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EXTENSION OF THE CRAFT.

A FEW years back we were accustomed to hear a great deal about the necessity for exercising the greatest caution in regard to the granting of Warrants for new Lodges, and it was frequently stated that no new Charters should be issued, it being deemed by those in authority that the Lodges already existing were sufficient to meet all requirements for very many years to come. To such an extent was this restriction being carried—especially in the Metropolitan district—that open discontent was expressed, and questions were asked whether it was really justifiable to refuse to grant the prayer of a proper Petition, bearing the signatures of well known Brethren.

Whether the objection to new Lodges at that time came direct from the Grand Master, or from his advisers at Grand Lodge, it is hardly necessary to discover; certain it is that a change of front has taken place, and to-day we see the natural growth of the Craft allowed to take its course, although in saying this it must not be supposed we imagine there is any diminution in the care and enquiry exercised before a decision is arrived at, as to the granting of a new Warrant. It seems natural in this age of progress that Freemasonry should advance as rapidly as anything else; and not only is it reasonable to expect an extension of members, but equally so an extension in the number of Lodges.

In our present issue we record the formation of a Lodge that supplies indisputable evidence of the need that does, and must exist, for the occasional granting of new Warrants. The Victoria Diamond Jubilee Lodge—the one to which we refer—starts with a list of no less than sixty-three Founders, among whom are many Brethren who have already won distinction in the Craft. Would it have been fair or reasonable to refuse them their Warrant, on the plea that there were already enough Lodges in London? We think not, and we hope this recent addition may prove that there is no harm in allowing for a reasonable increase of Lodges.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. H. Matthews President occupied the chair, and Bros. D. D. Mercer and C. A. Cottebrune the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents held the positions of their respective ranks.

The Board of Masters, which was first held, had submitted to them the paper of business for Grand Lodge of 1st December, and at the Board of Benevolence, on the motion of Bro. Mercer, seconded by Bro. Henry Garrod, a complimentary vote to Bro. Matthews as President of the Board for the last twelve months, for the way in which he had discharged his duties, was passed.

The Board dealt with forty-five petitions for assistance by postponing three, and voting £1,080 to the others, in two sums of £50, eight of £40, ten of £30, two of £25, twelve of £20, six of £10, and two of £5 each.

HEREFORDSHIRE.

AS recorded in our last issue there was a special service at Hereford Cathedral on the occasion of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge on the 8th inst., when the Dean of Hereford preached the sermon, on I. Peter ii., 17.

He said:—Brethren, we are met here to-day as representatives of a large and influential body of God-fearing, peaceable, charitable and loyal men and citizens, who are bound by fraternal sympathy to help each other in all parts of the world; and I do not know of any exhortation more suitable to the occasion than those familiar words of the Apostle Peter which I have selected for my text, and which were addressed by him to his Christian converts, for they represent exactly the rules by which every good and faithful Brother should regulate his conduct. In old days the Brethren were practical as well as theoretical Masons, as the walls of this grand old temple of the Almighty bear witness. It is much to be regretted that in restoring the walls of this sacred edifice a good deal of the surface of the old stonework with the Masonic marks was obliterated, but still you may see in the south and south-east transepts signs of the Craftsmen's work on the ancient stones.

We owe a great debt of gratitude in this country to the Masonic body, for the glorious work which each man took a delight in doing, and which consequently was executed in a thorough, solid and substantial manner. No doubt in other countries and in other days Freemasons had much also to do with the erection of these magnificent cathedrals, but in the country which I have just returned from visiting, I mean Italy, I could ascertain nothing concerning their work, and the reason is plain, viz., on account of the bitter animosity that exists between the ecclesiastical authorities and the body of Freemasons.

No doubt there have been faults on both sides, and it is clear that the Freemasons in Italy have allowed themselves to be diverted from the original principles of their Order and to become political agitators and secret plotters against the ecclesiastical authorities. They certainly have not followed out the principles of the injunction of St. Peter, otherwise this wide gulf of separation would never have been made. Happily we are in a very different position in this country. We are not a political society; there is no animosity shown between the Church and our Order, and we, above all things, desire peace and goodwill towards all. There may be a few who regard with certain suspicion Freemasonry, but this is because they are ignorant of its precepts and look upon it only as a secret society of little benefit to the world in general. Wherein, then, is contained the beauty and excellence of Freemasonry? It is chiefly in that virtue so much dwelt upon by the early preachers of Christianity when dwelling upon the great advantages of the religion of their Lord and Master. The chief ornament of our Craft, be it known, is charity. It never faileth, but is inexhaustible, opening the rich treasures of its stores to the earnest enquirer after its mysteries.

Freemasonry is not, as some would insinuate, a mere convivial club of choice spirits met together for eating and drinking. It is not a mere secret institution to be suppressed as dangerous. It is not even a society merely for the distribution of alms, although this is one of its noblest features. What is it then? Freemasonry is a society of enlightened men inculcating pure and active virtue on the sacred principles of Gospel truth. Its design is to instil into the minds of its members a series of useful and interesting precepts, and to promote benevolence, philanthropy, and brotherly love; and it ought to be the endeavour of every honest and true Mason to keep up this high standard; for upon the action of each individual Brother must depend the

honour and stability of the Craft at large. Our Lodge stands on holy ground, for the grand foundation on which it is erected is the Word of God, and from that foundation reaching upwards to the celestial canopy of the heavens is that ladder likened unto Jacob's, the principal staves of which are Faith, Hope, and Charity, by which we hope to reach the ethereal mansions of bliss on high now veiled from the mortal eye on earth. Faith is the first step from the foundation. Without faith in the Great Architect of the Universe it is impossible to love Him, to fear Him, or to please Him. Faith leads on to hope, hope contained in the Sacred Volume. Hope opens to us the second gate, and this leads on to charity—Brotherly love. Faith, Hope, and Charity; but the greatest of these is charity. Faith it sustains us, and hope it is that cheers us on our way. The one helps us manfully to overcome difficulties, and the other cheerfully to bear the sorrows and disappointments that we may encounter in our onward and upward struggle. But charity is the greatest. Faith must come to an end, when what we now believe in shall hereafter be accomplished, when what we now see as in a glass darkly we shall then see face to face. Hope will end when our hopes are realised, and all we long for shall have been attained. But charity will but increase the nearer we approach to the great Author of it. It is a virtue crowned with immortality. Like its sister mercy in the words of our greatest poet:—

"It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven,
Upon the place beneath; it is twice bless'd;
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes:
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown;
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of Kings;
But mercy is above this scepter'd sway,
It is enthroned in the hearts of Kings,
It is an attribute of God Himself."

Such is charity, and it is the fundamental feature of the Masonic body. On the strength of love for the Brotherhood it has risen; through lack of love alone can it fall. We have had our Order cried down because of its secrecy. Well, this feature of it is at least no secret. It is no secret that the greatest virtue enjoined in the Scriptures is that which is chiefly inculcated by Freemasonry—to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to relieve the wants of the poor, and to protect the widow and orphan. Therefore in no invidious spirit but with a genuine pride I would point to our noble Institution, our schools for the orphan children so munificently endowed. I would point also to our noble asylums for aged and decayed Brethren, and the unlimited funds at our command for the relief of distressed Masons and Widows, existing in almost every Province in the kingdom; and I will take this opportunity of asking for your liberal contributions on such an occasion as this towards the Royal Masonic and Herefordshire Masonic Charities. Let the reality of our professions be proved by our actions, and let the faith that is in us be manifested in deed and word, remembering that "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." Thus may we show how we honour all men and show forth especially our love for the Brethren.

"Fear God" is the next precept of the Apostle; "Fear God." The great foundation upon which the graces of our Craft rest—love, charity, and virtue—and on which our glorious Temple is laid, is the Word of God. This is the one basis of all our proceedings. We place it in the most honourable position in our Lodges; it is carried before us in all our public processions, and, like the sanctuary of old, is made a lantern unto our feet and a light unto our paths. The rules of our Order are strictly in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, and are justly entitled to be considered religious. From the Word of God, the pure fountain of truth, we derive all our principles of religion and morality; we recognise in its fullest sense the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man; we show our fear by never mentioning His name but with that reverence and awe due from the creature to the Creator, and our love by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support. And so we come into His glorious Temple, to worship the Almighty Governor of the Universe as our Creator. In everything, above, below, around, within, we see and hear that which demands our adoration. In the grandeur, beauty, and order of nature we behold a higher glory than its own, a mysterious force deeper than all its motions.

But, Brethren, God is more than Creator. To create is not to be Father in the highest sense. The distinction of

the Father is that He communicates an existence like His own. The father gives being to the child, and the child bears the image as well as receives existence from the power of the parent. God is the Father. He brings into life mind and spirit partaking of energies kindred to His own. God made man in His own image. Here is the ground of His paternal relation to the whole race, and hence is He called in an especial sense the Father of those who strive to conform themselves to the Divine Original. Brethren, we are not wholly matter, not merely flesh; were we so we could not call God "Father." God is a Spirit, and we are of the spirit also; we are conscious of a principle superior to the body, conscious of faculties higher than the senses, and so we are different from the mere brute creation. We analyse, compare, co-operate. We search for hidden causes, inquire for ends and purposes, combine for mutual improvement and assistance. We discern, we approve the right, the good, the just, the holy. We have thought, ideas which do not come from matter, the ideas of the infinite, the immutable, the perfect; we have power over ourselves, over thought and desire, power to bridle our lusts and passions, power to conform to a law written on our hearts, and power to remit this law. Man is thus a spirit. Man has capacities, thoughts, impulses, which assimilate him to God. His reason is a ray of the infinite reason, his conscience an oracle of the Divinity, and this reason given him by the Supreme Ruler of the Universe teaches him to fear God as the All Supreme, the All Powerful, and at the same time to love Him as a Father and to conform to those rules which He has ordained for the regulation and well-being of His people, whether temporal or spiritual.

The Apostle concludes with an exhortation to honour the king, and St. Paul likewise enjoins that prayers and intercessions be made for kings, and we find the earliest apologists for Christianity representing it to be the constant and invariable custom of the first Christians to pray for the lives of their emperors and for the prosperity of their state and government; and if under such trying circumstances they could thus impress on their converts their duty, a duty so terribly hard to carry out in the midst of persecutions and cruel martyrdom, how much more should we be ready to show honour to one who is the rightful sovereign of these realms, and who rules a willing people with tenderness and love, who desires to be beloved rather than feared by her subjects, who takes the truest way to ingratiate herself in the hearts of the people by the constant interest that she shows in their welfare. They who governed the world at the time of the Apostles and early Christians had no virtues of their own to recommend them to the prayers of the faithful. Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, were not only bad princes, but bad men, infamous for their lust, cruelty, and other vices; but they were in authority, and that gave them some sort of right to be mentioned in the Offices of the Church.

