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CHURCH PARADES.

THE opinion we expressed some weeks back, averse to the public appearance of Brethren in the clothing of the Craft at special Church Services, and other public or semi-public exhibitions is, we are pleased to know, shared by those high in authority in the Craft. A reference to the remarks of the Earl of Lathom, on the occasion of his presidency over the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, wherein he is reported as having said that he strongly deprecated the holding of services and other functions for the Brethren at which Masonic processions out of doors played a conspicuous part, is evidence, to our mind, that greater restrictions will ere long be placed upon those who may desire to parade their grandeur in the eyes of the outside world, and if the force of the Masonic law is put on with a strong hand—even to the extent of actually prohibiting such parades—we think ultimate advantage to the reputation of the Fraternity will result.

WEST LANCASHIRE.

THERE was a large gathering at the Cambridge Hall, Southport, on Wednesday, 13th inst., on the occasion of the meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge. The Earl of Lathom M.W. Pro G.M. Prov.G.M. presided.

The Lodges of the Province were all represented with the exception of one, and in that case the Worshipful Master had telegraphed an apology for unavoidable absence.

The accounts of the Prov.G.Treasurer Bro. T. Banner Newton were submitted and approved. They showed receipts on the Charities Funds account £383, Provincial Grand Lodge Fund £651, and Fund of Benevolence £658, making a total of £1,692. There remained a total balance in hand on these accounts of £833.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read his annual report. It recorded a steady continuance of the prosperity which has been attendant on the Province for some years. He said they were not standing still, but were making steady progress, such as was calculated to evince a healthy and vigorous life. The roll of members of Lodges in the Province numbered 7,603, and the initiates during the year numbered 695. Three new Lodges had been added during the year, at Liverpool, Warrington, and Patricroft, and the fees received amounted to £837, an increase of £38 as compared with the previous year. The Benevolent and Charities Committee had made grants amounting to £85 to Brethren and Widows, and two Boys, two Girls, and a Widow had been elected on the foundations of the Royal Masonic Institutions having their headquarters in London. In connection with these charities the Province had sustained a heavy loss by the death of Bro. J. de Bels Adam, whose generous gifts entitled him to over 800 votes, which had terminated with his life. The local charities had met with generous support, and had continued to afford comfort and succour to very many cases of distress. The West Lancashire Victoria Fund of Benevolence, which had been inaugurated to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, had met with a cordial response from some sixty Lodges, whose contributions amounted to £818. Promises had been made by individual members which would increase that to £1,140. As the lists would remain open until the

end of the year, it was hoped that by an equally generous response from Lodges not yet included among the donors a handsome sum would be obtained. Referring to the fact that in honour of the Royal Diamond Jubilee, the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales had empowered their Provincial Grand Master to invest fifteen Brethren of the Province with Past Provincial Grand rank, Bro. Goodacre said they in that great Province were especially grateful to His Royal Highness for a suspension of the rule which prevented the granting of such marks of distinction. Notwithstanding occasional suspensions of the rule, it was impossible to give honours to the large number of Brethren who deserved them, and he trusted that Grand Lodge would be able to see its way to make such an alteration of rules as would make it possible to distribute honours in their own Province in a proportion more equivalent to that which prevailed in smaller Provinces.

The Earl of Lathom said that again he had to congratulate their vast body in West Lancashire on the admirable and gratifying report of Bro. Goodacre. He had been able to do so now for some years past, and it was always with a great sense of gratification that he heard that things were going well in the Province. He was pleased to learn that the Lodges were well worked, and he could assure them that with regard to new Lodges, he should only assent to their establishment in places where they were absolutely wanted. The charities of the Province were very satisfactory. From the new charity, the Victoria Fund of Benevolence, he expected great things. When first that subject was mooted to him he at once saw what good lines the idea was started upon and how the new Fund would meet a want that they had felt again and again, and would prove a true charity in the highest Masonic sense. They had heard something about the example that a great Province like theirs ought to set. He did not wish to flatter themselves, but he thought they had set a good example in regard to the London Charities, in their own charities, and still further in starting a new charity, one which he hoped would be copied in other Provinces throughout the country. At the same time he hoped they would keep strictly to their work and their Masonic tenets. He strongly deprecated the holding of services and other functions for the Brethren in which Masonic processions out of doors played a conspicuous part. Except in connection with the laying of a foundation stone of a church or some other building, those things were not in accordance with Masonic rule. True, there had been a great Masonic service in Southwell Minster lately without an outdoor procession, and a movement was on foot for a similar service in St. Paul's Cathedral, on which occasion the Brethren would robe in the crypt, and so avoid outdoor display. With regard to the suggested alterations of the rule as to Past Provincial rank, he could promise that it should have his attention.

On the motion of Bro. J. J. Lambert, seconded by Bro. T. Forrester, and supported by Bro. J. Slyman P.Prov.G.D., Bro. Charles Watson, of Southport, was unanimously elected Prov.G.Treasurer, Bros. J. Platt, G. Harridon, J. J. Lambert, J. T. Callow, and H. Nall were elected Auditors. Thanks were accorded the retiring Treasurer and Auditors.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master reminded the Brethren that next year would be the centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the Prince of Wales had promised to preside at the Centenary Festival. His Royal Highness, he said, would naturally expect the support of his Pro Grand Master, their Provincial Grand Master, and it was hoped that Stewards would go up from this Province by the hundred, and take money up in thousands. He moved that a grant be made of 200 guineas out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund towards the Festival. This was seconded by the Rev. T. B. Spencer, and agreed to.

His Lordship afterwards invested his Provincial Officers for the ensuing year.

Jewels were presented to Bros. Max Isaacs, W. Leyland, and J. Williams.

The following received Past Provincial Grand distinctions in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee:—Bros. J. Houlding and George Banner as Wardens, A. G. King, J. B. Clarke, and J. F. Robertson Registrars, C. W. Bailey, W. T. Oversby, S. H. Perry, and C. A. Nevitt Deacons, J. D. Disley, R. H. Robinson, J. H. Tyson, and David Johnson Directors of Ceremonies, and F. Barnett and J. Heald Assistant Directors of Ceremonies.

A collection taken in the hall realised £28.13s 8d, for the Southport Home for Gentlewomen.—“Manchester Courier.”

JUBILEE GIFT AT SCARBOROUGH.

AN interesting ceremony took place on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Scarborough Hospital and Dispensary, when the Freemasons of the town formally tendered the Governors of that Institution an installation of electric light, as a gift to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. At the time when the town was somewhat divided between the schemes for Hospital endowment and for the formation of a public library as a Jubilee memorial the Masons met together and decided to give a memorial of their own, in addition to subscribing largely to the Mayoral funds. Dr. Godfrey, who was the then Worshipful Master of the Old Globe Lodge, the oldest in the town, suggested the installation in the Hospital of the electric light in lieu of the gas then used, and the suggestion found favour and was unanimously adopted. A Committee was formed and Bro. J. Clare was elected Hon. Sec. and Treas. An estimate from Messrs. Walker and Hutton, electricians, Scarborough, of £130 for the work, was accepted, and within a very few days the money was fully subscribed. The installation comprises over a hundred lights, and gives facilities in the various wards for the use of electrical surgical instruments. The large wards are lighted by six pendants, with lights portable to any part of the rooms, and the smaller wards, nurses' rooms, consulting rooms, &c., are illuminated with one or two pendants, each with portable lights. The operating theatre was brilliantly lighted by electricity some few months ago by Mr. George Alderson-Smith, J.P.

Bro. Captain H. Darley, J.P., made the formal presentation, standing on the main staircase, there being also present Mr. A. E. Hick (representing the Board of Governors), Mr. F. R. Giddy (Hon. Sec. Hospital), and Bros. Dr. Godfrey, Dr. E. Taylor, Dr. Scarth, J. Clare (Hon. Sec. and Treas. of the Fund), R. McBean, F. H. Reed, H. Chapman, J. W. Blakey, T. Laughton, J. E. Lupton, F. A. White, R. Foster, A. J. Holloway, J. Tomlinson, Gavin Scott, G. H. Walshaw, E. Watkin, R. W. Leadbeater, P. Vernon, Gilbert Wilkinson, C. Dodsworth, H. Hill Ambler, T. Coulson, R. Hackers, G. W. Tindall, J. Ames, Captain J. Seals, Mr. C. G. Broadwood and Dr. Giddy (house surgeon), and Dr. Hasluck (assistant house surgeon).

Brother Captain H. Darley, who met with a fraternal greeting, addressing Mr. Hick, said he had been honoured by his Brother Freemasons in having been requested to ask the acceptance from them of a thorough installation of electric light for the use of the Hospital, as their gift to commemorate the sixtieth year of the happy and prosperous reign of her most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Freemasons, always obedient and faithful to the ruling authority, in whatever country they might reside, possessed in Britain a most devoted loyalty to their good Queen, and the Scarborough Brethren now wished to mark the present auspicious year by bringing into practical proof some of the great principles of their Order, and in Brotherly love to give relief to their more suffering fellow creatures. This object, they believed, would be attained by a complete installation of what was considered for their purpose the best artificial light of the day. The work, which had been most carefully and excellently carried out by Messrs. Walker and Hutton, was now complete, and they sincerely trusted that by the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe their gift might prove of valuable assistance to the medical profession, and a boon and a comfort to the inmates of the Hospital.

