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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE annual installation meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, who was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight as Deputy Grand Master, and the Earl of Euston Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts as Past Grand Master.

Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.W. acted as Director of Ceremonies and duly proclaimed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and then the Earl of Lathom announced his re-appointment as Pro Grand Master, and that of Earl Amherst as Deputy Grand Master, after which Lord Lathom proceeded to invest the following as the Officers:

The Earl of Portarlington	-	-	Senior Warden
Lord Stanley, M.P.	-	-	Junior Warden
The Dean of Rochester	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. C. W. Childe	-	-	
Alderman Vaughan Morgan	-	-	Treasurer
His Honor Judge Philbrick, Q.C.	-	-	Registrar
R. Horton Smith, Q.C.	-	-	Deputy Registrar
Richard Loveland Loveland	-	-	President Bd. Gen. Purps.
Edward Letchworth, F.S.A.	-	-	Secretary
James Henry Matthews	-	-	President Bd. Benevolence
Sir Augustus Webster	-	-	} Senior Deacons
Sir Francis Boileau	-	-	
S. B. Bancroft	-	-	} Junior Deacons
Malcolm Morris	-	-	
Richard Wilson	-	-	} Superintendent of Works
J. T. Firbank, M.P.	-	-	
A. R. Stenning	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
James Stephens	-	-	} Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
Dr. A. W. Orwin	-	-	
W. Russell	-	-	} Sword Bearer
G. C. Kent	-	-	
G. L. Eyles	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
Deputy Surgeon-General Ringer	-	-	} Standard Bearers
W. Cowper	-	-	
W. Vincent	-	-	} Organist
Dr. G. H. Smith	-	-	
William Lake	-	-	Assistant Grand Secretary
C. Kupferschmidt	-	-	A.G.Sec. German Corres.
E. C. Mulvey	-	-	Pursuivant
Walter Martin	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Henry Sadler	-	-	Tyler.

In the course of the proceedings the Earl of Lathom announced that owing to Sir Albert Woods's state of health, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master having fixed Monday, 14th June for a special Grand Lodge at the Royal Albert Hall in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, he had, at the express desire of Sir Albert Woods, appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn to wear the clothing and to act as Grand Director of Ceremonies for the ensuing year.

At the conclusion of Grand Lodge business the Grand Stewards of the year entertained the Brethren at a banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

## CENTENARY OF THE BOYS SCHOOL.

FOR some time past it has been regarded as all but certain that the Grand Master of England would preside at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held next year, but this probability does not by any means lessen the gratification that must be felt now that we are enabled to officially announce the fact that the

Prince of Wales has consecrated to officiate. The copy of the letter we give below, from the Pro Grand Master, fully explains itself, and as it reaches us at the moment of going to press we can only now express the pleasure we feel in publishing the information, while we cordially congratulate the Boys School on its undoubted good fortune. Let us hope the result will be the grandest ever known in connection with Freemasonry.

29th April 1897.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has this morning graciously given permission for the publication of the fact that he will preside at the celebration of the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1898.

H.R.H. will fix the date later on, but has promised ample notice.

I remain, Yours fraternally,

(Signed) LATHOM.

J. M. McLEOD, Esq.

## CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE recently issued report of the Honorary Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution congratulates the President (Lord Lathom), the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors, and Subscribers on the position maintained by the Charity during the past year.

Lodges, Chapters, and individual Brethren had contributed the sum of £1,016 19s 9d during that period. Returned income tax (covering deductions for three years) had been obtained; including this, the total interest received had been £841 1s 10d. The annual ball and festival realised the very handsome sum of £523 0s 9d, less sum transferred to Lodge No. 2326, £42, leaving £481 0s 9d as the net result from this source.

Thanks were given to the Chairman of Committee Bro. J. D. Crawford P.P.G.Treasurer, to Bro. George Broadbent the Honorary Secretary, and to all who aided them, for this grand result, which is so valuable an aid to the work. The total income had been £2,375 2s 4d, which must be very pleasing to all.

Grants had been made during the year in aid of 119 children on the Educational Fund, £673 6s 7d; forty-six children on the Combined Fund, £509 19s 2d; and twenty-five children on the Advancement Fund, £130; total, £1,313 5s 9d. Eight children must be added for the year's proportion of presentations, £120 16s 8d. There were thus 198 children on the foundation of the Institution, the grand total of expenditure being £1,434 2s 5d.

Lodges making no return unfortunately numbered fifty, these having amongst them on the Institution thirty children, costing £151 15s 2d. The earnest attention of these Lodges was again requested to the undesirable position they thus occupy.

The total cost of working for the year, being only cost of printing, stationery, stamps, etc., with the addition of a fireproof iron safe, was £99 17s. In conclusion, the Secretaries thanked the friends of children and expressed gratitude that they had been permitted to witness so much of the Benevolent efforts of the brethren, trusting that the constant claims would inspire all with an earnest longing to promote the work thus nobly carried on. They also ventured to make a special appeal to all to mark this year of Victorian jubilation by some characteristic effort on behalf of the Institution. Since closing their report, says the "Southport Visitor," it was their painful lot to record the death of Bro. H. W. Johnston, county auditor, one of the Honorary Auditors of the Institution—present at the last audit, taking a ready interest in it, active at all times to promote its welfare—and they were sure the brethren would be with them in their expressions of sympathy with deceased's family in their sudden bereavement.

The total value of the invested funds of the Institution at the close of 1896, principally in dock bonds, was £23,079 18s 9d.

## CONSECRATIONS.

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## DART LODGE.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Dartmouth on Wednesday of last week, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating the Dart Lodge, No. 2641. The ceremony took place at the Subscription Rooms. The Provincial Grand Master the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., presided, and was supported by Bro. Colonel J. Elliott Past District Grand Master of Barbadoes acting as Prov.S.G.W., and other distinguished Craftsmen.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, after which the Prov. Grand Sec. read the Petition and Warrant constituting the new Lodge. A short oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain Rev. T. C. Lewis, after which a portion of the 123rd Psalm, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity," was sung. The first part of the dedication prayer was offered, and a portion of Scripture read, the Prov. Grand Master concluding with the formal dedication of the Lodge.

Grand honours preceded the closing of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was immediately succeeded by the installation of the Worshipful Master Bro. T. J. Mitchell P.M. 89 P.P.G.D. of Guernsey and Alderney, by the Provincial Grand Dir. of Cers. Bro. Lord.

The new Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. F. A. Dayson P.M. 797 acting I.P.M., H. Square S.W., W. H. Goodridge P.M. 797 P.P.G.D. J.W., T. Wilton P.M. 797 Treasurer, J. Carnochan Secretary, J. R. Parsons S.D., P. R. Hockin J.D., F. Follett I.G., J. Chapman P.M. 1402 P.P.G.D. D.C., J. Fabian Tyler.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. Luget P.G.O. A banquet followed at the Raleigh Hotel, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were observed. In honour of the Queen's record reign the proceedings at the Lodge and banquet concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

## QUEEN VICTORIA LODGE.

A WARRANT having been granted for a new Lodge at St. Budeaux, to be known as Queen Victoria Lodge, No. 2655, the consecration ceremony was performed on Friday afternoon, 23rd ult., by the Provincial Grand Master the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P.

As the new Lodge premises at St. Budeaux are not yet ready for occupation, the ceremony took place in the handsome Lodge room of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, at the Town Hall, Stonehouse.

The Provincial Master was supported by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers present and past, including Bro. Col. Davie D.P.G.M.

The Provincial Grand Secretary having read the Petition and Warrant, the consecration ceremony was conducted in due form, and at the conclusion Major J. G. Shanks was duly installed first President of the Lodge, and he appointed the following Officers:—Bros. George Perring acting I.P.M., E. Fuge S.W., Major F. G. Edyvean J.W., C. Smale Chap., J. Bowen Treasurer, W. J. Pearce Secretary, E. Treays S.D., J. Wilson J.D., T. Occlshaw I.G., W. H. Roberts D.C., W. P. Brown A.D.C., J. Boulden Organist, J. C. Heard, J. Ball, and W. R. Glanville Stewards, and W. T. K. Tozer Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards held, and congratulatory speeches were delivered.

## CRUSADERS CHAPTER.

UPON the petition of Companions James Speller, William Shurmur, Walter Edward Sutton, Reuben Loomes, J. H. Collingridge, Frederick Hughes, George Glover, G. S. Collins, Bernard A. Moss, Alfred Haynes, A. D. Jones, and others, H.R.H. the Grand Z. has been pleased to issue a Warrant for the establishment of a Chapter to be held under the Banner of the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, and on Tuesday a numerous company assembled at the Holborn Restaurant, London, to witness the ceremony of consecration, which Comp. Edward Letchworth Grand Scribe E., had kindly promised to perform. Comp. Letchworth was assisted by Comps. James Terry P.G.S.B. as H., the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Grand Supt. of Bucks. as J., and Frank Richardson G.D.C. who undertook the combined duties of Scribe N. and Director of Ceremonies. Comp. H. Sadler Grand Janitor attended with the consecrating vessels.