Very different their case from ours, who have on the throne one who fills that position as a Christian sovereign and a virtuous woman. That we do honour her greatly was manifested this sixtieth year of her reign, and no one who saw that wonderful procession, in which representatives from all parts of the British dominions united to show respect and esteem for their monarch, will ever forget the sight. Nor are our Brethren of the Craft one whit behind in their manifestations of loyalty. No firmer adherents of Her Majesty are to be found than among the Freemasons of England, Australasia, Canada, and the Indian Empire; and that there exists a firm union between Royalty and Freemasonry is evident by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales occupying the high position of Grand Master, and almost all the other Princes of the Royal blood being members of the Fraternity. No greater manifestations of their loyalty could have been exhibited than were shown at the Albert Hall a few months ago, when every part of that immense building was crowded to do honour to their Prince and Grand Master. Yes, Brethren, we are a loyal body, a religious body, a charitable body; we are ready to render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's. We go to the fountain-head for our instructions, our principles rest on a sure foundation—God's Holy Word. There should we search out the great ideas which are the groundwork of the entire Masonic superstructure—reverence to God, the great Architect and Upholder of the Universe, and love to man. Conforming to these laws, the true Masonic Brother will be enabled to exercise all Masonic, which are also Christian, virtues, and to adorn his profession by a consistent life; with the blessing of God resting on him and the divine law

as his guide, he will find that all the social and moral virtues do prevail in his Order, and, in the future as in the past, the prosperity of Masonry and the progress of the world will be commensurate and continual.

At the banquet, after the customary toasts, an extra one was deservedly introduced by command of the Chairman, says the "Hereford Times," the task being entrusted to the Worshipful Master of the Palladian Bro. W. W. Robinson. He said he had first of all to propose the health of Worshipful Bro. the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean, thanking him for his kindness in inviting the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Cathedral, and arranging for the special service and for the use of the Cathedral Library, which, he remarked, had been erected soon after the appointment of the Dean to Hereford. Bro. Robinson also thanked the Dean for the admirable sermon which he had preached, in which he told the outside public what Freemasons were and also what they ought to be. Included in the toast was the health of the Provincial Grand Organist Bro. Sinclair, whom he thanked on their behalf for the zeal and ability with which he had arranged the musical portion of the service, which had contributed so much to the success of the celebration. (Bro. Robinson asking if the Brethren endorsed his acknowledgment, the Brethren assented with warm applause). Bro. Robinson went on to embrace in the toast a vote of thanks to the Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. Maddison, for the kindness with which he had given his services in making the celebration a success. A word of thanks was also conveyed to the P.G. Director of Ceremonies Bro. S. G. Yates, who had come over to Hereford on Saturday to see what arrangements had to be made, and had done his work well.

The combined toast was received with expressions of approval.

The Dean of Hereford, received with enthusiasm, reciprocated the kind sentiments which had been expressed, and said the praise for the arrangements, as far as the service was concerned, was really due to Bro. Sinclair, who had made all the preparations during his absence.

Bro. Sinclair and Bro. Yates also responded. Bro. Maddison had left.

An interesting episode of the evening was the unveiling of a portrait of Bro. H. C. Beddoe P.M. of the Palladian and Deputy Prov.G.M. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. of the Palladian, who said he had very great pleasure in having the portrait of the oldest subscribing Brother of the Palladian, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, added to the collection of portraits adorning the Lodge room.

KENT.

AT the meeting of Mark Grand Lodge, to be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on Tuesday, 30th instant, Bro. Hughes-Hallett Deputy Prov. Grand Master will present to Grand Lodge, on behalf of the Brethren of Kent, the portrait of the Right Hon. Earl Amherst M.W. Past Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand M.M. has expressed a wish that all the Lodges may be represented on the occasion, and desires the Brethren of the Province to support the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in large numbers.

It has been suggested that the Kentish Brethren should dine together at the Holborn Restaurant immediately after the Grand Lodge, at which the Provincial Grand Master hopes to be present.

Brethren who wish to dine will please communicate with Bro. J. G. Podevin Provincial Grand Secretary P.D.P.G.M. (2 Church Villas, Dover), on or before 24th instant, so that a suitable room may be retained. Dinner Tickets will be five shillings, without wine.

On Wednesday of last week the foundation-stone of the additional Municipal buildings adjoining and forming part of the Clerkenwell Town Hall, Rosebery Avenue, was laid by Bro. Robert Stebbings P.M. P.G.D.C. Essex. Bro. Charles Evans Vaughan, of the St. Martin's Lodge, is the architect of the new addition, says the "Holborn Guardian," as he is also architect of the main building, which has the just repute of being a splendid building with fine acoustic qualities. There was an important assemblage at the ceremony, in which Bro. Stebbings was the principal.

CONSECRATION.

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VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE LODGE.

IT is quite in accordance with the fitness of things that a Freemason's Lodge should be established to commemorate the exceptional and magnificent reign of our Most Gracious Patroness, and it was decidedly a happy thought on the part of the Founders to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by the foundation of a Lodge which shall henceforth perpetuate that unique event. Other Provinces have honoured Her Majesty's previous Jubilee, and Essex naturally has its Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, which meets at Rainham; but so far as we remember, there is as yet no other Lodge named after the Diamond Jubilee. Its inception is due to Bros. C. J. Smith, G. Gratton, F. Ranger, H. Ffrench Bromhead, Rev. T. Lloyd, A. F. Lay, J. F. Saunders, and others, and the necessary permission from the Grand Master having been obtained, the Consecration was fixed for the 10th inst., when a goodly number of Brethren, mustering over two hundred, assembled at the Castle Hotel, Woodford, to take part in this always interesting ceremony. Although to all intents and purposes the new Lodge belongs to Essex, and most of its members reside in that Province, it is actually within the metropolitan jurisdiction, and therefore the Founders were able to secure the services of the Grand Secretary for the consecration.

Bro. Letchworth appointed Bro. Major C. W. Carrell P.G.Swd.Br. as S.W., Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.G.Std.Br. as J.W., the Ven. Archdeacon T. Stevens P.G.C. as Chaplain, Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., Bro. C. J. R. Tjhou P.A.G.P. as I.G., and Bro. William Shurmur P.G.S.B. to assist him.

The Lodge was duly opened in the three degrees, after which Bro. Letchworth addressed the assembly upon the motives of the meeting, to further the cause that all present had at heart, and to advance the best interests of the Craft in that locality. The venerable Chaplain offered up the prayer for Divine blessing on the proceedings. The Founders, who numbered about fifty, then stood in the body of the Lodge, while Bro. Frank Richardson addressed the W.M., and afterwards read the Warrant from Grand Lodge which sanctioned its establishment. The Brethren having signified their approval of the Officers named in the Warrant, Bro. Stevens delivered a fine Oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, which evoked Masonic applause from the assembly. The customary ceremony was then carried out in all its details, and the new Lodge was dedicated "To the service of God and the welfare of our fellow creatures." The anthem having been sung, the Patriarchal Benediction brought this portion of the proceedings to a close.

Brother Charles James Smith having been unanimously selected as the first Master of the Lodge, was then presented to Bro. Letchworth by the D.C., for the purpose of receiving at his hands the benefit of installation. This ceremony was also conducted by the Grand Secretary in the same admirable manner as the Consecration, and his subsequent delivery of the addresses elicited the heartiest approval of the Brethren. Although Bro. Smith is already a Past Master, he was again called upon to repeat the obligation and give his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. This done, a Board of Installed Masters (of whom there were nearly fifty present) was formed, and Bro. Smith was regularly placed in the chair of the Lodge. After the usual salutations the Master was proclaimed, and the Warrant delivered to his keeping by Bro. Letchworth.

The following Officers were then invested:—Bros. G. E. Gratton S.W., F. Ranger J.W., Rev. T. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. F. Saunders P.M. Treasurer, H. Ffrench Bromhead P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, E. Cier S.D., Rev. C. Hoyle J.D., J. Edwards I.G., E. R. Alexander D.C., W. T. Barwell A.D.C., Jefferson Davis Organist, F. D. D. Coard, F. S. Collier, F. Cuzner, J. Hadwen, J. Hertz and W. E. James Stewards, and David Legg P.M. Tyler.

The W.M., when investing his Officers, exhorted them to be punctual in their attendance, and to attain perfect proficiency in their duties, in order that the work of the Lodge might be conducted with order and propriety.

Bro. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers for the very able and efficient manner in which they had conducted the ceremonial. Speaking on behalf of the Founders he said they felt under a deep debt of gratitude and obligation to them, in coming so far to perform the ceremony; it was usually the custom to present the Consecrating Officers with a Founder's jewel, but on this occasion it was considered advisable, seeing that they must have more jewels than they could wear, to take a new departure, and humorously suggested that as they had met together to celebrate a great and glorious reign (rain) the best thing they could do was to present them with an appropriate souvenir. He therefore requested the acceptance by each of a gold mounted umbrella.

Bro. Letchworth returned thanks for the compliment paid them, and said he expected they would be frequently reminded of the Consecration during the coming winter, when they would have occasion to use their handsome gifts.

A committee, consisting of the Master, Wardens, and Secretary, was appointed to frame the bye-laws of the Lodge, and several candidates and joining members were proposed. The Visitors having tendered their hearty congratulations the Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the first Wednesday in December.

We must here take occasion to refer to the exceedingly handsome book of the ceremony and proceedings, which was designed by Bro. French Bromhead. It is a most artistic production, reflecting much credit upon Bro. E. R. Alexander, of Leyton, and will doubtless be preserved as a souvenir of the Consecration, especially as it contains the photographs of the sixty-three Founders.

The excellent musical arrangements, which tended so greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony, were under the direction of Bro. Jefferson Davis, assisted by Bros. Harry Greene, Frank Martin, and Louis Breeze, who also enlivened the post prandial proceedings, when they were joined by Miss Nellie Finigan. Bro. T. S. Goddard ably officiated as the accompanist.