Mr. Hutton, as the representative of his firm, then switched on the electric light, amid applause.

Mr. A. E. Hick thanked the Brethren for their splendid gift. It had been arranged that Mr. W. Barry was to

respond on behalf of the Governors, but he regretted that that gentleman had been suddenly summoned away owing to the death of his son, Dr. Barry. A better gift than that of the installation could not have been made, and the memorial was alike creditable to the donors' loyalty and to their kindly feeling.

An inspection of the wards illuminated was then made by the company.—“Yorkshire Herald.”

NEW HALL AT ILKLEY.

THERE was a large gathering of Masons at Ilkley on Tuesday evening, 12th inst., on the occasion of the dedication of the new Masonic Hall, which has been erected for the members of the Olicana Lodge, No. 1522, a ceremony which was conducted with all the ancient rites and customs peculiar to the Craft. Constituted in February 1875, the Olicana Lodge has held its meetings in rooms adjacent to the Crescent Hotel, save for a period when the Brethren met at Wells House. Of late years, owing to the increased membership, the original quarters became inadequate, and the need of more commodious and fitting premises led to the erection of a new Hall, which occupies a central position at the corner of Cunliffe Road and South Hawksworth Street. On the ground floor is a dining-room 36ft. by 26ft., lavatory, cloak, service, and visitors' rooms, with spacious entrance and staircase. On the first floor are ante and preparation rooms, and the Lodge-room proper, 36ft. by 26ft. There is also kitchen, larder, and other accommodation. The whole of the rooms are comfortably—not to say luxuriously—furnished.

In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., the dedication was performed by his Deputy Bro. J. C. Malcolm P.G.D., assisted by the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. Prior to the ceremony the members of Olicana were assembled, and the Lodge opened in the three degrees by the W.M. Bro. C. Dilly. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Officers then entered, the Brethren singing the hymn, “Hail, eternal,” at the conclusion of which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master took the chair.

He addressed the Brethren on the nature of the gathering. The Olicana Lodge had been consecrated twenty-one years, and the Brethren had appropriately celebrated their coming of age as Masons by the erection of that beautiful building. He could not but express his own surprise at the character of the provision that had been made, and all must admit that for a place like Ilkley the Olicana Brethren had exceeded the expectations of the Masons of the Province in regard to the accommodation that had been provided. He only hoped that the accommodation would enable them to exercise more earnestly and more faithfully those influences which Masons could exercise wherever they met. On behalf of their Prov. Grand Master he trusted that the future work in those rooms would be carried on with the view of keeping within the Constitutions of the Order; that they would look most narrowly to their proceedings, and so uphold the dignity of the Province in order that their Master might continue to be as proud of it as he was at present.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works having examined the appointments of the Lodge, the Prov. Grand Chaplain delivered an oration, in the course of which he urged his hearers to make it plain to those outside that their glorious past was not a thing that was forgotten; that the principles of the Order were those by which they lived; that the beautiful ritual, their expressive ceremonies, their devout hymns, and their glorious services were not merely a sham, and a great unmeaning reality, but that they still represented to them the true principles of their Brotherhood, and that they intended by the help of the Great Architect of the Universe, whose name they constantly invoked, to live according to the spirit of their ancient Order.

Bros. C. Blagbro, Kearton, E. Critchley and W. Thornton having sung the anthem, “Behold, how good and joyful,” the Prov. Grand Chaplain offered the dedicatory prayer, and repeated the invocation, after which the dedication ceremony was performed by the Deputy, who, in making distinct circuits of the Lodge, scattered corn, poured wine and oil, and sprinkled salt, and explained the meaning of each in turn, after which he formally dedicated the Lodge rooms, and the Grand Chaplain gave the patriarchal Benediction.

Subsequently the Brethren adjourned to banquet at the Middleton Hotel.—“Yorkshire Post.”

CONSECRATIONS.

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ROYAL CONNAUGHT LODGE.

THE Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., P.G. Deacon consecrated the Royal Connaught Lodge, No. 2676, at Eastbourne, on the 5th inst. The ceremony, which was of a brilliant description, was performed at the Grand Hotel, in the presence of a large number of Brethren, many of whom attended from Brighton.

The Founders of the new Lodge are Bros. C. W. Tomes, A. J. Howard, J. Skinner, Dr. J. H. Ewart, Dr. A. P. Sherwood, C. Foran, F. Lawson Lewis, W. F. Trydell, Dr. A. Roberts, Capt. C. de M. Franklyn, R.E., J. Senior, W. Burt, Rev. H. G. Jameson, A. H. Thomas, A. J. Hart, W. Lamb, H. G. White, E. R. Horne, C. I. Morris, V. Wormald, Fred Schreiner, Dr. C. O'Brien Harding, C. Haskins, P. Armstrong and E. E. Pratt.

It was hoped the ceremony would be performed by the Provincial Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, says the "Brighton Gazette," but military duties prevented His Royal Highness from presiding. Sir William Marriott, however, proved a very able substitute.

The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. A. Lloyd Prov. S.G.W. as S.W., and Ben F. Meadows as J.W., while Bro. Owen Embling Prov. G.D.C. officiated as D.C. The Consecrating Officer was supported by a large number of Past and Present Provincial Officers. The ceremony was impressively carried out and the musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. Chapman Marshall Prov. G. Organist, and Bro. V. Wormald Organist 243 greatly added to the effect.

After the Consecration, Bro. Capt. C. de M. Franklyn, R.E., P. District G. Std. Br. Gibraltar Assistant D.C. 2434 W.M.-elect 2621 was installed as the first W.M. of the Lodge, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Dean of Battle, P.G. Chaplain P. Prov. G. Chaplain. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

The business of the Lodge over, the members sat down to a sumptuous banquet, at which the newly-installed W.M. presided.

The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the Consecrating Officers. The members of the Lodge were much indebted, he said, to Bro. Marriott for journeying from London to consecrate the Lodge, and all would agree that the manner in which the ceremony had been carried out was as near perfection as possible. He also spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which Bro. Currie had conducted the installation ceremony.

Sir W. T. Marriott, on rising to reply, was warmly received. He expressed the opinion that nowhere in Sussex was Freemasonry more flourishing than in Eastbourne, and wished the Lodge every success and prosperity.

Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie also acknowledged the toast, and alluded in feeling terms to the loss the Freemasons of Eastbourne had experienced by the death of the late Bro. Morrison.

Bro. Balfour Cockburn suitably proposed the Worshipful Master.

Bro. Capt. C. de M. Franklin, R.E., briefly responded, and other toasts were given.

PAST AND PRESENT LODGE.

AN interesting development of the Old Boys' Association of the Brighton Grammar School was witnessed on Monday, 4th inst., says the "Brighton Gazette," when the members formed themselves into a Masonic Lodge. It is appropriately named Past and Present, and its number is 2665. The Founders of the Lodge are Bros. Charles W. Hudson P.M. 315 P.P.G.W. Sussex, George Cole P.M. 1636 P.P.G.O. Sussex, Charles B. Carter P.M. 1662, W. Vincent Jull W.M. 2264, John N. Newham S.W. 1556, Alfred H. Tester J.W. 874, H. Mainwaring Secretary 732, G. C. Breese I.G. 2581, E. H. Payne S.S. 1636, Thomas Carr, and Walter Swaysland 315. The ceremony of consecration took place at Blanchard's Restaurant, Beak Street, London, and was conducted with all impressiveness by the Grand Secretary Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., with the assistance of the following Grand Officers:—Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. as S.W., Charles E. Keyser P.G.D. as J.W., Rev. J. S.

Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and J. M. McLeod P.G.S.B. as I.G.

Many other Grand Officers also attended, including Bros. G. Everett P.G.T., W. H. Kempster P.G. Std., J. Stephens Deputy G.D.C., R. Clowes P.G. Std. Br., H. Sadler G. Tyler, W. Martin A.G. Purs., and J. Terry P.G.S.B.

Bro. Charles W. Hudson was installed as the first W.M., and he appointed and invested the Officers for the year.

Twelve candidates were proposed for initiation and one as a joining member.

The Grand Secretary and the other officiating Grand Officers were elected as honorary members.

Subsequently a banquet was served, the W.M. presiding. Several complimentary toasts were enthusiastically drunk.

In responding to the toast of the Consecrating Officers, Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. remarked that the foundation of this Lodge would open up new ground to Freemasonry, and lead to the growth of the principles of the Craft among the public schools of the country.

Bro. Colonel Tester proposed the Worshipful Master. He said he did so with special pleasure, as one of the Founders of the Grammar School, with Bro. Hudson's late father and others. Speaking of the school itself, he said it had done great good and had sent out pupils to all parts of the world. He was delighted to announce that one of the new initiates would be the honoured head master, Mr. E. J. Marshall. He felt that the foundation of this Lodge was a unique feature in Freemasonry, and he warmly congratulated Bro. Hudson upon being the first W.M. He wished him every possible success.

The Worshipful Master, who was heartily applauded, said he was fully conscious of the high honour conferred upon him. He was proud to be an old boy of the Grammar School, of which he was now a director, and he was glad to be associated with the School's Masonic Lodge. Seeing that there were old boys all over the world, he believed that the Lodge would have no little influence upon them, as it would encourage the opening of new Lodges in those distant regions. He promised to do his utmost to promote the prosperity of the Lodge and the happiness of the Brethren.

The musical programme was sustained by Bro. H. Schartau, Bro. Charles Ellison, and Bro. F. Bevan.

