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CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOLS.

THE lists of candidates for the April elections of the two Educational Institutions have now been settled, and present features which may be described as satisfactory, it being possible to provide for upwards of one half of the approved candidates when the regular time for the poll comes round.

In the case of the Boys School, the election for which is fixed for Friday, 15th April, there are fifty candidates, of whom twenty-seven can be admitted, while in the case of the Girls School, the election for which takes place the following day, Saturday, 16th April, there are only twenty-six candidates, for whom fifteen vacancies have been declared.

The Boys School list contains six candidates whose age precludes them from taking part in a subsequent election, should they be unsuccessful in April, while there are four candidates similarly circumstanced on the ballot paper for the sister Institution. These ten cases, at least, should be attended to, as the others, no matter how deserving, can be brought forward again if they are not admitted at the coming election.

A NOTABLE DISCOVERY!

ONE of the disadvantages of belonging to a Society so ancient and so firmly established as is Freemasonry is that the members seldom, if ever, have an opportunity of hearing of anything that is fresh in connection with the Order. More modern organisations have frequent opportunities of celebrating events, and making special rejoicings in regard to different matters, which are denied to Freemasonry, for the reason that its founders and its foundation are forgotten in the remote ages of antiquity, and it is regarded as impossible to fix any reliable data for much that would provide suitable material for "special" assemblies. Recognising all this it may be imagined with what feelings of lively satisfaction we were asked to publish an announcement to the effect that "Just as we go to press we hear that invitations have been issued to numerous experts and distinguished Brethren, to meet in the Board Room of General Purposes Committee, Freemasons' Hall, London, on Tuesday next, to examine into no less a subject than the discovery of the Genuine Secrets of a M.M. If this discovery is confirmed a new era will commence in Craft Masonry." We can well understand with what excitement the writer of this information transmitted it to the press—excitement so great that he even forgot to sign his name, or give any clue to his identity. But perhaps this small omission was the outcome of his great modesty, for the Brother who could bring about such a result as is here foreshadowed would win a name for himself among his fellows as would place him on the highest

pinnacle of fame, or perhaps—but no, we will not pursue the matter any further, jokes are so rare in Freemasonry that we must not put a damper on the enthusiast who seeks to depart a little from the beaten track. Has our Brother read the paragraph we last week quoted from the "Graphic," in which a fair writer appeared to discover for herself the genuine secrets of the Craft, summed up in the one expressive word—Vanity? If not, we would advise him to take the lesson to heart and seek to discover for himself how much truth there is in this latest exposure of Freemasonry. "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity," said the Preacher, and why should Freemasonry be any exception to the rule?

R. M. I. BOYS.

THE leaders among the unsuccessful candidates at the October election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have been singularly fortunate since that contest took place, no less than six of them having been received into the School to fill extraordinary vacancies which have arisen the last few months. In our issue of the 8th inst we gave details in regard to five of these extra vacancies, while the latest has been filled by the Board of Management admitting Leonard Oliver Manley—a London boy, who stood with 2,179 votes to his credit at the conclusion of the last election—to the benefits of the Institution.

This reduces the list of candidates for the next election from fifty-one to fifty, from whom twenty-seven boys are to be elected at the contest in April.

Owing to the lamented death of Mr. C. P. Villiers, the distinction of "Father of the House of Commons" will now fall upon our respected and esteemed Brother William W. Bramston Beach, who has been the Parliamentary representative of North Hants, without a break, since 1857. Bro. Beach has been Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight since 1st June 1869, and has frequently presided at the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge. It will also be remembered that at the recent celebration of the Bi-centennial Festival at St. Paul's Cathedral, he represented H.R.H. the Grand Master, and his services are ever at the disposal of the Brethren and the Craft. We trust he will live long to enjoy his newest title—a complimentary one, it is true, but very expressive, in view of the long record needed to acquire it, and the ever recurring changes in political life.

There is a laudable ambition on the part of those who carry on the literary work of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, to secure suitable premises for its valuable library, and where Masonic students may work and consult, and to this end the W.M. Brother Sydney T. Klein appeals to the members of the Corresponding Circle to get other Brethren to become subscribers. The Lodge, during the twelve years it has been in existence, has done more than any other branch of Masonry in spreading Masonic knowledge and bringing to light much of its history that had been deemed lost, or had been unknown. It continues this great work, and with an increased membership the proposal to secure premises for library, museum, and offices, could, in the opinion of Brother Klein, be accomplished.

ARCHITECTURE AND MASONIC HISTORY.

AN interesting lecture was delivered on the 18th inst., at the regular meeting of the Glasgow St. John's Lodge, No. 3bis, on the subject of our heading.

A recent controversy on the Glasgow Cathedral has awakened general interest in the grand old pile of Masonry, and Bros. Jas. Chalmers and C. E. Morgan having specially interested themselves in the architectural arrangements, made the discovery that the Cathedral of Glasgow had been built on the plan of King Solomon's Temple, as described in the Bible. In the lecture, which was illustrated by limelight views, these Brethren set themselves the task of demonstrating their reasons for the contention, and descriptions of the plans of the two buildings were given. Time, however, did not permit the lecturers to go into the subject so fully as they wished, and another lecture on the subject is probable.

Brother Chalmers, referring to the recent controversy, said that no architect, however eminent, had been able to explain the motive of the man who designed the crypt. It was evident the explanation could not be found in architectural routine or religious symbolism. It naturally remained to consider whether or not Freemasonry among its many secrets contained a solution of this very intricate but interesting problem. No doubt the Cathedral was full of Masonic symbols, and it was a question for decision whether the design could be explained by religious symbolism, as we now knew it, or required the light of Masonry. It was reasonable to regard the original architect as a Freemason.

Bro. Chalmers showed early documents held by Masons, such as old Constitutions and companionships and other ancient societies, which there was reasonable ground for believing existed in the thirteenth century.

After giving a short history of what led to the present lecture, Brother Morgan dealt in detail with a comparison of the plan of the crypt with that of Solomon's Temple, and expressed the opinion that this was the key to the design. He also showed wherein some of the most valuable symbolisms could be found in the crypt.

Brother Chalmers, in turn, stated that he had extended inquiries to the nave and lady chapel of the Cathedral, and had found more advanced symbols.

The installation of Bro. Alfred Atkin, as Worshipful Master of the Borough Lodge, No. 2589, took place on Wednesday, at the Bridge House Hotel. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

Lieut.-Colonel the Earl of Stradbroke, President of the National Artillery Association, was installed on Wednesday as Worshipful Master of the National Artillery Lodge, No. 2578, in succession to Major H. Vane Stow, Secretary of the N.A.A.

Bro. Wm. Shurmur P.G. Standard Br. must be a busy man, but it may fairly be said of him that he is never tired of good works. In addition to the calls made upon him by his public and private avocations, and his numerous attendances at Masonic meetings, he still finds time to encourage local worth by lending his influence, and often his presence, at functions which persons of his position frequently ignore. Only a short time since we heard of him making a presentation to a well known but humble railway official at Walthamstow, and now we read of his presiding at a meeting of the local postmen, and cheering them with kindly words delivered in his most genial manner. It is no wonder that he is so popular.