Owing to the large number of guests there was no room in the locality where they could be entertained, and the Consecration Banquet was therefore served in a large marquee in the grounds of the Hotel, and considering the circumstances it was admirably arranged. The tent was as brilliant as lamps, flowers, and bunting could make it, and the scene presented, when all the visitors—about 225—were seated, will not readily be forgotten. During the banquet Bro. George Hughes' Orchestre Française played some lively selections, which were much enjoyed. Indeed everything appears to have been thought of by the Founders to make the function a success, and that it was so was amply demonstrated by the appreciation of the Brethren.

At the termination of the dinner the Master rose to submit the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, and met with an enthusiastic reception.

Bro. Archdeacon Stevens responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, whose hearts, he said, were always with the Craft and the truest and highest interests of Freemasonry. The Grand Secretary, representing Grand Lodge, had rendered the Consecration ceremony well and worthily. He himself was most gratified at being present on the occasion, and wished the new Lodge every success and prosperity.

Bro. William Shurmur proposed success to the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Lodge and the health of its Worshipful Master. The Brethren would agree that the ship had been well launched, and that they had a splendid captain and pilot in Bro. Smith, who would bring it safely to the haven of success. He was a good man and true, and well up in the work required of him. It was gratifying to see the Lodge so well supported, and he hoped it would soon prove one of the most successful in the great Province of London.

The W.M., in reply, said he fully appreciated the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He thanked the Brethren most sincerely for placing him in the high and honourable position as first Master of their Lodge, and would prove his gratitude by his deeds. He would always do his utmost to further the cause of Freemasonry in general and that of the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Lodge in particular. Upon resuming his seat Bro. Bromhead presented him, in the name of the Lodge, with an umbrella similar to those given to the Grand Officers.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah replied to the toast of the Consecrating Officers, in the absence of Bro. Letchworth, who was obliged to return to town; and on behalf of his colleagues wished the new Lodge every prosperity.

Bro. H. F. Bromhead proposed the Masonic Charities, and said that owing to the large amount of work before the Lodge they had overlooked the fact that the Founders had voted the sum of fifty guineas for the Charities. He suggested that the Worshipful Master should act as Steward on behalf of the Boys School, as that Institution would celebrate its Centennial Festival next year. He had also some collecting cards, which he should expect every member would take up, and hoped they would be able to have a record list to celebrate the Queen's record reign. He might add that they started with a very nearly unprecedented record, all their debts being paid, and still they had funds in hand.

Bro. J. M. McLeod responded with one of his characteristic and vigorous speeches, which was shortened on account of the lateness of the hour. He thanked them all for their great kindness and generosity to the Institution he represented. The Grand Master would preside at the Centennial Festival, and it was also hoped that H.R.H. would be able to lay the foundation stone of the new schools at Bushey some time next year. The

new Lodge had made an excellent start, and he trusted they would achieve good and grand work.

Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings were brought to a happy termination by the Tyler's toast.

Among the numerous visitors were Bros. William Gower P.M. 2501 Provincial Grand Treasurer of Essex. Thomas J. Ralling Prov.G. Secretary Essex, Arthur H. Scurrah P.G.S. of W. Middx., George Harlow P.G.S.B. Kent, C. H. Bestow P.G.P. Essex, Walter Latter P.P.G.O. Essex, W. W. Lee P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, W. G. Norman Secretary 2504, E. Thalander P.M. 1457, W. White I.P.M. 1457, J. C. Ring P.M. 1269, Humphrey Cohen P.M. 1658, W. H. Walton P.M. 169, W. Halloway P.M. 1475, P. J. Farnes S.W. 2501, H. B. Holliday P.M. 1076, G. T. Peele P.M. 2361, R. S. Walker P.M. 1598, Joseph Bladon P.M. 1839, S. J. Cross P.M. 2212, J. W. Grove P.M. 2549, L. Lazarus Secretary and H. Lazarus P.M. 188, C. Featherstone W.M. 1540, Broster White P.M. 1604, J. F. Hurley 2504, Sam Vickers P.M. 147, C. C. Black P.M. 2504, J. Henderson P.M. 1625, A. G. Duck P.M. and Secretary 898, J. Collingwood P.M. 1769, T. Wallis P.M. 169, W. Barry Grefa P.M. 1672, W. W. Cook I.P.M. 59, H. Clinch 1623, W. G. Stone 2291, and C. Hurst 1474.

Bro. Charles James Smith, a Founder and first Worshipful Master of the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Lodge, was born at Walworth, the historic suburb of London, on 13th April 1853, and was initiated into Freemasonry in the Skelmersdale Lodge, at Camberwell, in April 1880, rising therein to the dignity of S.D., previous to his resignation when leaving Surrey for Essex. He is the son of the late John Darwin Smith, a Founder and Past Master of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658.

In 1894 he assisted in establishing the Earl of Warwick Lodge, No. 2504, at Buckhurst Hill, in the Province of Essex, being its first I.G. and, rising to the Chair in 1896, is now its Worshipful Master. At his installation no less than thirty-six Past Masters were present, while up to now his year of office has been a highly successful one. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, in October 1888, and subsequently joined the Ixion Chapter, No. 2501, of which latter he is now Treasurer.

He is a Life Subscriber to both the Girls and Boys Schools, and was one of the special Stewards at the Diamond Jubilee meeting at the Albert Hall, in June last.

In connection with the foundation of the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Lodge, it is interesting to know that Brother Smith, in addition to substantial financial assistance towards the preliminary expenses, presented the Master's chair and working tools to the Lodge.

Brother C. J. Smith by profession is a solicitor (senior partner of the well-known firm of C. J. Smith and Hudson, Mark Lane, E.C.) and has been for many years one of the most constant attendants at the Royal Courts of Justice. His cases are of the most varied description, but he is an authority in libel and slander cases, in several of which he has been successful in obtaining justice for his clients. Brother Smith is the standing solicitor for one of the great news agencies, and is also a member of the Farriers' Company. His hospitable house at Madeira Villa, Woodford Green, is well known to all the Brethren of the surrounding district.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE BRO. KIRBY.

ON Saturday afternoon, 6th inst., the monument erected in the Wycombe Cemetery by London Freemasons to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. W. H. Kirby jun., the circumstances of whose tragic death are still fresh in the public mind, was unveiled by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England Bro. Edward Letchworth, in the presence of a good number of metropolitan and local members of the Craft.

Erected principally by the Instruction Lodge connected with the Bank of England, which bears the name of the deceased, it was also subscribed to by members of other Lodges, and forms, particularly to Freemasons themselves, a splendid tribute to the career of the late Bro. Kirby, both as a Mason and an individual. The monument, which weighs ten tons, and is raised at the foot of the grave on the northern side of the hill-side burial ground, is constructed of Aberdeen granite from a design by Bro. H. S. Wellcome, a principal, we believe, of the firm of which the deceased was a most valued member. It is erected in three tiers. The first is a plinth of scappled granite. The second tier is rough hewn, with four panels bearing various symbols of Masonry. On the front appear the square and compasses; on the left-hand side is a representation of the M.E.Z.'s Royal Arch Chapter Jewel, etc.; on the back is seen engraved the triple tau, also emblematical of the Royal Arch Chapter; whilst the remaining emblem consists of a Past Master's Craft jewel, illustrating the 47th problem of Euclid. Surmounting the whole

is what will be known to Masons as a perfect ashlar of polished red granite, bearing the subjoined inscription, engraven in letters of gold :—

To the memory of

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY KIRBY P.M. P.G.Std. Kent M.E.Z.

Erected by the members of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction (of which he was the first Preceptor) and other Masonic friends.

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Born 25th August 1858,

Died 18th September 1895.

The London Freemasons arrived by special train from Paddington at 4 o'clock, and proceeded direct to the cemetery for the unveiling ceremony.

The proceedings, which were of a simple, albeit touching and impressive character, were opened by the W.M. of the Wycombe Lodge Bro. Batting, who said: Brethren,—I have the privilege and honour of introducing our Very Worshipful Brother Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, who has kindly consented to come down and undertake the onerous duty of unveiling the memorial to our late departed and esteemed Brother Kirby.

Bro. Letchworth said: Worshipful Master of the Wycombe Lodge and Brethren,—We are met together this afternoon for the purpose of paying a tribute of love and respect to a Brother who, during a too short life of usefulness, gained the love and respect of all who knew him. We Masons recognise in our Brother Kirby a man animated by the truest Masonic principles; one who ungrudgingly devoted the time at his disposal, and his abilities, to those important duties which he was good enough to undertake in connection with the Craft he loved so well. Our Brother Kirby, at the time of his untimely death, was not an old Mason. He had been initiated into Masonry, I believe, in the year 1886; he was installed Master of his Lodge in 1891; and from then until the time he was taken from us he discharged the duties of Preceptor of a most important Lodge of Instruction—a Lodge connected with the Bank of England, and a Lodge which was formerly known by the name of the Clarence Lodge, but has since borne his own honoured name. There was no need to raise a monument to keep the memory of our Brother green in the hearts of those who knew him, but it was thought only right and fitting that those who come after us might know how highly our late Brother was respected, how deeply his death was mourned, by those who had raised to his unfailing memory the monument I have now the privilege to unveil.

Bro. Letchworth then withdrew the veil, and the memorial was disclosed to view.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow stepped forward and said: Very Worshipful Brother Letchworth, Brethren, and friends,—My heart is almost too full for words, but yet perhaps to be silent on this occasion might be to be misunderstood. We cannot really add to the words that are engraven on that stone: they speak to us as a record of the life's history of him whose loss we do not cease to deplore. Not a few of us standing around this memorial to-day but know Brother Kirby in all those relationships which are recorded in that brief sentence. In the early years, those of us who knew him well call to mind the beautiful devotion he showed to those left behind him at home when he took up business in London. We remember that, forgetting every selfish consideration, he would return week after week to show his devotion to his father, to his sister, and, above all, to his sainted mother—we know that she, a poor suffering one, used to look forward with intensest pleasure to the visits of her boy. Later on, when he entered into new ties, there was still the same loving devotion to the wife and to the children. I have heard Mrs. Kirby tell us of the unceasing care and watchfulness over her life; and on the hearts of the children he had such a hold that his memory will be carried by them to their dying day. As a Mason, Bro. Letchworth, who has been so good as to come amongst us and unveil this memorial that we have raised with loving hands, has told us of his virtues; and as Masons we like to think that, by the thoughtfulness of Bro. Wellcome, we can regard the life of Bro. Kirby as being engraven on the perfect ashlar—the symbol, to Masons, of a regular, well spent life. I can speak of Bro. Kirby as a friend. For twenty years Bro. Kirby and I were in hourly intercourse, and the void created by his loss has never been, and probably never will be, filled up. If there has been sadness in my words and in my tone it is not because we grieve for him, because we know he has passed to his great reward: the sadness is rather for ourselves who are left still to fight the battles of the world uncheered by his presence, and unaided by his counsel and advice.