ROYAL ARCH.

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LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE following Officers were appointed at the Annual Convocation of this Chapter, held at Gainsborough, on the 30th ult.:

Comp. Loveridge	-	-	-	-	H.
F. Baines	-	-	-	-	J.
B. Vickers	-	-	-	-	S.E.
Wormall	-	-	-	-	S.N.
W. R. F. Morton	-	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
L. Tull	-	-	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. E. Townsend	-	-	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
F. J. Sowby	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. L. Raynor	-	-	-	-	Registrar
J. B. Swallow	-	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. Oldham	-	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
Captain White	-	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
B. T. Adlard	-	-	-	-	Organist
W. Donner	-	-	-	-	Janitor.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of the Committee was held on the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, to make arrangements for the forthcoming election of two candidates. Bro. Powell presided, and there were also present Bros. E. H. Littleton, T. Lindsay Lloyd, Albert Moore, C. Mutton, W. T. Hocking, J. B. Gover (Hon. Secretary), W. H. Dillon (Assistant Secretary). It was reported that three candidates were brought forward from the last election, and that two fresh applications had been received—one from Princetown, and one from Ivybridge—making five candidates for the two vacancies, says the "Western Morning News." The election will take place about the end of this month, but the date has not yet been fixed.

THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

NOW that the figures have been analysed of the two elections on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys, it will be seen that the polling was of a most extraordinary character as respects the former Institution. There were forty-seven candidates for the boys (two having been withdrawn) and sixteen vacancies, the number of votes issued being 84,524, with over 20,000 brought forward from the election in April. The numbers ran remarkably close, the highest successful polling 4,616 (a last case from London), and the lowest was 3,796, there being only 820 between the maximum and minimum. A metropolitan candidate, to whom reference has already been made—Alfred Sanderson—was third on the list with 4,329. There were no candidates from Cornwall, Somerset, or Dorset; but three from Devonshire, the one for the third application, from No. 1138, Newton Abbot, obtaining 445 votes; the second, from No. 847, Honiton, had 661; and the first, from No. 928, Torquay, securing 885, which was most satisfactory, considering that the Province was not able this time to aid either of the trio.

For the girls 76,155 votes were issued. There were twenty-six candidates for fifteen vacancies, the first on the successful list polling the very large number of 6,834 votes, and the last only 2,884, the difference between the maximum and the minimum successful being nearly 4,000. It is considered to have been the most remarkable of any election yet held in this respect, for at the previous polling the highest successful only polled 3,702. There were no candidates from the West of England, which is to be regretted, as the poll was most favourable for those who know how to utilise a small number of votes.—“Western Morning News.”

We were pleased to see that young Sanderson, the candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to whom reference has lately been made in our own and other columns, he being the son of a journalist, was among those successful at the recent election. The following, from the “Referee” refers to the case, and at the same time supplies direct evidence of the universality of the Craft: Alfred Sanderson, the “Referee” candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was carried triumphantly at Friday's election, and was placed third on the poll out of sixteen successful candidates from a list of forty-seven competitors. What this means may be guessed from the fact that, while 3,726 votes headed the poll six months ago at the last election, 3,796 furnished the sixteenth and last successful total on Friday, Sanderson securing 4,329. Parliament, the Press, and the Stage all had their share in the victory, for the voting papers of the Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Rosebery, Lord Glenesk, Mr. John Aird, Mr. Ernest Flower, Mr. Thomas Lough, and Mr. W. W. B. Beach (the member who has sat longest for the same constituency of any in the House), went in side by side with those of Sir Henry Irving, Sir Squire Bancroft, and Mr. Edward Terry, in support of the candidate whom “Carados” had backed. Stageland in its various aspects was also represented by Mr. Lowenfeld, Mr. H. T. Brickwell, Mr. Edward Swanborough, Mr. J. D. Beveridge, Mr. Charles Coborn, Mr. Josiah Ritchie, Mr. W. A. Tinney, and Mr. C. E. Tinney, and all those who thus helped have my cordial thanks.

A special rehearsal of the different ceremonies, with full musical accompaniment under the leadership of Bro. Pocklington P.M. Musical Director, has been arranged for the meeting of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the Station Hotel, Highbury, on Saturday, 30th inst. Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock, and will be under the direction of Bro. Hill P.M. Preceptor, by whom, as well as by the members generally, a cordial invitation is extended to Brother visitors.

A wonderful spectacle is happening in France. The Freemasons are attacking the Government. Hitherto the successive ministries that have controlled the destinies of Republican France have been the slaves of Masonic influences. Freemasonry may be said to have ruled France for a quarter of a century. And now there seem to be signs of a reaction on the part of the ministry. And this reaction does not create dislike in the nation at large. Indeed, many Frenchmen will be pleased to learn that the sectaries govern France no longer. As the “Liberté” says: “If it be true that the present Government has extricated itself from this dangerous influence, to which Radical Cabinets were wont to bow, if it has recovered the liberty of action of the State against the omnipotence of the Masonic Lodges, it has accomplished an act for which it must be warmly praised. It is the defender of the superior interests of the country, and cannot be

either the representative or the slave of Freemasonry any more than it is of the Church.” Doubtless the Freemasons will make an effort to destroy M. Méliné's government, but their opposition may easily result in establishing it. It has already a strong following, and the movement among the Freemasons may have for its unexpected result to cause the Catholics to rally still more to the side of the Republic, as the Holy Father has so constantly counselled them to do. At any rate, it is pleasant to learn that Masonry has quarrelled with the Ministry. Honest men may now possibly recover some of their rights, if the old proverb is to be believed. Are we on the eve of yet another of those wonderful victories of the Pope's diplomacy?—“Catholic Times.”

A Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Monday, the 1st of November, at 6 p.m. By permission of the M.W.G.M. the Earl of Euston all regularly registered members of the Allied Degrees are invited to be present. The business includes the confirmation of minutes, the reading of the report of the Grand Secretary, the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers, and any other matters which may arise. A banquet will be provided at the Holborn Restaurant, at seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master has most kindly consented to preside. The tickets will be 21s each, inclusive of wine, and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, 30th inst.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

21 Emulation, Albion
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern
862 Whittington, Freemasons'-hall
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons'-hall
1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtn.
1657 Aldersgate, Albion
1694 Imperial, Westminster
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's
2265 Barnato, Piccadilly
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
77 Freedom, Gravesend
148 Lights, Warrington
236 York, York
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
312 Lion, Whitby
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
424 Borough, Gateshead
455 Perseverance, Kettering
466 Merit, Stamford Baron
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Croston
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1170 St. George, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Yatton
1208 Corinthian, Dover
1238 Gooch, Twickenham
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1443 Salem, Dawlish
1502 Israel, Liverpool
1631 St. Andrew, Gorseston
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
1814 Worsley, Worsley
1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2074 St. Clare, Landport
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
2086 Dacre, Stevenage
2114 Prudence, Liverpool
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.
73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
1339 Stockwell, Camberwell
1695 New Finsbury Park, Via. H'tl.
2021 Queen Westm'ster, Holb'n R'st.
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
2233 Old Westminster, Café Royal
2500 Old Boys', Criterion
213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
384 St. David, Bangor
402 Royal Sussex, Nottingham
414 Union, Reading
418 Menturia, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
468 Light, Birmingham
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
551 Yarborough, Ventnor
560 Vernon, Stourport
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
667 Alliance, Li. arpool
681 Scarsdale, Custerfield
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
960 Bute, Cardiff
1006 Tregulow, St. Day
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Warren, Seacombe
1410 S. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1893 Lumley, Skegness
1894 Hershel, Slough
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
2316 Princes, Liverpool
2351 Ermine, Lincoln
2360 Victoria, Southport
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
2536 Staines, Staines
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

Tuesday.
Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

General Committee Grand Chapter at 4.
Board of Benevolence, at 5.

- 7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1150 Buck'gham & Chandos, F.M.H.
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'r'w'll
1571 Leopold, Southwark
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1677 Crusaders, Highbury
2266 Cator, Beckenham
2272 Rye, Peckham
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
2361 Cricklewood, Frascati
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel
- 20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
311 South Saxon, Lewes
325 St. John, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
451 Sutherland, Burslem
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
795 St. John, Maidenhead
823 Everton, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Driffeld
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighouse, Brighouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2514 City, Liverpool
2587 Radnor, Folkestone
- 1287 Great Northern, Freemasons'-h.
1320 Blackheath, Southwark
1475 Peckham, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1613 Cripplegate, Albion
1681 Londesborough, Café Royal
1716 All Saints, Poplar
1901 Selwyn, Peckham
2551 Clissold, Highbury Stat'n Hotel
- 42 Relief, Bury
56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnworth
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
659 Blagdon, Blyth
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
900 St. George, Tewkesbury
939 Pelham, Worksop
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1247 St. John, Plymouth
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1432 Fitz-Allan, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
1512 Hemming, Hampton Court
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca
1776 Landport, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W't.
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
1892 Wallington, Sutton
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
2226 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Southwell
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2352 Universities, Durham
2374 Shurmur, Chingford
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
2555 England Centre, Weedon
2570 Prince Llewellyn, Cardiff

Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School,
at 2.30.

- 60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café Ry'l.
1295 Gooch, New Swindon
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2371 Felix, Felixstowe

Saturday.