At the regular meeting of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, held on the 19th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, the members took the opportunity of presenting Bro. John Houlding P.P.G.S.W. and Senior P.M. of the Lodge, Lord Mayor of Liverpool, with a congratulatory address on his elevation to the position of chief magistrate of the city. The presentation was made on behalf of the Lodge by the W.M. Bro. Joseph Bennett, who congratulated his Lordship on the high post he had attained as Lord Mayor of his native city. The W.M. also gave expression to the high feeling of regard and respect in which Bro. Houlding was held, not only by the members of the Everton Lodge, but amongst Freemasons generally. The Lord Mayor, in

acknowledging the address, warmly thanked the Lodge for their expression of goodwill towards him, and said their gift would have an honoured place in his house. He assured them that throughout his Masonic career the Everton Lodge had always the first place in his heart. The address was beautifully illuminated, and was in album form.

We may again remind our readers of the date of the annual North London Masonic Ball, which will take place on Thursday next, 27th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., where the whole suite of rooms have been engaged, as well as the large halls, so as to ensure the comfort of the large number who are expected to be present.

On Thursday, 6th inst., under the auspices of the Royal St. Edmund and the Abbey Lodges, and under the distinguished patronage of Lord Henniker P.G.M. Suffolk, Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M., and other members of the Craft, a Masonic ball was held in the Athenæum Hall, Bury, and was greatly enjoyed by a large company.

The annual ball in connection with the Southampton Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion Place, Southampton, on Tuesday, 11th inst., when a company of between sixty and seventy assembled, and spent a very enjoyable evening. The committee, from the funds realised by these Lodge dances, recently purchased a Life vote for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in the name of Bro. Fairweather, in recognition of his services as Hon. Secretary for two or three seasons.

In aid of the Centenary Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Brethren of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 370, Liskeard, held a successful and enjoyable dance at the Public Hall, on Wednesday, 12th inst. A number of Brethren, with their ladies and friends, came from Looe, Duloe, St. Germans, and other parts of the district, and as the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe had granted a dispensation to wear Masonic clothing and jewels, the scene was a gay and brilliant one.

The tenth annual ball of Newcastle Freemasons took place on the 13th, in the Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, Newcastle. About 115 couples were present. The Mayor (Ald. Sanderson) and Mayoress of Newcastle accepted invitations to be present, as well as many well-known members of the Craft. The arduous duties of looking after the general arrangements were efficiently carried out by the Hon. Secretary Bro. F. W. Sykes P.M. P.P.G.SwordB. General surprise and pleasure were expressed at the manner in which the supper room was decorated, and at the ample arrangements for supper. Instead of long tables being placed along the room, round tables were substituted, thus materially adding to the comfort of the guests. Dancing was kept up until 3 a.m., and at the close the general impression appeared to be that it had been one of the most successful balls ever held in connection with the Craft.

The sixth annual Smoking Concert of "Ye Olde Friends" (organised by the Managers of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited) will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Friday, 4th February next, commencing at 8 p.m. precisely. Mr. T. M. Browning will occupy the chair, and will be supported by the following Committee: Messrs G. T. King (Treasurer), W. Blanchette, H. Cheesman, M. Fournier, F. A. Heymer, C. Humberst, C. James, F. R. Janetsky, L. E. Lefevre, O. Luer, T. Platten, H. Reed, J. K. Taylor, A. Thomson, S. F. Vandyke, R. Vorley, G. A. Wells, F. Williams, C. Wohlschlager, and G. A. Farnan (Hon. Sec.). We hope the usual success will attend the gathering, especially as we believe the proceeds will be devoted to some good cause, as has been the case in previous years.

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MASONRY'S INFLUENCE EVER INCREASES.

At no time in the world's history was the influence which Masonry can exert for good more necessary than to-day. At no time was such influence more far reaching than at this closing period of the nineteenth century. At no time has the institution itself been better understood and more fully appreciated than in the time in which we live. In a country, and at a time when the masses of men are fairly educated, we may anticipate the very best results in the growth and development of the Institution of Freemasonry, because under such conditions men will come to know that their fellow men, their neighbours, belonging to this institution, are not united together for merely selfish ends, nor in pursuit of a phantom, but at heart aim to aid each other, in every way, to lead better lives, to obtain a better aspect of the truth, to understand that the aim to create brotherhood among men can be in fact realised. The Lodge becomes a type of life. What is attainable in this respect in a circumscribed way, at first, can be expanded to embrace a community, a state, a nation. And the breadth and scope of the principles of Masonry are such that it can carry forward to complete consummation the doctrine of universal brotherhood among men. Every citizen, or subject, in the world, accepting its principles, possessing suitable fitness, no matter where his allegiance may be, may belong to the fraternity. And while the world grows and expands to a better view of truth and justice, Masonry itself sets its aim higher, and becomes more and more to each one of us every year and every day.—Edward O'Rourke G.M. Indiana, in "Voice of Masonry."

LADIES' NIGHT AT THE CHOUGH LODGE.

THE annual dance, supper and concert of this popular Lodge, No. 2264, took place on Tuesday, at the Cannon Street Hotel, when over 150 members and friends enjoyed a most successful evening.

Bro. W. Vincent Jull Worshipful Master presided, and was most ably assisted by the following Officers and members of the Committee:—W. B. Marcus P.M., J. W. Dewsnap P.M., E. T. Edwards P.M., Saqui S.W., J. Almond J.W., A. Haynes S.D., Frohlich J.D., J. W. Cox, E. J. Williams, H. A. Milner, H. R. Krall, W. M. Lowe, S. V. Da Cruz, &c., while amongst the guests were many highly distinguished members of the Craft.

Under the able management of the Director of Ceremonies a full programme of dances was gone through, and the general success of the meeting was evidenced by the way in which the ladies appeared to enjoy themselves. The supper was served in the style so well known to Brethren and others who have had the pleasure of partaking of such at this world famed house.

Three toasts were submitted: the Queen, the Worshipful Master, and the Ladies.

Bro. E. T. Edwards P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said he felt sure that in Bro. Vincent Jull they had a president of whom they were all proud, one who, he was convinced, would reflect great credit on the Lodge. He therefore had the greatest pleasure in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master.

The W.M. was received with an ovation on rising. He said he felt the present was one of the proudest moments of his life, and was sure that every Brother who succeeded to the post of W.M. in the Chough Lodge would look forward to such a meeting as the crowning point of their career in the Lodge.

The W.M. now proposed the health of the ladies. He said that on all open occasions of the Lodge the Brethren were pleased to receive the ladies amongst them, for while they all endeavoured to contribute to their enjoyment the ladies were greatly adding to the pleasures of the Brethren. He trusted that on a future occasion they would see the ladies again around the festive board.

The selection of vocal music was under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee Organist of the Lodge, and the following artistes assisting him added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening:—Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Florence Venning, Bro. Herbert Emlyn, and Mr. Musgrove Tufnail.

Dancing was kept up till an early hour in the morning.

THE OLD MASONIANS' ASSOCIATION.

THIS association, which is an organisation formed of ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, is enjoying a prosperous twelfth year of existence.

To some it may be news that the school has just completed its centenary, and that to commemorate the event it is proposed to found a new Masonic Lodge to be called the Old Masonians' Centenary Lodge. The head-quarters of the Lodge will be at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, which are also the head-quarters of the present association.