Bro. Philip J. Rutland (Mayor of Wycombe) also added a few words. He said: Very Worshipful Bro. Letchworth and Brethren,—My position to-day is rather that of a representative, but, before assuming that role, I should like, if I may, to speak of the deceased as one of his oldest, if not his oldest friend to-day. Both of us are Wycombe boys; both of us received our education

in this town; both of us alike started the battle of life; and both of us ultimately vegetated to that metropolis, London. Here and there I always had the greatest kindness and consideration shown to me by him to whose memory we unveil this monument. But I want to say, as Mayor of this town, how very pleased we are that one of our sons should have gone to London, there fought his way to the front, and taken a conspicuous place as a man, as a citizen, and as a Mason, which the ceremony of to-day assures us that he did. We in Wycombe are flattered to no mean degree by having this most magnificent and most speaking monument in our midst; and I can assure our London Brethren that they have not misplaced it in this cemetery, and that those who live nearer to it than they do will come to this grave with those sentiments which you would do if you were more regularly here.

This brought the ceremony to a close.

After a close inspection of the monument, the company retired, the London visitors being kindly entertained by Bro. Rutland before returning to town.

The same afternoon, it may be added, a cross of white chrysanthemums and a harp of immortelles were placed on the grave, the latter emblem having a card attached thereto upon which were the words "In loving memory of my dear husband."

We understand that this memorial has been formally handed over to Mrs. W. H. Kirby by Bro. Charles Lewis Preceptor, and Bro. Wm. Baker Secretary of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, as representatives of the Memorial Committee.—"South Bucks Standard."

The Brethren of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, being anxious to secure the election of Bro. J. Smith P.M. as an Annuitant of the Benevolent Institution—for which he is a candidate—will be pleased to receive promises of support from Brethren who have not yet pledged their proxies for the next election. Bro. E. Pennock S.W. of the Lodge is actively working the case, and will be glad to hear from Brethren who will support the applicant.

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A grand Masonic Ball will take place on 18th January, in connection with the Hugh Owen Lodge, at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant. Tickets may be had of Bro. F. G. Soper (Lindens, Macdonald Road, New Southgate) Secretary.

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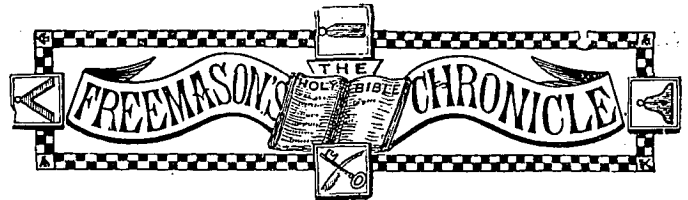
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SATURDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER 1897.

MARGATE JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.

THE members of the Union Lodge, No. 127, have decided to inaugurate a Masonic Ball in aid of the Building Fund of the Masonic Jubilee Commemoration Home, and at a meeting of Stewards it was arranged that the same should be held at the Royal Assembly Rooms, Margate, on Thursday, 2nd December. It is earnestly hoped by the W.M. and the Stewards that every effort will be made by Brethren to bring the occasion prominently before their friends, thus assuring a large attendance and a successful issue to this desirable undertaking. A dispensation has been applied for to enable the Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. Tickets, price 8s 6d each, which will include light refreshments and supper, may be obtained of the Hon. Secretary (Ball Committee), or any of the Stewards.

ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, No. 993.

THE annual meeting in connection with this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Monday, the 8th inst., Comp. E. H. Ehlinger P.Z. Z.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the installation of Principals-elect took place, the Installing Principal being Comp. Buckley Carr P.Z. P.P.G.D.C. Comp. W. H. Anderton was placed in the principal chair; Comp. George Howe was elevated to H.; and Comp. Henry Clulow to the position of J.

Comp. Ehlinger has been relegated to the position of Treasurer, while Comp. J. E. Ridgway still remains at his old post, that of S.E.

At the festive board Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were submitted and duly honoured. Comp. Ehlinger proposed the health of the Installing Principal, and spoke very highly of his abilities, which we have elsewhere accentuated.

Comp. A. Peak P.P.G.D.C. proposed the health of Comp. Anderton, who replied in suitable terms.

Comp. John Marshall P.Z., &c., responded to the toast of the Visitors, and gave a very interesting sketch of the inception and progress of Freemasonry, which documentary evidence proved to have existed in very remote ages.

Comp. Anderton sang a capital number, his admirable voice showing to great advantage. Other contributors towards the harmony were Comps. Ward, Holme, Jacobson, Chas. Shaw, and Isidore Götz, a very pleasant evening passing quickly away.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

All Letters must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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PROPOSED OLD MASONIANS' LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Our "Old Boys" have decided to form an "Old Masonians Lodge," as a fitting adjunct to our Centenary celebration in 1898. We are desirous of getting into touch with ex-scholars in all parts of the country, being convinced that there are many who must have joined the Craft.

To this end may I ask you to be good enough to insert this letter, and to say that I shall be glad to be the medium of communication between any "Old Masonian" and the Founders of the proposed new Lodge.

The next meeting of the Founders is to be held on Monday, 29th November, at 7 p.m., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., to which "Old Masonians" who are members of the Craft are cordially invited.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. McLeod.

6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th November 1897.

INCREASE OF PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Like your correspondent "Tu. Ca." I am somewhat in the dark about the "suggested alterations" alluded to.

Speaking strictly within my own knowledge, I must say that the present plan of selection for Prov. Grand honours is incomprehensible to a simple-minded, earnest Craftsman. In my Province one sees the claims of strenuous workers, men imbued with true Masonic ardour, whose magnificent record for the advancement of the Craft is well-known, persistently overlooked; and the coveted honours bestowed on others—worthy Masons all, no doubt—whose possession of Prov. G. honours renders them veritable flies in amber. To simply increase the number of honours will only increase the number of flies in our amber. What is wanted is a better system of selection.

Yours, &c.,

WEST LANCES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Coincidental with the arrival of my CHRONICLE, the enclosed circular also came, and which I think if adopted would go largely to solve the problem of "more Provincial honours for West Lancashire." Kindly find space for the cause and oblige,

Fraternally yours,

WIGAN.

[COPY.]

DEAR SIR AND W. BRO.—The prospect of an extension of P.G. Lodge honours, whilst being a distinct step in the right direction, will avail nothing unless conferred on those Brethren who have first been elected by the Private Lodges themselves, and duly recommended to the M.W.P.G.M., who will not only use his prerogative in such a manner as to afford the highest satisfaction to every true Brother in West Lancashire; but the honoured recipients of his Lordship's favour may feel it is an honour indeed.

Yours fraternally,

C. E. T., P.M.

Didsbury, 20th October 1897.

The annual Installation Festival of the Empress Lodge, No. 2581, will take place on the 8th prox., at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., when Bro. J. Holdsworth Dimsdale, son of Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale P.G.Treas. will be installed in the chair of the Lodge.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Terry's.—"The French Maid" has started well on towards her third century, as this evening will witness her 216th performance, and we heartily congratulate Mr. W. H. Griffiths on the perfect success of his first venture.

Garrick.—The box-office for Oscar Barrett's Pantomime, "Cinderella," was opened on Monday, 8th inst., and during the first week considerably over £4,000 was taken on advance bookings. This seems to promise well for our well-known Brother's season.

One of the most recent engagements for Bro. Oscar Barrett's Fairy Pantomime, "Cinderella," is that of Miss Dan Leno, daughter of the celebrated Comedian, who will play the Fairy of the Slipper.

On the 23rd inst. Bro. H. T. Brickwell completes the first year of his management of this theatre, during which time he has presented the public with a round of entertainments varying from grand opera to farcical comedy, and it is gratifying to learn that each has achieved a brilliant record. In the production of these programmes he has been ably assisted by Bro. Creer, and the play-going public can only wish them a continued run of success.

Miss Helen Bertram has been engaged to play the part of La Perichole, commencing next Tuesday.

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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LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday, 15th inst., the W.M. Bro. William Gunn, assisted by his Officers, performed the ceremony of passing, Bro. William Benjamin Sargeant being the candidate.

A sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to head the list of Bro. F. Hitchens, who was appointed Steward to represent the Lodge at the Centennial Festival of the Boys School next year. Notice of motion was given by Bro. R. J. Beamish to grant the usual Christmas gratuities to the local charities at the next meeting.

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ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 5th inst. The attendance of members and visitors was all that could be desired, and Bro. Arthur A. Moss P.M. Provincial Grand Deacon must be congratulated upon the success of this extra demonstration, which, we believe, was mainly intended to mark his recent accession to Provincial rank.

Lodge business over, the Brethren adjourned to the festive board, and were presided over by Bro. Alfred Pickford P.M., who is a useful alter ego to Bro. Holland W.M., in the latter's unavoidable absence through business.

The toast of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. Wm. Goodacre P.G.Sw.B. Prov.G.Sec. and Councillor James J. Lambert P.G.D. P.P.G.R., the former saying that he had great pleasure in being present at the Architect Lodge to add a word in favour of Bro. Moss and the Provincial honour which he had so very deservedly obtained, and spoke in the highest possible terms with respect to the precision and exactness with which Bro. Moss performed his work.

Bro. Lambert, as a member of the Lodge, and also in his capacity of Grand Officer, also added his testimony to the worth of Bro. Moss, and pointed out that the selection of his name for Provincial honours had been a popular one.

Bro. Pickford proposed the health of the Provincial Officers, and herein unconsciously perpetrated a "bull" which Sir Boyle Roche would not have objected to stand godfather to, and which, by permission of the acting Chairman, we may utilise on a future occasion.

The toast was responded to by Bros. A. G. Collins P.P.G.D.C., Edwin Broadbent P.M. 2109 Prov.G.D.C., and Moss, the latter being received with enthusiasm. He said that it gave him great pleasure in responding to the toast of the Provincial Officers for the first time; but still he hardly thought he deserved all the honour which had been bestowed upon him, and he only wished that the glorious uniform which he wore could be properly distributed, and every member of the Lodge get a portion.