- 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace
1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Frascati
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court
1777 Royal Hanover, Twickenham

Thursday.

- House Committee, Girls School, 4.30
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
55 Constitutional, Cannon St. Ho.
169 Temperance, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

Criterion.—Although of opinion that some less jarring title might have been adopted—that first selected, "The Triflers," to wit—still we must sincerely congratulate Mr. Henry Arthur Jones for having presented us with so agreeable, brilliant, and witty a piece of work as his new comedy "The Liars." It is quite a "Society" piece, and all London is crowding to witness a picture of its daily episodes. The parties implicated all move in the upper circles, and the dramatis personæ are drawn with exceeding care by the author. But Mr. Jones is a Society diagnostic, and exhibits his cases with the sang froid of a specialist, exposing its hollowness and its foibles, but in so pleasant a manner that no one can take offence. There are three married couples served up for the edification of the audience, who may or may not be accepted as types of modern society. The first, Dolly and Archibald Coke—a young wife and an elderly husband; the second, Freddie and Rosamond Tatton—a strong wife with an effeminate partner; and, lastly, Gilbert and Jessica Nepeau—a frivolous wife with an unsympathetic master. The interest lies principally with the latter pair, for Lady Jessica being left much to herself lightly drifts down the placid stream of flirtation until she finds herself in the arms of an admirer, one Edward Falkner, with whom she is discovered at a tête-à-tête dinner by her husband's brother. This gives rise to the evasions, equivocations and mental reservations synonymous with the title of the play, but when matters threaten to become serious peace is made by a charming, loveable, man of the world, who here Colonel Sir Christopher Deering, a gentleman well known to Criterion habitués under various appellations. Suffice it to say that he is Mr. Charles Wyndham in disguise, and there you are. Everyone knows him, and can tell exactly how the olive branch of peace will be brought to heal the differences of the divided pair. But it is not easy to convey an idea of the sparkling wit and humour of the dialogue, which must be heard to be appreciated. Mr. Jones is at his very best, and affords Mr. Wyndham the opportunity of doing justice to the author, of which full advantage is taken. To Miss Mary Moore naturally falls the role of Lady Jessica, which is charmingly, naturally, and unaffectedly presented. Mr. Herbert Standing as her "bear of a husband," and Mr. T. B. Thalberg, as Falkner, both enter into their characters with spirit; while Mr. Alfred Bishop and Miss Sarah Brooke, Mr. Vane Tempest and Miss Irene Vanburgh, as representatives of the other two pairs, give due effect to the author's ideas, and the handsome Miss Janette Steer is the necessary idol for Sir Christopher to worship and pour forth his poetical libations upon, though she has little to do with the plot. We are not quite sure whether we ought to recommend our Brethren to take their wives or daughters to see the play, for the dresses are such "dreams" that we fear the Masonic Charities will suffer by the depletion of the pockets of paterfamilias, when called upon, as he undoubtedly will be, to provide duplicates. Anyway, it is a most delightful entertainment.

Parkhurst.—During the week commencing Monday next Mr. William Greet's company will appear here in the enormously successful play, "The Sign of the Cross," by Wilson Barrett. A special matinee will be given on Saturday at 2.30. This play has long enjoyed the reputation of being a thoroughly popular one, its single great pretension being to present Christian doctrine in stage play and stage speeches with powerful and solemnly impressive effect. This is accomplished along with a most perfect and continuous grip upon the attention and enjoyment of the audience.

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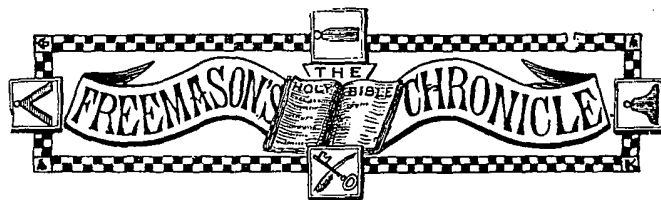
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CHURCH SERVICE.

A SPECIAL service for Freemasons will be held, by permission
of the Vicar the Rev. H. W. E. Molony, M.A., at St.
Clement's Church, Ilford, on Sunday, 24th inst., at 3.30 p.m. A
dispensation has been obtained from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales
Grand Master, for Brethren to appear in Craft or Royal Arch
Clothing and Jewels. Morning dress will be worn.

The Very Worshipful Brother the Venerable Archdeacon
Stevens Past Grand Chaplain of England will deliver the address,
while the duties of Director of Ceremonies will be carried out by
Bro. J. R. Johnson P.P.S.G.D. Essex. The musical arrange-
ments will be under the direction of Bro. W. Maxwell, Organist
of Saint Clement's Church, and Bro. H. J. Chatterton. The
Brethren will be admitted on production of their badges, and
assemble in the Church Vestry at 3 p.m.; the procession being
formed at 3.15 p.m. prompt.

An offertory will be made during the Service, on behalf of a
fund to provide an Organ, the Church being at present without
one. In order that the offertory may be in no way impaired,
donations toward the preliminary expenses will be thankfully
received by the Secretaries Bros. H. J. Chatterton 1185, 112
Woodlands Road, Ilford; W. Pallant 1421, 6 Grosvenor Road,
Ilford; and J. G. Whitehead 1421, Pitlochrie, Balfour Road,
Ilford. Should the amount thus subscribed exceed the
expenditure, the surplus will be added to the offertory. To
enable the Director of Ceremonies to arrange the procession, it
is particularly requested that all Brethren notify to one of the
Secretaries whether they will appear in Craft or Royal Arch
Clothing.

Ladies and non-Masons will be admitted by tickets only,
obtainable of the Secretaries or members of the Committee, of
which body Bro. John R. Smith W.M. 1421 is the Chairman,

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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BLOOMSBURY RIFLES LODGE, No. 2362.

A MEETING was held at the head quarters of the Corps, Chenies Street, W.C., on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. T. W. Mogford W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. W. Mogford I.P.M., J. L. Miller S.W., G. W. Barker J.W., H. R. Myers Treas., G. Jackson Crow Sec., Harry Sillis P.M., M. H. Hale P.M., G. Grimes P.M., G. C. Chandler J.D., G. Groome I.G., A. Marshall D.C., G. Stevenson Std., W. S. Hall, H. Fowler, J. Greenfield, R. Lawrie, W. J. Lewis, C. W. Patter, H. J. Peck, J. T. Balls, &c.

The Visitors included Bros. E. Reynolds 215, F. Beesley 723, W. Puller 2601, W. Trimm 215, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, R. J. Rogers P.M. 733, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The ballot was taken for Messrs. H. Milner and H. J. Hagon, and proved unanimous in their favour. After the usual preliminaries those gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Several communications regretting inability to be present were read; hearty good wishes were accorded; the Lodge was closed; and the Brethren adjourned to the Mess Room, where an excellent supper was provided, under the personal supervision of Bro. Stickland, the caterer of the Mess.

Afterwards the usual Loyal toasts were given by the W.M. in an eloquent manner, and duly honoured.

The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., eulogised his many good qualities as a Mason. The way in which he had instructed the newly made Brothers was a great credit to him and the Lodge.

The toast was received with considerable enthusiasm, as was Brother Mogford who, in reply, said he should but briefly acknowledge the kind words spoken of him. The Brethren could rest assured that his heart and soul were with the Lodge and regiment.

The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bro. Dehane, who thanked the W.M. for their genial hospitality, and complimented him on his excellent working.

Bro. Rogers said it gave him double pleasure to respond, not alone as a Brother, but as an old soldier, as he had the pleasure of marching in the same regiment. The excellent reputation of the W.M. was fully borne out by what he had witnessed that evening; his working was perfection—he could speak from experience, being a P.M. of the Westbourne Lodge. Other Visitors also suitably responded.

The toast of the Past Masters was given by Bro. G. W. Barter J.W., in a most complimentary manner, and duly acknowledged.

The Officers' toast was given and responded to by Bro. Myers P.M. Treasurer, Crow Sec., J. L. Miller S.W., and Barker J.W.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant meeting.

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DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

SATURDAY last witnessed the completion of one of the most successful periods in the history of this Lodge (which has been under the direction of Bro. Charles Heinekey W.M. for the year) and the commencement of a new era which gives every promise of adding to its reputation for excellent working and jovial good fellowship.

The meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, and was attended by between eighty and ninety Brethren, amongst whom were several visitors, who were entertained in that hearty manner for which the Duke of Cornwall Lodge has such a high repute.

The Brethren were offered a Masonic treat in Lodge, the work of Bro. Heinekey being such as to afford enjoyment to all who appreciate a perfect rendering of our ritual and ceremonies. He was ably assisted by the following: C. H. Knuth S.W. W.M.-elect, W. Wright J.W., J. Culver P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, T. J. Jackson Assist. Secretary, F. H. Stollery S.D., J. E. Perrins J.D., A. E. Turner I.G., Fred. Smallbones and A. J. Blake Stewards, Thomas Bowler Tyler, H. Cattermole P.M., W. H. Foot P.M., W. H. Lowry P.M., J. Bladon P.M., C. H. Cox P.M., Walter Martin P.M. Grand Pursuivant, several other Past Masters, together with Bros. Watson, C. W. Payne, G. Moore, F. Corbett, C. Day, A. Perkins, W. Mackley, J. King, Boyton, C. W. Davies, A. J. Brown, C. T. Cowley, H. King, N. N. Stansbury, H. E. Toon, H. Griggs, G. F. Broad, John Tucker, Robert Jay, James C. Jay, &c.

Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. G. Howes P.M. 1321, Mead 1400, Fuller 198, Gedge P.M., Munday, L. Meyer 1622, Stone 1287, Thompson P.M., Humphrey S.D. 1677, Davison P.M. 1897, Lawson P.M., McQueen S.D. 11, J. H. Thompson P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, J. Wynman, and several others.

The Lodge was regularly opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, and Bro. J. Watson was examined and entrusted. That Brother retired and the Lodge was advanced to the third, when he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. After this ceremony the Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

The report of the Auditors was postponed until next meeting. Lodge was resumed in the second degree, the annual installation being the next ceremony.

Bro. C. H. Knuth was presented to the presiding Officer by Bro. Walter Martin P.M. Asst. Grand Pursuivant, and the ceremony was ably performed in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. The other Brethren having been admitted had the pleasure of saluting Bro. Knuth as occupant of the chair of K.S. for the ensuing twelve months. The new W.M. was duly presented with the working tools. Bro. Walter Martin was an able Director of Ceremonies throughout.

Bro. Knuth invested his assistant Officers as follow:—Bros. W. Wright S.W., Fred H. Stollery J.W., J. Culver P.M. (re-elected) Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, J. Perrins S.D., A. E. Turner J.D., F. Smallbones

I.G., A. Blake D.C., A. J. Brown and C. W. Davies Stewards, Thomas Bowler (re-elected) Tyler.

The appointments over, the Installing Master delivered the different addresses, to Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and thereby brought a very successful year's work to a close in a manner that called for a hearty outburst of applause.

The ballot was now taken for Messrs. James Charles Jay, Robert Jay, and John Tucker as Initiates, and this proving unanimous in their favour those gentlemen were duly admitted into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the new W.M. showing his ability by rendering this ceremony, as he had previously done that of the investment of his Officers, in a very impressive manner.

The W.M. rose for the first time, and a gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting. The Secretary read several letters from Brethren regretting their non-attendance, and after a few more communications, and well earned hearty greetings from the Brethren and visitors alike, the Lodge was closed in harmony.

The Brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room of Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was provided under the able direction of Bro. W. G. Blanchette, the manager of the establishment.

The cloth removed, the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was heartily responded to.

The health of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales was next presented by the W.M., who said all knew the deep interest His Royal Highness took in Freemasonry and charity work in general. He also spoke of the other Grand Officers, and had very much pleasure in coupling with their toast the name of Bro. Walter Martin Asst. Grand Pursuivant. The Grand Officers were really the pioneers of Freemasonry, and for their splendid services a deep debt of gratitude was due from the general body of the Craft.

Bro. Walter Martin, on rising, was received with enthusiasm. He said it was not difficult to answer for the Grand Officers, as all knew by the regular reports of their performances what hard working Masons they were. They did everything calculated to promote the welfare of Freemasonry. Many years ago he had the pleasure of being elected an Honorary Member of their Lodge, and saw with delight that the Duke of Cornwall was prosperous. He most sincerely congratulated the W.M. on occupying the honourable chair of its Master, and wished him a prosperous year of office; he also congratulated the I.P.M. Bro. Heinekey, on having vacated the chair with such glorious honours. He strongly advised the Brethren to attend the Lodge of Instruction, of which he was the Preceptor, and which was held every Monday, at Bro. G. Stevenson's, the Whittington Hotel, Moor Lane, near Moorgate Street Station. The able manner in which the W.M. fulfilled the duties of Master of the Lodge on the first occasion of his presidency showed that practice at the Instruction Lodge, in his case, had made him perfect.

The I.P.M. in most eloquent terms proposed the health of the W.M., wishing him every success, and to this sentiment the Brethren attended with a good Masonic fire.

Bro. C. H. Knuth W.M., who received quite an ovation, thanked the Brethren most heartily for their reception and Bro. Heinekey for his flattering remarks. He hoped the Brethren would not expect too much from him. He would, however, most conscientiously carry out his duties, to the benefit of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, he hoped. He felt he was sure to get all the support he required from the Past Masters, and from the Officers he had had the pleasure of investing that evening.

The next toast the W.M. had very much pleasure to propose was that of the I.P.M. Bro. Heinekey. The members know of the very excellent way in which he had fulfilled the duties of his year of office, while the skill he had exhibited in installing his successor that evening and rendering the addresses was especially worthy of commendation. It was indeed a pleasant duty to him to have to invest Bro. Heinekey with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and he hoped he might wear it in good health for many years to come. The jewel bore the following inscription:

Presented

By the Brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839,

to

Bro. CHARLES HEINEKEY, for his able services as W.M.

October 1896-97.

The I.P.M. replied, thanking the Worshipful Master most sincerely for proposing his health in such kind terms, and the Brethren for receiving it in so cordial a manner. He also thanked all the members most heartily for the handsome jewel the Lodge had presented him that evening. Whatever he could do for the welfare of the Lodge he should be most happy to undertake, and if the Brethren should require his services at any time they had only to call upon him, and he would do everything in his power to give them the assistance they desired. He finished by again thanking the W.M. and Brethren.

The W.M. next presented the toast of the Initiates, in befitting terms, and the same was received most cordially.

Bro. John Tucker, in reply, thanked the W.M. for having initiated him, and the Brethren for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them. In time he hoped to show the Brethren he was worthy of their confidence.

Bro. John Charles Jay also thanked the W.M. for proposing his health, and assured him and the Brethren he would do everything in his power to become a credit to the Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

The last, but not the least, initiate—Bro. Robert Jay—also heartily thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having admitted him as a member of the Lodge. He was sure that in time to come the Brethren would be pleased to have shown him that confidence.

The next toast on the programme was that of the Officers, the W.M. saying he was sure that the Lodge would prosper with such an able body of assistants, every one of whom knew his duties.

The compliment was duly acknowledged, and then followed the toast of the visitors.

Replying, Bro. Gedge P.M. said that ten years ago he had the pleasure of being initiated in that Lodge, but going abroad he was compelled to resign; his heart, however, was always with his Mother Lodge, and he wished it and its members every prosperity. Our Brother concluded by referring to some special points in the working of Freemasonry in the colonies.

Bro. Howes P.M. of the Emblematic Lodge was next called upon, and in reply said he was very pleased to have witnessed the excellent working of the I.P.M. and the perfect manner in which the W.M. had initiated the newly made Brethren, as also the excellent style he displayed in investing his Officers. He wished the Lodge every success, and thanked the W.M. for his kind reception.

Bro. Thompson and other visitors also acknowledged the compliment shown to them.

The next toast was that of the Past Masters, which was coupled with the names of Bro. Lowry, Bladon, Cox, Foot, Cattermole, Culver (Treas.), Dewsnap (Sec.), and others. The Past Masters had done good service to the Lodge, and had brought great credit upon it. Bro. Culver was an admirable Treasurer, looking after and guarding the funds most faithfully. Bro. Dewsnap was a model Secretary, and the W.M. congratulated himself upon such able assistants.

Bro. Cattermole, in reply, was sure the Lodge had elected the right man as Worshipful Master for the year, and he was also sure he would be of great service to the Lodge. Other Past Masters made suitable response.

Bro. Culver Treasurer said he had much pleasure in saying that the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, while he was delighted to see the manner in which the W.M. had gone through the ritual that evening. He complimented the I.P.M. on vacating the chair under such favourable conditions, and thanked him for the assistance he had rendered.

Bro. J. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary also responded in brief terms, but with his usual eloquence, concluding by congratulating the W.M. on the commencement of his reign, which had started in a most auspicious manner.

The Assistant Secretary also acknowledged the compliment the W.M. had paid him.

The next toast was that of the Officers of the Lodge, which was duly acknowledged.

Shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings and a very pleasant evening to a termination.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. Walter Perrins, who was assisted by Miss Marie Kehrein, Bro. H. Cribb, Bro. W. A. Hamilton, Bro. Horace Ward, and Bro. Holden Walker, with Bro. J. Brittan at the piano.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

THE installation meeting of this successful Lodge was held on Saturday, 18th ult., at headquarters, Royal Palace Hotel, when a happy evening was enjoyed.

The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to Bro. A. J. Turner, as a mark of appreciation of his services as W.M. for the past year. Bros. Shepherd, Lazarus, and Westbury were raised to the sublime degree in Bro. Turner's masterly and efficient manner, and the installation and investiture of Officers, the balloting and initiation of new and joining members, and the report of the Audit Committee brought a long evening's business to a conclusion.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to a well-served banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE first monthly meeting after the vacation of the above Lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, on Wednesday. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. B. Jacobs W.M. Bro. G. Bishop I.P.M. filled the chair, and conducted the ceremonies of the second and third degrees, ably assisted by the Officers.

After the Lodge had been closed, the Brethren adjourned for refreshment, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were celebrated. Bro. W. Shurmur P.M. P.G.S.B. presided, and during the evening, in kindly and appreciative terms, in the name of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Joseph Cox P.M. a splendidly fitted case of valuable table cutlery, in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge in the office of Secretary since the Lodge's consecration in 1878. Bro. Cox, who was initiated in the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, in 1872, was one of the Founders of the St. Leonard Lodge, which was consecrated at the Shoreditch Town Hall, and with the exception of two years in which he filled the Wardens' and Master's chairs, acted as Secretary during the whole time until his retirement at the last Installation meeting.