On Friday the members of the latter assembled at one of the series of "At Homes" arranged for the winter months, Mr. Vincent Lee presiding. Remembering how scattered the members of such an association necessarily become, the attendance must be considered in every way an encouraging one. Amongst the company were Mr. R. H. Ward, Mr. R. H. Williams, Mr. R. S. Chandler, Mr. R. E. Barnes, and Mr. C. Patrick O'Doherty. The evening was very pleasantly passed with vocal and instrumental music, and Mr. Horace Lewis (the Hon. Secretary) is to be complimented upon securing so capable a body of artistes. Those contributing to the programme included Miss Byon Sault, Madame Ta Bois, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. C. P. O'Doherty, Mr. A. S. West, Mr. Alec Thorne, Mr. C. W. Barber (mandoline), and Mr. A. H. Stephenson, with Mr. W. Moore-Saunders as the accompanist. The usual votes of thanks closed an eminently successful evening.

On Thursday, 10th February, a special fixture is announced, in the form of a concert to aid the Benevolent Grant Fund in connection with the association.—"City Press."

The Friars Lodge of Instruction has taken up new quarters at the Aldgate Distillery, Whitechapel High Street, and the meetings will in future be held there on Thursday evenings, at 8 o'clock.

The portrait intended for Bro. R. B. Reed D.Prov. G.M.M. Northumberland and Durham, to which we referred last week, will be presented to Bro. Reed about the middle of the year, at a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Alnwick.

Others beside Freemasons will be interested to know that the Order is so successful in Torquay that a Masonic Temple, the first of its kind in the West of England, is about to be erected, says the "Western Mercury." The undertaking is being promoted by the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, founded in 1872 by Bro. J. Chapman P.P.G.D. and others, and the location of the building on the Tor Hill Estate is at once central and within easy distance of both railway stations. Subject to the completion of certain negotiations, in all probability the Temple will be finished during the term of office of the present W.M. Bro. Charles Hill.

One thing particularly appeals to me about Freemasonry, and probably has a good deal to do with the strong hold which the Order has on business men, and that is the admirable management of the Masonic charities. It is, therefore, pleasant to learn from the annual reports that the Brethren, unlike most people interested in good works, have had no cause to complain of the Diamond Jubilee. On the contrary, they turned it to excellent account at the Albert Hall, where the fees for admission to the gathering presided over by the Prince of Wales amounted to no less than £7,240. Half of this sum, however, was loyally handed over to the Hospital Fund. But apart from the balance, which went to the charities, the subscriptions for 1897 amounted to £71,837 19s 11d, a record total since the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution in 1892.—"African Critic."

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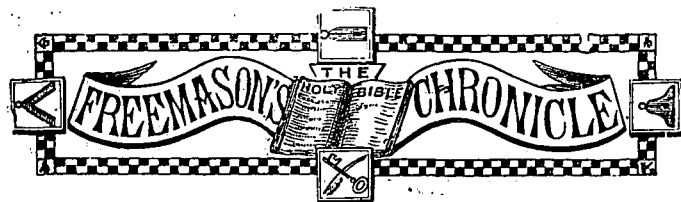
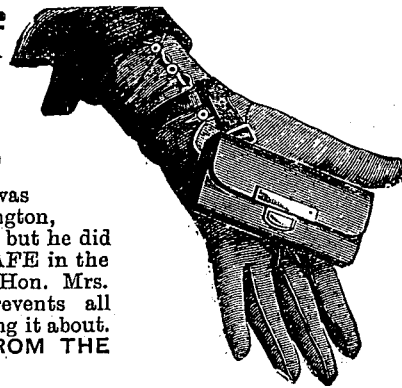
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SATURDAY, 22ND JANUARY 1898.

When we reported the Installation meeting of the Confidence Lodge we should have made a special reference to Brother Frank Kennard's Shadowgraph séance, the performance being one of marvellous manual dexterity, and highly appreciated by the Brethren present. Bro. Kennard has been honoured by the Royal command to appear before the Queen and Royal Family on several occasions, and has a wide reputation in the particular entertainment he provides.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1571.

An emergency meeting of this well known Lodge took place on Wednesday, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, Bros. J. Hampson W.M., J. Langford S.W., G. Howell J.W., W. Carey P.M. Treas., E. J. Morgan P.M. Sec., E. A. Morris S.D., Percy Leach J.D., J. Duffield P.M. D.C., H. Lee acting I.G., J. Payne Stewart, A. G. Young P.M. Tyler, W. Packer P.M., A. Simmonds, W. Coad, W. M. Egles, James Durell, Joseph Durell, C. Whitefield, J. Lattimer, and several others.

Visitor: Bro. J. K. Pitt P.P.G.Std.B. Surrey.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees and resumed in the second, when Bros. Joseph and James Durell, and James Lattimer were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was advanced and those Brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. Percy Brownfield was presented for the second ceremony. Having proved himself qualified in the first degree he was entrusted, and the Lodge being advanced he was promoted to the rank of Fellow Craft.

The excellent working of the W.M. was highly appreciated by all the Brethren, and well earned hearty good wishes having been tendered, the Lodge was closed in due form and the Brethren retired to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was provided.

The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly attended to, while several of the Brethren added to the enjoyment of the evening. Amongst them was Bro. W. Packer, who favoured the Brethren with some delightful songs. Bro. Arthur E. Kipps was the accompanist.

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BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

THE Brethren of this Lodge assembled on Tuesday, at the Café Monico, Regent Street, W., to celebrate the annual festival and to witness the installation of the new Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. L. S. Genese, the outgoing Master, presided, and was supported by Bros. Edward Terry P.G.T., W. M. Stiles P.G.T., Wm. A. Scurrah P.G.S.B., B. Da Costa P.M. 1349, C. Coleman P.M. 1425, W. B. Trick P.M. 1366, Hy. Lazarus W.M. 1668, G. Lavin 1668, Henry J. Thomas P.M. 753, H. Chetham W.M. 1017, T. Rosalke W.M. 205, Max Mendelssohn P.M. 212, F. W. Warne 1180, J. W. Calverley 2669, G. H. Paine 2048, H. A. Badman D.C. 2551, T. Moysey 2128, A. Isaacs 683, C. J. Pinnell 211, E. W. Jelley 706, Cecil Dickenson 1704, Alf. H. Cooper J.W. 2551, F. Islip S.W. 1270, W. McG. Reed 1695, J. S. Keith 2551, Albert H. Collings S.W. 211, J. Marcus J.W. 205, J. Harrison Hogg 130, Percy C. Cooper 2551, Lawrence Cohen 1017, Reuben Marcus 205, S. Genese 188.

Past Masters:—J. Hodgkyns, T. M. Myers, C. Van Dyk, H. Barnato, J. B. Joel, H. J. Phillips; and Bros. Alec. Abrahams, S. Isaacs, N. Gluckstein, H. C. Adams, L. A. Button, L. E. White, Stafford F. Jones, T. H. Smith, J. J. Harward, F. J. Street, Geo. Harwood, J. Myers, H. Fletcher Campbell, E. Searle, J. H. Walton, Phineas Abrahams, Alfred Smith, W. Brook, M. Joseph.

The Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. George Louissou was balloted for and approved as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting. Bros. Harold Arthur Pooles, of the Hendon Lodge, and Siegfried Bleistein, of the Tranquillity Lodge, were accepted as joining members. Bros. T. H. Smith and E. J. Reilley, having proved their proficiency as Craftsmen, were duly raised as Master Masons, and took their seats in the Lodge.