Among the Companions present, in addition to the Founders, were the following Visitors: John Ramsay P.Z. 214, W. W.

Lee I.P.Z. 1524, Capt. E. M. Money P.Z. 28 Prov. G. H. Cambs., John Osborn P.Z. 1632, James Blair 1063, J. H. Crichton 1489, R. W. Huntley 1489, S. Renvoize 1602, H. Kemp A.S. 862, Robert Eddie P.S. 25, Charles Garton P.S. 1657, Orlton Cooper P.S. 1928, Archdeacon C. G. C. Dunbar 2374, J. F. Saunders H. 1507, John Laing 879, Dr. W. G. Hunter 452, Jas. H. Lang 879, I. Mansell P.S. 865, S. C. Kaufman Z. 1766, A. F. Lay Z. 1364, Egbert Roberts Z. 1623, Selwyn Davies 1623, Walter C. Tyler, A. W. Humphreys, S. J. Fletcher, J. Mansell, H. A. Sheppard, &c.

The Chapter having been regularly opened by the Principals, the Companions were admitted, and the opening hymn was sung. The Presiding Officer then addressed the assembly as to the object of their meeting. The Crusaders Lodge was consecrated twenty years ago, by the Companion acting as H. that afternoon, and it was now thought desirable to have a Chapter in connection with it. The petition had been granted by the Grand Z., and he hoped that, under the direction of the three Principals designate, the Chapter would flourish and become instrumental in promulgating the genuine principles and tenets of the Order.

The Founders then assembled in the west, and signified their approval of the Officers named in the petition; and the Warrant was read by Comp. Richardson.

An admirable oration was delivered by Comp. Brownrigg, who pointed a high Masonic moral from the tale of the Crusaders of old; after which the ceremony proceeded on the usual lines. The musical arrangements of Comp. Egbert Roberts P.Z. lent additional interest to the function.

Comps. James Speller, W. E. Sutton, and Reuben Loomes were then installed in the three Principals chairs, and the other Officers were invested, as follow: Comps. William Shurmur Treasurer and acting I.P.Z., J. H. Collingridge Scribe E., Fred. Hughes Scribe N., George Glover P.S., G. S. Collins and B. M. Moss Assistants, Alfred Haynes D.C., A. D. Jones Steward, and A. Ellis Janitor.

Five candidates were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, so there will be plenty of work to start with. A committee, consisting of the three Principals and the two Scribes, was appointed to frame the Bye-laws of the Chapter. On the proposition of Comp. Shurmur the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Chapter for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Comp. Speller proposed that, as a mark of the appreciation of their services, the Consecrating Officers be elected Honorary Members of the Chapter, and asked their kind acceptance of a Founder's jewel. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

Comp. Letchworth, on behalf of himself and colleagues, returned his sincere thanks for the compliment, and said the jewel would form a charming souvenir of a most interesting occasion.

Several letters of regret for absence were read by Scribe E., notably from Comps. F. A. Philbrick, C. E. Keyser, A. Ralling, &c. There being no other business the Chapter was closed in due form, and the company adjourned to the Queen's Saloon, where the banquet was served. The book of the proceedings formed a handsome little volume, bound in red morocco, and was much admired.

The customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given by Comp. Speller, and received with acclamation by the Companions. In proposing the Consecrating Officers, the M.E.Z. said they had all been delighted with the manner in which the ceremony had been performed, and especially with the oration of Companion Brownrigg. They were also greatly pleased to be honoured by the presence of Comp. Terry, who had consecrated the Crusaders Lodge twenty years ago.

Comp. Brownrigg, in response, said it was always a pleasure to him to be present and assist in consecrating a Royal Arch Chapter, in which he took considerable interest. There was a time when Arch Masonry was in a languishing condition, but they were now getting a large number of recruits, a result which fully justified the action of Grand Chapter in reducing the period of probation.

Comp. Terry also repounded with one of his genial humorous speeches, in which he narrated how the Lodge came to be named after the Crusaders. He naturally was much gratified that a Chapter was now attached to the Lodge, and trusted that it would grow until it became one of the best in the metropolis.

Comp. Brownrigg, in flattering terms, submitted the health of the first M.E.Z. of the Chapter. It was always an anxious time for the first Officers, but Comp. Speller's previous experience would stand him in good stead, and he had every confidence that under his control the Chapter would prosper and flourish.

Comp. Speller gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the proposer for his good wishes. He then asked the Companions to drink to the health of the Second and Third Principals, both good and worthy Royal Arch Masons, who would work zealously to promote the prosperity of the Chapter.

Comps. Sutton and Loomes returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them, and promised their best efforts to ensure the success of the Chapter.

Comp. William Shurmur responded for the Treasurer, and expressed the pleasure he felt to be associated with the three Principals, as he had installed each of them in the chair of Z. He was proud of them, and knew them to be good and true Masons. As Treasurer he was much gratified that the Chapter had voted ten guineas to the M.E.Z.'s Steward's List for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, as that sum would enable Comp. Speller to take up the magnificent total of 100 guineas for the benefit of the Old People.

Comp. Collingridge said he was unable to make a speech, but he would work well and truly as Scribe E., to make the Chapter worthy of the kind wishes that had been expressed that evening.

Comps. Archdeacon Dunbar, Ramsay, Lay, Garton, and Money acknowledged the toast of the Visitors, and the Officers having been complimented, the Janitor's toast brought the pleasant evening to an agreeable termination.

An excellent musical programme was arranged by Comp. Egbert Roberts, who was assisted by Miss Amy Fletcher, Miss Helen Saunders, Comp. Selwyn Davies, and Brother Sidwell Jones.

In accordance with a resolution passed on the 1st, and confirmed on the 7th ult., the Industry Chapter of Improvement will in future be held at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, E.C., on Friday evenings, at 6.30 p.m. It was also resolved that the name be altered to that of the Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, No. 65, the consent of the M.E.Z. of the Prosperity Chapter, to work under that warrant, having been obtained. The Officers have promises of several new members, and trust to make the Chapter of Improvement a great success. Comp. Schaedler has consented to act as Preceptor as heretofore, while Comp. H. Mayer fulfils the duties of Scribe E.

Upon the invitation of the Archdeacon of London, about sixty members of the Gallery Lodge and their lady friends paid a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon. The guests were received at the west door by Archdeacon Sinclair, who himself conducted the party round Sir Christopher Wren's historic masterpiece. The Archdeacon proved a most interesting guide, and afterwards he entertained the visitors at tea. The company included Brother G. Tarran W.M., and Brother W. T. Perkins Secretary. Before separating, the Archdeacon was cordially thanked for his double hospitality, and for the interesting information imparted to his visitors.

An interesting incident occurred at the annual festival of the Prince Llewellyn Lodge, held at Cardiff, on Thursday, 22nd ult., when the Right Rev. the Bishop of Llandaff Grand Chaplain was invested with the collar of the office of Chaplain of the Lodge, by his son Brother Arthur Lewis, M.A., the new Worshipful Master.

Several Brethren of Gravesend are working on behalf of an Amateur Dramatic performance which is to take place on Tuesday, 11th prox., in the Upper Public Hall of that town, the proceeds being intended for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and we hope a substantial sum will be realised for this most useful Institution. Among the attractions for the evening are an original one act Comedy "A Soldier's Daughter," by Meredith Cobham; which will be followed by a humorous sketch, "In the Nursery," in which the following will take part:—Misses Brownfield, Clarke, Cobham, Rackstraw, and Willoughby-Brown, and Messrs. Jones, Palmer, Rackstraw and Willoughby-Brown. Bro. Charles Cobham P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Durham P.Z., who is greatly exerting himself on behalf of the performance, mentions that the plays have been specially written by a Mason's daughter, and that the performers are all children of Masons—two special features that should alone ensure a good attendance of members of the Craft. The tickets are 3s and 2s each, and may be obtained of Messrs. Caddel and Son, 1 King Street, Gravesend.

Our report last week of the Theatrical performance given at Manchester in aid of the Masonic Charities was, we regret to learn, incomplete in so far as there was no reference to the services of the popular Bro. J. H. Simpson P.M., who took a prominent part on the Executive, and likewise acted as Treasurer of the very successful Matinée. We take this opportunity of rectifying the omission.

## KENT.

AT a meeting of the Canterbury Town Council it was resolved to present an illuminated address to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to the Cathedral city on the 29th inst., when His Royal Highness will re-open the restored chapter house and unveil a stained glass window in that building, the gift of the Freemasons of the Province. The mayor has called a public meeting of the citizens, says the "Evening News and Post," to make arrangements for according the Prince a hearty welcome.