Bro. Cox acknowledged the kindness and goodwill of the Brethren in feeling terms. He has received the further honour of being elected an honorary member of the Lodge.

ROSE LODGE, No. 1622.

THE installation of Bro. William Dawson P.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Saturday, 2nd inst. The banquet was catered for in the great hall by Mrs. George Venables, and was served with her usual excellence and taste.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE, No. 1489.

THIS Lodge, which was named after the late Grand Master, and consecrated in the year that he resigned that high office, held its annual installation meeting on Friday, at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. R. W. Huntley Worshipful Master.

After the opening formalities the W.M. installed his brother, Bro. Horace A. Huntley as Master of the Lodge for the year ensuing, on the presentation of Bro. Edwin George P.M. Secretary, who during the remainder of the ceremony acted as Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. Richard W. Huntley was invested as Immediate Past Master, and the other Brethren appointed as Officers of the Lodge were:—Bros. Thomas V. Mills Senior Warden, F. A. King Junior Warden, Walford P.M. Treasurer, Edwin George P.M. Secretary, J. F. Goddard Senior Deacon, A. F. Hardyment Junior Deacon, F. Frayne Inner Guard, W. J. Scrivener Director of Ceremonies, A. Hammond Steward, John Brittan Organist, and David Legg P.M. Tyler.

After his investment as Treasurer, a ceremony which was accompanied by some very flattering remarks by the W.M., Bro. Walford said that for the last twenty-one or twenty-two years he had been honoured by being elected to that position, and had enjoyed the confidence of the Brethren of the Lodge. He was gratified in hearing the W.M. express the hope that the Brethren would have him as Treasurer for many years to come, but he could not help feeling that years were growing upon him, although he fully adopted the kind wish of the W.M. Nevertheless, as long as he was spared in health and strength to discharge the duties of Treasurer aright it would give him pleasure to serve the Brethren.

After the investitures had taken place, the outgoing Master Bro. R. W. Huntley was presented by the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, with a handsome jewel of a P.M., in addition to which he received a Past Master's collar and jewel. In presenting it the W.M. remarked that this was only

the second time such a compliment had been paid to a Past Master since the Lodge had been formed.

Bro. R. W. Huntley, in acknowledging the gift, said that such a present from the Lodge was a testimony to him that he had achieved the desire which he formed when he was initiated into the Lodge—that he might perform all the duties of Freemasonry properly, learn the work of all the Officers of the Lodge, attain to the chair of the W.M., and in that high and honourable position acquit himself to the satisfaction of the Brethren. It was exceedingly pleasing to him to have such a recognition as he now possessed of his efforts, and he assured the Brethren that he should prize it highly.

The Brethren unanimously passed a vote of thanks to Bro. Huntley I.P.M. for his admirable performance of the ceremony of installation, the vote being proposed by Bro. Deputy Walford, and seconded by Bro. Charles H. Fisher. The Brethren afterwards passed the balance-sheet, which was highly favourable, and then closed the Lodge, subsequently partaking of an elegant banquet.

The usual toasts followed, says the "City Press," and under the direction of Bro. John Brittan Organist the toasts were interspersed with some excellent vocal music.

In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Richard W. Huntley I.P.M. said he stood in the unique position of proposing the health of the W.M. and of his own brother at the same time. He felt so proud that words almost failed to come to his lips to express the pleasure he had in doing so. However, he believed the Brethren would find in his brother everything they expected from him, and at the end of his year of office they would be able to say "Well done" once more.

Bro. Horace A. Huntley W.M., in reply, said he had that night attained the biggest ambition of his life. He trusted he should give the Brethren satisfaction during the year. For 23 years the Lodge had been held in great respect. He took the Lodge's Mastership without a stain upon it, and he hoped he would go out of office leaving the Lodge with the same respect, brotherly feeling, and good heartiness. Whatever could be done for the benefit of the Lodge, of the charities, or of any Brother, he promised he would do it with a good heart and good intentions.

The W.M. afterwards proposed the health of the I.P.M. and passed a high eulogium on his brother's Mastership, pointing out that he had had thirteen initiates, a record in the Lodge, and had taken up 157 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution.

The toast of the Masonic Charities was responded to by Bro. J. Morrison McLeod P.G.S.B. Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who made a vigorous appeal on behalf of the three Masonic charitable Institutions.

KENNINGTON LODGE, No. 1381.

THE members met at the Horns, Kennington, on Tuesday, 5th inst., Bro. Barry W.M.

Having opened the Lodge the W.M., who was in bad health, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Westley P.M., who proceeded to raise Bro. W. C. Fowler and initiate Mr. W. H. Robinson and Mr. C. J. Mold. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent, Bro. Waller A.D.C. having charge of the musical arrangements.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE first meeting of this Lodge for the season took place at Anderton's Hotel, on Monday, 4th inst., Bro. W. Smith W.M.

The first business was to raise Bros. H. C. Smith, P. White, and H. Schwenmer to the third degree. The ceremony was worked admirably by Bro. Darch P.M. and Secretary, who afterwards vacated the chair in favour of the W.M., who at once proceeded to pass Bro. Christopher Berry. The next business was to initiate Mr. C. H. S. Miles, the ritual being efficiently rendered by the W.M.

The remaining business was then transacted. The W.M. announced that he would go up as Steward for the Boys School next year, and asked the Brethren in this eventful year to vote more than the customary ten guineas, in which case he would double the sum given by the Lodge. The W.M. also announced that he would move at the November meeting that the December banquet be a ladies' night.

At the conclusion of the dinner, which followed a full afternoon's business, the usual toasts were honoured.

INSTRUCTION.

TERRIERS LODGE, No. 2184.

THIS very prosperous Lodge of Instruction assembled on Wednesday, at three o'clock, at the Sir Sidney Smith, Chester Street, Kennington, when Bro. E. Sinclair Secretary occupied the chair as W.M., with Bro. T. Holland S.W., C. Wetton W.M. 2087 J.W., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor, B. Cohen S.D., Frederick Holden Treasurer J.D., West I.G., Wise P.M., Cecil Merrie, C. Randall, Jesse Burton, P. White, Douglas, Levy, Chapman, J. Wynman, E. Horton P.M., and Janaway P.M.

The W.M. opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in such an excellent manner that the Brethren thanked the W.M. for the Masonic treat. Bro. Drydon Wheeler acted as candidate, and he also answered the questions leading to the second degree, but was not entrusted. Bro. West P.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Darch Preceptor in his usual capacity. The latter, assisted by the Brethren worked the second section.

Bro. Holden Treasurer proposed Bro. Drydon Wheeler as a member, while Bro. Darch P.M. Preceptor nominated Bro. Janaway P.M., the ballot proving unanimous in favour of the two candidates.

The W.M. announced that the annual supper would take place on Wednesday, 17th November, at 2.30, at the above house.

Bro. T. Holland was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THERE was a very large attendance of Brethren at Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., on Monday, to witness the working of Bro. J. Gemmell, who is so well known in the Craft. He was ably assisted by the following Officers: C. Spreag S.W., H. Saunton P.M. J.W. and acting Preceptor, A.

Collins Treasurer, A. Eades W.M. 2332 S.D., H. R. Shaw J.D., Thomas Hawkins I.G., A. Pepper, E. Hoare, E. C. Davies, H. Collingham, J. Spreag, F. Collins, Ruddock, D. Savings, J. W. Rozier, L. Verdier, Deacon, Bullinger, J. Wynman, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rozier as the candidate. After this ceremony the W.M. intimated his intention of rehearsing the second degree, for which Bros. Ruddock and Collins offered themselves as candidates, and were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Both the ceremonies were rehearsed by the W.M. in a most perfect manner, a credit to the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction. Afterwards the W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Eades W.M. 2332, who rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of Officers. Bro. Saunion P.M. acted as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. having resumed his chair closed the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. J. Spreag was elected a member, and Bro. C. Spreag as W.M. for next Monday evening. Letters were read from the Preceptor and Secretary, apologizing for their inability to attend.

A Brother in distress, unknown to the Lodge, was relieved by the Brethren in true Masonic manner.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON the 4th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, Paddington, W., Bros. B. Cox W.M. 1425 W.M., J. Spink jun. S.W., E. Lewis J.W., G. Read P.G.S.B. Eng. Treas. and Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Sec., A. Collman S.D., A. W. H. Jones J.D., W. E. Collison I.G., O. H. Robbins Steward, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177 Deputy Preceptor, W. Chapple P.M. 1425, C. Coleman P.M. 1543, L. J. Powell, W. Harris, W. Smith, S. G. Thorne, W. H. Handover, M. J. R. Dundas, A. Williams, J. H. Beardon.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thorne candidate. After the usual preliminaries the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chapple candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and then closed.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

AT the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, Bros. Kemp W.M., Kobelt S.W., Clarkson J.W., Ridge S.D., Pate J.D., Day I.G., Pauncefort P.M. Treasurer Preceptor, Tilt P.M. Secretary, Scarlett, Latham, Hall, and Collins.