The next business was the installation of Bro. Harry Townend as W.M., he being presented by Bro. P. M. Myers, but previous to the ceremony a dispensation from Grand Lodge was read by the Secretary, allowing Brother Townend to be installed, as he is still Master of the Clissold Lodge, No. 2551. This done, the W.M.-elect gave his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, and was duly obligated. The Brethren having retired, a Board of Installed Masters, numbering twenty-two, was formed, when Bro. Townend was regularly installed in the chair according to ancient custom, and was congratulated by the Board. The Brethren were re-admitted, and saluted the new Master, who was formally proclaimed. The ceremonies were admirably rendered by Bro. Genese, and his delivery of the beautiful addresses elicited the high commendation of the Lodge.

The following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. L. S. Genese I.P.M., H. Raphael S.W., J. L. Goldstein J.W., T. Honey P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Acworth P.P.G.Tr. Essex Secretary, J. Hodgkyns P.M. S.D., S. H. Jones J.D., E. Searle I.G., W. Wright P.P.G.O. Mdx. Organist, H. Fletcher-Campbell D.C., H. J. Barnato and M. Hyman Stewards, and R. Morley Tyler, to all of whom the Master addressed a few words of exhortation and encouragement, winding up with the ancient charge to the Tyler.

Before the Lodge was closed Bro. Townend presented his predecessor with the Lodge jewel, in recognition of his services during his year of office. The value of the jewel was enhanced by a magnificent diamond presented by Bro. Harry Barnato, as a mark of his regard.

Bro. Genese suitably returned thanks, and expressed his satisfaction at the prosperous position of the Lodge.

Another valuable jewel was presented to Bro. W. Wright, who has acted as Organist to the Lodge since its consecration, and has contributed in no small degree to the solemnity of the ritual in the Lodge, and the amusement of the Brethren afterwards.

Bro. Wright expressed his sincere thanks for the handsome present. He said it was always a pleasure to attend the Barnato Lodge, and if he had contributed to its harmony he was more than satisfied.

Another candidate was proposed for initiation, so the Master will have plenty of work to go on with. This concluding the business of the evening, the Visitors tendered their congratulations, and the Lodge was closed.

The company then adjourned to the banquet room, where dinner was served. The menu cards were very tastefully got up, and contained appropriate quotations at the head of each course, while a portrait of Bro. Townend

graced its pages. At the conclusion of dinner some instantaneous photographs of the company were taken by Messrs. Fradelle and Young.

The usual post prandial speeches followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the music being provided by Bro. Wright, assisted by several artistes, including Bros. Jameison and Noel.

We gave a biographical sketch of Bro. Harry Townend when he was installed Master of the Clissold Lodge last year, and we have now the pleasure to present our readers with his portrait.



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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., as announced in our last issue would be the case, Bro. E. Thomas occupied the chair of K.S., and there was a good attendance of Brethren to witness the working of that Brother. It proved a most agreeable surprise, for our Brother fulfilled the duties of the chair in a most perfect manner on this, the first occasion of his presiding. The acting W.M. had the following able assistants in the work of the Lodge:—Bros. G. Weaver S.W., C. Halston J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., G. Mogford P.M. Sec., W. Llewellyn S.D., H. Bagnall J.D., Smith I.G.; with Bros. G. Knight P.M., Sweet P.M., Mogford I.P.M., F. Beesley, W. Busby, Rockman, and J. Wynman.

The Lodge was opened in regular form and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. T. Mogford kindly acting as candidate. After this ceremony, which gave the expected satisfaction, the Lodge was called off and on. Resuming the duties, the W.M. intimated to the Brethren that Past Master Rogers Treasurer would occupy the chair, which proposition was received with approbation.

Bro. Rogers informed the Brethren that he intended to rehearse the third ceremony, and Bro. Rockman, who was raised at the emergency meeting of the Westbourne Lodge, as reported in our last issue, offered himself as the candidate. He was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was gone through. As this was the first occasion on which we have witnessed the working of Bro. R. J. Rogers we cannot allow the opportunity to slip of congratulating him on his very perfect method of giving this important ceremony. No wonder the Brethren of the Westbourne Lodge are proud of him, or that they honour him with the post of Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Rockman was elected a member of the Lodge, and Bro. George Weaver selected for the office of W.M. at the next meeting.

Bro. Dehane, in most flattering terms proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed, and recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. on this, the first occasion of his having working the ceremony in a Lodge of Instruction.

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WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

THE members of this go ahead Lodge of Instruction held their usual meeting on Monday, at 3.30, at Brother Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, when there were present:—Bros. W. West W.M., A. W. Musk S.W., J. M. Klempner J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, I. W. Simeons Secretary, E. Nice S.D., H. Wood J.D., A. Butcher I.G., Rudderforth P.M., Wavell P.M., Wetton P.M., J. Morris, C. W. Dyer, A. Menn, H. S. Hyem, J. E. Culverhouse, and J. Wynman.

The W.M. commenced the proceedings by the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wetton being the candidate. He then kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Klempner J.W., and Bro. West took the chair so vacated.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. intimated his intention of rehearsing the third ceremony, for which Bro. Culverhouse was accepted as candidate. He was examined and entrusted, the Lodge advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony was gone through in a perfect manner. Bro. West W.M. resumed his chair and closed the Lodge down to the first degree.

Next Monday has been fixed for the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation, and Bro. C. Wetton W.M. 2087 will occupy the chair of K.S. on that occasion. Bro. A. W. Musk was elected as W.M. for Monday, 31st inst. After hearty good wishes to Bro. West the Lodge was closed in regular form.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 19th inst., Bro. G. E. Warn P.M. W.M., F. A. Slater S.W., W. Boyce P.M. J.W., W. Johnson S.D., J. Butcher J.D., J. West I.G., J. De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, F.

Thornton Sec., Bird, Gaskill P.M., Field, A. Silk, E. Silk, Goodman, Beaumont, J. West.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Gaskill answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted, the ceremony being rehearsed. The Brethren assisted Bro. De Casseres to work the first section of the first lecture. Bro. J. West 2626 became a member.

Bro. J. J. Hall will give an address on "Sun worship and the ancient mysteries, and their resemblance to Freemasonry," on Wednesday, 2nd February, at 7-30 sharp, for Master Masons only.

Bro. F. A. Slater was elected to the chair for Wednesday, 26th inst., to which date the Lodge was adjourned.

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CLEVELAND LODGE, No. 543.

THE installation meeting was held on the 14th inst., when Bro. William Hodgson S.W. was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. Rev. W. T. Robson, M.A., P.M. P.G.C.

After the business of the Lodge was concluded the Brethren repaired to the Golden Lion Hotel, where the usual banquet was provided.

TYNWALD LODGE, No. 1242.

WEDNESDAY, 12th inst., was a memorable day in the annals of this Lodge. The attendance of Brethren from all parts of the Isle of Man to witness the installation of Bro. T. S. Atkinson as W.M. forming a record.

The Provincial Grand Master Sir J. Goldie Taubman and twenty-four other Past Masters were present, besides a large contingent representing the junior ranks in the Craft.

The ceremony of installation was discharged by the Deputy Prov.G.M. Bro. J. A. Brown, while Bro. F. C. Poulter Prov.G.D.C. officiated ably as Director of Ceremonies.

The Treasurer's report showed the Lodge to be in a satisfactory financial position.

Six candidates were proposed for initiation—a significant mark of the progress and popularity of the Lodge.

A choice banquet was served in the Masonic Hall, Douglas, and was attended by about fifty Brethren from all the Insular Lodges, and several Lodges on the mainland. The after proceedings were enjoyable and interesting from a Masonic point of view, the utmost good feeling prevailing, and many matters affecting the Order being discussed.

