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DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on Monday afternoon, at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, to arrange for the annual meeting and election to be held on Wednesday, 6th April, to decide on the number of candidates to be elected on the Fund, and to appoint a Committee to examine petitions and place candidates on the list. Bro. S. Jones, of Exeter, presided over a large attendance, including Bros. J. B. Gover Hon. Sec., J. R. Lord Hon. Treas., and others.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the subscriptions for 1897 amounted to £539 8s 4d, against £435 13s 3d in 1896.

It was unanimously decided to elect three children at the meeting in April, and, on the invitation of Bro. Renwick, it was resolved to hold the meeting at Torquay. Attention was again called to the fact that there were many Lodges in the Province that gave no assistance to the Institution, says the "Western Morning News," and a hope was expressed that these Lodges might be induced to come forward and help the Fund, so that its usefulness might be still further increased.

CHURCH SERVICES.

WE learn that a Masonic Service, in aid of the Funds of the Chest Hospital, City Road, London, is being arranged by permission of the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Perry, M.A.), to be held shortly in the parish church of St. Luke's, Old Street. The Committee at present includes Bros. H. C. Richards, M.P., the Rev. J. H. Lewthwaite, Enos Howes, J.P., Arthur Millward, J.P., George Eade, Harry O. Hill, A. H. Maddocks, William Howes, and the Hon. Sec. Bro. R. M. H. Griffith, 258 Goswell Road, to whom all letters should be addressed.

THE annual Masonic Service under the auspices of the three local Lodges was held on the 6th inst., in the Parish Church, Arbroath. Brother the Rev. James Tompson Chaplain of Lodge St. Thomas conducted the service, and in the course of his remarks alluded to the recent immense growth of Masonry, and to the wide-spread ramifications of the Craft all over the world. As an institution founded on the highest and purest principles of morality, Freemasonry was capable of being made an instrument of incalculable benefit alike to the individual Brother Mason, and to the world at large.

On Tuesday, 1st inst., at the Salutation, Newgate Street, the members of the Egyptian, Finsbury Park, and Highgate Lodges of Instruction made a presentation to Bro. Hill P.M. Preceptor. Bro. Pallot W.M. Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, acted as the spokesman of the subscribers on the occasion, says the "City Press." Bro. Grimwade proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Shirley Cropper Secretary of the Egyptian Lodge, and the members of the Committee, for their exertions in the collection of the subscriptions, and the vote having been carried Bro. Cropper suitably replied. The number of subscribers was said to be between 120 and 130. After the presentation a concert was held, Bros. Sycklemore, Grimwade, Chapman, Richardson, Cropper, Bolton, and Kemp contributing to the harmony of the evening. Bro. Sycklemore kindly officiated at the piano. A vote of thanks to Bro. Pallot for presiding closed a very pleasant evening.

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The meetings of the Strand Lodge, No. 1977, will in future be held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand.

ALFRED NEWTON LODGE.

OUR worthy Grand Secretary Bro. Edward Letchworth has had a busy time lately in Consecrating most of the new Lodges recently sanctioned by the Grand Master, and his zeal for the Craft and his courteous amiability in placing his services at the disposal of the Brethren cannot leave him much spare time for his private and domestic avocations. Last week he was called upon to consecrate two Lodges, one on Monday—the Saint Michael le Querne—of which an account appeared in our previous issue, and the other, that now under consideration, on Saturday.

The Alfred Newton Lodge is named after Alderman Alfred James Newton, Chairman of Harrod's Stores, Limited, and the members of the Lodge will be principally connected with that important commercial undertaking.

The Founders are:—Alderman Alfred J. Newton, J.P., D.L., P.M. 2347, James Bailey, M.P., P.M. 1974, Herbert Bennett 1261, F. H. Harvey-Samuel 2108, Alphonsus J. Naughton 2581, David F. Norrington 1891, Ernest J. Rix 1891, Arthur Strutt 1891, J. G. Heighington 228, William B. Abbott P.M. 59, A. E. Catchpole 2310, H. J. Thwaites 1891, J. P. Naughton 1585, W. H. Eardley 1310, J. W. Jupe 1585, Carlyle Forrester 103 (I.C.), A. G. Howell 2581, G. C. E. Gelardi 1891, M. J. Jessop P.M. 1261 and 2265, Benjamin Robinson P.M. 564 P.P.G.P. Worcester, Charles Garton W.M. 192, Captain T. W. Heath P.M. 1768 and 1642, Richard T. Pearse P.M. 1194, J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Bearer P.P.G.Tr. Bucks, &c., John Brock P.M. 299 P.P.S.G.D. Kent.

Visitors:—In addition to those already mentioned there were present Bros. Sir Joseph Dimsdale P.G.T., Alderman Vaughan Morgan Grand Treasurer, Sir Robert H. Rogers P.M. 2499, W. Vincent G.Std.B., Dr. G. Weldon P.M. 4 P.G.S., Alderman S. Green, Colonel Boyd, C.B., John Adams P.M. 1194 P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, F. W. Buxton P.M. 1891 P.G.S.W., H. S. Clutton W.M. 46 P.G.S., G. Ellard P.G.D.C. Norths and Hunts, W. J. Mason Vice-President Board General Purposes, W. Ramsay P.M. 1745 P.P.G.D. Middx., J. Ed. Allen 382, J. L. Apsey P.M. 534, H. C. Arthur P.M. 2243, A. R. Bockock 1681, W. F. Bates P.M. 1507, James Boyton S.D. 1426, J. Chomette 2060, Henry Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, Dr. Maitland Coffin S.W. 2501, W. Cummings W.M. 2454, J. H. Dimsdale W.M. 2581, W. W. Lee P.M. 2381, Dr. A. Godwin 4, H. T. Green 1196, G. Honour 1559, A. R. Hipwell 192, J. Humphrey P.M., J. James 254, T. Kynoch P.M., T. Kington P.M. 193, H. Lazarus 185, J. Lewis P.M. 1681, E. H. Moseley P.M. 2163, J. Richmond P.M. 22, R. Sandland I.G. 2398, W. Skelton 2581, Fredk. Skinner 1891, Rev. C. J. Smith, M.A., E. Smith 2182, W. A. Smith 228, W. H. Smith 2244, W. J. Stratton P.M. 1425, Philip Trauffer 2060, F. J. Walton 2163, L. Westwood W.M. 2246, William Whiting P.M. 22, L. Wolff 1839, B. D. Warner 1602, G. Nelson Watts P.M. 194, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211.

Although the place of meeting named in the Warrant is to be the Queen's Gate Hall, S.W., the large number attending the Consecration ceremony necessitated the engagement of other premises, and the Chelsea Town Hall was therefore requisitioned for the purpose of the pleasing function.

Bro. Letchworth entered the hall punctually at five o'clock, and appointed the following Brethren to assist him: Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. as S.W., Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W. as J.W., Thomas Fenn P.J.G.W. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and James Stephens D.G.D.C. as I.G. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees.

The opening hymn being sung, Brother Letchworth addressed the assembly on the motive of the meeting, saying "It is unnecessary for me to occupy your time for many moments with any words of my own. You are all aware

that we have met to-day for the purpose of starting into existence a new Lodge, the members of which are associated in an important commercial enterprise, and I can only express a hope that the Lodge about to be consecrated may accomplish all those objects the Founders have in view, that it may unite more closely those already associated together, and that it may be an ornament to the Lodges of this great metropolis. As this Lodge is about to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God, I will call upon our Brother Chaplain for a prayer." This was done, and the Warrant was then read by the Director of Ceremonies, and an excellent oration was delivered by Bro. Fenn. The consecration proceeded on the usual lines, the ceremony being enhanced by the musical arrangements of Brother William Windsor, assisted by a capable choir which rendered the anthems in an admirable manner. The new Lodge having been regularly constituted, the Patriarchal Benediction was given, and the first part of the proceedings was brought to a close.