This visit of the Prince of Wales to Canterbury will be really the first State Royal visit to Canterbury during the present reign, although members of Royalty have on different occasions passed through the city or gone there incognito. The visit of the Prince was mentioned as being probable so far back as November, says the "Daily Mail," but His Royal Highness has chosen a date somewhat earlier than was anticipated, and consequently it is doubtful, continues our contemporary, if the handsome east window presented by the Freemasons of Kent will be placed in position in time for the event. In other respects the restoration work will be practically complete.

It is intended to hold a special service at Holy Trinity Church, Woolwich, on the occasion of the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, the third week in June, and a dispensation will be sought for the wearing of Masonic clothing on the occasion.

## STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge will this year be held at Lichfield, one day in May. In recognition of his services on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Sutherland Institute, Longton, by the Prince of Wales, with Masonic rites, Bro. J. W. Bromley I.P.M. of the Etruscan Lodge is to receive the appointment of Provincial Grand Senior Warden.

Bro. G. C. Kent, Town Clerk of Longton, upon whose shoulders a vast amount of work was thrown in his official capacity on the occasion of the Royal visit to Longton, and also in connection with the great Masonic ceremony of the day, has received from the Prince of Wales the distinguished honour of appointment as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Lodge.

The Etruscan Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Longton, attains its jubilee this year. A meeting of Officers and Past Masters is to be held to consider the fittest manner of celebrating the jubilee. A history of the Lodge is in course of preparation by Bro. W. R. Blair, who was W.M. in 1864.

St. Matthew's Lodge, Walsall, also attains its jubilee this year. Bro. Dr. Willmore, a Past Master of the Lodge and first Master of the Hatherton Lodge, is preparing a history of Freemasonry in Walsall.

## MASONIC CELEBRATION AT THE CAPE.

THE scheme of a Masonic commemoration of the record reign of the Queen by aiding the Masonic Education Fund and the Cape District Joint Benevolent Fund has had a good effect, and there is every reason for believing that the effort will be crowned with success. The Masonic Educational Fund was established by the joint effort of the Lodges in South Africa, working under the English, Scottish, and Netherlands Constitutions, in 1887, to commemorate the Jubilee year of the Queen's reign, and it is considered most appropriate that the Masonic action on this occasion would be the putting of the Benevolent Fund on a permanently sound financial footing, it now being entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions. At present fifty-one children are receiving education at the expense of the Education Fund.—"Morning Leader."

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire is to be held this year in Cheltenham, and the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach Prov.G.Master has named Wednesday, 9th June, for the gathering.

On Monday, 24th inst., a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire will be held in Cheltenham, by command of the Provincial G.M. Master Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, to receive the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master and other members of Grand Lodge, who have intimated their intention of visiting the Province on that date.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

**A** QUARTERLY CONVOCATION of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday next, 5th May, at six o'clock in the evening.

## BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.  
Installation of Principals and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

## THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 20th January to the 20th April 1897, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter ... ..	£1,304	7	3
Balance Unappropriated Account ... ..	196	3	2
Subsequent Receipts ... ..	630	10	4
	£2,131	0	9

By Disbursements and investment of £1,000 during

the Quarter ... ..	£1,499	8	5
Balance ... ..	435	14	8
Balance Unappropriated Account ... ..	195	17	8
	£2,131	0	9

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions His Excellency the Right Honorable William, Baron Sandhurst, G.C.I.E., as Z, Dr. John Pollen as H, William Frederick Rhodes as J, and thirteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Emulation Lodge, No. 1100, Bombay, to be called "The Emulation Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Bombay.

2nd. From Companions Walter Dyson as Z, Godfrey Woodhead as H, Edwin Dean as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Colne Valley Lodge, No. 1645, Slaithwaite, to be called "The Colne Valley Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Britannia Road, Slaithwaite, in the County of Yorkshire, Western Division.

3rd. From Companions Walter Bonwick as Z, John Robert Cleave as H, Edward Newland as J, and twenty-three others for a Chapter to be attached to the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, London, to be called "The Abbey Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Westminster, London.

4th. From Companions George J. Austin as Z, William Lewis as H, Emil Apelt as J, and twenty others for a Chapter to be attached to the Plucknett Lodge, No. 1708, to be called "The Plucknett Chapter," and to meet at Woodside Hall, North Finchley, in the County of Middlesex.

5th. From Companions Enoch Wood as Z, George Bosomworth Buttery as H, Herbert Manley as J, and nineteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Godson Lodge, No. 2385, Oldbury, to be called "The Godson Chapter," and to meet at the Talbot Hotel, Oldbury, in the County of Worcestershire.

6th. From Companions Harry Clerk as Z, Charles P. Perry as H, Samuel George Mason as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Masefield Lodge, No. 2034, Moseley, to be called "The Masefield Chapter," and to meet at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, in the County of Worcestershire.

The Committee also recommend that in view of a communication received from the Grand Superintendent of Essex, and the further information furnished by the petitioners, the prayer of the petition for a Chapter to be attached to the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, London, to be called the Philbrick Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Walthamstow, be now unconditionally granted.

The Committee have likewise received a Memorial, with extracts of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapter:—

The Duke of Cornwall Chapter, No. 1839, from the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above request, recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

The Committee having received a communication from the Philanthropic Chapter, No. 405, Port of Spain, recommend that further time be allowed to reply to the summons sent to it.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
21st April 1897.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

"That the cordial thanks of the Members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Sir George D. Harris, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) THOMAS CHARLES WALLS.

## APPEAL.

By Companion G. C. Coates Past District Grand Registrar Punjab, against a decision of the Grand Superintendent of the Punjab revoking his appointment as District Grand Registrar.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing Twelve Months.

## VOLUBIAN CHAPTER, No. 75.

**A**T the annual convocation, held at Falmouth, on Tuesday, 20th ult., Comp. T. C. Polglase was installed Z., G. H. B. Reed P.Z. P.P.G.T. H., and J. M. Carne P.Z. J.

## ST. ANNE CHAPTER, No. 970.

**T**HE annual installation was held at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, on Tuesday, 20th ult., when the following were installed Principals for the ensuing year: H. Shapcott Z., E. V. Bryant H., V. J. Maddock J.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Ship Hotel, Comp. Thomas Cook catering in his usual efficient manner.

After the usual toasts had been honoured the Companions joined in conviviality, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

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## TRUTH CHAPTER, No. 1458.

**T**HE second regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 22nd ult., Comp. Buckley Carr Z. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Comp. William Richardson, St. John's Chapter, No. 325, was successfully balloted for as a joining member. A ballot was taken for Bro. Joseph Day, and he being regularly approved, was exalted by Comp. Carr.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and other toasts were duly honoured, that of the candidates being proposed by Comp. Carr, who heartily welcomed them into their ranks.

Comp. Carr also proposed the health of the second Principal Comp. Robert Caldwell, while Comp. Geo. T. Lenard introduced that of the first Principal, the toasts being fittingly responded to.

Musical and other contributions were furnished by Comps. Carr, W. Allen Smith, Thos. Threlfall, and E. Roberts, a pleasant evening being spent.

Besides those already mentioned, were noticed Comps. H. Hellewell S.E., H. G. Ward P.S., Thos. Hy. Hall P.Z., J. J. Dean. Visitors: Comps. E. A. Ehlinger P.Z. 993, and Jno. Rathbone Z. 1496.

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## ADAIR CHAPTER, No. 1750.

**O**N Thursday, 22nd ult., a meeting was held at the Public Hall, Clevedon, to instal the Principals and invest the Officers for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. Col. W. Long P.Z. P.P.G.H., the new rulers being Comp. A. B. Wickenden Z., M. Clark H., and H. S. Newnham J.

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We are this week compelled to hold over several reports and general items of interest, in consequence of the pressure of other matter upon our space.

## "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

**W**E are sorry to record the death of Bro. E. P. Mead P.M. Concord Lodge, No. 1534, which took place at his residence, 2 Moor Lane, Kersal, on Sunday, 18th inst. Our deceased Brother had been in indifferent health for some time, still his death came rather as a surprise at the last. He was a partner in the mercantile firm of John Kay, King Street, Manchester, and was very highly respected. As a Freemason he was a power in the Concord Lodge, with which he had been connected for thirteen years, having gone through the various offices. He was also a P.Z. of the Derby Chapter, No. 1055, and both in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry could be confidently relied upon, he being an authority on all matters of ceremonial. Our deceased Brother was interred on Wednesday, the 21st ult., his last resting place being the old parish church of Prestwich. In a steady downfall of rain (which, however, did not deter a large number of sincere friends from being present), the funeral cortège left the residence of Bro. Mead, at 11:30 a.m., preceded by two broughams, containing Brethren of the Concord Lodge and Companions of the Derby Chapter, and on arriving in the vicinity of the church was joined by a contingent of Brethren who had met at the Lodge room. The Masonic friends consisted of Bros. F. W. Maxwell W.M., Ed. S. Done I.P.M., Past Masters W. H. Norton, Wm. B. Midgley, W. W. Briggs, J. W. Thompson P.P.G.S.B., R. Hothersall P.P.G.D.D.C., John Wardle Sec., Alan Mercer, Edwd. Roberts; Bros. Ashton Whitworth, Hy. Pleasance, and Danl. McCarthy. The body was borne upon an open Victoria car, and was enclosed in two coffins, the outer one being of polished pannelled oak. Upon the breastplate was inscribed:—

"EDWARD PARKER MEAD,  
Born 22nd Sept. 1862,  
Died 18th April 1897."