During the evening the Prov. Grand Master presented, on behalf of the Lodge, to the I.P.M. Bro. F. R. Rowe a P.M.'s jewel; and to Bro. Whiteside Secretary of the Lodge, a handsome jewel; in recognition of their services to the Lodge.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE January meeting of this Lodge was signalled by a very happy function, the rooms of the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, having been especially decorated for the occasion. Shortly after seven o'clock, the members began to receive their visitors and lady friends, and a very excellent dinner was afterwards partaken of. This was followed by an interval devoted to harmony, succeeded in turn by dancing, which lasted into the matin.

Various toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of the Worshipful Master being in the competent hands of Bro. Arthur A. Moss P.M. Prov.G. Deacon, who said that Bro. Holland W.M. had been travelling abroad on business, but his place was worthily filled by Bro. Alfred Pickford P.M. In many of the letters received from Bro. Holland the people of the Architect were mentioned in a quiet corner, and although the exigencies of business prevented him being present at that meeting, his heart was with them, as was evidenced by a telegram which he had received, and which read as follows:—"Arrived Paris. Hearty good wishes to the Architect."

Bro. J. J. Lambert P.M. P.G.D. England proposed the health of Bro. Pickford, whose work in the Lodge during the unavoidable absence of the W.M. he also praised.

Bro. Pickford, in reply, said he was grateful to the speakers for their remarks; what little he had done in the interest of the Lodge was more than repaid by their kind words. He thanked the ladies for their support. It was gratifying to see them, and also the gentlemen visitors, and he hoped the former would lend their graceful presence at least once a year, that indeed they would insist upon doing so.

In responding to the toast of the ladies, proposed by Bro. Chas. Rawle P.M., Bro. C. H. Beaver P.M., in his characteristically happy manner, thanked the Brethren on behalf of the fair sex, for the very hospitable entertainment which had been provided.

Bro. Henry Nall P.M. P.P.G.Tr., in proposing the health of the visitors, said his subject was a very comprehensive one, for it not only included those gentlemen who were and who were not Masons, but it also included the ladies. After drawing a somewhat lugubrious, although humorous picture of a Lodge meeting in which he contended that the Brethren met for mutual improvement and for the purpose of raising themselves to the standard of the ladies, he dexterously contrasted it with their meeting of that night, graced as it was by the presence of their fair friends. Messrs. Fred Purcell and Tom Mostyn responded.

The harmony of the evening was capably sustained by Bros. Nall, Beaver, H. W. Bloomer, Wm. Rushton, Messrs. Purcell, Lee, Mrs. Nall, Miss Binns, and others.

QUEEN VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2584.

THE third annual meeting and Festival of St. John in connection with the above Lodge took place on Monday, 10th inst., the former at the Conservative Club Room, Cheetham, Manchester, and the latter at the Cheetham Town Hall. There was a splendid array of members and visitors, to the number of nearly fifty, and the function from its commencement to the end was an all-round success.

A Board of Installed Masters having been duly formed, Bro. W. B. Midgley, the retiring Master, took the principal chair, assisted by the following:—Bro. A. H. Duffin 1134 P.P.G.D.C. as S.W., Buckley Carr 1161 P.P.G.D.C. as J.W., and James Beardmore 2482 P.P.G.D.C. as I.G.

In the presence of twenty installed Brethren, including no less than

five Past Provincial Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Bro. W. Richardson J.W. Worshipful Master-elect was presented to receive the benefits of installation by Bro. A. T. McGregor Sec. P.P.G.D. Derbyshire, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Midgley in that careful manner which has distinguished his work at other Lodges with which he is connected, and which we have often referred to in these columns. Following the usual custom, the minor work was apportioned to various Past Masters, and was performed as follows:—the Address to the W.M. was rendered by Bro. C. W. Godby P.P.G.S. Treas., that to the Wardens by Bro. Concl. Samuel I. Mills, and that to the Brethren generally by Bro. J. Pollitt Charity Representative, the investitures being in the capable hands of Bro. McGregor.

Appended is a list of the new Officers:—Bros. Thomas Nesbitt S.W., Wm. Moulton J.W., C. W. Godby P.M. Treas., B. Brook Chaplain, A. T. McGregor P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., R. H. Williams S.D., John Newell J.D., Harry S. Hills I.G., J. Haworth P.M. D.C., E. A. W. Wragg Org., J. King, E. Blackburn, and T. Kirkham Stewards.

The proceedings having been closed, the Brethren (as intimated above) adjourned to the Town Hall, only a short distance from the Lodge room, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were enlivened by a musical quartette consisting of Bros. J. W. Maltby, W. T. Haworth, C. Blacow, and Ed. Royles, some very excellent numbers being rendered.

Bro. Midgley proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M., who in turn paid a similar compliment to the I.P.M., and took the opportunity of presenting to his predecessor a very handsome Past Master's jewel.

Besides those mentioned above we noticed the presence of the following Visitors:—Bros. Abm. Pemberton P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C., Wm. Harris P.M. 1993 P.P.G.D.C., J. Gershon I.P.M. 1798, H. Hellewell Sec. 1458, Joseph Newell J.D. 2330 Yorks, Past Masters Phillip Worral 934, John Waring 1134, Jas. Rushworth 1161, and others.

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ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, No. 993.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Monday, 10th inst. Companion W. H. Anderton Z. was supported by Comps. George Howe H., and Henry Clulow J. There was an attendance of twenty-one members and visitors.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the following five exaltations took place, the ceremonies being performed by Comp. E. A. Ehlinger P.Z., viz., Bros. Arthur H. Dodd, Edwin Houghton, and Harold Creaser, of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 993, and Bros. Samuel Richards and John Brownhill, of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

At the festive board which followed, the health of Comp. Ehlinger was drunk with applause, and in reply to the encomiums passed upon his work of the evening, he said the welfare of the Chapter was his chief concern. He had been twice in the First Principal's chair, and was only too willing to assist in any work required by the incoming Officers. A pleasant evening followed.

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FEARNLEY LODGE, No. 58.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, 12th inst., and was numerously attended, amongst those present being the Provincial Grand Mark Master, the Deputy Prov.G.M.M., the Prov.G. Sec., the Grand Treasurer of England, and many other high Officers.

The retiring W.M. Bro. W. S. Milligan, assisted by Bro. H. S. Holdsworth P.G.S.B. Eng., in a most impressive manner installed his successor Bro. Chas. E. Rose into the chair of the Lodge.

The Prov.G.M.M. said he was convinced that if the Brethren only supported the W.M. the Lodge would not only retain its proud position in the Province, but would continue to grow and prosper. He hoped that harmony would continue to reign.

After the installation, the Brethren adjourned to the dining-room, and spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Parkhurst.—Mr. J. R. Perfect, with his usual liberality, has invited, as in former years since the opening of the Parkhurst Theatre, the children of the Caledonian Asylum to be present at the Matinée of the very successful Pantomime "Cinderella," on Monday next, the 24th inst. The juvenile pipers of the Asylum will, prior to the rise of the curtain, play a selection of Scottish music on the stage—doubtless including the world-famous "Cock of the North." Before the conclusion of the run of the Pantomime the children of the Islington Parochial Schools will also be invited to a similar treat.

Bro. JOHN HARR made his re-appearance as actor and manager of the Globe Theatre, on Saturday, 8th inst., when he produced a new comedy, entitled "A Bachelor's Romance," by Miss Martha Morton, an American authoress. Both the actor and the play were well received.