A Board of Installed Masters was next formed, when Bro. Alfred James Newton was installed as first Master, this ceremony also being conducted by Bro. Letchworth, who subsequently delivered the Addresses.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren Bro. Newton was proclaimed and saluted, and the following Officers were appointed:—J. J. Thomas acting I.P.M., A. J. Naughton S.W., D. F. Norrington J.W., James Bailey Treasurer, Thomas Casely Secretary, Arthur Strutt S.D., E. J. Rix J.D., H. J. Thwaites I.G., W. B. Abbott D.C., J. G. Heighington, J. P. Naughton, A. E. Catchpole, and C. Forrester Stewards, J. W. Jupe Organist, and Ellis Tyler.

Bro. Alfred Newton proposed, and Bro. J. J. Thomas seconded, a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers for their services, and suggested that they should be asked to become Honorary Members of the Lodge. This was carried with the utmost unanimity, and was supplemented later on by a more substantial recognition.

Bro. Letchworth gracefully returned thanks for the compliment, and assured the Brethren that it was always a labour of love for the Grand Officers to assist at these functions.

A Committee was appointed to frame the Bye-laws; several propositions for candidates were received, among them being the son of Alderman Newton; and six applications from Joining Brethren.

The Lodge was then closed and the Brethren proceeded to the dining room, where a sumptuous repast was laid out. Each visitor received a "button-hole," and an elegant programme of the proceedings as a souvenir of the occasion.

Previous to commencing the toasts the W.M. said that as they had a capital entertainment provided for them he hoped the speeches would be as short as possible.

The toasts of the Queen and of the Grand Master were received with respectful enthusiasm.

Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.W. responded for Grand Lodge, and said the Grand Officers always endeavoured to do their best; he hoped they had performed their duty that day to the satisfaction of the Brethren.

The W.M. proposed the Consecrating Officers, saying that during his Masonic career he had attended many such ceremonies, but never before had he been so deeply impressed. It was no mere hum-drum of the ritual they had listened to, but real and earnest work, which must have recommended itself to every Brother present. In the name of the Founders he asked their acceptance of a trivial memento of the occasion, instead of the usual jewel, as he was sure they must possess many more than they could wear. He then presented each Officer with a very handsome silver vase for flowers, with the name of the recipient engraven upon it, and the date of the Consecration.

Brother Letchworth, in reply, said his remarks would be as brief as they were sincere. He thanked the W.M. for the kind, but far too flattering manner in which he proposed the toast, for he could assure them that all who were privileged to take part in the Consecration regarded it as a labour of love. Personally he was greatly indebted to those Officers who had assisted him during the ceremony, especially Bro. Fenn, who had put off a visit to the country, and had accepted the office of Chaplain at the last moment. The vases were a very charming thought of the Founders, and would be treasured as a pleasing souvenir of a very pleasant function.

Sir John B. Monckton proposed the health of the W.M., and spoke of the great friendship that had existed between them for many years. He congratulated Bro. Newton upon

the excellent arrangements made for the ceremony, as nothing could have gone off better or worked more smoothly. It was remarkable that the names of the Master and Wardens began and ended with the letter N, so he would liken the Lodge to a hen-roost, and hoped they would produce several good Masonic chickens. The Founders were all business men, working well together, so he was sure the Lodge was bound to succeed, having such a good business head as Bro. Newton.

The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said he was deeply grateful to his friend Sir John Monckton for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and he also thanked the Brethren for their reception. When the Lodge was first projected he considered it a matter for mature reflection and grave consideration, but he knew the Founders were Masons of repute, and men who were absolutely trustworthy, so he readily acquiesced with the idea. They would have the opportunity of making a strong Lodge numerically, though that was not their object, but to establish a Lodge that should be a credit to Freemasonry.

Sir Joseph Dimsdale responded for the Visitors, and congratulated the Master and Brethren upon the excellent start they had made. They wished the Alfred Newton Lodge every happiness and prosperity, and trusted the Lodge would become worthy of the Founders, and so prove their fidelity to T.G.A.O.T.U. and the welfare of their fellow men.

Bros. Naughton and Norrington, the two Wardens, replied for the Officers, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a termination.

The musical entertainment was provided by Bro. J. W. Jupe, and among the artistes who took part in it were Bros. T. W. Heath (cornet solo), Etherington Smith, Horace Reynolds, Thomas Powell, Charles Strong, and George Robins, while Bro. Kennard gave a very clever conjuring sketch.

The special representative of the "Craftsman" on the recent Masonic trip to the East, has brought back some stone chips from King Solomon's quarries, and intends presenting one to the Chairman of the Cardiff Masonic Temple Company, to be added to the other interesting relics in the ante-room of the Temple in Guildford Street.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

DEEP regret is felt in Bath at the death of Bro. C. W. Radway, of the Grand Pump-room Hotel, which occurred early on Wednesday, 23rd ult., after a lingering illness. Bro. Radway for several years past had been one of the most esteemed and best known citizens of Bath, and as a Freemason was known throughout the West of England. He was Secretary for many years of the Royal Cumberland Lodge and a Past Master; had held the Provincial rank of Senior Warden, and was actively associated with the Royal Arch, Mark, and other degrees. By his death many will lose a kind, generous and sympathetic friend. His health had been failing for the past two or three years, a succession of paralytic seizures having wrecked a splendid constitution. His last illness dated from the end of October, soon after he had taken part in the functions connected with the Royal visit to Bath, when the Duke of Cambridge was the deceased's guest at his hotel. For four months he had been in a hopeless, helpless and semi-conscious condition. Bro. Radway was 54 years of age, and leaves a widow and three daughters.

WE regret to record the death of Bro. James Addington, a well-known Mason of South London, which occurred on the 21st ult. By his death the Masonic world and all with whom he came in contact have lost a genial, true-hearted, kind, and faithful friend. He was a firm supporter and Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions, the Baker's Benevolent Institution, the Peckham and Old Kent-road Pension Society, and other Institutions. He was a P.M. of Stability Lodge, No. 217; a P.Z. of the Star Chapter, No. 1275; and a member of the Southwark Mark Lodge. The interment took place at Nunhead Cemetery, in the presence of many Brethren and friends, including representatives of the following Lodges and Chapters: the Stability, the Rose, the New Cross, United Pilgrims, Raymond Thrupp, Earl of Lathom, Stuart, Excelsior, Crichton, Peckham, and Liberty of Havering; The Star, Selwyn, Rose and Sphinx Chapters; and the Southwark Mark Lodge.

ENGLISH FREEMASONS IN THE HOLY LAND.

IN the account we gave last week of the meeting held in King Solomon's Quarries, Jerusalem, we included an extract from a paper read by Bro. Kayat W.M. of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge. We are now able to complete the address, which appeared in full in the columns of the "Bristol Times and Mirror." The portion already given by us was taken from the middle, where now marked, and must be included in order to complete the very interesting paper. Our esteemed Brother said:

Worshipful Sirs and Brethren,—It is a most remarkable occasion that has called us together. Seldom has this city of historical and Masonic memories and associations beheld, in modern times, so numerous and imposing a gathering of the Craft. Those of us who are residents in this ancient centre of Masonic science gladly seize the opportunity that is afforded us in order to extend a cordial and fraternal greeting on the five points of fellowship to those others who, braving all dangers which beset the path of the true Mason, and all temptations which are only too ready to allure him from the path of duty and rectitude, have, with a perseverance and fortitude worthy of the ancient Masters of the Craft, and notably of our Grand Master H. Ab-F., crossed sea and land, continent and ocean, in order to visit the site of the ancient Temple of the Great Architect of the Universe, and as they survey the ruins of past ages, to gather inspiration from the memories of those workmen who, though now at rest in this historic city, the centre of the three monotheistic religions of the world—Islam, Judaism, and Christianity—used the tools of the workmen, and the builder the twenty-four inch gauge, common gravel, chisel, skirrit, square, level, &c.; in order to raise a spiritual structure that in its turn should serve as a foundation for the achievement of others, who like us are desirous of receiving "light."