Bro. Scarlett, acting as candidate for the second degree, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The W.M. rehearsed the work of opening and closing in the three degrees.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A VERY good attendance of members and visitors assembled on Thursday, at Bro. Captain Purkiss's, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew. Bro. John Drew Phillip presided as W.M., with R. Coff S.W., H. R. Worth J.W., J. H. Cumming P.M. Secretary acting Preceptor, F. J. Larkman P.M. Treasurer, J. Dinnis S.D., C. Jacobs J.D., R. W. Roberts I.G., C. J. Coombs W.M. 780, J. Halstead, A. J. Naughton, Justin Allen, R. J. Manlove, C. Humble, P. Cronin, E. H. Wilcox, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Humble candidate, the ancient charge being also given in an excellent manner. The Lodge was called off and on. Resuming, Bro. Cronin was examined and entrusted, the Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, he acting as the candidate. This ceremony was also rehearsed in a perfect manner. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and closed down to the first. Bro. Coff was elected W.M. for next meeting.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Barnes's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., Bros. Muler W.M., Mogford S.W., Brown J.W., Dehane Preceptor, Rogers Treas., G. D. Mogford Sec., Halston S.D., Thomas J.D., Lilley I.G., Major Reed, Roberts, Beasley, Crow, Weaver, Bagnall, Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. resuming his chair intimated to the Brethren his intention of rehearsing the second degree, for which Bro. Weaver was the candidate. He was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. T. Mogford W.M. of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge was elected W.M. for next meeting.

The Lodge meets every Tuesday at 8 o'clock, at the above address, and Brethren wishing to join will receive every attention they require. Bro. H. Dehane P.M. P.P.G.S.D. is the Preceptor, and he is one of the best, paying the greatest attention to every Brother.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

AT the Frascati, Oxford Street, W., on Tuesday, Bro. W. Baddeley W.M., J. Eardley S.W., G. Cartwright J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M. G.Purs. Preceptor, T. Casely P.M. Secretary, J. Mason S.D., W. Curry J.D., C. Mannering I.G., B. Dukes, A. Claxton, J. W. Williams, E. Mannering, J. Carey, G. Paxton, T. E. Davies, H. Raphael, A. D. Essien, A. Mendelssohn, L. Genese W.M. 2265, Thomas Cole, W. Truman, J. W. Jupe, A. J. Naughton, J. Wynman, T. Kelly, D. Fleming, E. Mendelssohn P.M., and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kelly candidate. Bros. Vroom, Essien, and Mannering answered the questions leading to the second degree, but were not entrusted. Bro. Paxton took their place, and was entrusted, the ceremony of passing being rehearsed. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the Entered Apprentices were admitted.

Bro. J. W. Jupe 1585 and A. J. Naughton 2581 were balloted for and unanimously elected members. Bro. Eardley S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Mulvey, in his usual eloquent manner, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes in favour of Bro. W. Baddeley, for the excellent and most perfect manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremonies for the first time.

PROVINCIAL.

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TRINITY LODGE, No. 2595.

AT the Lodge room, Buckfastleigh, on Tuesday, 5th inst., Bro. H. S. Johnson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being ably performed by Bro. James Willcocks.

ECCLESBURNE LODGE, No. 2425.

THE fifth anniversary of the Lodge was celebrated at Duffield, on Monday, 20th ult., and was largely attended by members of the Craft from all parts of the county. Since its consecration the Lodge has had an exceedingly prosperous career, having not only largely increased its membership, but having distinguished itself by the zeal with which it has practised and maintained the principles of the Order. The Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock at the Boys Schoolroom by Bro. John Walker W.M. P.M. 731 P.P.G.D.

The Worshipful Master-elect was Bro. W. B. A. Tempest, and the ceremony of installing him in the chair was ably performed by the retiring W.M., the subsequent charges being impressively given by Bro. Hoskyns P.M. and Shoobert P.M.

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where the banquet was served. The Worshipful Master was supported by a large gathering, and subsequently the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Allen S.W., who referred to the fact that Bro. Tempest was the first child of the Lodge who had been elected to the chair.

The toast was warmly received, and was acknowledged in heartfelt terms by Bro. Tempest.

BARRY LODGE, No. 2357.

THE installation of Bro. F. P. Jones-Lloyd as Worshipful Master took place on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Hotel, Cadoxton-Barry, and was a highly successful affair, the new W.M. being very popular. The Installing Master was Bro. T. Higman. A banquet was held after the ceremony.

BISLEY LODGE, No. 2317.

ON Thursday, 7th inst., an important and interesting gathering was held under the presidency of Bro. Capt. J. Hoey W.M.

The Secretary Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster read a letter from Bro. Askham, expressing his inability to attend for his installation as Master on account of serious illness. This communication was received with much regret, and it became necessary to elect a Brother to fill the vacant position. Bro. W. A. Shaw was thereupon chosen in place of Bro. Askham, and his installation will take place at the November meeting.

The Auditors' report was received and adopted, there being a satisfactory balance in hand.

At the last meeting the usual Past Master's jewel was appointed to be presented to the W.M., but he expressed a wish that the money granted for this purpose should be expended in securing votes for one or other of the charitable institutions in perpetuity.

On the motion of Bro. Littleboy, it was resolved, in accordance with the Committee's recommendation, that five guineas be added to the amount usually spent for the jewel, and that votes in perpetuity be bought as suggested, the necessary sum to be drawn from the Benevolent Fund. It was further resolved that the Lodge enter upon its minutes a vote of thanks to Captain Hoey, in recognition of his generous action.

A pleasing incident was afforded by the presentation of regalia to Bro. W. H. Littleboy, in commemoration of his being the first initiate of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in a few appropriate words, made the presentation on behalf of the Brethren.

LONDONDERRY LODGE, No. 2039.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on Monday, 4th inst. There was a large attendance of Officers and Brethren, and the Lodge was honoured with the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, who presided over part of the proceedings, and expressed his satisfaction with the Lodge.

The W.M. Bro. Thomas E. Campbell officiated as Installing Master, and in a very able manner installed his successor Bro. Thomas Naisbett S.W.

After the installation the Provincial Grand Master, before leaving, congratulated the newly installed Brother on being Master in so excellent a Lodge, and having such excellent Officers.

After the close of the Lodge the W.M. and Mrs. Thomas Naisbett received their guests, the annual festival being celebrated with a high tea and entertainment.

BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 7th inst., when the Lodge was opened by Bro. T. B. Colbran W.M.

The chief business was the installation of Bro. John Olliver, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. Bro. T. B. Colbran, who was afterwards presented, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties. He was also presented, on behalf of the Initiates of the year, with a Jubilee medal.

On the closing of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

The I.P.M., in submitting the Worshipful Master, said the large assemblage of members and visitors who had met to do honour to the W.M. proved that the toast was one which highly commended itself to all present. All the Brethren knew full well how earnestly and zealously Bro. Olliver had carried out all the duties of the various offices conferred upon him, and they had every confidence in electing him their W.M. He heartily wished him a successful and happy year.

The W.M. thanked those present for the cordial manner in which they

had received the toast. He felt especially honoured in seeing so large a gathering. He fully realised the responsibilities of his high office, and felt he could rely upon the support of the Officers and Brethren during his year of office.

The W.M. proposed the Past Masters, to which Bros. Colbran and Ffennell responded.

Bro. Colbran was presented by the retiring Secretary Bro. E. Rushbridge with a scrap album, which gave the records of the past year's work.

Bro. Colbran, in graceful terms, acknowledged the presentation.

WARNER LODGE, No. 2256.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday, 12th inst., when Bro. G. M. Long W.M. was supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—C. G. Cutchey P.M. S.W. W.M.-elect, F. Taylor J.W., T. Scoresby-Jackson P.M. P.P.G. Deacon Essex Treasurer, R. Kershaw P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Essex Secretary, W. B. Whittingham S.D., G. R. Brown P.M. J.D., J. Bird D.C., A. Holmes I.G., Walter Latter P.P.G.O. Essex Organist, J. Mason Steward, J. Ives P.M. 1472 Tyler, also William Shurmur P.M. P.G.Std.Br. Eng. P.P.G. Treas. Essex, A. Nisbet Love, A. Bellingham and E. J. Naldrett.

Visitors:—Bros. Gower P.M. 2374 P.G. Treas. Essex, C. B. Cutchey P.M. 1685, Spencer P.M. 1437, Wm. Hayman Cummings S.W. 1554, R. A. Love 2241, T. Feistel S.D. 174, Whitaker 1067, Victor Medcalf Organist 1457, W. Barwell Organist 2504, Gunton I.G. 18, and A. C. Dowling P.M. 1297.

The Lodge was opened in the several degrees and Bro. C. G. Cutchey P.M. 1685 was installed in the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner by Bro. Wm. Shurmur, Bro. C. B. Cutchey P.M. 1685 acting as Director of Ceremonies.

The Brethren having been re-admitted, the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees. He then, in his usual able manner, appointed and invested his Officers as follow: F. Taylor S.W., W. B. Whittingham J.W., T. Scoresby-Jackson P.M. Treasurer, R. Kershaw P.M. Secretary, G. R. Brown P.M. S.D., A. J. Holmes J.D., J. Bird I.G., W. Latter P.P.G.O. Essex Organist, T. Armstrong D.C., J. Mason and H. I. Naldrett Stewards, J. Ives Tyler.

The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Long a very handsome Past Master's jewel, at the same time complimenting him upon the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Worshipful Master during the past year.

Permission was asked and obtained for a Lodge of Instruction to be formed in connection with the Lodge, to be held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where an excellent repast was served.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured, that of the Provincial Grand Officers being responded to by Bros. Gower Prov. G. Treasurer, T. Scoresby Jackson P. Prov. G. Deacon and R. Kershaw P. Prov. G. D.C.