Bro. W. T. Hesketh P.M. Sec. proposed the health of the W.M., whom, it was incidentally mentioned, was travelling in Java. He said that wherever Bro. Holland might be at that moment, his heart and thoughts were with the Lodge, which he loved and honoured, and if the exigencies of commerce had not called him away he would have been taking his part in its working. In conclusion he wished him good health and a safe return to their midst. The toast was enthusiastically received.

The contributaries to the harmony were Bros. Henry Nall P.M. P.P.G.Tr. Treas. (song), C. H. Beaver P.M. ("The Editor's Story"), A. W. Stanley J.D. 1774 (song), and Edwin A. Smith W.M. 2363, who officiated at the pianoforte vice Bro. W. Rushton Org., who was indisposed.

Other visitors who have not been mentioned were Bros. Councillor J. R. Wilson P.M. 993, W. H. Bibby P.M. 993, W. Ingram 852, and S. G. Harrison 1166.

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TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458.

THE regular meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Friday, 5th inst., and after an excellent tea the Lodge was opened by Bro. T. P. Cooper W.M. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a successful ballot was taken for Mr. James Doyle, who was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Bro. G. P. Taylor P.M., the latter rendering the E.A. Charge.

This being the penultimate meeting of the financial year, an election of Officers took place, with the result that Bro. Cooper's popularity has resulted in his retaining the reins of management, he having been re-elected to the Master's chair. We heartily congratulate the Truth Lodge upon such retention of his services. Another important and popular appointment was that of Bro. John Pearce to the position of Treasurer.

Upon the close of the Lodge the social element, which was of a superior kind, dominated that of the Loyal and Masonic toasts.

There was a capital attendance of members and visitors, principal among whom were Bros. A. B. Taylor S.W., Leopold Hirsch J.W., W. H. Worsley I.P.M. Treas., Herbert Hellewell Sec., Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. D.C., J. J. Dean S.D., Geo. T. Lenard P.M. J.D., Buckley Carr P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Robert Caldwell P.M. P.P.G.S.B., G. H. Needle P.M., T. H. Hall P.M., E. M. Shepherd P.M., J. H. Vincent P.M., James Archdale P.M., W. J. Herring P.M., Wm. Dewhurst, Joseph Day, and R. Stevenson Stwds., and others.

Visitors:—Bros. James Glennie P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Ches., R. Summers 1221 (Leeds), and George Robinson 1459.

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CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Croydon, on 25th ult., when Bro. Bowler, Tyler of several London Lodges, was installed as W.M. by Bro. Fred West Deputy Provincial Grand Master of

Surrey. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Pointon S.W., Hoare J.W., Rogers S.D., Dickerson J.D., Williams P.M. D.C., Terry Horsey P.M. Treasurer, Francis P.M. Secretary, Faulder I.G., Greenland Organist, Laggard and Smith Stewards. The banquet was held at the Greyhound Hotel.

CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 1st inst., Bro. Major George Kershaw W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Bro. Edward Grundy Archer, Manchester, and Heaton Moor, Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, Lieut. 3rd V.B. Lancashire Fusiliers, who was desirous of becoming a joining member. An equally successful ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur Samuel Pearse, Manchester and Didsbury, 2nd Lieut. V.B. Lancashire Fusiliers, who was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of antient Freemasonry by the W.M.

Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned to a substantial dinner, this being followed by the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed by songs, &c. Besides those already mentioned, there were present Bros. Capt. T. W. Ashworth S.W., Surg.-Capt. J. J. Kent Fairclough J.W., Col. J. Howarth Clark, V.D., J.P., Rev. John Challinor Sec. P.P.G. Chap., Capt. Alan Skves I.G., Capt. H. S. Hardy, Lieut. Geo. Heys, Capt. Jas. Andrew, Col. Henry. L. Rocca, Capt. J. E. R. Hall, 2nd Lieut. J. A. Fallows, Major H. B. Moss, Capt. J. Turville Smith, Lieut. Alan Ramsay, Major G. H. Bates, Capt. J. T. Bentley, 2nd Lieut. A. J. Bailey, Surg.-Capt. L. Nesfield.

Visitor: Bro. Geo. Sillavan, Unity, 321.

METROPOLITAN.

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KENT LODGE, No. 15.

THE members of this well known Lodge assembled on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C. Present:—Bro. R. W. Bowers W.M., J. G. Carpenter I.P.M., F. C. Bradley S.W., G. F. Smith J.W., E. Stimson P.M. Treas., E. H. Buckridge P.M. Sec., A. Carpenter S.D., F. Salter J.D., A. C. Huddart I.G., G. Sanders Org.; Past Masters J. T. Towers, A. White, and W. Gummert; also Bros. A. Gilbert, H. G. Norris, Rev. W. T. Brown, A. Hutchinson, H. Scott, D. C. Robinson, John P. Robinson, W. J. Everett, J. E. Bennett, H. Adams, &c.

Visitor:—Bro. W. Holiday, Arnold Lodge, No. 1981.

The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. D. C. Robinson, Rev. W. T. Brown, H. Scott, Alfred Hutchinson and A. Gilbert, who were initiated at the previous meeting, proved themselves proficient to be passed to the second degree, were entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and those Brethren were passed as Fellow Crafts. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Mr. Geo. Frederick Sutton, M.A. (who was previously balloted for) and Mr. Arthur Willis (whose ballot was taken and proved unanimous in his favour) were presented as candidates properly prepared to participate in the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, which privilege was bestowed upon them in due form.

These and the preceding ceremonies were rendered with the Worshipful Master's usual ability, and, after some other Masonic transactions, he proceeded to close the Lodge in peace and harmony.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. T. H. T. Jarvis Worshipful Master presided, and was surrounded by his Officers, a very large number of lay members of the Lodge, and a goodly company of visitors.

After the Lodge had been opened the Auditors' report was received and adopted, and Bro. Bradford P.M. was elected a Trustee of the Benevolent Fund in place of Bro. C. E. Packer P.M. resigned. Afterwards the W.M. initiated Mr. John Edwin Dee, of Dorking, in the earliest of the Masonic mysteries.

Later on Bro. Jarvis W.M. installed as Master of the Lodge Bro. Henry Kemp S.W., Bro. A. V. H. Pouncefort P.M. acting as Director of Ceremonies during the installation.

Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Curtis Assistant Steward offered himself as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

A banquet followed, says the "City Press," the usual toasts being enlivened with vocal and instrumental performances by Bro. A. V. H. Pouncefort P.M., Miss Kemp, Miss Harris, Miss Clarkson, and others, Mrs. R. Rapkin presiding at the piano.

Bros. W. M. Stiles Past Grand Treasurer and Major T. C. Walls responded to the toast of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Jarvis Immediate Past Master proposed the health of the W.M., and said those Brethren who were members of the Lodge knew how well Bro. Kemp had for the last six or seven years filled the different offices in the Whittington Lodge. So well was this known that it needed no words of his to recommend the toast to the Brethren.

The toast having been most cordially received, Bro. H. Kemp W.M. replied, thanking Bro. Jarvis for the very graceful way in which he had submitted his name to the Brethren, and the company for their hearty reception of the compliment. He assured the Brethren that he should do his best during the year he was in the chair to carry out his duties with satisfaction to the Lodge and credit to himself.

He next proposed the Immediate Past Master, declaring that Bro. Jarvis had endeared himself to every member of the Lodge. His work during the year, he added, had been super-excellent. It was highly creditable to him, and had reflected the greatest possible glory on his Lodge, while it showed the stuff the Past Masters of the Whittington Lodge were made of. The Brethren were further indebted to Bro. Jarvis for the fluent and perfect way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening. In recognition of the Brethren's appreciation of his ability and geniality he presented him, in the name of the Lodge, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and he trusted that he would live for many years to show it as a landmark in Freemasonry, and that he would remember that night as a glorious night he had had in the Whittington Lodge.

Bro. Jarvis I.P.M., in responding, said that the ceremonies of Freemasonry were no trouble to him; they were, indeed, a labour of love. If during

this year of office he had given satisfaction as Master, and that evening as Installing Master, he was more than repaid. For the jewel he thanked them, as it was a mark of approval, and of the good wishes of the most sincere and earnest Masons. He trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would give him many years of health and strength to see other Brethren come forward to the chair, and do the work as well as he had tried to do it.

Bro. Dee replied to the toast of the Initiate, and Bros. James Terry and J. M. McLeod to that of the Masonic Charities.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. Henry Hyde presided for the first time since his installation at a meeting of the Lodge held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., on Thursday of last week. He was assisted by his Officers: Bros. W. Athol Bray S.W., A. A. Butcher acting J.W., Charles Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, Charles J. Free P.M. Secretary, H. J. Rowberry S.D., Walter J. Carroll I.G. There were also present Bros. S. M. Jeffery P.M., Samuel Toyé P.M., John Stroud P.M., Edwin Hill P.M., F. W. Ward, John Anglis, D. Sasserath, W. E. Greenhouse, G. Norris, E. C. Holmes, C. W. Cooper, F. White, J. Bell, J. Baker.

The visitors were Bros. F. W. Pelling I.P.M. 1343, L. Bachine 2021, Joseph Hay 1622, F. R. Gurney S.D. 204 (Australia).

The Lodge was duly opened, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The only business before the Lodge was the raising of Bro. Walter Hurley, and he was regularly presented, and answered the questions necessary to prove his proficiency. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Hurley was admitted to the sublime degree, and took his seat as a Master Mason, the ceremony being admirably worked by the W.M.

Bro. Arthur Millington J.W. wrote regretting his absence, on account of illness, but forwarding a cheque towards the Benevolent Fund. When it was announced that the cheque was for fifty guineas the Brethren expressed their great gratification, and a vote of thanks was subsequently accorded him.