Or, if you seek for more recent monuments of Masonic skill, just visit and study the ancient Abbey of St. Anne, just outside the gate of St. Stephen. Enter its great western gateway, and, standing in the centre of the middle aisle, notice the extraordinary one-sidedness of the structure, the little windows over the high altar, the splendid carvings on the capitals of the piers, and you will have had many an illustration of the remarkable way in which the ancient Craftsmen succeeded in conveying, through dead and lifeless material, solemn and instructive lessons. Then visit the remains of the Sisters of Zion at the Russian Hospice, east of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; of the ruins of the Knights of St. John's Palace, with its hosts of "Masons" marks, the hour-glass, the arrow, the gridiron, the richly-carved Zodiac, and you will have a mass of Masons ideas surging through your mind, which you will, in the short period of your visit here, have hardly time to note down, much less to digest. Then, if you will, you can pass on to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This is neither the time nor the place to discuss the question as to whether it is the genuine site. It is sufficient for us modern Masons to know that at different periods during the last fifteen centuries Brethren of the Craft not only helped to build the venerable pile, and have left their marks upon it, but, sincerely believing it to be what it is said to be, laid down their lives in its defence.

They that were slain
Soar to kindred spirits.

Elsewhere, in every part of the town, you meet with relics and monuments of the chivalrous and heroic Crusaders. Whatever your estimate of them and of their work be, remember that many of them were "Masons," and worked according to the light vouchsafed them.

The Knights' swords are rust,
Their bones are dust,
Their souls are with the saints we trust.

But why need I speak only to Christian Masons? Were there none among the ranks of Islam? Was not the Knightly Salah-ud-din a true Mason, even though he may never have entered a Masonic Lodge? Ah! Brethren, your visit, short as it will be to this city, will not be without benefit to you if, from your experience here, you learn from the lives of those gone before—

To make your own sublime,
And, departing, leave behind you
Footprints in the sands of time—
Footprints which perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's troubled main,
A forlorn and lonely brother,
Seeing, may take heart again.

Bro. Sir Joseph Smith, at one time Mayor of Derby, who died last year, has bequeathed £200 to the Derby Infirmary, and his portrait in Masonic attire, as Prov. Grand Warden, to the Masonic Hall of the town. His Masonic jewels and clothing are to be sold, and the proceeds divided between the three Charities.

DO RIGHT AND FEAR NOT.

THE greatest lesson taught in Masonry, from the beginning to the end, is to do right under any and all circumstances. This, indeed, is hard to do, because men are prone to do wrong. The revengeful part of our nature rises up at every imaginary wrong and in spite of our Masonry or religion we strike back with the venom of the asp. We secretly wait for an opportunity for revenge, and then, oh! how sweet, when we get it. We forget that "two wrongs never make a right," and for every wrong we have committed, even though it be in retaliation, we will have to answer in the final settlement of accounts, or religion and Masonry are myths. It is an old saying that "revenge is sweet." We don't believe it, except for the moment—to do right is much sweeter. If you don't believe it, try it.

How have we treated our Brother? Is there one among us that we are not on good terms with? If so, why? Investigate the matter from a Masonic standpoint, and if we find that we are in the wrong let's go to him like a man and good Mason and say so. Offer him our hand, and with it let by-gone differences pass away. If he meets us in the same spirit, which he surely will if he is as good a Mason as we have proven ourselves to be, we will both be nearer and dearer friends than we have ever been, and as time rolls on and the evening of our lives begins to close, we will thank our God that we are at peace with the world.

The great trouble with us all is that we live too much in that "will-somebody-step-on-your-coat-tail?" sort of spirit, and really we feel a little disappointed if they don't. We forget the teachings of our Master and our Masonry and go about "seeking whom we may devour." We misconstrue many things that are said in pleasantry and magnify a small action to the size of a mountain. We are constantly on the alert for some word, syllable or deed that would render us justifiable in "calling the Brother to time," and thereby demonstrate our chivalry by a "show of teeth." We move too much within our own circle, who, from long association, have learned to think as we do, and at every "tap of the drum urge us on to the fray," thereby widening the breach of discord and creating a mountain of coldness that would do honour to a heathen king. We discuss our Brother's shortcomings and rend the garment of charity into shreds by retailing scandals and sensational rumours, and when asked concerning them, by a knowing look, shrug of the shoulders, nervous gestures and "I beg to be excused" expression, do more harm than anything we have previously said or done.

It is much harder to do right than it is to do wrong. It is much harder to make reparation for an offence committed than it is to "bottle up our wrath" and carry it about with us. It is much harder for the good part of our nature to assert itself than it is for the "forked tail" of the arch fiend to appear.

Force of association and a constant "nursing of our wrongs" has much to do with our making or unmaking. "Birds of a feather flock together," and so also do we seek that society which is congenial to our taste, and liable to be warped by our influence. And it is a rare thing if there be one among us who has the manhood to "break away" from evil society, and line up with the good.

One would think that Masons always do right; that they live in peace and good-fellowship with the world; that the mantle of charity is their principal garment, and a sealed tongue as to a Brother's faults their chief characteristic. Not so. Masonry teaches all this, but while men are human they will err.

To do right means to "avoid the very appearance of evil." Let us rise in our might and absent ourselves from the society of those who do wrong, even though they are friends and associates. Let us raise our voice against the defamation of a Brother's character, and do not acquiesce in what is said by our silence. If he is poor and unfortunate, let us show him the same attention we would if he were wealthy. If his appetite for strong drink is sapping his manhood, take him by the hand and whisper good counsel in his ear. If the gambling den has greater fascinations for him than his Lodge, show him the error of his way. If he is given to swearing, read him anew the lessons taught him when he first saw the light. In short, whatever may be his inclination to do wrong, don't let us desert him, but on all convenient occasions admonish him to mend his ways.

If we would live that way how much better it would be for us? If we would cultivate a forgiving spirit how easily could all matters of difference be adjusted, and what harmony would exist among us? The fault that we do not live thus is entirely within ourselves, and so it will remain until we learn to do right and fear not.—Ben. F. Price, in "Commercial Appeal."

To-day (12th) the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, U.S.A. will celebrate its Centenary, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Providence. Comp. John Traveis Oldham will preside, and Rev. Dr. Rugg will deliver the Centennial Address.

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.

5 S. Geo. & C'ner Stone, 1 M.H.
29 St. Alban, Albion
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall
193 Confidence, Anderton's
1366 Highgate, Midland Grand H'tl.
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall
1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell
2012 Chiswick, Criterion
2030 The Abbey, Westminster
2243 Argonauts, Putney
2394 Galen, Freemasons'-hall
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green
2454 Guildhall School Music, Holb'n.

40 Derwent, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Cambridge
104 St. John, Stockport
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Faversham
151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, South Shields
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
297 Whitham, Lincoln
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Penrith
349 Honour, Bath
411 Commercial, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
587 Howe, Birmingham
589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth
632 Concord, Trowbridge
643 Royal, Eiley
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelli
721 Independence, Chester
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
827 St. John, Dewsbury
834 Derwent, Wirksworth
893 Meridan, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Bootle
1300 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stamford & Warrington, St'yb'ge
1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1564 St. John, Woking
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urnston, Urnston
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1802 Vernon, Retford
1852 Forest, Mansfield
1885 Torridge, Great Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
2034 Masefield, Moseley
2049 Ellan Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Manchester
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2505 County Palatine, Birkdale
2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.