The chief mourners were as follow:—Messrs. J. Walter Mead, Jos. Bles, Philip Bles, S. D. Bles, G. M. Bles, Bros. S. F. Simons P.M., and Clement Walmsley P.M. The coffin and car were literally covered with floral emblems of sympathy and esteem, the principal donors being Mrs. E. P. Mead, Master Leonard Mead, Mr. W. H. Mead, Bro. and Mrs. S. F. Simons, Bro. and Mrs. Robt. J. Bennett, Mr. W. Simons, Employees of John Kay, The Brethren of the Concord Lodge, The Companions of the Derby Chapter, Mr. and Mrs. Renwick, All at the Beeches, Mr. and Mrs. Tracey, The maids at Westbourne and Palm Houses, and Mrs. C. B. Tyerman. The Rev. Robt. Catterall, M.A., St. Mary's, Crumpsall, was the officiating clergyman, and the service was of a simple character. The remains were afterwards placed in a new brick vault, made for the occasion. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. John Satterfield and Co., St. Ann's Square, Manchester.



# LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

## Monday.

16 Royal Alpha, Metropole  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's  
 188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern  
 256 Union, Freemasons'-hall  
 1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall  
 1321 Emblematic, Criterion  
 1625 Tredegar, London Tavern  
 1924 Wickham, Brockley  
 1996 Priory of Acton, Acton  
 2242 Tyssen-Amhurst, Stoke Newing.  
 2535 Fellowship, Frascati  
 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, Barnstaple  
 328 St. John, Torquay  
 331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro  
 338 Vitruvian, Ross  
 395 Guy, Leamington  
 422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'  
 431 St. George, N. Shields  
 441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge  
 478 Churchill, Oxford  
 482 St. James, Handsworth  
 529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester  
 622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne  
 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  
 1071 Zetland, Saltash  
 1077 Wilton, Blackley  
 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  
 1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge  
 2039 Londonderry, Sunderland  
 2163 Jersey, Southall  
 2166 Cotehele, Calstock  
 2240 Arrow, Kington  
 2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne  
 2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 2525 Thurston, Coniston  
 2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough  
 2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

## Tuesday.

18 Old Dundee, Cannon St. Ho.  
 171 Amity, Ship and Turtle  
 1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons'-hall  
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Htl  
 1472 Henley, North Woolwich  
 1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow  
 2032 Richmond, Richmond  
 2124 U. N. Counties, Inns of Crt. Htl  
 2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall  
 2524 Train Bands, Finsbury Barr'ks.  
 47 Newstead, Nottingham  
 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  
 673 St. John, Liverpool  
 734 Londesborough, Bridlington  
 794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield  
 804 Carnarvon, Havant  
 847 Fortesque, Honiton  
 948 St. Barnabas, Inslade  
 974 Pentalpha, 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  
 1509 Madoc, Portmadoc  
 1619 Sackville, East Grinstead  
 1726 Gordon, Bognor  
 1780 Albert Edward, Southampton  
 1785 St. Petroc, Padstow  
 1807 Loyal Wye, Builth  
 1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham  
 1970 Hadrian, South Shields  
 1981 Arnold, East Molesey  
 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell  
 2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avn  
 2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford  
 2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 2290 Fairfield, Fairfield  
 2490 Amphill, Amphill

## Wednesday.

Grand Chapter, at 6.  
 1298 Royal Standard, Highbury  
 1491 Athenaeum, Criterion  
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn  
 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, Wighton  
 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 Loos  
 992 St. Thomas, Manchester  
 1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey  
 1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man  
 1010 Kingston, Hull  
 1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool  
 1085 Hartington, Derby  
 1167 Alnwick, Alnwick  
 1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse  
 1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich  
 1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street  
 1333 Athelstan, Atherstone  
 1335 Lindsey, Wigan  
 1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh  
 1431 St. Alphege, Solihull  
 1461 Clausentum, Woolston  
 1478 Lougheat, Warminster  
 1532 Bective, Carlisle  
 1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore  
 1620 Marlborough, Liverpool  
 1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington  
 1736 St. John, Halifax  
 1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool  
 2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampt'n Ct.  
 2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson  
 2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton  
 2368 Alan, Alderley Edge  
 2382 Loyal Hay, Hay  
 2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough  
 2464 Longsight, Longsight  
 2495 Goodacre, Bootle  
 2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale  
 2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

## Thursday.

10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.  
 27 Egyptian, Anderton's  
 45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.  
 231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall  
 1216 Macdonald, Camberwell  
 1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury  
 1361 United Service, Café Royal  
 1425 Hyde Park, Paddington  
 1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate  
 1724 Kaiser-i-Hind, Café Royal  
 1765 Trinity Col., 13, Mandeville Pl.  
 1790 Old England, Thornton Heath  
 1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway  
 24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle  
 31 United Industrious, Canterbury  
 38 Union, Chichester  
 41 Royal Cumberland, Bath

110 Loyal C'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil  
 114 British Union, Ipswich  
 123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks  
 195 Hengist, Pournemouth  
 219 Prudence, Todmorden  
 249 Mariner, Liverpool  
 254 Trinity, Coventry  
 266 Naphthali, Heywood  
 269 Fidelity, Blackburn  
 289 Fidelity, Leeds  
 294 Constitutional, Beverley  
 295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield  
 300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 305 Apollo, Beccles  
 309 Harmony, Fareham  
 317 Affability, Manchester  
 360 Pomfret, Northampton  
 362 Doric, Grantham  
 419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton  
 446 Benevolent, Wells  
 462 Bank Terrace, Accrington  
 509 Tees, Stockton  
 531 St. Helen, Hartlepool  
 539 St. Matthew, Walsall  
 633 Yarborough, Manchester  
 637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent  
 703 Clifton, Blackpool  
 792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby  
 856 Restormel, Lostwithiel  
 913 Pattison, Plumstead  
 976 Royal Clarence, Bruton  
 1012 Prince of Wales, Bury  
 1231 Savile, Elland  
 1284 Brent, Topsham  
 1304 Olive Union, Horncastle  
 1324 Okeover, Ripley  
 1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington  
 1384 Equity, Widnes  
 1473 Bootle, Bootle  
 1500 Walpole, Norwich  
 1504 Red Rose of Lanc'ster, Padiham  
 1513 Friendly, Barnsley  
 1557 Albert Edward, Hexham  
 1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm  
 1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford  
 1829 Burrell, Brighton  
 1874 Lechmere V'nt'r, Balsall H'th  
 1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst  
 2169 Osborne, East Cowes  
 2255 Philbrick, Chingford  
 2317 Bisley, Woking  
 2321 Acacia, Bradford  
 2342 Easterford, Kelvedon  
 2350 Corinthian, Hindley

2386 Clarence, Chester  
 2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

## Friday.

554 Yarborough, Fenchurch Street  
 2076 Quator Coronati, F'masons'-h.  
 2233 Old Westminster, Café Royal  
 2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney  
 44 Friendship, Manchester  
 242 St. George, Doncaster  
 291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge  
 306 Alfred, Leeds  
 521 Truth, Huddersfield  
 574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury  
 698 Ryde, Ryde  
 709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford  
 751 Eastnor, Ledbury  
 837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon  
 936 Adair, Aldeburgh  
 1009 Shakspeare, Manchester  
 1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle  
 1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
 1405 Southwell, Nottingham  
 1561 Morecambe, Morecambe  
 1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford  
 1664 Gosforth, Gosforth  
 1725 Douglas, Maidstone  
 1754 Windsor, Penarth  
 1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton  
 1993 Wolseley, Manchester  
 2433 Minerva, Birkenhead  
 2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield  
 2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

## Saturday.

173 Phoenix, Freemasons'-hall  
 176 Cavea, Albion  
 1328 Granite, Holborn Restanrant  
 1685 Guelph, Leyton  
 1686 Paxton, Camberwell  
 2029 King Solomon, Markmasons'-h.  
 2206 Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel  
 2579 Lewisham, Lewisham  
 869 Gresham, Chestnut Park  
 1755 Eldon, Portishead  
 1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't.  
 2006 Tilbury, Purfleet  
 2095 Caterham, Caterham  
 2105 Cama, Hampton Court  
 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray  
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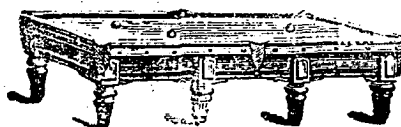
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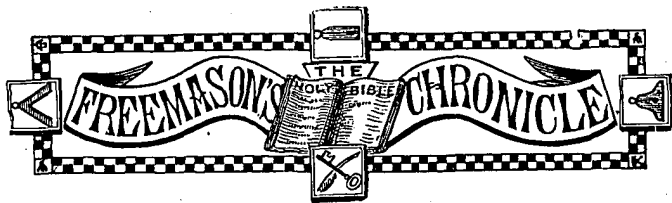
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## MASONIC CLUBS OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Writing away from home, and without a copy of the Book of Constitutions near, I must rely upon memory for facts, but will promise to give chapter and verse for my statements in a future communication.