It was decided to support the appeal of a former member of the Lodge to the Board of Benevolence. The following grants were made: Five guineas to the widow of one of the Founders, ten pounds to a distressed Brother, and one guinea to the Guy's Hospital Fund. The resignation of one member was received with regret. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Auditors for their services in preparing the balance sheets. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to supper, after which a pleasant evening was spent.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

ON Saturday last a most successful meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, when the Brethren assembled in goodly numbers to witness the first working of the W.M. Bro. C. H. Knuth since his installation. Amongst those present were Bros. Charles Heinekey I.P.M., W. Wright S.W., F. H. Stollery J.W., J. Culver P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, J. Perrins S.D., A. E. Turner J.D., F. Smallbone I.G., A. J. Blake D.C., A. J. Brown and C. W. Davies Stewards, T. Bowler Tyler; Past Masters J. Bladon, W. H. Lowry, C. H. Cox; also Bros. G. Moore, J. Watson, F. Corbett, C. W. Payne, A. Perkins, J. King, C. Boyton, A. J. Brown, C. T. Cowley, J. Tucker, R. Jay, J. Jay, C. W. Davies, H. King, T. D. Pannett jun., C. W. Bailey, H. E. Toon, T. J. Jackson, H. Griggs, G. F. J. Broad, W. F. Norris, J. Watson W. H. Mackley, and others.

Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Haines, Boyton, Percy Grey, and others.

The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting was read and confirmed. Bros. J. O. Jay, Robert Jay, and John Tucker, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, were examined and entrusted for the second degree. The Lodge was advanced and those Brethren were subsequently passed as Fellow Crafts.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for Mr. William Gifford, as a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous in his favour, and that gentleman was duly admitted into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

The new Worshipful Master showed his ability by rendering the different ceremonies, including the ancient charge of the latter degree, in a perfect and impressive manner; the working, indeed, was highly appreciated by the Past Masters and other Brethren present.

After a few communications and other transactions the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the Brethren retired to the banqueting room of Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent repast was provided, under the able direction of Bro. W. G. Blanchette, the manager of the establishment.

The cloth being removed the W.M. proposed the usual toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and present and past Grand Officers, which toasts were 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 initiated the newly made Brother that evening and passed the other candidates was a great credit to him and the Lodge over which he presided.

The toast was received with considerable enthusiasm, as was the W.M. Bro. Knuth who, in reply, said he would but briefly acknowledge the kind words spoken of him. The Brethren could rest assured that his heart and soul were with the Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

The next toast the W.M. had very much pleasure to propose was that of the Initiate. The W.M. was sure that by the strict attention paid to the ceremony the new member would make an excellent Mason.

Bro. William Gifford sincerely thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them. He would do his best to deserve their confidence.

The next toast on the programme was that of the Visitors. The members were always pleased to see Visitors in the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and would always strive to give them a hearty welcome.

Replying, Bro. Percy Gray Assistant Secretary of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction thanked the W.M. most heartily for coupling his name with the Visitors, and thanked him and the Brethren for their kind reception. He congratulated the W.M. on his able working, especially his delivery of the charge of the first degree. He was sure the W.M. had gained his excellent knowledge of Freemasonry from the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, which he was pleased to say was under the direction of Bro. Walter Martin P.M. Assist. Grand Pursuivant as Preceptor, and he strongly advised the Brethren to join, as only practice would make them perfect.

Other Visitors also acknowledged the compliments the W.M. and Brethren had paid them.

The toasts of the Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary followed in due course, and were responded to in an appreciative manner.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a termination.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. Walter Perrins who, with the following artistes, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening and deserves great credit: Miss Violet Carter, Miss Theresa Kellaway, and Bro. W. Harmer.

DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

THE annual installation of this well-known and distinguished Lodge took place on Thursday, 11th inst., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, when a large number of Brethren and Visitors attended to honour Bro. Robert John Smerdon the W.M.-elect. The Lodge was under the presidency of Bro. R. D. Cummings P.M. P.Z. W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Lawrence P.M. I.P.M., R. J. Smerdon S.W., J. Nash P.M. J.W., W. Thomas P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Dixon P.M. Secretary, W. Mackie P.M. S.D., R. Gregory J.D., N. Robinson I.G., Samuel Garcia P.M. D.C., Dr. J. F. Haskins Prov.G.Organist Herts and P.P.G. Organist Essex Organist, Dr. Wholey P.M. Steward, R. H. Goddard Tyler, J. Corbett P.M., J. M. Smith P.M., W. J. Wetenhall, C. Coutts Michie, Isaac Crawford McLearn, J. H. Mitchell, A. Ingram, F. A. Baldwin, William Short, R. Handel Booth, G. M. Phillips, Joseph R. Musty, Edward E. Foley, James H. Moggridge, Thomas Moore, Charles Duval, F. L. Summers, W. T. Hawkin, Arthur James Shorter, R. Jefferson Dodd, Joseph Charles Steiner, and several others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. J. Thomas P.G.Stand.Br., J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.D., Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, James Terry P.G.Swd.Br., J. M. McLeod P.G.Swd.Br., J. Stebbing P.A.G.D.C. Essex, Kilt P.M., J. Thomason I.P.M. 2319, T. P. Bolton I.P.M. 1687, J. D. Hood S.W. 1668, J. H. Milton P.M. 2511, W. W. Lee P.P.G.D. Middx., J. Jarvis W.M. 862, H. Gregory W.M. 3, Rev. Davis, J. Meyer W.M. 2040, J. Whaley P.M. 172, G. Arnold P.M. 1331, J. Queenley W.M. 538, J. Wynman, &c., the attendance numbering upwards of seventy Brethren and Visitors.

The Lodge having been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. Smerdon S.W. Worshipful Master-elect was then presented to the W.M. to receive from his hands the benefit of installation, he first addressing the Brethren and then obligating the W.M.-elect. A large Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Robert John Smerdon was installed in the chair of K.S. and proclaimed W.M. of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, the ceremony being rendered in an impressive and faultless manner by Bro. R. D. Cummings P.M., who also delivered the three addresses, displaying his great ability to the unanimous satisfaction of every Brother present.

The newly installed Master invested his Officers in a most creditable manner, as follow: Bros. John Nash P.M. S.W., R. Gregory J.W., William Thomas P.M. P.Z. Treasurer, J. W. Dixon P.M. Secretary, Nathan Robinson P.M. S.D., Dr. Wholey P.M. J.D., F. Paterson I.G., Sam Garcia P.M. D.C., Dr. Haskins Organist, J. H. Mitchell and Alfred Ingram Stewards, and R. H. Goddard Tyler.

Bro. William Thomas Treasurer proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds to the widow of a late Brother, she being in deep distress. The charitable disposition of the Lodge was fully exemplified, the proposed grant being unanimously agreed to.

After a few letters had been read by the Secretary from Brethren expressing regret for non-attendance, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a superb banquet was provided, and well served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. King.

At the close of the repast the W.M. in most eloquent manner presented the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was heartily attended to.

In giving the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. said his Royal Highness was a most ardent worker, and took great and deep interest in the Craft.

The next toast the I.P.M. was very pleased to propose. It was that of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupling the names of Bros. Terry, McLeod, Eve, and other Officers of Grand Lodge who were present.

Bro. Eve, on behalf of himself and other Grand Officers, expressed the great pleasure they felt in being present in such strong force, to witness the installation ceremony, which was carried through to perfection, and reminded him of the time of the late Bro. Derby Allcroft. He had long known the Installing Master, and was delighted to witness his excellent working.

The next toast the I.P.M. had also very much pleasure to propose, it being that of the W.M. He had had the honour of giving the toast of the Grand Officers, but now he had a still greater pleasure in submitting that of the Worshipful Master of their Lodge, who might truthfully be described as the right man in the right place. He was sure he would be an ornament to the Lodge, and, without the slightest doubt, one of the best Masters the Derby Allcroft had ever known.

The W.M. was heartily received on rising to respond. He sincerely thanked those present for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. During his year of office he would do his very best, and he was sure with a body of such able Officers, he should give that satisfaction they all desired.

In proposing the toast of the I.P.M. the W.M. had very much pleasure in presenting his predecessor in the chair with a Past Master's jewel, and he might add it was presented with feelings of esteem and high appreciation for good services well rendered, in the hope that it might be worn in good health for many years to come.

Bro. Cummings I.P.M. thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their kindness. He could say he had had a most delightful year of office, and in one way he was sorry to leave the chair, but of course, according to the usual custom, he must make room for a successor, and he felt sure the Lodge was now in possession of a better Master than he had proved to be. What he had done for the Lodge he had done for the best. He was one of the last among the Founders of the Lodge who would be chosen to fill the chair, and he hoped he had done as much as those who had been before him to keep up the high reputation of the Lodge, and maintain it in the position they aimed at at the outset. The handsome jewel they had presented to him would be an everlasting memento of his term of Mastership. He thanked the Officers for their kindness during the past year, and also thanked Bro. Dixon Secretary in particular for his help.

The next toast was that of the Masonic Charities, which was well received and heartily acknowledged by Bros. Terry and McLeod, who made forcible appeals on behalf of their respective Institutions, and in the cause of Masonic Charity generally.

The toast of the Visitors was coupled with the names of Rev. Bro. Davis, Bro. Moss, Bro. Gregory, and others, and was proposed and received in hearty manner.

Rev. Bro. Davis said it was always a great pleasure to visit the Derby Allcroft Lodge. Many a time he had been present at its meetings, in fact all the Brethren seemed to know him now. The installation working he had seen that evening was beautiful, and he could but compliment the I.P.M. for his excellent rendering of the ritual. Again he sincerely thanked all for their kind reception.

Bro. Moss said he also considered it a double honour to be present again, as he had been on three or four previous occasions. He was a member of the Acton Lodge, and Bro. Cummings the I.P.M. being also connected with it, the splendid working he was capable of was well-known amongst the members.

The next toast was that of the Past Masters. Bro. J. Corbett was one of the Founders, and the one who put the Derby Allcroft on its legs. It was very gratifying to see him there, and he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing him for many years to come.

Bro. Corbett, in reply, sincerely thanked the W.M. for his very kind remarks, following on with some well chosen observations as to the excellence of Freemasonry and the kindness towards each other that should govern the actions of the Brethren. It was now twelve months since he was made an Honorary Member of the Lodge, a compliment he should never forget. He finished by wishing the Derby Allcroft every prosperity. Bro. Lawrence and other Past Masters also acknowledged the compliment paid them.

The Treasurer and Secretary's toast came next, and in reply Bro. Treasurer thanked all very heartily for their kindness. He would do his very best to continue to give satisfaction. Bro. Dixon Secretary also acknowledged the compliment paid him.

The W.M. did not forget to propose the toast of the Officers, saying that no W.M. could do without the co-operation of his Officers, which compliment the Senior and Junior Wardens duly acknowledged.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful evening, during which a choice selection of songs was given, the artistes being Bros. Charles Chilley, John Sundbrook, James Kift (who was deservedly encored), and Fred Russell, the latter of whom gave a ventriloquial sketch, which displayed more than ordinary ability.