73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
162 Cadogan, Freemasons'-hall
194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
704 Camden, Anderton's
857 St. Mark, Camberwell
1635 Canterbury, 33, Golden Square
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
2021 Queen Westminster, Holb'n R'st.
2022 Haven, Ealing
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill
2500 Old Boys', Criterion
213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
233 King Friends, Nantwich
384 St. David, Bangor
386 Unity, Wareham
414 Union, Reading
418 Menturia, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
468 Light, Birmingham
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
551 Yarrowburgh, Ventnor
560 Vernon, Scourport
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
667 Alliance, Li. arpool
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
960 Bute, Cardiff
1006 Tregulow, St. Day
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
1089 De Shuriland, Sheerness
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1270 Warren, Seacombe
1410 St. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1893 Lumley, Skegness
1894 Hershel, Slough
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tem'th.
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
2316 Princes, Liverpool
2360 Victoria, Southport
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
2536 Staines, Staines
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

Grand Stewards, Freemasons'-hall.
7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
190 Oak, Freemasons'-hall
700 Nelson, Plumstead
969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1150 Buck'ham & Chandos, F.M.H.
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tavern
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll
1571 Leopold, Southwark
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1673 Welcome, Holborn Viaduct H'tl.
1677 Crusaders
2241 Cordwainer Ward, C'non St. Ho
2272 Rye, Peckham
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
2361 Cricklewood, Frascati
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
2456 Chan'cy Bar, Hall Lincoln's Inn
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel
20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey

246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
311 South Saxon, Lewes
325 St. John, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
451 Sutherland, Burslem
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
823 Everton, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Driffild
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2514 City, Liverpool
2587 Radnor, Folkestone

Thursday.

6 Friendship, Criterion
23 Globe, Freemasons'-hall
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
55 Constitutional, Cannon St. Ho.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons'-hall
169 Temperance, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's
181 Universal, Albion
657 Canonbury, Holborn Rest
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons'-h.
1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel
1420 Earl Spencer, Lavender Hill
1475 Peckham, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1613 Cripplegate, Albion
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons'-h.
1901 Selwyn, Peckham
2310 London Scottish Rifles, Crit'ion.

42 Relief, Bury
56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
280 Worcester, Worcester
286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnworth
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester

430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
659 Blagdon, Blyth
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
900 St. George, Tewkesbury
939 Pelham, Worksop
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1432 Fitz-Allan, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
1512 Hemming, Hampton Court
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca
1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.
1776 Landport, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
1892 Wallington, Sutton
2107 Etheldreda, Newmarket
2156 Boscombe, Boscombe
2226 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Southwell
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2390 Exmoor, Minehead
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
2555 England Centre, Weedon
2570 Prince Llewellyn, Cardiff

Friday.

Board of Management Boys School
230
143 Middlesex, Albion
1118 Oxford and Cambridge, F.M.H.
1962 London Rifle Brigade, And't'n's.
2157 St. Mark's College, H'lb'rn Rest
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall
152 Virtue, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah Ark, Tipton
541 De Lorraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth Priory, C'fct'n-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel
1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.
1329 Sphinx, Camberwell
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
1767 Kensington, Kensington
2308 Viator, Anderton's
416 Surrey, Reigate
811 Yarrowburgh, Brighton
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1194 Villiers, Hampton Court
1556 Addiscombe, Croydon
1597 Musgrave, Hampton Court
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
2035 Beaumont, Kirkhurst
2318 Lennox Browne, B'khurst Hill
2437 Downshire, Wokingham
2458 Eton, Eton
2548 Herga, Harrow

BARING LODGE, No. 2602.

THE annual meeting was held in the Lodge Room at the Hotel Metropole, Cromer, on Thursday, 3rd inst., for the purpose of installing Brother H. W. Churchyard as Worshipful Master. Bro. Jas. Lovelace carried out the duties of installing Master in an able manner.
The banquet took place under the chairmanship of the W.M.

ROYAL ARCH.

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EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 1042.

THE installation was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Thursday, 24th ult., when Comp. Wm. Flockton P.Z. P.P.G. Assistant Sojourner was installed as M.E.Z. for the second time. Comp. Robert John Smith was installed as H., and Albert George Mabin as J.

After the close of the Chapter a pleasant social gathering took place, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

GILBERT GREENALL CHAPTER, No. 1250.

THE annual installation took place at the Lion Hotel, Warrington, on Tuesday, 22nd ult., when Comp. Arthur F. G. Potter was placed in the chair, and Comps. Chas. Holland and Wm. Preisthall in those of H. and J. respectively, Comp. Rose performing the ceremony.

After the installation the members sat down to a banquet, and then the usual toasts were honoured, and an entertainment was held, at which Mr. Harrison Hill, of Manchester, was the humorist.

TRUTH CHAPTER, No. 1458.

A MEETING was held at the Mosley Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, on Thursday, 24th ult., there being a fair attendance of members. Two candidates were announced for exaltation, but as they did not put in an appearance an early adjournment was made to the dining hall, where a substantial repast had been provided by Bro. H. Ross-Cattanach, the host. The usual festive board followed.

Among those present were noticed Companions Robt. Caldwell H., G. T. Lenard J., Herbert Hellewell S.E., Wm. Richardson S.N., H. G. Ward P.S., Thos. Threlfall 1st Asst. S., W. Dewhurst 2nd Asst. S., Thos. Hy. Hall P.Z. Treas., Buckley Carr P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., J. J. Dean, and Nelson Stokes.

CRUSADERS CHAPTER, No. 1677.

THE Principals of this Chapter, Comps. James Speller Z., Walter E. Sutton H., and Reuben Loomes J. presided at the Convocation held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 22nd ult., when Bro. the Rev. John Henry Rose, M.A. (vicar of St. James, Clerkenwell), P.M. Chaplain of both 1677 and 1964, Bro. H. Williams, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, and Bro. Leandro Foppoli, of the Sir Hugh Myddleton Lodge, No. 1602, and Bro. A. F. Lambert, of the Crusaders Lodge, were exalted in this Supreme Degree. The ceremony was admirably rendered by Comp. Speller and his Officers, and evidently made a great impression upon the candidates.

This being election night according to the Bye-laws, the following Companions were elected to the various offices for the ensuing year:—W. E. Sutton M.E.Z., Reuben Loomes H., Frederick Hughes J., J. H. Collingridge S.E., George Glover S.N., Wm. Shurmur P.G.S.B. Treasurer, G. S. Collins P.S., Bernard M. Moss 1st A.S., Alfred Haynes 2nd A.S., A. D. Jones D.C., Maidwell Janitor.

Comp. James Speller M.E.Z. presented the Chapter Bye-laws to the Companions. The little books are handsomely got up, being bound in soft leather, and contain an explanation of the Chapter crest and motto, together with list of the Founders and Officers. A vote of thanks was given to Comp. Speller for his generous present.

The Chapter was regularly closed, and the Companions adjourned to dinner, after which a very enjoyable musical programme was given by Comp. Egbert Roberts.

EMPIRE CHAPTER, No. 2108.

THE installation meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Monday, 7th inst. The Companions assembled punctually, enabling the Principals E. Warden Dennis Z., Hermann Klein H., and James Speller J., to open the Chapter at five o'clock.

The Companions were admitted, when the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The Balance Sheet, showing a very respectable amount in hand, was received and adopted.

Comp. Hermann Klein proposed the following motion:—"That the regular meetings of the Chapter shall in future be held on the first Tuesday in the months of March and November, and that the Bye-laws be altered accordingly." This was seconded by Comp. Edward Harding, supported by Comp. William Shurmur, and carried nem. con.

The First Principal's Chair was assumed by Comp. Shurmur, who opened the Conclave of Installed Principals, and proceeded to instal Comp. A. Davidson Kemp in the chair of J., Comp. James Speller P.Z. into that of H., and Comp. Hermann Klein as M.E.Z. It is quite unnecessary to state that the ceremonies were most admirably rendered by Comp. Shurmur, his working of the ritual being unequalled.

Upon the re-admission of the Companions the following Officers were invested:—E. E. Harding P.Z. Treasurer, William Shurmur S.E., J. Sefton Mayors S.N., Herbert Bunning P.S., Vincent J. Galsworthy First A.S., J. Mitchell Courage Second A.S., Franz Deutsch Steward, and E. Evenden Janitor.