My first letter respecting Divisional Grand Lodges for London has done something, at least, to justify my contention that more close supervision is required in London than at present exists.

It is not contended by anyone that the Brethren who have founded "Masonic Clubs" of Instruction wish to do anything irregular, and that members of such clubs have "erred in ignorance" will be granted. I believe, however, that there is no excuse for such ignorance on the part of any member of our Fraternity.

Upon initiation each novice is presented with a copy of the Book of Constitutions, which is commended to his serious perusal, so that he may learn the duties he owes to the Order. I must presume, in spite of his reference to that book, that "Clubist" has not seriously read it.

Now to prove my contention that Masonic Clubs are "irregular Lodges of Instruction." In the first place, it will be granted that these are "Lodges of Instruction" without Warrants. As no Lodge can be held without permission of the Grand Lodge, or at least of the Grand Master, so no Lodge of Instruction can be held without permission from a regular Lodge. Such Lodge, granting permission, is responsible for the proper management and constitutional action of any Lodge (or Lodges) of Instruction meeting under its Warrant.

There is not, and cannot be, any difficulty in obtaining a Warrant, on the part of any duly qualified Brother, for his Lodge has power to grant permission. Why then are such Lodges held without permission, under a false name? The answer naturally comes, that not being regularly held, there must be some reason for the irregularity. What is the reason? Will "Clubist" tell us?

Leaving this, the legitimate ground, and the one on which the whole matter rests, I will refer "Clubist" to the "Ancient Charges" in the Book of Constitutions, which are read at installations. Of course if an Installed Master had attended such a Club he would have been far more culpable than an ordinary member, although every Brother should give careful attention to these Charges. One Charge is against "Innovations" in Masonry.

Supposing, then, that it is not granted that such Clubs are Lodges of Instruction, we must suppose them to be "innovations," which it is not in the power of any Brother either to make or to allow. On this ground they are certainly irregular.

"Clubist" asks "What is the particular section of the Book of Constitutions that applies to them?" My answer to this is—No section.

These Clubs have arisen within the past few years, entirely through lack of proper supervision. The Grand Officers cannot give the close attention to the London Lodges that is absolutely necessary. No one is responsible. What is everybody's work is not done at all. The Board of General Purposes would deal with the matter if any case were reported, but no case has been forced under their notice.

Perhaps "Clubist" may ask me "What is wrong in such Clubs?" This I am unable to answer. I know of the existence of such meetings only from rumour. I have never been able to spare time to inquire into the matter. But I am certain that as no provision is made for them in the Book of Constitutions, there can be nothing regular in their existence.

I must apologise to "Clubist" for not being able to quote page and section for my contentions, but shall be able to do so on a future occasion.

Yours, &amp;c.,

C. W.

## THE PURPLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of "Clubist," in your issue of 24th April should come as an additional support to my contention that proper supervision of London is Masonically necessary.

Again the rumour that Brevet Grand Rank is to be given to certain Brethren has caused many inquiries of "Why is Bro. ——— overlooked?"

There are working Masons in London who would have received the highest honours that their Provinces or Districts could have given them, if they had lived out of London.

There is always much heart-burning in London when the list of Grand Officers is published. As a rule out of London it is a certainty that in due time hard work and merit will be recognised.

In round numbers there are 450 London Lodges. These could, with advantage to all concerned, be divided into nine Divisional Grand Lodges, each with fifty Lodges upon its roll.

The Lodges that meet in the city would make Freemasons' Hall their headquarters, and although there would be several Divisional Grand Lodges that would meet there, the advantages to the Hall would out-number the disadvantages.

The two divisions in South London would find several suitable meeting places, and could perambulate, as do the Provincial Grand Lodges.

The North London division would be similarly situated, as would that in West London.

If necessary, the Woolwich Lodges could be amalgamated with those for East London.

It would be out of place for me to suggest the position to be taken by any particular Lodge in the city, although there would be very little difficulty in making an adjustment.

The question of names need not arise, as each Division could be numbered, and should any future subdivision be necessary, the nomenclature would be most simple. The "First London Division" would soon become familiar to all Masons.

Should this form of nomenclature be "too modern" for our ancient constitutionalists, any other could be adopted.

As this matter has more than once been discussed, and as there is a wonderful unanimity among working Masons as to its advantages, while the "other side" has never been seriously advanced, I would suggest that when the next election to the Board of General Purposes takes place this should be a test question.

Seriously opposed as I am to canvassing in Grand Lodge, I think "a Ticket" could easily be obtained, pledged to carry this matter through, and that without raising any feeling or opposition.

I shall be glad to get an expression of opinion from others as to the practicability of such a scheme, and shall be ready to bear my share of the burden, either financially or otherwise.

Yours, &amp;c.,

C. W.

## WORKING MEN AND FREEMASONRY.

THE letter we reproduced last week from the "Weekly Times and Echo" has been answered in that paper as follows:

SIR,—Freemasonry is not suitable for working men. There are no benefits in the ordinary sense, although there are excellent Institutions connected with the Society, yet the advantages are conferred by election, and not by right as in Friendly Societies. I recommend anyone not to think of joining the Fraternity unless he can afford to pay entrance fee, subscriptions and other expenses without receiving any pecuniary return.

C. F. ALLEE Past Master and Secretary.

Newport, Isle of Wight.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. GIFFORD.

BRO. James Gifford has recently completed an exceptionally useful and interesting Masonic career, extending over twenty-one years. Initiated in Lodge Fortitude, Plymouth, No. 105, in the year 1876, Bro. Gifford was appointed a junior Officer almost immediately, and became the J.W. and S.W. in 1881 and 1882 respectively. Bro. Gifford's ability as a senior officer secured for him in the following year the position of Master, having been unanimously chosen by the Lodge. His installation in 1883 was attended by the then most prominent Freemasons in the Three Towns and district. At the expiration of his term of office Bro. Gifford successfully carried out the duties of Charity Steward. In the year 1884 Bro. Gifford, together with Bro. G. R. Barrett, succeeded in obtaining a warrant for the formation of Lodge St. George, No. 2025, which was consecrated at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, on St. George's Day, 23rd April. Bro. Gifford was then appointed its Secretary, from which office he has only just recently retired. It is a noteworthy fact that during Bro. Gifford's thirteen years connection with Lodge St. George every regular and occasional meeting has had the benefit of his presence. Bro. Gifford was also a founder of St. George's Mark Lodge and Arch Chapter, and enjoys the following Provincial honours:—P.P.G.D.C. Craft, P.P.G.Std.Br. Arch, and P.P.G.Reg. Mark. The local Masonic positions held by Bro. Gifford are:—Life Governor of the Devon Masonic Educational and Portescue Annuity Funds, Vice-President of the Aged Widows Annuity Fund, and Secretary of the Western District Masonic Association.

In recognition of the services which he has rendered to Lodge St. George, Bro. Gifford was, on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the regular meeting, presented with a handsome gold watch, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to

W. BRO. JAMES GIFFORD P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Founder and for thirteen years Secretary of the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, Plymouth,

As a mark of appreciation and respect for the untiring zeal and exceptionally assiduous services rendered the Lodge by him.

On behalf of the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren, James Harvey W.M. 27th April 1897.

Bro. J. Harvey, in making the presentation, remarked that the zeal which Bro. Gifford had shown to Freemasonry generally, but more particularly to his Lodge, could not be too highly commended. Bros. Geo. R. Barrett, C. G. Withell, and Jas. Gidley supported.

Bro. Gifford suitably thanked the Brethren for their kindness.

The installation of Bro. F. M. H. Somerville as W.M. of the Lodge was then proceeded with, and subsequently the Brethren adjourned to partake of the annual supper, which was excellently served by the Club Steward. Bro. Somerville received hearty congratulations from all assembled around the festive board.

## THE FIANCÉE OF ASMODEUS.

A Story of a Great Imposture.

THE following translation from the French "Le Temps," sent us by a valued contributor, will be read with interest. Although we have already published many of its points its reproduction here is opportune, as it gives a brief outline of the rise, progress and fall of this now famous attack upon our Order, while it further supplies details of some items which had not hitherto been fully described:

BAYLE once wrote that no matter what assertion was made against the Jesuits, it was always sure to be accepted by someone. It is the same in our time in all that concerns Freemasonry, the occult sciences, satanism, magic—black or white, and other things real or supposed. Once on this subject an author may gather together the most foolish stories and he will never pass the limits of human credulity.