THAT admirable play "The Liars" has passed its 120th representation at the Criterion, and promises to have a still further run of prosperity.

THE Earl of Rosslyn, under the nom d'etage of Mr. Erskine, made his professional debut as an actor in Mr. Pinero's new comedy "Trelawny of the Wells," produced at the Court Theatre, on the 20th inst.

BRO. LIONEL BROUGH is about to publish a volume of personal reminiscences, with anecdotes, gathered during the course of his professional career. Those who have heard our lively Brother recite some of his stories are preparing for a feast of fun.

IN TRUE ACCLAIM.

IF asked to give the central thought in Masonic teachings, to point out the one sentiment central in its universe of inspiration and instruction, as a sun central in a planetary system, pouring its flood of light and blessing everywhere and in unmeasured profusion, I would say, "That central thought is 'the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.'" In this field of moral thought, I am sure, is to be found the old homestead of Masonry, and around its hearthstone, lingering still, are the echoes of this voice of divine and human sentiment. It cannot be unpleasant for us to tarry here, for do we not all appreciate the charms that cluster around the spot we call our "old home"? The melody of "Home, Sweet Home" is the anthem of the soul. Day by day, as the years by years are numbered in scores, the eyes of our spirits look into the windows of the homes of our youth, and the ears of our hearts hear again and again the voices of the paternity and union of the old family home. May it not then be refreshing to return again to our old Masonic homestead and imbibe again the inspiration of the hallowed sentiment taught us at its altar and committed in sacredness to our keeping.

Let me remind you, then, that first of all, last of all, and all in all, Masonry leads us with one hand to the sublime fact of a Father God, a God of all creation and Father of all human souls, and with the other hand it conducts us over and above the rough and rugged road of apparently irreconcilable conditions, to the glorious truth that all men are Brethren.

The first lesson taught us in Masonry, its A. B. C. instruction, relates to the Great Architect of the Universe. No one enters the door of Masonry without his thought being first directed to a contemplation, and from his entering until his retiring, he is never beyond the view of some reminder of this all-pervading fact, in whatever condition of mental or physical darkness he may be. Masonry does not leave the hungry minds of men unfed. When they ask for bread, it does not give them a stone. It does not exact of them simply a confession to the belief that there exists a supreme being, nor does it leave them with the declaration of such a fact only. But rather does it build them up in its teachings, from the declaration strong and certain, of such a truth into a high degree of knowledge of the universal evidences, the indisputable certainties of that truth. It does not leave its recital of that declaration merely as a reference that might be made to an unexplainable myth or mystery, but on the contrary, it piles up a pyramid of deductions out of the facts of the universe which becomes a Gibraltar of truth to every studious Mason. Nature and its forces, science and its laws, history and its philosophy, are utilised to proclaim the fact that in them and through them moves the spirit of an infinite being; that behind the movements of the universe, as behind the lifting of a man's arm, there is a will mightier than the inertia of matter; that through the ascertainments of sages and philosophers and scientists a wisdom is detected which is far beyond that of the wisest of men; that in the changing scenes of the history of human events there have constantly developed, in a ceaseless evolution, the better elements of this human nature of ours, the diviner sentiments of brotherly love.

To say that God exists is not proof, but to make manifest a design in creation and an order pervading the superhuman forces of the universe, or to uncover the truth that consciousness precedes the working of the laws of evolution, by which things come into form, is to make the way clear for the deduction that a superhuman intelligence is their author, and that it continues to guide and direct them. That is proof that God exists.

Masonry conducts men out into God's marvellous homestead—God's universe. It there causes him to observe the wonders of effect, the marvellousness of result, but it insists that he shall not rest from his labours in that field of wonder, but rather that he shall journey backward and backward to the primal cause of them all, and it tells him, "That cause is God." It invites him to observe, all the way along that journey, the beauty, the order, the symmetry and the beneficence which pervades every portion of all created things. It reminds him that these exhibitions of infinite wisdom, infinite power, infinite presence, and infinite beneficence are the embodiment of infinite love.

The school of Masonry teaches the highest possible science, because it takes the sciences of the schools of men and appropriates them as a foundation on which to build a truer knowledge of the purposes of the Author of all the sciences.

Newton saw an apple fall from a tree, and queried why it did not fall upward instead of downward. In his researches he followed the line of reasoning suggested by his query backward until he was able to promulgate the law of gravitation, and there the mission of his investigation ended. The further query, How came that force into existence, what mind unfettered that eternal energy, what intelligence defined the limitations of its sway? the scientist left for others to answer. The teachings of Masonry prompt us to utilise such conclusions of the scientist, and to

search backward from the cause he discovers, backwards as far as possible for human intellects, towards the first, the primal cause, and when in that search we have reached so close to that primal cause that we observe its infinite power and wisdom, these teachings appeal to our better judgments to declare the only rational conclusion, and say, "There is the infinite God."

The researches that are suggested by our Masonic school lead us in this way to the inevitable conclusion that God is everywhere present, and that in this omnipresence He is as far beyond our mental conception as is the endlessness of space itself; that no less is He present in the atom too small for our detection than in the largest globe coursing its way throughout His boundless universe. And, too, these researches lead the Mason to rationally conclude for himself, and in the contemplation of his own being, that he is spiritually and physically, and of necessity, as much the product of infinite power and wisdom as the forces and the visible substance of natural things can possibly be. Thus by our own peculiar plans and methods the Mason is happily directed into those considerations of the facts of nature which will, if pursued with diligence, candour, and enlightened reason, confirm him in the conclusion that God is not only the God of all nature, but as well the God of all men.

Masonry lifts up the "Book of the Law," and its sacred writings are placed before the eyes of every Mason. In that book the Mason reads the confirmation of the deductions of his own reason. It tells him, as he had already concluded, that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," that "He hath made of one blood all the nations of the earth," that "His mercy endureth forever," and he finds there, to his great gratification, the happy exclamation which his own heart had uttered from its own experience: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Such teachings and deductions are the fundamental instruction of this Fraternity. Its ceremonies and its methods, its symbols and its allegories, are but helps and appliances for their forcible and effective inculcation. They are the applied means of an acceptable demonstration, when developed to their limits, of the fact of a Supreme Architect of the Universe, Who is imbued with the sublime attributes of power, wisdom, mercy, and love. In their intended application to the affairs of life, they proclaim the fact that Masonry is the friend of humanity, by the service it renders in chasing away those dark shadows which irrational conceptions of the Almighty have caused to fall like a pall of death upon the minds and affections of men.

In their influence upon the ethical characteristics of mankind, by their lifting up the torch of reason lighted by the heavenly glow of a faith in Deity, well founded, they have served to banish the gloom of superstitious fear, to soften and wear away the rough phases of human brutality, to smooth down the walls of intolerance, to inculcate the sentiment of universal relationship between all nations and all men, to grow men into the fullness of their intended manhood.