The ballot was then taken, and proved in favour of Bro. Benno Schonberger, who was entrusted and received into the Chapter. This ceremony was ably performed by Comp. Klein, assisted by Comps. Speller, Kemp, and the other Officers. At the conclusion of the ritual Companion Schonberger was invested and decorated, and took his seat as a Companion of the Chapter.

A P.Z.'s jewel was presented, in the name of the Chapter, to Comp. Dennis, for his services during the past year. Comp. Dennis briefly returned thanks for the compliment.

Letters of apology for absence were received from the Grand Scribe E. (who was consecrating still another Lodge), Comp. G. Owen Dunn Deputy District G.M. of Bombay, and others.

Comp. Daniel Mayer, W.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, was proposed by Comp. Speller as a joining member of the Chapter. There being no other business the Chapter was formally closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a pleasant evening was spent, and the customary complimentary speeches were made and acknowledged.

The Visitors included:—Comps. Daniel Mayer P.S. 59, C. F. Browne P.Z. 81 P.P.G.R. Suffolk, J. H. Wildash H. 1662, W. Gower H. 2374, W.

Singleton Hooper S.E. 2488, E. Outler P.G.O. Chapitre Franc, Lionel Cooke P.S. 41, Charles Valentini 262, the Rev. John H. Rose 1677, J. Edwards 59, John A. Laing 1677, Orilton Cooper S.N. 1928, &c., while among other members present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Comps. George Weldon P.Z., Frank Jameson P.Z., D. W. F. Hill, O. Goldstein, John M. Courage.

MARK MASONRY.

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HAWTON LODGE, No. 100.

THE annual assembly took place on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Ivybridge. The meeting was presided over by Bro. W. R. Velvin, in the absence of Bro. W. J. Giles W.M., and Bro. P. Luscombe was regularly installed ruler for the year.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, together with the members of the Erme Craft Lodge, and a number of Lady Visitors.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Garrick.—Bro. Brickwell has made special arrangements with Mr. Albert Gilmer, and Messrs. Hardy and Von Leer, for transferring the successful farce, "A Brace of Partridges," in its entirety from the Strand to the Garrick Theatre, on Monday next, 14th inst. "22a Curzon St." will therefore be played at the Garrick Theatre for the last time this (Saturday) evening. A special Matinée will be given this afternoon.

Parkhurst.—On Monday next Mr. Frank Harvey's sensational melodrama, "The Wages of Sin," will be produced here by a strong company, including Mrs. Bennett, as Ruth; and Mr. Ernest Norris, as George Brand. On Monday, 21st inst., Miss Kate Vaughan will make her appearance in the new three-act comedy, "Love and Honour", by Alexandre Dumas Fils, after trying the same at Hastings for a week. She will also appear in her well-known monologue, "How it Happened," each evening.

The members of the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, announce a Ladies banquet and dance, to be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 16th inst. The arrangements are in the hands of Bro. Alfred Goode P.M. Sec.

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Haymarket.—8.30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Wednesday and Satur-
day, 2.30.

Vaudeville.—8.20, The French Maid. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.

Daly's.—8.15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Adelphi.—8, Farce. 8.30, The Lady of Lyons. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.

Savoy.—7.40, Old Sarah. 8.20, The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein. Matinée,
Saturday, 2.30. (Last day.)

Lyric.—8.15, Dandy Dan, the Lifeguardsman. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Prince of Wales's.—8.15, La Poupée. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Strand.—8, The Muff of the Regiment. 9, A brace of Partridges. Matinée,
Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

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

Garrick.—8.20, The Nettle. 9, 22A Curzon Street. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
On Monday, A Brace of Partridges.

Criterion.—8.15, The Liars. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

St. James's.—8, Much Ado about Nothing. Matinée, Wednesday and
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Terry's.—8.10, The Eternal Masculine. 8.45, The White Knight. Matinée,
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Duke of York's.—8, Musical Comedietta. 8.45, The Dove-Cote. Matinée,
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Comedy.—8.15, Sea Flower. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Court.—8.30, Trelawny of the "Wells." Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Royalty.—8, The Cat and the Cherub. 9, Oh! Susannah! Matinée, Satur-
day, 2.30.

Princess's.—8, How London lives.

Parkhurst.—8, The Wages of Sin.

Grand.—7.30, The White Heather. On Monday, Never Again.

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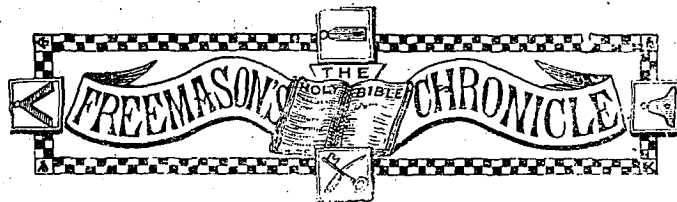
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AMETHYST LODGE, No. 206.

THE Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of this Lodge gave a very
enjoyable "At Home" on the 18th February, in the X.L. Café, Grafton
Street, Dublin.

The Brethren and their friends, numbering about eighty, having done
justice to a nice tea, in the Ladies Room, assembled in the spacious dining
hall for dancing. The floor and music were all that could be desired. There
was no crowding, and the night passed very pleasantly. The gentlemen being
in the majority there was quite a competition for the Ladies. Dancing was
kept up with great spirit until about 1.30.

Bro. Carty, of the X.L. Café, deserves credit for the excellent supper, and
for the light refreshments so plentiful during the dancing hours.

Amongst the Ladies present were Mrs. Durham, the Misses Durham, the
Misses Williams, Mrs. Clarke, Miss Adams, Miss Lettie Hoey, Mrs. Power
O'Donohoe, the Misses Warren, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Livingston,
Miss Louie Dobbin, Mrs. Twigg.

Mr. Pratt presided at the piano, and the musical programme was well
sustained by Messrs. Maddock, Stoker, Campbell, Clarke, and Topham, Mrs.
Twigg and Miss Louie Dobbin. Bro. Dr. Power O'Donohoe delighted all by
his exquisite rendering of "Kathleen Mavourneen."

Thanks are due to the W.M. Bro. Durham and the Lodge refreshment
Committee, assisted by Bro. Woods, for the care and forethought which
resulted in such a pleasant gathering.

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A very enjoyable dance was given by Masonic Lodges No. 223 and 55,
in the Court House, Monaghan, on Wednesday, the 9th ult. It was largely
and fashionably attended, the guests numbering nearly 150. The ball-room
was prettily draped with flags, the floor was perfect, and the music was all
that could be desired. The ladies of the Committee deserve great praise for
the exquisite taste displayed, the catering being admirably managed also by
them. Dancing commenced at 10 p.m., and was continued until four o'clock
in the morning, and under the capable management of Bros. Elliott and
Kerr Hon. Secs. the dance proved a perfect success.

There was a very successful meeting of the Epping
Lodge, No. 2077, on Saturday last, at the Royal Forest
Hotel, Chingford, when Bro. J. S. Abbott jun. W.M.
presided for the first time since his installation.

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.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE members of this old and well known Lodge assembled in strong force on Monday, 7th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, to witness the perfect working of their popular Worshipful Master Bro. F. A. Taylor, who was supported during the evening by Bros. W. Smith I.P.M., G. Body S.W., Joseph Cohen W.M. 2184 J.W., F. Dunn P.M. Treas., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor of the Terriers Lodge of Instruction Sec., C. H. Randall S.D., J. Fisk J.D., W. H. Collins I.G., H. B. Smith Stewd., John A. Barton Org., J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters G. Horton, N. Turner, W. E. Abrahams, and others; Bros. W. Smith, G. Cross, H. Neighbour, G. R. Irvine, J. S. Conisbee, W. Neighbour, F. A. Fountain, W. Newton, B. T. Crabtree, L. G. Peradon, P. White, A. J. Avery, J. Barton, A. Crabtree, W. S. Robinson, W. Conyers.