We have had a lively demonstration of this about three years ago by the publication of a work (!) in two large volumes, each of eight hundred pages, entitled "The Devil in the Nineteenth Century, or the statements of a Witness."

This Witness, who presented himself as a former Doctor in the Mercantile Marine, had been affiliated to Freemasonry of both the old and new Worlds, and had attained the highest rank. Being happily returned to the Catholic faith he had received the frightful confidences of another converted Mason, a certain Carbuccia, whom he had met in the course of his voyages, but of whom we have no other particulars, as this poor Carbuccia, having incurred no less than fifty condemnations to death pronounced by various Lodges, naturally did not care to leave his address.

The Doctor commenced his revelations by utilising the tales of Carbuccia, who had been honoured by some visits from Lucifer. He endeavoured to confound the Devil and all his works and pay obedience to Pope Leo XIII, and one can imagine the fantastic droleries, the cabalistic inventions which enrich these "statements of a Witness." Without shrinking, the Doctor's subscribers swallowed all this humbug, of which the sequel was always to be continued in our next number; it is thus that we possess the authentic history of Miss Diana Vaughan, who was born in America of protestant parents, the Grand Mistress of the Order, a Disciple of Lucifer of High Mark, and the fiancée of the Demon Asmodeus.

This connection enabled her to perform miracles, as it is stated that an unhappy Freemason, who had expressed himself with too little respect with regard to her, had the misfortune to have his head twisted in such a manner that his face looked over his back, in which painful situation he had to remain for a period of three weeks, until the day when Miss Diana Vaughan, who alone had the power to cure him, arrived from America, and turned his head straight. In the face of such a punishment one is obliged to have the greatest reserve, especially as Miss Diana is under the protection of the legionaries of Asmodeus, to the number of 93,324, to be exact, and hence it is that so many good Catholics have accepted the stories of this Disciple of Lucifer.

And there is hardly any other reason to explain the ingenuity of certain ecclesiastics, and of several religious parties who believe still in this young American, in her betrothal to Asmodeus, the Demon of Wantonness, and in her conversion, as it is affirmed that Diana has been converted. This fact of course could not be wanting, but she was converted slowly, as it was necessary to recount the various phases, the steps of this conversion, the state of her soul, &c., in a certain number of supplementary pamphlets, which were followed by the "Mémoires" of the Ex-Palladiste, the "New Eucharist," &c., &c., &c.

We had also the pleasure to make the acquaintance of another American, Sophie Walder, who does not know whether she is the enemy or friend of Diana Vaughan. Sophie is the Daughter of Lucifer, and we learn with interest that this other Palladiste was betrothed to the Demon Bitru, who is not a devil of slight importance, as he is the ambassador of Lucifer to France, president of the Perfect Council of Nineteen, for the administration and discipline of French Demons, which sits once a week on every Friday night. And Sophie Walder, wife of Bitru, is, since 29th September 1896, the mother of a daughter, who will, in her turn, become the mother of the Antichrist. Do you doubt it? If so you cannot have read the Book of Apadno, the Luciferian Bible, written by Lucifer's own hand, and religiously preserved in manuscript at Charlestown, but which is well known to the authors of these revelations.

You think this testimony not very satisfactory? Beware! the legions of Bitru—he commands seventy legions—will work you all kinds of misfortune. And why should you refuse to believe, since Miss Diana Vaughan affirms it, and can produce

references, some letters from Cardinal Parocchi, the word of M. Léo Taxil, and articles of the "Semain Religieuse" of Coutances.

Can you push your scepticism so far as to doubt the existence of Miss Diana Vaughan? This is what the members of the anti-Masonic Congress held at Trent last year have done, and who still wait for the promised proof. At this moment the author of "the Devil in the Nineteenth Century" finishes by declaring quite frankly that he has wilfully mystified his readers; but that does not disperse the faith of some. "But if it pleases me to be beaten," says the wife of Sganarelle.

Among the more determined believers there is a desire to have some less shady proofs of the existence of Diana, and now M. Margiotta publicly affirms that M. Léo Taxil and himself were the concoctors of this new imposture. But proofs! still cry the credulous, will you expose Diana to the vengeance of the Sects? Proofs! says the mysterious Diana, well you shall have them complete. Only I cannot produce my certificate of birth, the registers are so badly kept in Kentucky. But I will come, I will show myself, I will speak.

### PART II. THE DENOUEMENT.

An enormous gathering assembled in the large Hall of the Geographical Society (Paris) on 20th April 1897, to see Miss Diana Vaughan, the fiancée of the Demon Asmodeus, the converted Palladiste, &c., to prove her existence and her identity to the most incredulous. The programme of the conference bore the following note:

Twelve years under the Banner of the Church.—M. Léo Taxil having been put on trial on the subject of Miss Diana Vaughan, and having stated his determination to renounce the anti-Masonic struggle, Miss Vaughan has permitted him to make such declarations which concern him personally. M. Léo Taxil will show why and how his retreat is not a desertion.

This item of the programme is the only one that has been given. But with what amplitude has it been executed! Formerly, M. Gabriel Jogand illustrated the pseudonym of Léo Taxil by a long series of anti-clerical publications directed against the Catholic Church, its dogmas, its priests, and by several romances in which irreligion was united to a revolting obscenity. Disowned by honest and enlightened Freemasons, who would not make common cause with the writer, Léo Taxil felt himself suddenly touched by Grace: He announced solemnly and loudly his conversion, retired to a convent, and resolved henceforth to consecrate the fertility of his imagination to the defence of the Church.

It was an event in the political world. There is more joy in heaven for one sinner who repents than for ten just men who persevere. The repentance was welcomed with a joyousness almost as loud as had been his conversion, and then Léo Taxil, anxious to repair the evil he had done, commenced the publication of numerous works in which he pretended to unveil the secrets and mysteries of Freemasonry.

As a novice his zeal received from the clergy the greatest encouragement, and among the highest dignitaries of the Church, even at the Vatican, Taxil found his readers, friends and patrons. He was honoured with episcopal letters, and was received in audience by the Pope Leo XIII. He took for a motto a passage in the "Humanum Genus," "In the first place snatch from Freemasonry the mask which covers it, and make it see itself as it is."

There was not in Catholicism a more fervent, more ardent or more impassioned disciple. He became a Father of the Church, a theologian, and the priestly ranks congratulated themselves upon having such a valiant recruit in their regiment, an auxiliary the more precious on account of his profound knowledge of the secrets of Freemasonry. He would unmask them all; the Lodges, the triangles, the satanism, the palladism, Diana Vaughan, Sophie Walder, and a thousand other things. In the convents the good sisters thanked God for having permitted this conversion, and prayed that Diana might be converted in her turn. These supplications were heard favourably—Diana was converted.

But did Diana exist at all? She was stated to have shown herself in Paris, and in London, but only to two or three privileged persons. She wrote and telegraphed from all the capitals of Europe, to numerous correspondents—but was this sufficient proof? At the anti-Masonic Congress of Trent, held in September 1896, which was presided over by the Prince Lowenstein, the representative of Cardinal Krementz, archbishop of Cologne, made a lively attack on the fantastic stories told by a convert whom no one had seen. "Who is she?" he asked. "When was she converted? Who has baptised her? Why this mystery?" For himself he affirmed his conviction that it was all an imposture, which its authors hoped, after seeing the Catholics fall into the trap, to cover them with ridicule.

But at a following meeting the Abbé de Bessonies, of the Paris clergy, presented a report supporting the existence of Diana, upon the statements of witnesses—not otherwise





## 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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## CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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## ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 907.

THE annual installation festival of this Lodge was celebrated on 26th April, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., with remarkable success, both from a Masonic and festive point of view. The W.M. Bro. F. Schmitz presided, being supported by his Officers; Past Masters E. J. Lowther, H. C. Jones, G. Wallace, T. H. Ensoll, F. G. White, W. B. Heagerty, Jas. Cook, F. H. Cheesewright, J. Kemp Coleman; a large number of the members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—J. Howard 1216, C. E. Turnbull P.M. 190, J. W. Simpson P.M. 907, T. K. Pearce J.W. 1362, E. C. Feild Secretary 1362, J. W. Campbell W.M. 256, Dr. S. R. Lovett P.M. 2398, F. R. Stevens P.M. 1332, H. S. Croker W.M. 190, J. W. Tawnyance I.G. 554, F. G. Mollows S.W. 2108, A. H. Hawtrey 957, E. Apelt P.M. 186, P. S. Genese W.M. 2265, Robert Ulrich P.M. 2150, Theo. Fursch 238, E. J. M. Owens S.D. 2466, De Mortimer McIntosh 2261, T. Williams 205, H. L. Batting 2128, Edward Ayres S.W. 1343, P. S. Levi P.M. 1670, Jos. Guntton I.G. 18, E. J. Morgan P.M. and Sec. 1571, J. J. Thomas P.P.G.T. Bucks and P.M. 753, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, &c.