The I.P.M., in felicitous terms, gave the toast of the W.M., which was most cordially received.

The W.M. having replied, he proposed the health of the Installing Master, and on behalf of Bro. Shurmur, who had been obliged to leave, Bro. Scoresby-Jackson responded.

The remaining toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary; the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Gower, Wm. Hayman Cummings and the other Visitors present; the Past Masters; the Officers of the Lodge.

Bro. Cummings, in the course of his remarks, congratulated the W.M. and the Lodge on having the services of Bro. Latter as Organist, as he felt how much the solemnity of our grand ritual was added to by efficient music. He paid a high compliment to Bro. Latter, whom he had known for many years as a thorough musician and a painstaking and successful teacher.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the able care of Bro. W. Latter, R.A.M., P. Prov. G. O. Essex Organist of the Lodge, and an excellent programme was most efficiently carried out. Special commendation should be given to the singing of the Misses Latter and Miss Ethel Harrison, and also to the violin solo by Bro. Victor Medcalf. The artistes who supported Bro. Latter during the evening were Bros. C. B. Cutchey, T. Feistel, A. Holmes, F. Taylor, and Victor Medcalf, Miss K. Latter, Miss Evelyn Latter, and Miss Ethel Harrison.

HARTISMERE LODGE, No. 1683.

ON Wednesday, 6th inst., at Eye, Bro. W. Curtis S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the work being most ably performed by Bro. H. Preston Riches W.M.

LIVERPOOL DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

THE installation of Worshipful Master for the current year took place on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, under circumstances which indicated unmistakably the popularity of the Master-elect Bro. Harry Round P.M. P.G.S. Not only was there a full attendance of the members of the Lodge, but a very large number of visitors.

Subsequently the arrangements for the conduct of the Lodge during the next year were entered into, and it was mentioned that this was the 21st anniversary of the Lodge. With regard to the Dramatic Lodge and its Officers, it should be stated that Bro. H. Round jun. should have been promoted from the Senior Warden's chair to the Mastership, but in deference to representations made to him and to feelings he held with regard to the matter, he preferred to see his esteemed father in possession of the chair, especially considering the fact that Provincial honours might be conferred upon him during his term of office, says the "Liverpool Courier."

DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1605.

THE installation of Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Kingston Square, Hull, on Monday, 4th inst., when the retiring Master Bro. Edward Ryley was in the chair, supported by the Worshipful Master-elect Bro. J. Barton and a large number of Officers and Brethren, as well as a large and representative number of visitors.

The installation ceremony was most impressively rendered by Bros. Wilson and Corris, at the close of which the new Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

Bro. Tindell then, in a very eulogistic speech, presented the retiring

Master Bro. Ryley with a magnificent gold Past Master's jewel, on which was inscribed:

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as a mark of their high esteem, and in appreciation of the zeal and ability displayed by him as Worshipful Master, 1896-7.

The Brethren then adjourned, and sat down to a most recherché banquet, after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honoured.

EMULATION LODGE, No. 1505.

THE annual installation took place at the Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 11th inst., when a vast number of Provincial Grand Officers, Past Masters, and Worshipful Masters of other Lodges assembled to do honour to the Master-elect Bro. Issac Lowery, of Hoylake. Bro. Peter Tough conducted the installation ceremony, and Bro. Issac Lowery, having been duly chaired, invested his Officers.

Subsequently a sumptuous banquet was served by Mr. Walter Holmes, of the Metropole, to which full justice was done, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted.

During the evening a beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Peter M. Tough, and a diamond ring was also given to him for Mrs. Tough, in appreciation of the excellent services he has rendered.

SIR WATKIN LODGE, No. 1477.

THE annual installation was held at Mold, on Monday, 4th inst., when Bro. W. Wright was installed W.M. for the second year in succession.

There were a number of visiting Brethren present from Chester, Flint, Connah's Quay, and other places. An excellent repast was afterwards provided at the Black Lion Hotel.

LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Thursday, 30th ult., at Romford, when, by kind permission of the Urban District Council, the Brethren met in the Council chamber.

At the request of the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. J. S. Hammond, Bro. W. D. Child P.M. in an able and impressive manner installed Bro. John Spencer in the chair for the ensuing year.

Bro. W. D. Child was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee.

The usual banquet followed at the Golden Lion Hotel, Bro. John Spencer presiding over a company numbering nearly forty.

The usual toasts were given, the health of the Worshipful Master and the Immediate Past Master being specially honoured. The latter was presented during the evening with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356.

ON Tuesday, 12th inst., the annual installation was held at the Masonic Hall, North Hill Street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance, including visitors, about 120 Brethren being present. Bro. Thomas H. Porter was installed W.M.

HINDPOOL LODGE, No. 1225.

ON Tuesday, 28th ult., Bro. Plato Harrison S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was very largely attended, and was performed by Bro. A. H. Stamper W.M., who was awarded a beautiful Past Master's jewel in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during the year he had held the chief office.

WEAR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1121.

THE meeting at Bishop Auckland, on Friday, 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Tuck W.M., was selected for the customary annual visit of the Provincial Officers. Bro. Tuck was supported by a number of Brethren of neighbouring Lodges, and a pleasant evening was spent.

DERWENT LODGE, No. 884.

THE annual meeting took place on Monday, 11th inst., at the Hope and Anchor Hotel, Worsworth, when Bro. J. Macbeth was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was Dr. E. J. H. Hoskyns P.M. 787 P.P.S.G.W. After the appointment and investment of Officers a banquet was held.

PLEIADES LODGE, No. 710.

THE annual installation took place on Thursday, 7th inst., at Totnes, when the Rev. W. E. Windle P.G.C. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. W. B. Maye P.P.G.D.C., on his recent illness; also to Mrs. Fraser, widow of the late Bro. Fraser.

The banquet was held at the Royal Seven Stars Hotel, in the evening, the repast being excellently served by Bro. Adams.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THERE was a full attendance at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Wednesday, 6th inst., on the occasion of a presentation to the Secretary Bro. J. T. Bailey, on his marriage. The presentation, which took the form of a silver plated salad bowl and servers, with a biscuit jar, was made by the Worshipful Master Bro. H. E. Baker.

Bro. Bailey suitably responded.

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The Worshipful Master, in response, acknowledged with gratitude the honour conferred upon him, and trusted that during his year of office he would uphold the traditions of the Lodge in the dignity of its proceedings.

The Brethren adjourned to the Copeland Arms, where a banquet in keeping with this old-established house was served by the proprietress, Mrs. Raynes, and to which about sixty sat down.

The company as they arrived were received by Bro. Whitting, and then passed into the ball room, where a selection of music was being performed by Bro. Walter J. Evans' orchestra. Following the reception came a programme of vocal and instrumental selections, and light refreshments were provided in the supper room. After the short interval allowed for refreshments a programme of dances was gone through.

THE 150th installation took place on Thursday, 7th inst., when Brother Herbert Hunt was installed W.M. by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C.

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The following Officers for the year were appointed:—Comps. Herbert Wright S.E., Orlton Cooper S.N., E. E. Peacock P.Z. Treasurer, Asher Myers P.S., J. C. Manning P.Z. D.C., Henry E. Peacock Steward, and T. Sheppard Janitor. The balance sheet, showing a considerable improvement in the finances of the Chapter, was presented and adopted. There being no other business the Chapter was closed, and the convocation adjourned till January next. In addition to the Companions above mentioned there were present H. Massey P.Z., Lionel F. Gowing, T. G. Scott, and W. John Songhurst Z. 720.

After hearty good wishes the Chapter was closed, the Officers having been elected for the ensuing two weeks, Comp. Ferguson as Z.

Bro. Pittuck, who was cheered on rising to respond, thanked the Lodge for the kindly references, and exhorted those present to unite in the endeavour to enable it to maintain its present proud position.

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11th October 1897.

The annual installation meeting of the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, will take place next Thursday, by special dispensation, at the Holborn Restaurant, when Bro. Ernest Jones will be installed in the chair of the Lodge. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Leonard Potts P.M.

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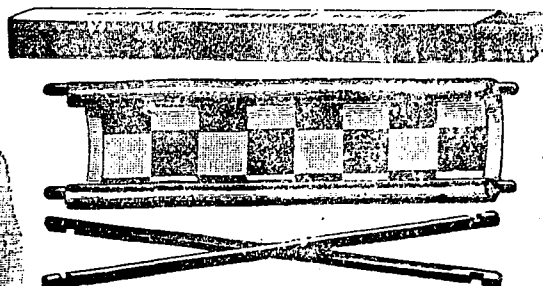
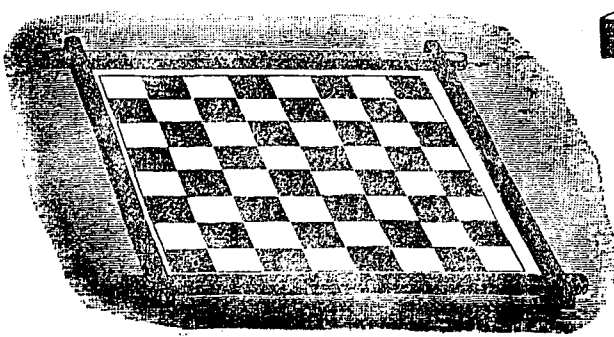
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