Among the Visitors were Bros. F. J. Whitehead I.P.M. 180, J. Walham 1987, R. Cohen 1658, G. R. Huntley 720, C. Lewis 889, G. J. North 2272, Davenall S.W. 1602, J. Taylor 193, C. Gumpetz P.M. 869, H. Newland P.M. 28, G. Harridge 1922, W. H. Shaw J.W. 1772, J. M. W. Jones, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened at 4:30 p.m., when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. B. T. Crabtree, who had been initiated at the previous Lodge, was presented to be passed to the higher degree, and was duly entrusted, after satisfactory proof of his efficiency as an Apprentice. The Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. Crabtree was regularly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

This ceremony being ended, the W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when the following candidates were introduced, after the ballot had been proved unanimous in their favour: Mr. Amos Cooper, Mr. Charles Gerrard, Mr. Percy A. Whitbread, and Mr. Walter Gabriel Montillet. In regular order these four gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, in connection with which work we may express agreeable surprise at the ability displayed by the W.M., who filled the honourable position of Worshipful Master for the first time since his installation as ruler of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed that the Lodge should arrange for a summer outing, a suggestion which was seconded by Bro. A. Darch P.M. Sec., and was unanimously accepted by the members, the following Brethren being elected as Stewards: Bros. W. Smith I.P.M., G. Horton P.M., Joseph Cohen J.W., G. Body S.W., W. Neighbour, F. Fountain, H. B. Smith, and J. S. Conisbee.

Bro. F. Dunn Treasurer, in most sympathetic manner announced to the W.M. and Brethren that Bro. Past Master W. R. Russell was dangerously ill, which report was received with considerable regret. The W.M. proposed that a letter should be sent from the Lodge, expressing the regret of the members, and wishing Bro. Russell a speedy recovery, which suggestion was unanimously supported.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from several Brethren, hearty good wishes were tendered to the W.M., and the Lodge was closed, the company adjourning to the Banquet Room, where an excellent repast was provided under the personal superintendence of Mr. L. Barry, Manager of this famous old Masonic house.

After the Loyal toasts Bro. Smith I.P.M. assumed the gavel, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be in the position to propose the health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. By the perfect manner in which their ruler had carried out the work that evening he had proved to the Brethren that they had selected the right man to preside over them. In everything he undertook there was promise of efficiency, and he felt sure there was a great future before the Royal Jubilee Lodge, the members of which must heartily wish Bro. Taylor a prosperous and busy year of office. The toast was most enthusiastically received.

The W.M., on rising to respond, again met an ovation. He first sincerely thanked the I.P.M. and Brethren for the toast, and then assured them he should do everything in his power for the welfare of the Lodge while it remained under his direction. Time was short, and he should have to curtail his remarks, but he could not omit an expression of his pleasure at seeing so many familiar faces from Lambeth, Chelsea, Cheshunt and elsewhere; he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing the Brethren present again on many future occasions. He also desired to tender a word of thanks to the Officers of the Lodge, for the way in which they had supported him in the work of the day.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the I.P.M. He could not find words to sufficiently thank Bro. Smith for the kind assistance he had rendered, and hoped to receive similarly loyal support from him during the remainder of his year of office. He felt the Brethren would join him in the wish that Bro. Smith would be with them in the Lodge for many years to come.

Bro. Smith thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their good wishes, and was delighted to be called upon to respond to such kind remarks. He had been told by the worthy Treasurer and Secretary that he had made a record during his term of office, and he was pleased to hear so, but the present Worshipful Master would, he was sure, beat that record. He had undertaken to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Boys School, to which he had made a contribution in his own name, while several of the Brethren had also promised subscriptions, but he should like still more support, as he wished to represent the Lodge with flying colours. He had specially to thank the members for having added twenty guineas from the Lodge funds.

The next toast was that of the Initiates, who were heartily welcomed by the W.M., who not only gave them a few words of encouragement, but expressed the opinion that the latest additions to the Lodge would prove a considerable benefit to it.

Bro. Cooper thanked the W.M. for having initiated him, and the Brethren for having accepted him. In time to come he hoped to fill the position which the W.M. occupied at present.

Bro. Gerrard also thanked the W.M., and promised to render every support to the Lodge. He hoped he would do credit to them in the future.

Bro. Montillet said he hoped the Lodge would continue a great success. He was proud to have been initiated in the Royal Jubilee Lodge, for which he thanked the W.M. and Brethren.

Bro. Whitbread said the beautiful ceremony had greatly impressed him, and he was very pleased to be a Brother amongst them. In time to come he hoped to show the Brethren that they had not made a mistake by having elected him a Brother amongst them.

In submitting the toast of the Visitors the W.M. said how pleased the members always were to welcome guests among them; they would ever strive to give them a hearty welcome.

Replying, Bro. Whitehead I.P.M. 180 said it was not the first time he had visited this Lodge, and he hoped it would not be the last. He had greatly admired the excellent working of the W.M., and congratulated the Brethren on having so perfect a worker to rule over them.

Brother Jones said he was one of the old Boys of the Royal Masonic Institution. His father had died when he was very young, but, thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, he was elected to that excellent Institution and owed his present position entirely to Freemasonry. He hoped shortly to be in a position to give tangible proof of his gratitude, as he should certainly do everything in his power for the excellent Institutions of the Craft.

Bro. Shaw said the Royal Jubilee Lodge was the first he visited after his initiation, and he had been so much impressed on the occasion with the beautiful working he saw there that he decided to leave no stone unturned that hindered him rising to the dignity of Worshipful Master. He was pleased to say he was now Junior Warden of his Lodge, and hoped to be its Master within a couple of years.

Other Visitors also replied in suitable terms.

The toast of the Past Masters, including the Treasurer and Secretary, followed.

Bro. Dunn Treas. thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks and congratulated him on having the Lodge in so good a financial position. He might mention, for the information of the Initiates in particular, that they did not always think of pleasure—indeed their principal thought was charity, which was never forgotten among the members of their Lodge. He felt sure at least £150 would be added to the list of their Immediate Past Master, as he was called upon to render an account of his Stewardship. He was gratified to think the Lodge stood on a very firm footing indeed.

Bro. Darch followed, saying how proud he was to occupy the honourable position of Secretary of the Lodge, for which he wished continued prosperity.

The Officers were regularly toasted from the chair, the W.M. saying how much he had been indebted for their kind co-operation.

Bros. Body and Cohen made suitable response, after which the Tyler gave the concluding sentiment, and the meeting was brought to an end.

During the evening a choice selection of songs, recitations, &c. was given, among those who contributed to the harmony being Miss Hetti Hoterees (who was deservedly encored), Bro. F. W. Stephens P.M. (as good as ever), Albert Pearce, Charles B. Gammon, Charles Volcart, and others. Bro. John Barton (Organist of the Lodge) presided with his usual ability at the piano.

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TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THIS Lodge, which is now in the 111th year of its existence, held its installation meeting on Monday, 21st ult., at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford Street, Bro. W. Hinds W.M. presiding. After Mr. William Henry Ring and Mr. Joseph Cohen had been initiated, and Dr. G. Michael and Bro. Horace Barnett elected joining members, Bro. Hinds installed as Master of the Lodge for the next twelve months Bro. J. A. Witthaus.

Bro. Hinds was presented with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the Lodge, and with a P.M. collar and jewel by the Brethren individually.

Bro. Alexander Levy Past District Grand Treasurer Kimberley, in consideration of his fifty years' membership of the Lodge, presented the Lodge with a beautiful ivory gavel, says the "City Press."

Bro. D. Hills P.M. Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he should move that fifty guineas be given to the Stewards list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Before the proceedings of the evening closed £120 was placed on the list by the Brethren.

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SIR THOMAS WHITE LODGE, No. 1820.

BRO. W. Hunter Johnson, who was W.M. of this Lodge in 1890, was installed for the second time, at the annual festival, held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on the 4th inst.