The Lodge was formally opened, when the Dispensation granted by the Grand Master to hold the festival on that day was read. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's report was presented, which was duly received and adopted and ordered to be entered in the minute book. Bro. Farnfield Treasurer congratulated the W.M. upon leaving the chair with a more satisfactory balance than when he was installed.

The only business before the Lodge, as is more convenient upon these occasions, was the installation of the new Master Bro. Augustus Bodeker, who had been regularly and unanimously elected by the Brethren in open Lodge assembled. Brother Bodeker was presented by Brother Richard Jennings P.M. D.C. and gave his assent to the ancient charges and regulations.

A Board of Installed Masters, consisting of some five-and-twenty Present and Past Rulers, was then formed, and Bro. Bodeker was regularly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, the ceremony being admirably conducted by Bro. Schmitz, while his subsequent rendering of the beautiful addresses was a treat in elocution seldom heard in our Lodges.

Upon the return of the Brethren the new Master was duly saluted in the three degrees, and then proceeded to invest his Officers. In this matter Bro. Bodeker not only proved himself to be a proficient Master, but evinced a flow of humour in his addresses to the various Officers that gave a novel and pleasant effect to the ceremony. All that he said was purely Masonic, and in perfect good taste, but "the charming way he said it" evoked considerable merriment.

The following were the Officers appointed:—C. E. Goodfellow S.W., G. F. Rossiter J.W., J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C. Treasurer, Thomas Griffiths P.M. Secretary, C. T. Rotherham S.D., F. O. Tubly J.D., T. E. Lawler I.G., Richard Jennings P.M. D.C., F. A. White P.M. and J. R. Morison Stewards, F. H. Cozens Organist, and George Harrison Tyler.

Bro. P.M. Farnfield proposed and Bro. P.M. Griffiths seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. F. Schmitz for the admirable manner in which he had rendered the ceremony. This was carried nem. con. and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Schmitz briefly returned thanks, saying that the permanent record of their regard would be written on his heart as well as in the minute book.

An interesting letter was read from Bro. P.M. Chapman, narrating his endeavours to establish a Lodge of Instruction in Edinburgh, which institutions were unknown in that city. Bro. J. Kemp Coleman P.M. thanked the Brethren for their kind letter of sympathy sent to him during his illness.

The visiting Brethren conveyed their congratulations to the new Master, the Lodge was closed in love and harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a *recherché* repast was served.

The customary complimentary toasts were given, and during the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Schmitz. The proceedings were enlivened by a capital musical programme, provided by Bro. Fred Cozens, in which Bros. James Brown, R. E. Miles, Wilson James, Wallis Arthur and G. W. Kenway took part.

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## EBURY LODGE, No 1348.

A MOST successful meeting of this prosperous Lodge took place on Tuesday, at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W., under the presidency of Bro. Harry Morris W.M.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Brother William Lander having answered the questions satisfactorily he was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, the same Brother was raised as a Master Mason, and took his place amongst the Brethren as such. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Messrs. W. James Packham, and Frederick William Field were presented as candidates for initiation, the ballot having proved unanimously in their favour. They were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Both the ceremonies were rendered in a most perfect manner, the W.M. well deserving the compliments paid him by the Brethren and Visitors alike.

Several letters were read from Brethren regretting their unavoidable absence, and after a few more transactions and the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to a well-earned banquet, which was provided in the usual excellent style for which the Criterion is so famed.

The cloth being removed the W.M. proposed the health of the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of the M.W. the Grand Master, which were duly honoured.

Brother Davies I.P.M. then assumed authority, and in a most able manner proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, saying he had done his work in most excellent form, and in a way which gave him great credit. He wished him further prosperity.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his sincere thanks for the proposition of the toast, and for the hearty reception it received. He was happy to have given satisfaction, and hoped to continue to do so.

The W.M. had very much pleasure in submitting the toast of the Initiates, Bros. William James Packham and Frederick William Field. He was sure, by the attention they paid to the ceremony, they would become worthy Masons.

In reply, Bro. Field said he thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having received him as a Brother Mason amongst them. He was very much impressed with the ceremony, and hoped to be worthy of their confidence.

Bro. Packham also thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their kindness in admitting him, and hoped he would do credit to the Lodge.

The next toast was that of the Treasurer, Secretary, Past Masters, and Officers, to which Bro. W. C. Wigley was the first to respond. The other Brethren included in the toast also acknowledged the good wishes entertained towards them, all expressing the hope that the Lodge would continue to prosper.

The health of the Visitors was most cordially given and received, and to this Bros. John Hattersley P.M., W. Roots W.M. 2589, J. O'Dea P.M., W. Pottinger P.M., and other guests responded in short, neat and appropriate speeches.

With the Tyler's toast a most enjoyable evening was concluded, the speeches having been interspersed with musical contributions by several of the Brethren.

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## LOMBARDIAN LODGE, No. 2348.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, 21st ult., in the Masonic Temple of the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street. The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. G. H. Hanson W.M.

After some preliminary business had been transacted, the ceremony of installing Bro. H. J. Kimbell into the chair of K.S. was performed by Bro. R. C. La Feuillade P.M. and Secretary, the work being done in an admirable and impressive manner. The new Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his Officers.

The Lodge was afterwards closed, and the Brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. Ashby. Subsequently the W.M. gave the usual toasts, which were accorded enthusiastic reception.

In proposing the toast of the Present and Past Grand Officers, Bro. Kimbell reminded the Brethren of the interest the Grand Officers took in the Craft, and of the large amount of work they did.

Bro. G. Everett Past Grand Treasurer responded, and said the Grand Officers were proud to know that in all assemblages of Masons the toast was favourably received. The toast was an important one, and comprised a large area of Brethren in every position of life, whether appointed to their offices by the Prince of Wales, or, like himself, elected by the Craft. He ventured to say that each of the Grand Officers did his best to keep up the dignity of his position. So far the Lombardian Lodge had not had a Grand Officer amongst them, but he might venture to predict that the day was not far distant when they would have one, and when that day arrived he was sure the members would congratulate the recipient of the honour very heartily. Masons were sometimes told that they were selfish and kept their charity to themselves, but he would point out how wrong the outside world was, for whenever a case of national disaster or calamity befel their Grand Lodge was always to the fore. Only a short time ago it voted 1,000 guineas to the Mansion House Relief Fund for the sufferers by the Indian famine, and a considerable sum would, he thought, be added to the Hospital Fund being promoted by the Grand Master.

In proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. F. Hanson said he was very confident that Bro. Kimbell would perform his work in a thoroughly able manner during his year of office, and he could promise him the able assistance of his Wardens and Past Masters. The toast was received with much warmth, and Bro. Kimbell briefly thanked the Brethren.

In replying to the toast of the Visitors, the Rev. D. R. Finlay thanked the Lodge for the hearty welcome extended to his companions and himself. There was, he said, existing in the Lodge the absolute "esprit de corps" which augured well for its future. He was sure the Brethren had obtained the right man in the right place in electing Bro. Kimbell as their Worshipful Master. In the working of the Lodge he had been highly gratified to hear the calm, dispassionate manner in which the W.M. had gone through the proceedings. Bro. Norman also replied.

In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master and Past Masters, Bro. Kimbell presented Bro. G. F. Hanson with a handsome jewel for the services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of Office, and Bro. Hanson made a suitable reply.

By the wish of the Worshipful Master, the speeches of the evening were of the shortest possible description, says the "City Press," in order that a lengthy programme of music, under the direction of Bro. James Kift, might be listened to. The artistes were Miss Jessie Hotine, Mr. Herbert Emlyn, Mr. Wallis Arthur, and Mr. Arthur Strugnell.

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## INSTRUCTION.

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## PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

ON Monday, 26th ult., at Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, Bro. J. Gemmel W.M., Shaw S.W., H. Saunton P.M. J.W., G. S. Dauntion P.M. Sec. acting Preceptor, A. Collins Treasurer, Callingham S.D., J. Milroy J.D., J. Rozier I.G., Louis Verdier P.M., T. J. Boulton W.M. 1687, J. Ruddock, Keys, F. Collins, Foulger, Thorn, J. Wynman, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. E. Foulger acting as candidate. Bro. Keys answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, both ceremonies being faultlessly rendered. Bro. Shaw S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting.

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## PROVINCIAL.

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## LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Higher Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., Bro. William Jones W.M. After the

reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. F. Andrew was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., who also read the ancient charge after initiation, omitted on the last occasion. The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. Robert Adshead S.W.

At the festive board which succeeded, Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

Bro. Henry B. Brown P.M. introduced the name of the candidate, saying that the Faith Lodge had received an acquisition into their ranks which they would not regret. He called upon the Brethren to drink most enthusiastically to his health. Bro. Andrew replied in suitable terms.

Bro. J. M. Frost P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., eulogising the whole of his work of that evening. He stated that Bro. Jones had indeed surprised them by the excellent manner in which he had acquitted himself, and they confidently looked forward to seeing him still further add lustre to the Lodge by his future efforts.