In all the lines of the history of Freemasonry, whether it be the one we are taught to regard as genuine, or whether it be the one others have honoured with the distinction of authenticity, in them all, and without an exception, Deity is not only recognised, but in most of them He is enthroned as the one Great Architect of the Universe. Whether we search in Jerusalem, in Egypt, in India, in Britain, in Rome, in Persia, or elsewhere, for the birth-place of the Fraternity of Freemasonry, in each land which claims to possess that historic spot we find an altar of reverence to the Almighty erected—a home where Masons learn to reverence Him and imbibe a spirit of fraternity towards mankind. And to-day Freemasonry has a recognition and an abiding place in every civilised land on the globe, and in every such spot it is, like Abraham, the friend of God, and like Christ, the friend of man: an avowed advocate of belief in the God of the universe of nature, the author of its ascertained forces, and an undisguised advocate of a universal humanity evolved from a common source and joined in a common relation to the Author of all.

It will not be presumed, I know, that I am seeking to impress the idea that Masonry constitutes a university for mental training from which all of its membership become graduates as Master Masons, possessed of diplomas, assuring the world that they have attained to the knowledge of certainty concerning the Almighty, His existence and attributes. Far from that. The sun, the moon, the stars above us, and the earth beneath us, its diurnal revolutions, its depth of ocean and beauties of landscape, its wealth of needful productions for man's protection and subsistence—all these, and more, which are known and read of all men, are magnified by Masonry in its system of instruction, and are made to become most forcible object lessons in that chain of logical reasoning which can but tend to elevate the thoughtful mind from nature up to nature's God. The Mason is placed in an attitude whereby he can the more easily expand his acquired knowledge of nature and men into a rational conviction that there is a Creator of all matter and a Father of all souls.

I recall an interesting conversation with one of our country's

renowned military men—General Sherman. I said to him that I believed the plan of his military movement from Atlanta to the sea, abandoning his base, burning the bridges behind himself and severing all lines of communication between himself and his government, was an act condemned by all former historical warriors and by the then adopted science of warfare. He replied that that was correct. I asked him then to explain to me if he would, what line of reasoning led him into so bold an act. Said he: "In crossing the plains, years ago, I observed the many bands of emigrants marching in a hollow square, defending themselves on all sides, carrying their base of supplies with themselves. I simply expanded the tactics of that movement of a few hundred men into the manœuvres of an army of many thousands."

So does the studious Mason expand the lesson taught by symbol and allegory, within the protecting walls of the Masonic Lodge room, into the broader thought, in fact into the firm belief, broad as the universe itself, that in it all, over it all, and beyond it all, is God—its author and protector, and the preserver of all things material and spiritual therein; and so he recognises God as possessing the attributes of infinite power, wisdom, justice, mercy, and love. Equally, too, does the thoughtful Mason expand the duties of Fraternity and fellowship here taught, into a respect and regard for the conditions and welfare of the whole family of mankind.

While, therefore, the Masonic Lodge has no fixed curriculum as applied to educational institutions, it is, nevertheless, an instructor in the rudiments of those moral themes which are of the highest value to the world—indispensable factors in the progress of civilisation.

Masonry has no religious creed, but if it had, I imagine it would mean this: "I believe in God, the creator of all things and the Father of all human beings. I believe in this moral law: Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

But I hear the distant murmur of disapproval, the mutterings of a malediction. It now has a far-away sound, like distant thunder, for it comes to our ears all the way down through the centuries. Now and then, however, its dying away reverberations are echoed back to our ears with renewed boisterousness from the secluded and otherwise unobserved grottos of an imitative and ambitious theological functionary. When that denunciation was uttered, it was with such a loud voice, and so authoritatively, that the entire Christian people of the world trembled with fear of perdition, and a vast number of non-Christian people trembled from fear of loss of their liberty and possessions. Freemasonry was wholly condemned. It was declared to be sacrilegious, inimical to state and society, and destructive of religious authority and discipline. We know the frailty of the foundation on which that unreasonable edict against our Fraternity rested; and we know the effeminacy, the inconsistency, and the falsity of those who in our own day and times of intelligence, would assume the authority to sit in judgment upon our Brotherhood and denounce it as unhallowed and vicious. We have a most eminent Christian order, the Knight Templar, which has bound itself to us by a Masonic pledge, and whose career contributed most abundantly toward making the existence and continuance of the Christian church possible. While we are represented in the Christian court of judgment by that Masonic friend, we need have no fear that either the Christian church or the power of any other religious system will ever successfully condemn us.

But I hear still another murmur of disapproval—an intruding query. It is this: "You are going too far; do you not seek to displace the church?" Nay, not so. I know that there are some men who believe that the principles of Freemasonry will one day become the foundation of a universal church. I am unable to agree with them. Certainly, it seems to me, if such an occurrence shall ever take place, it will be many centuries, many ages hence. It will be when the present universal tendency of the human heart to worship has been subjugated by the present universal prompting of the human mind to reverence. The Lodge reverences, the church worships. The spirit of worship and the spirit of reverence are equally well fortified in the nature of man; neither can successfully invade the stronghold of the other, neither will attempt to do so. Man will cease to be man when he ceases to worship, when he ceases to reverence.

A belief in the Fatherhood of God, and a recognition, at least to some extent, of the Brotherhood of Man, is fundamental with every religion of the world. It is peculiarly so with the Hebrew church, the foundation church of our Christian civilisation. Without that basal doctrine in its fullest extent there could be no Christian Church. This fundamental doctrine can be and of course is taught and learned outside of the Masonic Lodge, but Masonry inculcates it through its own peculiar methods and ceremonies as its primal lesson. With this special training, is not the man who has become a Mason the better

qualified to comprehend and accept the rational requirements of the church? Is he not the better equipped, at least mentally, because of it?

If he desires to enlarge the structure of his religious nature, by adding the beauty and utility which his church membership is intended to provide, may he not find himself the better prepared to build securely, by the possession of those fundamental principles which were laid for the Craft by its wise founder, Solomon, and upon which so largely rests the doctrines of the church, as a rock which cannot be prevailed against?

The Mason stands at the base of this Masonic fabric constructed of materials quarried from some of the best intellects of the world, for centuries past. Its fair proportions of wisdom, beauty and strength, rise up in splendour before his gaze, column above column and pier above pier. Its foundation rests in the earth beneath and its pinnacle in the heavens above. He is taught familiarity with that winding stairway which leads him to the summit where he can certainly inhale the heavenly atmosphere of the churchly realm.

My friend stood at the base of Bunker Hill monument. He grasped with his penetrating eyes, and drank in with his appreciative perception, the symmetry and beauty of the towering column. He was not satisfied; he went up higher. At early dawn he witnessed from its summit the birth of a summer day. At length, as he gazed away into space, the deeper shades of the morning grey faded into a lighter hue; the discernible clouds became fringed with a golden glow; the fiery orb of day slowly rose in majesty above the watery waste in the eastward; the darkness sped away; the stars went out; the earth looked up in gladness; the fields of waving grain seemed to bow in reverence, and the air about him was resonant with nature's divinest anthems. Above him was the Infinite.

Thus my friend, in living parable, went up from the Lodge into the mansion of the church, through its central foundation column, the Masonic doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the universal Brotherhood of Man.

In this symbol he saw the rising of the Sun of Righteousness. He observed the lesser lights of dogmatism go out. He beheld the darkness of superstitious beliefs, and the gloom of human wrongs, flee away. He heard the acclaim of a world of mankind rejoicing in the light of the fact of the existence of a Deity of love through and over all, and in ecstasy he joined in the grand song of peace on earth, goodwill towards men, as it burst in unspeakable rapture upon the heaven of human hopes. And so I am persuaded that the Lodge will never displace the church, and that there will never rise up a barrier in the pathway of the one who journeys from the Lodge to the church, but the great lights of the Lodge room will guide his steps safely through and keep him from falling.

