursday, 15th April, an excursion reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours, will leave Paddington at 7.55 a.m. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Ilfracombe, Bodmin, Penzance, Yeovil, Weymouth, Oxford, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Llandudno, Carnarvon, Chester, Manchester, Liverpool, Isle of Man, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, New Milford, Cork, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, &c.

On Good Friday, Cheap trains will run to Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, 17th April, Excursions will run to Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Swansea, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, &c., and on Easter Monday, to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c.

On Tuesday, 20th April, a cheap half-day excursion will leave Paddington at 12.2 noon for Oxford, Leamington and Stratford-on-Avon.

In addition to these excursions, cheap trains will be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population.

On the Thursday before Easter most of the long distance trains will be duplicated; the first portion as a general rule will take passengers for the longer distances and the second those for less distant places.

On Good Friday, the trains will run as on Sundays, with the addition of the 5.30 a.m. Newspaper train, which will run as far as Oxford, Plymouth, and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham and Wolverhampton districts; at Chippenham with the 8.15 a.m., thence to the Weymouth Line; and at Plymouth with the 2.25 p.m., thence to Penzance.

Cheap Third Class Excursion Tickets will be issued on Good Friday, Saturday, 17th April, Easter Sunday and Monday, by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (Addison Road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, and other popular riverside resorts.

Cheap Week-end Tickets will be issued on Thursday, 15th April Good Friday, and Saturday, 17th April, to Bridport, Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Weymouth, Clevedon, Weston-super-Mare, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Paignton, Malvern, Church Stretton, Abingdon, Oxford, Leamington, Warwick, and Stratford-on-Avon. These tickets are issued on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

THE Great Northern Railway Company announce that on the night of Thursday, 15th April, a cheap excursion will leave London (Woolwich Arsenal, Woolwich Dockyard, Victoria (L. C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, &c.), for Northallerton, Darlington, Richmond, Durham, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Helensburgh, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Oban, Fort William, Montrose, Aberdeen, Keith, Buckie, Fraserburgh, Ballater, Inverness, and other stations in Scotland, returning on Monday, 19th, or Friday, 23rd April.

Tickets at a Single Fare for the Double Journey will also be issued by above excursion to places named, available for return by one fixed train on any day within sixteen days, including days of issue and return.

On Thursday, 15th April, cheap excursions will also be run for 5 and 6 days to and from London (King's Cross) and York, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Leeds, Wakefield, Doncaster, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln, Gainsboro', Lynn, Yarmouth, Norwich, Spalding, Wisbech, Cambridge, St. Ives, Ramsey, &c.

In connection with the Excursions to the Provinces and Scotland, on Thursday, 15th April, tickets will be issued at Holloway, Finsbury Park, the High Barnet and Edgware branch stations, Haringay, Hornsey, Wood Green, the Enfield branch stations, New Southgate, Oakleigh Park, and New Barnet at the King's Cross fares, and passengers booking at these stations may, without extra payment, travel by ordinary train to either Finsbury Park or King's Cross, as may be necessary, in order to join the Excursion trains.

On Good Friday, 16th April, the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run through to Lincoln, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, York, Newcastle, and certain stations in Scotland.

On Good Friday, 16th April, cheap 2 or 4 days excursions will be run from Manchester, Oldham, Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, York, &c., to London (King's Cross).

On Saturday, 17th April, cheap 3 days excursion trains will be run from Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Oldham, Wigan, &c., to London (King's Cross).

On Easter Monday, 19th April, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L. C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury

Park, &c., to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. A cheap day excursion will also be run from Moorgate, King's Cross, Holloway, Finsbury Park, &c., to Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Cheap day excursions to London will be run from Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Shipley, Leeds, Morley, Castleford, Batley, Dewsbury, Brighouse, Horbury, Wakefield, York, Doncaster, Retford, Newark, Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln, Stamford, Peterboro', Huntingdon, St. Neots, Sandy, Biggleswade, Cambridge, Hitchin, Luton, Dunstable, Hertford, St. Albans, &c. A cheap two days excursion will be run to London from Rotherham, Sheffield, Worksop, Hull (M. S. and L.), Brigg, &c.

To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets dated in advance will be issued: King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L. C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park stations, and at the several ticket offices throughout the metropolis.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

CHEAP Excursion Trains will run from London on Tuesday, 13th April, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, by direct Steamer, returning within 16 days as per sailing bill; on Wednesday, 14th, to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., via Morecambe, returning within 16 days as per sailing bill; and on Thursday, 15th, to the same places via Liverpool, returning any week-day within 16 days; on Thursday, 15th, to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, &c., via Barrow and via Liverpool, available for returning any week-day within 16 days.