The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Barnett Smith S.W., Gunnyon J.W., Robert Grey P.J.G.W. Treasurer, Henry Grey P.M. Secretary, Kidson S.D., Crimp J.D., Abrams I.G. Previous to the installation the outgoing Master Bro. H. J. Wilde initiated Mr. Matthew Fletcher Oxenford into the privileges of the Craft.

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ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. W. Singleton Hooper presided for the last time previous to the installation of his successor, at a regular meeting of this Lodge, on Friday, 4th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W.

He was assisted by Bros. Walter Olifford I.P.M., Edward Lockwood acting as S.W., Lionel H. Harris J.W., Walter Beard P.M. Treasurer, W. Sergeant Lee P.M. as S.D., Hepworth Dixon acting as J.D., Tom Fraser I.G., and a goodly number of the members, and Visiting Brethren.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees for the purposes of business, and resumed to the first, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. E. Beard and G. Aylmen proved their proficiency as 'Prentices, by promptly answering the usual questions, thereby reflecting credit upon their sponsors, and evincing their earnestness in Freemasonry. They were then passed to the second degree, and invested as Craftsmen.

Bro. Albert Charles Hills was raised to the sublime degree, and took his seat in the Lodge as a Master Mason.

Both the ceremonies were perfectly performed by Bro. Hooper, in his usual masterly manner, he giving the whole of the traditional history and the explanation of the third Tracing Board. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine how the ritual could be better rendered. The same remark applies to the Officers, and bears out our previous statement that there is nothing of eccentricity, beyond the name, in connection with this Lodge.

The next business was the election of a Master for the ensuing year, and as the Senior Warden did not desire the preferment at the present time, the choice of the Brethren fell upon Bro. Lionel H. Harris, who was congratulated by the W.M., and returned his thanks to the Lodge for the honour conferred.

Bro. Walter J. W. Beard was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. P. M. Ellis was re-appointed Tyler.

The Audit Committee was directed to prepare the Accounts of the Lodge, and Balance Sheet, previous to the next meeting.

Bro. Beard proposed that a Past Master's jewel, of a new and appropriate design, should be voted to Bro. Hooper, in recognition of his distinguished services to the Lodge, which was carried with acclamation.

Bro. Alfred Ellis offered to photograph the members of the Lodge free of expense, for the purpose of filling the magnificent album presented by Bro. Thomson Lyon.

Bro. Hooper announced that owing to the generosity of the Brethren he had been enabled to take up a Steward's List of subscriptions at the "Old People's" Festival amounting to £110, which ranked among the seven highest contributions, whereat the Brethren expressed their gratification.

The W.M. having received the congratulations of the Visitors, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the company adjourned to the banquet room, where a very delectable repast was provided by Bro. Oddinino, whose menu card was original, eccentric, and witty. The evening was passed in good fellowship, enlivened with a capital musical programme provided by Bro. James Kift, who was assisted by Bros. Harrison Brockbank, Wills Page, Wallis Arthur, F. A. C. Snell, and D. Salaman.

Among the members present were Bros. A. C. Snell, F. W. Sears, G. M. Pratt, Julius M. Price, H. J. Homer, M. J. Shepherd, G. Aylen, H. S. Simson, J. A. Atkin, H. J. Brickwell (present W.M. of St. Martin's Lodge), Frank Jesse, W. J. Beard, Hy. Rees, Albert H. Collings (present W.M. of St. Michael's Lodge), Ernest B. Pugh, J. Weiner, E. Sallam, Alfred Ellis, F. Dangerfield, and many others whose signatures were acquired before the advent of School Boards.

The Visitors included Bros. E. Lane Campbell 1987, James Dangerfield S.D. 2241, Miles Bailey 2005, Bertram Clenson 357, W. E. Downey 1671, Percy House 1518, A. C. Sutherland 2455, Thomas Mason 2455, Harry Sims 2394, A. Stearns P.M. 69, C. Rider Noble 1764, Spencer Eilan 165, Forthsyth Harbord, A. B. Spawforth P.M. 211, J. H. Dimsdale W.M. 2581, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, &c.

ALLEYN LODGE, No. 2647.

A LARGE muster of Brethren and visitors assembled on Saturday, 26th ult., at the Crown and Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich, to take part in the installation of Bro. G. W. Capel, F.R.G.S., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The occasion was one of special interest, as the ceremony took place in the magnificently-decorated Masonic Temple which has been erected in this newly-built Hotel, and which was now used for the first time.

Previous to the installation ceremony, Messrs. C. L. Lechmere and A. Browne were initiated as members, Bro. C. J. Axford working the ceremony. He then proceeded to instal Bro. Capel as W.M., and performed his duties in a very impressive manner throughout.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Axford, in recognition of his services during his year of office.

The Brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, and during a well-served dinner—supplied by Bro. G. H. Groutage, the courteous manager of the hotel—a capital selection of music was performed by an efficient orchestra, under the able direction of Bro. J. Read.

The toast of the Worshipful Master was very heartily received by the company, and Bro. Capel, in a very felicitous speech, responded, thanking the Brethren for the kind feelings expressed towards him.

The W.M. then proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, and in doing so referred to the very great services Bro. Axford had rendered to the Alleyn Lodge as its originator and first Master.

Bro. Axford replied in feeling terms, heartily wishing that the Alleyn Lodge might continue to prosper in the years to come.

INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. J. H. Cumming P.M. W.M., J. Dennis S.W., R. W. Robinson J.W., H. Williams Preceptor, H. R. Worth S.D., L. Walsh J.D., A. E. Furness I.G., E. H. Wilcox, F. M. Ridley, C. Humble, H. T. Johnson, W. Langden, J. Ashton, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ashton being candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Ridley answered the questions leading to the second degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed.

Bro. J. Dennis S.W. was elected W.M. for 17th inst.

A vote of thanks to the W.M. for occupying the chair after some years was proposed by the Preceptor, and carried unanimously.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

ON Tuesday, at 6.30, at Bro. T. Pearce's Market House, Brushfield Street, Spitalfields Market, Bro. R. W. Dobyn S.W. 901 W.M., J. Hatton J.W. 190 S.W., W. H. Haylock J.W., W. R. Haylock P.M. Prec., W. Reeve Sec., A. Salmon S.D., E. Beadle J.D., T. Pearce (Treasurer) I.G., G. English W.M. of the Mother Lodge, T. Tuck I.P.M. 901, T. Lingley, S. B. Lotheim, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lotheim acting as candidate, and the work being ably gone through. The W.M. changed places with the S.W., and the latter ably rehearsed the second ceremony, with Bro. Beadle representing the candidate. The W.M. again took command, and resumed the Lodge in the first degree, when he rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of Officers.

Bro. A. Salmon S.D. 2222 was elected a member of the Lodge, and Bro. Hatton S.W. chosen to preside at the next meeting.

Bro. Haylock appears to have an excellent knowledge of the ritual, and is a very good Preceptor. The Lodge affords a good opportunity for practice on the part of Brethren wishing to perfect themselves.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708

ON Monday, at 3 o'clock, at the house of Bro. Rudderforth, Stone's Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, Bro. John Klempner acted as W.M., with Bros. A. W. Musk S.W., E. Wavill P.M. J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., J. W. Simeons Sec., J. E. Culverhouse S.D., H. G. Hyem J.D., H.

Wood I.G., W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M., H. J. Rose, A. Butcher, J. Morris, T. H. Westcott, A. Menn, L. Muttey, J. Wynman, T. G. Baker, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Butcher acting as candidate. The Lodge was advanced, and the third ceremony gone through, Bro. H. J. Ross having been previously examined, and then acting as candidate.

We compliment the able Preceptor Bro. Woodrow on the attention he devotes to the proper rendering of the signs, and commend this all important feature to other Masonic tutors, too many of whom aim at perfection in ritual, and quite overlook what we regard as of far greater importance—a careful and uniform system of drill, if we may so use the term.