Perhaps, in the fulfilment of that prophetic hope, when "swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, when nation shall no longer lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;" perhaps in the coming of that brighter day when the lion of human avarice and oppression, and the lamb of human welfare and progress, shall lie down in peace together under the shadow of God's love; perhaps in the dawn of that coming time when, on the wings of our diviner natures, humanity will be lifted above its bigotry and superstition, its irrational beliefs and unbeliefs, into the nearer presence of the Great Architect, supreme and all-pervading, then, perhaps, may the Lodge return its charter and close its labour forever, for then will the knowledge of the Masonic lesson of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man fill the whole earth as the waters cover the sea.—C. J. Lewis, Hannibal, Missouri, in "Voice of Masonry."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE remains of the late Brother Thomas Kitwood, of Messrs. Kitwood and Son, of Boston, who died at Bournemouth, aged 70 years, on Friday, 7th inst., were interred at Boston Cemetery, on the 11th inst. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Stephenson, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased, who was a member of the Harmony Lodge, No. 272. A very large number of members of both the local Lodges were present, and, in the course of the service, sang the Masonic closing hymn.

ON Thursday, 13th inst., the funeral of the late Bro. Iley took place in the Oxbridge Cemetery, Stockton. The deceased was for many years one of the leading Freemasons on the Tees-side. He was a Past Master of the Tees Lodge, and a number of years since Provincial honours were bestowed upon him. The funeral was attended by the Mayor of Stockton, Councillor A. G. Rudd, J.P., and many other influential Freemasons.

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. & Iness, 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
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
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
2365 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.
2429 Research, Leicester
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle
141 Faith, Anderton's
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole
1158 Southern Star, Southwark
1348 Ebury, Criterion
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
2108 Empire, Criterion
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham
253 Tyrian, Derby
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Manchester
1353 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millon
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
1942 Minerva, Fenton
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2351 Ermine, Lincoln
2358 Mona, Castletown
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's
2549 Benevolentia, Woodford

Wednesday.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall
201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
754 High Cross, Tottenham
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
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
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston

250 Minerva, Hull
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
321 Unity, Crewe
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
1733 Sunbury, Sunbury
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, Winton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
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
99 Shakespear, Albion
507 United Pilgrims, Southwark
766 William Preston, Cannon-st. H.
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
871 Royal Oak, Deptford
1421 Langthorne, Ilford
1523 St. Mary Magdalene, Café Royal
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
1601 Ravensbourne, Lewisham
1608 Kilburn, Regent Street
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
1974 St. Mary Abbott, Kensington
2192 Highbury, Highbury
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel
2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet Street
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of C't Ho

51 Angel, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Middleton
111 Restoration, Darlington
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
403 Hertford, Hertford
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
536 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
772 Pilgrim, Glastonbury
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
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1313 Fermor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1345 Victoria, Eccles

Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons'-Hall, at 4.
60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.
1591 Studholme, Café Royal
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café R'y'l.
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H.
64 Fortitude, Manchester
602 North York, Middlesbrough
810 Craven, Skipton
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BRO. CHARLES RIEMANN.

WE are very pleased to announce that about one hundred friends of Bro. Charles Riemann Steward of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, assembled on Thursday, at the Spaten Restaurant, 33 Newgate Street, City, to partake of a complimentary dinner given in his honour, Mr. J. C. Bardili, the manager of the London Depot of the Spaten Brewery Co., Munich, presiding. Bro. C. Riemann has already gained the reputation of having one of the best houses in the neighbourhood for the sale of the celebrated Spaten Beer, and also has the confidence of his numerous customers for providing the best of viands, coupled with an excellent style of cooking, while in regard to the all important matter of prices the charges must be set down as exceedingly moderate.

Amongst the numerous friends we noticed Bros. H. Dehane P.P.G.S.D. Essex, C. Fink, W. Cheesewright, John Collings, J. Kohl, Hill, Charles Strohalm, Wynman, and several others, with Mr. Henry Debnel (of the Horse Shoe, Tottenham Court Road).

The first toast submitted by the chairman of the evening was that of Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, which was proposed in hearty and suitable terms, was well received, and followed with musical honours.

The Chairman next submitted the health of Bro. Riemann. He spoke of the popularity always enjoyed by Munich Lager Beer, and referred to the splendid business done in it in years gone by; but great improvements had taken place in other branches of catering and this, among other well known establishments, could not stand against the serious competition. But the Spaten Brewery was not a concern to be shut up quietly, especially under the present manager, who had set about to see what was best to be done. His first care was to put the house in good order, and then find a good caterer, and for the latter he had selected the best he could discover, in Mr. Riemann. He had had good opportunities of judging of that gentleman's capabilities, and was convinced he was the right man in the right place, and those who supported him might rely on being well catered for. He concluded by calling on the company to drink to the health of Mr. and Mrs. Riemann, which was done in hearty manner.

Bro. Riemann returned sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received. The very kind expressions of the chairman on his behalf would induce him to strive in the future to make the business a really good one. He had already had great encouragement, and would not leave a stone unturned to make the establishment as good as ever it was. No doubt if visitors were satisfied they would tell their friends and would also come again. He was indebted to the company for responding so heartily to the call to dine there that day, on this special occasion, and thanked all most heartily for their good wishes toward his wife and himself. He trusted he should have the pleasure of seeing them at the establishment again on many future occasions.

Mr. F. H. Cheesewright proposed the next toast—success to the Spaten Brewery. Most of those present had experienced the delight derived from a draught of Spaten beer; there was really nothing more refreshing on a hot day. He felt the company would heartily join in wishing success to the firm who brought them something from Germany they could tolerate, and in doing so would specially honour Capt. Sykes, whose name he coupled with the toast.

Capt. Sykes responded on behalf of the Spaten Brewery Co. He felt some hesitation in replying, inasmuch as he was not the present representative of the firm, but a former one. He thanked the company for the way in which they had honoured the toast, and looked forward with satisfaction to a great extension of the business.

Mr. G. Hinton proposed the toast of the press. As a retailer of newspapers he knew there was always something to be said through the medium of their columns. He hoped the press would retain the confidence of Englishmen and foreigners alike. The name of Mr. Headlock was coupled with the toast, which was duly acknowledged.

Mr. W. J. Straus proposed the health of the chairman, whom he had known for a number of years in connection with the Spaten Brewery—which was one of the most famous firms in Germany, occupying there a somewhat similar position to what Guinness' did in Ireland.

Capt. Sykes supported the remarks of the last speaker, and joined him in wishing the chairman health and future prosperity in his work for the Brewery, as well as in his private life.

The Chairman made suitable reply, after which the Visitors and others were toasted, the proceedings being extended to a late hour.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Riemann on the excellence of the banquet he provided on this occasion, while a word of praise is also due to his staff, for the attention they bestowed upon the company.

The evening was enlivened with the efforts of many well known artistes, Bro. J. Collings presiding at the piano.



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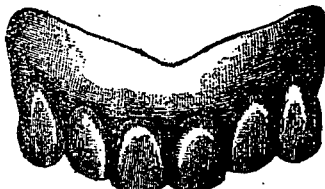
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Daly's.—8:15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Vaudeville.—8:15, The Cape Mail. 9, Never again. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Savoy.—7:40, Old Sarah. 8:20, The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
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Prince of Wales's.—8:15, La Poupée. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.
Gaiety.—8, The Circus Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
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