On Thursday, 15th, cheap excursion trains will also be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., returning the following Monday or Tuesday; and to Douglas (Isle of Man) available for returning any week-day within 10 days; and from London (St. Pancras) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, Stirling, Aberdeen, Inverness, Nairn, Forres, Ballater, &c., returning Monday, 19th April, or Friday, 23rd April. Tickets will also be issued by the Scotch excursion at a single ordinary third class fare for the double journey, available for returning on any day within 16 days from date of issue.

On Easter Monday, 19th April, cheap day excursion trains will be run to St. Albans, Harpenden, and Luton.

Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 15th, 16th, and 17th, from London (St. Pancras) to the principal holiday and pleasure resorts in the Peak District of Derbyshire, Yorkshire, the North East Coast, and other parts, available for return on any day up to and including Tuesday, 20th April, except day of issue.

Cheap week-end and day excursion tickets will also be issued to Southend-on-Sea during the Easter holidays, for particulars of which see special bills. Tickets for joining the trains at St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the offices of the Company.

Cheap excursion trains for five or six days will also be run on Thursday, 15th April, to London, from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Lincoln, Newark, &c., and from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c. On Good Friday, 16th April, from Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Oldham, Manchester, &c., for two or four days, and from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Leicester, &c., for one, four, or five days. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, and other South Coast Stations, and to the Continent; those for the Continent having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. Cheap three days trips will also be run to London on Friday night, 16th April, from Colne, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Rochdale, Oldham, &c., and on Saturday, 17th April, from Manchester, &c.

On Easter Monday, single day trips will be run from Manchester, Stockport, &c., Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Northampton, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, &c., and a one or two days trip from Birmingham and the South Stafford District.

To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 14th, 15th, and 17th April, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their offices, throughout London, the tickets obtained being available from St. Pancras Station; issued at the same fares as charged at that Station, and dated to suit the convenience of Passengers.

On Good Friday, the trains on the Midland Railway will run as appointed for Sundays, with a few exceptions.

Parkhurst.—Next week will be a week of Society drama, in which Mdlle. Gratienné, the clever young tragedienne, will make her appearance in the principal roles in the powerful plays, "Forget me not," by Herman Merivale; "Esther Sandraz," by Sydney Grundy; and "A Bunch of Roses," an adaptation of "Adrienne Lecouvreur," by herself. Mdlle. Gratienné has very strong support, and a very successful week should be the result. Mr. Penley's company, in "Charley's Aunt," is due for Easter week at this theatre.

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St. James's.—8, 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. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
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. (Closed until Saturday).
Lyric.—8-15 Daughters of Babylon. (Last day).
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.
Opera Comique.—8, Polly's Stratagem. 8-30, East Lynne.
Princess's.—8, Two little Vagabonds. Matinée, Wednesday 2-30.
Grand.—Next week, Les Cloches de Corneville.
Parkhurst.—Next week, at 8, Society plays.
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.
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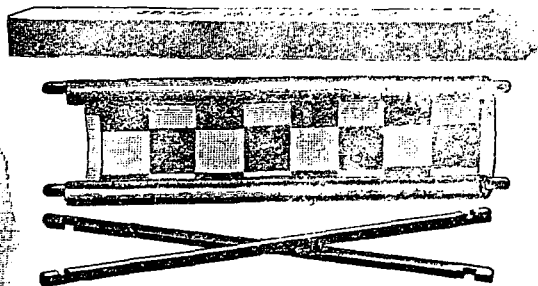
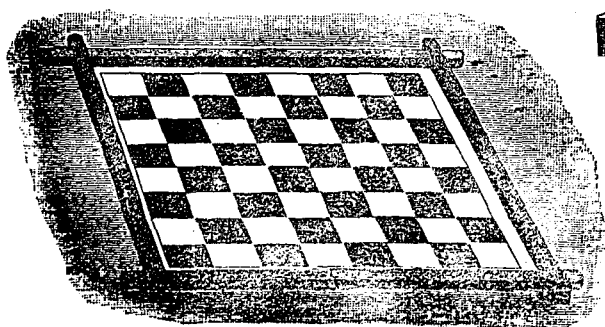
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