ROYAL ROSE LODGE, No. 2565.

THIS Lodge, which was consecrated two years ago in connection with the 3rd Volunteer Battalion Royal Fusiliers, held its installation meeting on Monday, 8th inst., at head-quarters, Edward Street, Hampstead-road, Captain T. S. Carey Bates W.M. presiding.

The Worshipful Master having opened the Lodge, the Rev. Lord Theobald Butler was elected a joining member. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. was asked to instal the new Master. To him was thereupon presented Capt. Edward Pugh, who was formally installed in the chair as W.M. for the next twelve months, says the "City Press."

Before the Lodge was closed Capt. Carey Bates I.P.M. brought before the members the melancholy intelligence of the death of Capt. Gordon Carey Secretary of the Lodge, and stated that, as the Lodge was in vacation when the sorrowful event happened, he had not the opportunity of informing the Brethren at the time; but he had by himself taken all the necessary steps for showing respect to their deceased Brother, and since then he had received a letter from the widow in which she desired him to express to the Brethren her sincere thanks for the sympathy shown by them through him in her affliction. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in due course, the speeches being interspersed with some excellent singing.

Sir John Monckton responded to the toast of the Grand Officers, with which was incorporated the toast of the Installing Master, and said he was glad to be in a Lodge in which the members were in uniform, as he was a very old volunteer himself, and the new W.M. was also one, as well as an old officer of the Corporation. It had given him great pleasure to attend and instal his old friend, although the day appointed was the day before Lord Mayor's day. He had promised Captain Pugh that he would instal him, but the Captain did not tell him what the date was. Having promised, however, he had kept his word, although the night was inconvenient. He concluded by wishing the W.M. a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Captain Carey Bates I.P.M. proposed the Worshipful Master. Captain Pugh, he declared, would teach the Brethren during his year of office what they should do. They knew him very well as an officer of the battalion, and were aware how well he did his duty on field days, and how genial he was under very trying circumstances. They would find him equally genial, he was convinced, in the Lodge, and equally up to his duties.

Captain Pugh W.M., in replying, said that, with regard to his position as W.M., he thought it was somewhat premature to say anything. The Brethren had better wait and see what he could do, and then, at the end of his year, he might, perhaps, rise and say something to the toast. Captain Bates had said he attended to his military duties. Well, he always maintained the principle that what was worth doing at all was worth doing properly. At the end of his year, he hoped he should receive from all the Brethren the warm thanks that his predecessors, Captain Bates and Captain Benningfield, had been accorded for the way in which they had performed their duties in the chair.

He afterwards proposed the health of the I.P.M. Captain Carey Bates, whom he spoke of as one of the most popular officers of the corps. In the name and on behalf of the Lodge, he presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, hoping he would live long to wear it.

Captain Carey Bates I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast and the gift, said that, as it was not a field day, he had scarcely words to say what he would like to say. In the "Red Book" there was one saving clause—"Great discretion must be given to the captain." In Masonry they could not use that discretion, though on a field day they could, and some of them did. He felt that in his year of office he had some shortcomings. Before he went into the chair he thought he knew all the work backwards, but when he reached the chair he found he did not know it so very well after all. He had had a great deal of work to do, and he hoped the new W.M. would have as much. In the first two years twenty-seven members had been initiated, passed, and raised, and he hoped Captain Pugh would have at least half that number.

INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 19.

THERE was a very good meeting on Sunday, at Bro. C. J. Coombs's, the Cambrian, Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, W. Bro. A. Carlstrom

acted as W.M., with A. A. Butcher S.W., L. Davis J.W., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Preceptor, C. H. Denny P.M. Treasurer, J. Moar W.M. 813 Secretary, L. Lake S.D., F. Trotter J.D., A. W. Ashphant I.G., J. Walker, C. Morrison W.M. 1608, F. W. Kerswell, J. Wynman, T. Cleghorn P.M., R. Whitting P.M.

Bro. Walker, as candidate, was examined and entrusted for the second degree, which ceremony was rehearsed. The W.M., with the assistance of the Preceptor, worked the first section of the lecture, and then resumed the Lodge to the first degree, the second and third sections of which were rehearsed.

Bro. Butcher was elected W.M. for next meeting, during which Bro. Denny P.M. Treasurer will rehearse the ceremony of installation.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Sunday, 28th inst., at 6.30. The annual supper will take place on the following day (Monday), at 7 o'clock. Bro. Cottebrune Preceptor will preside.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

BEING Officers' night a very good meeting took place on Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge occupying the chair, with Bros. F. Wortham S.W., G. Weaver J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer, G. Mogford P.M. Secretary, C. E. Lilley S.D., W. Busby J.D., H. Bagnall I.G., T. Mogford W.M. 2362, G. A. Knight P.M., F. Beesley, E. White, H. Crookes, C. Halston, G. Meek, J. Wynman, Jackson Crow, J. T. Baron I.G. 1531, &c.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. Mogford was examined and entrusted. Bro. G. Meek being a Fellow Craft answered the questions and retired. The Lodge was advanced, and after the usual formalities the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Mogford acting as candidate. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree and called off and on. Resuming, the W.M. rehearsed the second ceremony, Bro. White as the candidate.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, 18th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bro. R. W. Robinson W.M., F. J. Larkman S.W., J. Dinnis J.W., John H. Cumming Secretary, J. Phillips S.D., C. Humble J.D., R. H. Williams Preceptor, H. R. Worth Steward, J. W. Blaydes I.G., F. M. Ridley, R. Smith, and H. T. Johnson.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cumming being candidate, the W.M. giving the charge in perfect style. The Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Smith answered the questions leading to the second degree, and after the Lodge was opened up was duly passed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and the first section of that lecture worked by the Brethren, under the direction of Bro. Preceptor.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

ON Wednesday, 10th inst., at Bro. Percy Day's, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, Bro. William H. Latham W.M., Walter Tyler S.W., William Amis J.W., Aylway V. H. Paunceforth P.M. Preceptor, James Curtly Tilt P.M. Secretary, Alexander Clarkson S.D., Chas. W. Hall J.D., P. Greenwood Hartley I.G., Henry Dehane P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Thos. H. Pate, Jas. Scarlett, Percy Day, and Henry T. Kobelt.

Bro. Kobelt was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Kobelt worked three Sections of the Lecture, with the aid of the Brethren.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday afternoon, at Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth's "Stone's" Restaurant, 24 Pantom Street, Haymarket, Bro. E. R. Wetton W.M., J. A. Klempner S.W., F. Walker J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, I. W. Simeons Sec., A. W. Musk S.D., J. K. Warwick J.D., C. W. Deger I.G., E. C. Mulvey P.M. P.Z. Grand Pursuivant, A. Bebrouth W.M., W. Rudderforth P.M., E. Nice, E. Mills, A. G. Hyem, A. Butcher, W. West, J. Morris, C. Wilkenson, J. Hambly, A. Meun, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was regularly opened and advanced to the second degree, when the W.M. intimated his intention of rehearsing the third ceremony. Bro. E. C. Mulvey offered himself as candidate, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a perfect manner and without the slightest hitch. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Bro. A. Bebrouth I.P.M. 2411 offered himself as a candidate for passing. He was examined and entrusted, and the Lodge being opened in the second degree, the ceremony was rehearsed.

Bro. J. A. Klempner was proposed as W.M. for Monday, but being unable to attend, the J.W. Bro. F. Walker will take his place, he coming on for the succeeding Monday.

Bro. Nice proposed that Bro. E. C. Mulvey be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, which Bro. Klempner seconded. Bro. Woodrow P.M. had much pleasure in supporting the proposition, saying they were always pleased to welcome new members, especially such as Bro. Mulvey—a Grand Officer. He would be pleased if he would accept the position, a sentiment fully endorsed by the acting W.M. The motion was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Mulvey, in reply, said they could not imagine how proud he felt at the honour they had shown him in electing him an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. He complimented Bro. Woodrow on his ability as a Preceptor, which had produced such excellent work as he had witnessed that afternoon.

Bro. W. West was elected a member, which compliment was duly acknowledged.

The annual dinner takes place on Monday, 29th inst., when Bro. C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor will occupy the chair.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

ON Tuesday, 9th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High Street, Kensington. Bro. J. J. Rumball W.M. 1767 W.M., Walter Wesché S.W., J. H. Cotten J.W., W. B. Neville P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., Past Masters S. W. Keene, C. G. Hatt, W. H. Dresden, W. Hillier Preceptor; J. T. Davies S.D., Maurice Moss J.D., A. Williams P.M. I.G., A. J. Taylor Steward, F. O. Harke, K. von Donat, H. Stokes, J. J. Gilbert, J. A. Battersby, H. Robinson, J. W. H. Byrne, and F. A. Ackerman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keene acting candidate.

The Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Rumball vacated the chair in favour of the Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Wesché acting as W.M.-elect, and Bro. Treasurer acting as D.O. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Wesché having been placed in the chair of K.S., the Brethren saluted in the three degrees, the Lodge being resumed as required. Bro. Wesché invested his Officers.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 10th inst., Bros. Fennell W.M., Joss S.W., Bird J.W., Boyce P.M. S.D., W. Johnson J.D., Goodman I.G., De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, Thoruton Sec., Pollock, Soar, Britten, Anthony, F. A. Slater, Absolom, Gillard, Warn P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pollock acting as candidate. The Brethren assisted Bro. Boyce P.M. to work the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture. Bro. Anthony answered the questions leading to the second degree.

The fifteen sections will be worked at this Lodge on the 24th inst.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

ON Monday, at the Whittington Restaurant, Moor Lane, E.C., Bro. J. D. Meyers W.M., J. Saqui S.W., A. Haines J.W., C. B. Cutchey P.M. acting Preceptor, Percy Gray Assistant Secretary, F. J. Holsworth S.D., F. E. Sims J.D., A. Jones I.G., C. H. Knuth W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Williams, Frohlick, Wright, Wynman, and others.

Bro. Knuth kindly offered himself as a candidate for the third degree, answered the questions, and was entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed in a very creditable manner.