Bro. Jones W.M., in responding, said he would do his best to fulfil the expectations held out by Bro. Frost, thanking the Brethren at the same time for their enthusiastic reception of his name.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs, &c., rendered by Bros. Chas. H. Griffiths S.D., Dr. E. E. Jones J.D., J. T. Moorhouse, M. Goth, W. M. B. Boyd 1166, C. Tilsey 1459, and Edward Roberts P.M. 1459.

There were also present:—Bros. Geo. E. Mellor Secretary, S. Whittaker P.M., G. H. Barnes P.M., J. H. Keighley P.M., W. W. McLeod P.M., J. H. Smith P.M., J. C. Brown, Walter Taylor, R. W. Beard. Visitor:—Bro. G. W. Davies P.M. 1459 Prov. G.S.

#### LORD WARDEN LODGE, No. 1096.

THE installation meeting was held at the Foresters' Hall, Lower Walmer, on Tuesday, 20th ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. B. Burton W.M. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. E. Turner P.M., and the W.M.-elect Bro. R. W. Hayman duly appointed and invested his Officers.

Bro. T. Ayling P.M. P.P.G.D.C. was re-appointed to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Turner Installing Master for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. R. Burton, in acknowledgment of his services in the chair during the past year. The Brethren subsequently adjourned to the Rose Hotel, where the banquet was excellently served by Bro. Monck.

#### JOPPA LODGE, No. 1114.

AT the conclusion of the business on Wednesday, 21st ult., the members and Officers adjourned to the Crown Hotel, Fakenham, and sat down to a complimentary dinner given to Bro. C. W. Horsley P.G.S.B., who was leaving the town for Richmond, Surrey. The Worshipful Master Bro. Richard Harrison presided.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly given and honoured, the Chairman in felicitous terms presented to Bro. Horsley a very handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge as a mark of their esteem for one who had served all the Offices in the Lodge, and who had assisted to the utmost of his power in the working and prosperity of the Lodge, and in promoting the good fellowship existing amongst them.

Bro. E. Smith I.P.M. and Bro. G. F. Smith P.G.S.B. also spoke in high terms of Bro. Horsley, and of the great interest he had always taken in, and the work done by him for the welfare of Joppa.

Bro. Horsley, in responding, expressed his thanks for so handsome a jewel. It was quite true he had worked hard for the Lodge, but that work had been a labour of love. In bidding farewell to the Brethren he was leaving behind many kind friends.

Other toasts followed, and with plenty of musical talent a very harmonious evening was spent.

#### TREGENNA LODGE, No. 1272:

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, 26th ult., at St. Ives, when Bro. R. F. Ley was installed by Bro. Robert Williams P.M.

After the business the members proceeded to the Queen's Hotel (Bro. E. Keskey), where the banquet was held. About twenty-four sat down and spent a very enjoyable evening. The catering was everything that could be desired.

#### FRATERNITY LODGE, No. 1418.

ON Thursday, 22nd ult., Bro. Richard Gaunt was installed as Worshipful Master, at the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, in succession to Bro. Henry Coulton. There was a large attendance.

#### HAMILTON LODGE, No. 1600.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th ult., at Alford, when Bro. the Rev. W. Horn was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year and invested his Officers.

At the conclusion of the Lodge business the Brethren adjourned to the White Horse Hotel, where the annual banquet was held.

#### ST. AUGUSTINE LODGE, No. 1941.

THE anniversary was held on Tuesday, 20th ult., at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley, when Bro. Richard Freer, M.D., was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being very efficiently performed by Bro. W. Webster P.G.Stwd.

A number of visiting Brethren were present from Cannock, Lichfield, Tamworth, Burton, Newport, Manchester, &c. A banquet afterwards took place, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

#### AGRICOLA LODGE, No. 1991.

THE installation of Bro. George Henry Stott, in succession to Bro. Robert Spence, took place on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate, York, the ceremony being performed by the retiring Master.

The installation ceremony took place in the evening at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Low Ousegate.

#### BOOTLE WILBRAHAM LODGE, No. 2463.

THE members assembled in strong force at the Village Hall, Knotty Ash, on Thursday, 22nd ult., when Bro. Samuel L. Fraser S.W. P.G.S. of W. was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being effectively performed by Bro. W. H. Bucknell P.P.A.G.D.C. Staffordshire the retiring Master. Besides a numerous representation of the members of the Lodge, there were present many visitors.

At the close of the business an excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. J. Casey, and in the course of the subsequent proceedings Bro. Bucknell was the recipient of a very handsome Gladstone travelling bag, accompanied by a diamond ring for Mrs. Bucknell, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge.

#### EARL OF WARWICK LODGE, No. 2504.

ON Wednesday, 21st ult., the installation meeting was held at the Rosebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, when Bro. O. J. Smith was placed in the chair by his predecessor in office. There was an exceptionally large gathering, including several Officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge.

#### PRINCE LLEWELLYN LODGE, No. 2570.

ON Thursday, 22nd ult., Brother Arthur Lewis, M.A. Ox., in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering, was installed in the chair at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff. Prominent among the brethren present were the Right Rev. the Bishop of Llandaff Grand Chaplain of England, and Brother Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of the Province of South Wales.

The W.M.-elect was most impressively installed by Bro. Col. D. Rees Lewis, and invested his Officers.

During the afternoon a very interesting ceremony took place, Bro. Colonel Lewis being presented, amid great enthusiasm, by the D.P.G.M., with a Past Master's jewel in token of his services to the Lodge.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to banquet. During the after proceedings the toasts were interspersed with glees by the Llandaff Cathedral Choir.

#### MARK MASONRY.

#### UNION LODGE, No. 124.

ON the 23rd ult., a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, for the installation of W.M. and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year. Bro. John Deans W.M. presided.

The Worshipful Master elect Brother J. F. Ingram S.W. was very ably installed by Bro. J. D. Todd P.M.

In commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee the Directors of the Midland Railway have decided that, as far as practicable, the 22nd of June be observed throughout the Midland Railway as a general holiday. The whole of the Staff who are regularly employed by the Company, and who can be spared from their duties, will be allowed a holiday on that day without loss of pay. Those members of the Staff whose duties do not admit of their being absent from work on 22nd June will be allowed an equivalent holiday, without loss of pay, on a subsequent date as early as can be conveniently arranged.

The Great Northern Railway Company have just issued their illustrated tourist guide for the 1897 season. The book is a very interesting and profusely illustrated one, and we would strongly urge those of our readers who intend spending their summer holidays in the North of England or Scotland, to obtain a copy, which they can do free of charge, on application at any of the Company's stations and town offices, or from the Superintendent of the line, Great Northern Railway, Kings Cross Station, London, N.

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 St. James's.—8, The Princess and the Butterfly. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.  
 Strand.—8, Doctor Johnson. 9, The Queen's Proctor. Matinée, Saturday.  
 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.  
 Savoy.—On Wednesday, The Yeoman of the Guard.  
 Gaiety.—8, The Circus Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
 Duke of York's.—8-15, Lost, Stolen, or Strayed. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.  
 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.  
 Lyric.—8-15, The Manxman. Matinée, Wednesday, 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, Mr. Symphyn. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
 Garrick.—8-15, The Lady Lawyer. 9, My friend the Prince. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
 Princess's.—8, Two little Vagabonds. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30.  
 Grand.—Next week, The Sign of the Cross.  
 Parkhurst.—Next week, at 8, Black Eye'd Susan.  
 Terry's.—8, The French Maid. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.  
 Alhambra.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. 8, Rip Van Winkle. The Animatographe. 9-30, Fregoli. 10-25, The Tzigane.  
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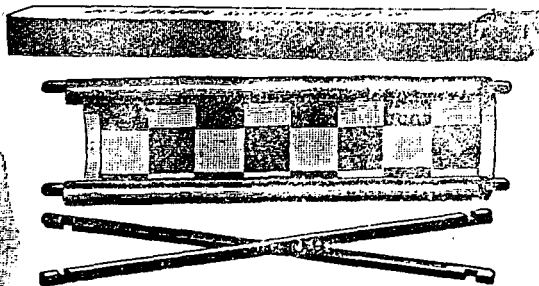
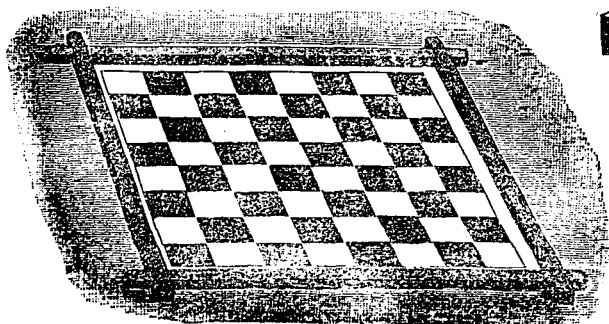
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