Bro. Saqui was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Monday in December.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

ON Friday, 5th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, the usual weekly meeting was held under the presidency of Bro. R. H. Nicholls Treasurer W.M., James Barnett S.W., John B. Schrader J.W., H. G. Holland P.M. Preceptor, Henry T. Kobelt acting Secretary, Henry Tull S.D., J. W. Hunt J.D., W. G. Read I.G., H. Roberts, E. Burgess, Joseph Lamb, James Mayhew, and C. T. H. Drake.

Bro. Lamb, acting as a candidate to be passed, was examined and entrusted, and the second ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Burgess, acting as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted, and that ceremony was rehearsed.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge in the first degree. Bro. James Mayhew, of the Christ Hospital Lodge, No. 2670, was elected a member. A resolution was duly carried to commence the meetings in future at 7.30 p.m., instead of 8 o'clock.

THIS young but flourishing and hard working Lodge assembled on Friday, 12th inst., at 7.30, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., when the chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. R. H. Nicholls the well-known S.W. of the Mother Lodge, who was assisted by Bros. J. B. Schrader Organist of the Mother Lodge as S.W., H. Tull J.W., H. G. Holland P.M. Preceptor, F. E. Soper Sec., H. Ramsbottom S.D., W. G. Read J.D., J. Olsen I.G., Neville P.M., J. Jones, C. G. Ridgway, J. Lamb, J. M. Mayhew, R. Brown, J. Barnett, H. C. Wootton, and J. Wynman.

Brother Past Master Neville offered himself as a candidate for the first degree, which ceremony was rehearsed. The second ceremony was next gone through, with Bro. J. Barnett acting as candidate. The two ceremonies were rehearsed in such a perfect manner as is seldom witnessed, and reflected great credit on Bro. J. H. Holland Preceptor, as showing the attention he has bestowed on his pupils.

Bro. Neville had much pleasure in informing the Brethren that the annual supper of the St. John Lodge of Instruction (which is held at the Court House, Harlesden) would take place the following Thursday, and trusted the W.M. and Brethren would be able to attend, just as some of the Brethren of the St. John Lodge of Instruction did when the Hugh Owen had their annual ball. Bro. Nicholls W.M., in reply, said the St. John Lodge of Instruction had given them great support on the occasion spoken of. He should be very pleased to attend, and strongly advised the Brethren to do so, as he was sure they would have a most enjoyable evening.

Brother Schrader was elected to preside at the next meeting.

Brethren wishing to attend a Lodge of Instruction on Friday evenings could not do better than pay this Lodge a visit. Past Master Holland Preceptor will be pleased to give any instruction, and is well qualified for his post.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL be worked in the undermentioned Lodges of Instruction, on the dates given:

In the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805, on Wednesday, 24th inst., at the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E., at 7 p.m. Bro. I. Goulston S.W. 1349 W.M., J. De Casseres P.M. 1349 Preceptor S.W., Ben Johnson P.M. 1805 J.W., L. A. Da Costa P.M. 1349 I.P.M., F. Thornton Sec.

First Lecture, Bros. W. Joss 1805, Corper J.W. 1349, C. Holland J.W. 1804, M. Da Costa S.W. 1349, L. A. Da Costa P.M. 1349, Basil Stewart P.M. 1278, F. A. Slater S. 1804.

Second Lecture, Bros. G. Fennell W.M. 1805, A. Calver P.M. 933, J. Oxley P.M. 1306, J. De Casseres P.M. 1349, L. Simons 1278.

Third Lecture, Bros. Harris W.M. 1349, Arter P.M. 1278, I. Davis P.M. 1349.

In the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834. First Lecture worked yesterday. Second and Third Lectures on Friday, 26th inst., at the Six Bells, Queen Street, Hammersmith, commencing at 8 p.m. Bro. William Hillier P.M. 1366 2090 Preceptor of St. John Lodge of Instruction W.M., J. Knight J.W. 861 S.W., W. J. Coplestone P.M. 834 J.W., A. Williams P.M. 834 2090 Preceptor of the Lodge I.P.M., W. Hinds W.M. 185 Treasurer, F. Craggs P.M. 834 Secretary.

Second Lecture, Bros. James Banks S.W. 834, A. J. Clayton Organist 865, W. J. Coplestone P.M. 834, Robert Reid S.W. 1275, F. Craggs P.M. 834.

Third Lecture, Bros. A. Williams P.M. 834, W. Hinds W.M. 185, and W. Williams P.M. 834.

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.

4 Rl. Som. Ho. & Pness, F.M.H.
26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel
28 Old King Arms, F.H.
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrew, Albion
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
1540 Chaucer, Southwark
1632 Stuart, Camberwell
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
1828 Shepherd's Bush, S'pherd's B'sh
1910 Shadwell Clerke, M'kmasons'-h.
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
2397 Columbia, Criterion
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
353 Royal Sussex, Winshill
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
1991 Agricola, York
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.
2257 Powell, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.
2429 Research, Leicester
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
165 Hon. & Gen'sity, Inns of Co.Ho.
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel
1158 Southern Star, Southwark
1348 Ebury, Criterion
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
2108 Empire, Criterion
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham
253 Tyrian, Derby
564 Stability, Stourbridge
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Manchester
1390 Whitwell, Millon
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch't'm.
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's
2414 Wychwood, Burford

Wednesday.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall
201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
754 High Cross, Tottenham
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons'-hall
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall
1818 Clapham, Criterion
2332 Borough of G'n'wich, E. G'wich
2395 Avondale, Brixton
2416 Hiram, Freemasons'-hall
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross
2562 Papyrus, Criterion
32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
250 Minerva, Hull
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton
540 Stuart, Bedford
651 Brecknock, Brecon
724 Derby, Liverpool
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
887 Leigh, Birmingham

996 Sondes, East Dereham
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1343 Saint John, Grays
1633 Avon, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown
1723 St. George, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2186 Striguil, Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
2357 Barry, Cadroxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2435 Wineslai, Winslow
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Thursday.

General Committee Girls School,
Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons'-hall
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall
507 United Pilgrims, Southwark
766 William Preston, Cannon-st. H.
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
871 Royal Oak, Deptford
1421 Langthorne, Ilford
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
1563 City of Westminster, Café Royal
1608 Kilburn, Regent Street
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
1974 St. Mary Abbott, Kensington
2012 Chiswick, Criterion
2192 Highbury, Highbury
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel
2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet Street
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of C't Ho
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Middleton
111 Restoration, Darlington
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
403 Hertford, Hertford
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
772 Pilgrim, Glastonbury
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Norwich
809 United Good F'ship., Wisbech
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
966 St. Edward, Leek
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1313 Fermor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1392 Egerton, Bury
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Clay'n-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypidd
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1630 St. Michael, Coventry

1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoeburyness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester
2418 Hedworth, South Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons'
Hall, at 4.
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall

569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café R'y'l.
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H.
602 North York, Middlesbrough
810 Craven, Skipton
1295 Gooch, New Swindon
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1725 Douglas, Maidstone
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

1584 Loyalty and Charity, Frascati
1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
2472 Walthamstow, Walthamstow
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
1579 St. James, Enfield
2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton

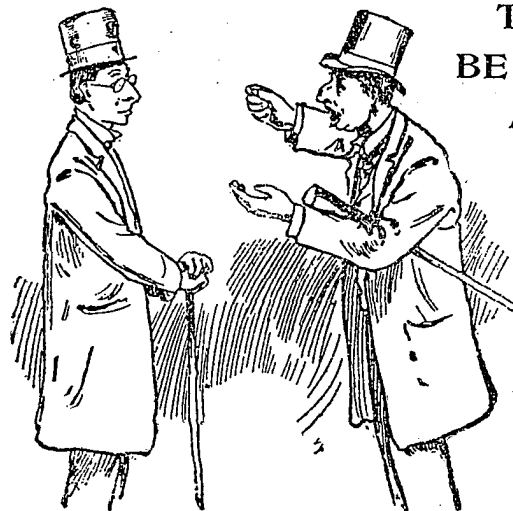
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A Brother of the writer, who has been in almost all lands under the sun, has never failed in proving a Mason among all the races of the earth he has travelled amongst—a singular testimony to the wide-spread influence of the mystic tie that binds, and further has always found the helpfulness loyalty of one Brother to the other, wherever met, whether on the lonely desert of Sahara, on the plains of India, in the tropics of Africa, in the mines of Siberia, among the musical and song-loving Hawaiians, the wilds of Borneo, or on the fragrant spice-laden Isle of Ceylon. In fact, in some of the most remote countries visited he has found a Mason, and it is a refreshing experience to feel the grasp of Brotherhood and the kindly interest taken in one's welfare, and the stick-to-it-iveness of a Mason to the other when far from home. Perhaps a most singular instance of this truth may be cited: Some years ago, being a member of an expeditionary force in the Arctic regions, the ship got locked up in the ice-bound sea. Time became somewhat monotonous. One day, venturing out for a run, he, with a companion, and with dogs and sled, were caught in a snowstorm. Having lost their bearings, they finally reached land after three days. Seeing a dim light afar off they soon drew to a hut tenanted by an Icelander, his wife and two children. Gaining admittance to the inside, they were fed and tended to by the occupants. To the surprise of both, the Icelander proved to be a Mason, and pressed them to stay for two days, till rested and refreshed. The Brothers took leave of each other, never to meet again here below.

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Lyceum.—8, Hamlet. Saturdays, 2 only.

Drury Lane.—7-45, The White Heather. Matinée, Saturday, 1-45.

Haymarket.—8-30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.

Lyric.—8-15, Il Piccolo Haydn. 9, Fashionable intelligence. 10, The Cat and the Cherub. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Adelphi.—8, In the days of the Duke. (Last day.)

Garrick.—8-20, La Périochole. Matinée, Saturday, 27th, 2-30.

Daly's.—8-15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Vaudeville.—8-15, The Cape Mail. 9, Never again. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

Prince of Wales's.—8-15, La Poupée. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Savoy.—7-40, Old Sarah. 8-20, The Yeoman of the Guard. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30. (Last day.)

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

Terry's.—7-50, Apron Strings. 8-20, The French Maid. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30.

Criterion.—8-15, The Liars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.

St. James's.—8, The Tree of Knowledge. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

Comedy.—8-10, The Guinea Stamp. 9, One Summer's day. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Court.—8-30, The Vagabond King. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Shaftsbury.—8-15, The Scarlet Feather. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Princess's.—8, Two little Vagabonds. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.

Royalty.—8-15, A bit of old Chelsea. 9, Oh! Susannah! Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Parkhurst.—Next week, at 8, Popular Plays.

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