Bro. A. W. Musk was elected to the chair for next week.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E., on Wednesday, 9th inst., Bro. A. S. Bird W.M., J. Butcher S.W., F. Thornton J.W., W. Boyce P.M. S.D., Pollock J.D., H. Soar I.G., F. Thornton Secretary, De Casseres Preceptor, Durrell, Dowdey, Toole, Furneaux, Field, F. Webster P.M., G. Holmes, C. Holland.

The Lodge was opened and the ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Durrell acting as candidate. Bro. Dowdey answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Holmes acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the Brethren assisted Bro. De Casseres to work the first section of the lecture.

Bro. Dowdey, of the Mother Lodge, became a member, and Bro. Butcher was elected to the chair for Wednesday next.

TERRIERS LODGE, No. 2184.

AN exceptionally good meeting was held on Wednesday, at 3 p.m., at the usual quarters in Chester Street, Kennington, when the Lodge was presided over by Bro. A. Cohen, who was supported by C. West S.W., C. H. Randall J.W., A. Darch P.M. Sec. 72 Prec., E. Sinclair P.M. Sec., J. W. Mark S.D., E. Almayo J.D., W. C. Fowler I.G., T. Holland, Janaway P.M., Wynman, E. Martyn, Nathan, Jackley, Hirsh, and others.

After formalities Bro. Martyn was examined and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was gone through. This was followed by a rehearsal of the third degree, the work throughout being very satisfactory.

Bro. Darch gave the traditional history and explanation of the tracing board, in a way—we need hardly say—that was really perfect; it would certainly be a difficult matter to find a better Preceptor than he.

Bro. C. West was elected Worshipful Master for Wednesday next.

PROVINCIAL.

VIRTUE LODGE, No. 152.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Friday, the 18th ult., Bro. R. A. Kinder W.M.

The principal business was that of installing Bro. George Wragge S.W. into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was undertaken by the retiring Master, who performed his work in a most satisfactory manner. He was assisted by Past Masters John Crompton, who presented and explained the working tools of the various degrees; D. Conway, who rendered the address to the Master; Rev. John Watson Chap. P.P.G.C., who addressed the Wardens; and G. C. Williams, who addressed the Brethren generally. Bro. Wm. Jaffrey P.M. P.P.J.G.D. invested the following Officers, who were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Shaw S.W., J. H. Yates J.W., Rev. J. Watson P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, T. Gillibrand P.M. Treasurer, R. W. Rylands Secretary, E. Ireland S.D., T. A. Jones J.D., A. A. Millington P.M. Director of Ceremonies, F. A. Sharratt I.G., E. Barlow, Wm. Higginson, R. Dougill, and A. England Stewards.

Bro. D. Conway P.M. was appointed Charity Representative.

The Festival of St. John must be regarded as eminently a success, both as regards the excellent banquet provided by Miss Brandon (of the Hall), the large muster of members and visitors, and the superior quality of the speeches evoked by various Loyal and Masonic toasts. The preparers of the musical programme must be congratulated upon their selection of the Abbey Singers, consisting of Bros. Kershaw, Blacow, Howarth, and Maltby, who were frequently in evidence, while we must not omit mentioning the pleasing effort of Bro. Compton, who sang "Here's to his health," as also the admirable pianoforte solo of Bro. J. H. Yates J.W.

During the evening Bro. Jaffrey, in a neat and telling speech, presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, a very handsome jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

Bro. R. A. KINDER P.M., by the Brethren of the Virtue Lodge, No. 152, in recognition of his services as W.M., 1897-8.

February 18th, 1898.

Bro. Kinder I.P.M. replied in appropriate terms.

ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 315.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 1st inst., when there was a large attendance. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. George Bungard. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. W. E. Nash as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. George Bungard.

On behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge the W.M. presented Bro. Bungard with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried on the duties of his office during the past year.

On the closing of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet. Bro. Bungard I.P.M. gave the toast of the Worshipful Master. He said he had known Bro. Nash for several years, and fully realised his great earnestness and his intense desire to succeed in the Lodge. He was confident that Bro. Nash during his year of office would strive to inculcate the true Masonic principles of brotherly

love and fraternal feeling. The W.M. was possessed of great energy, and those excellent traits which had marked his career in the past would, he was sure, be more prominently displayed in the future. He cordially wished him a happy and prosperous year.

Bro. W. E. Nash, on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. Thanking the Brethren for their hearty reception of the toast he said he felt honoured by the record attendance of Brethren that evening. He did not profess to be able to equal the work shown by Bro. Bungard, but he would endeavour to imitate him in maintaining the prosperity and happiness of the Lodge. He had been able to organise outings and balls on behalf of the members, and had already arranged for an outing in June, and for the annual ball next January. Supported by the Officers and Brethren he was hopeful of success, and would do his utmost to maintain the high character of the Lodge and the happiness of the Brethren.

ST. DAVID LODGE, No. 679.

ON Thursday, 3rd inst., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Aberdare. The hall has been recently renovated at a considerable expense, and the Lodge room is now acknowledged to be one of the finest in South Wales. There was a large attendance of members and visiting Brethren.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. James Thorney. Bro. W. D. Phillips S.W. was promoted to W.M., the installation ceremony being most impressively performed by his father, Bro. Thomas Phillips P.M. P.P.G.S.

Bro. James Thorney I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and Bro. C. Botting P.M. was presented with a portrait, for his services to the Lodge.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Constitutional Hall, presided over by the W.M. Bro. W. D. Phillips.

PANMURE LODGE, No. 723.

IF a man's popularity is to be judged by the efforts his friends make to rally round him on public occasions then Bro. John Jenkins Kennett must be one of the most popular of men in the Masonic world of Aldershot, says the "Aldershot News," for troops of friends came in from all quarters to do him honour. London, Dover, Dublin, Portsmouth, Guildford, Farnham, Camberley, and many other places sent representatives for this purpose on Tuesday, 8th ult., the day appointed for his installation as Worshipful Master.

On the arrival of the Grand Lodge Officers, who entered together, they were duly saluted by the Brethren.

Bro. R. Eve P.M. received the gavel, and proceeded with the installation ceremony. The new Officers were then appointed for the coming year, although as vacancies rarely occur in the Panmure Lodge the only new blood was an additional Steward, Bro. J. Meiklejohn, all the old Officers going up a step in rank.

At the banquet which followed, the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Eve being particularly strong and eloquent with reference to the Charities. A large sum is required this year, and the right course is being taken to obtain it. H.R.H. the Grand Master has promised to preside some time in May, and many Stewards are already in the field, the two members of Panmure being Bros. J. B. Jaye and J. J. Kennett, who are just the right members for this important service. In responding to the toast of his health the W.M. said that from the very first day of becoming a member of the Craft he had set before himself the Master's chair as the goal of his ambition, and he described his position, appropriately enough, as being a proud one.

ERME LODGE, No. 1091.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ivybridge, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., when Bro. B. Henley was installed as Worshipful Master.

It was unanimously agreed to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. P. Luscombe, in recognition of the services he has rendered to the Lodge during the past year, as its Worshipful Master.

Subsequently the Brethren, together with the members of the Hawton Mark Lodge, adjourned to the London Hotel, where they were joined by several ladies, and an excellent banquet was partaken of, at which Bro. Henley W.M. of the Craft Lodge presided.

The Loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. Coyte S.W. gave the Master Bro. Henley, remarking that in their newly-appointed presiding Officer they had an excellent comrade and an ardent Freemason.

Bro. Henley, responding, stated that the day was a red letter one in his life. He referred to the fact that it had always been his ambition to preside over a Lodge, and he felt grateful to the members of Lodge Erme for unanimously casting their vote in his favour. He expressed his indebtedness to the Past Masters for so admirably carrying out the installation ceremony, craved the assistance of his Officers, and thanked the Ladies for their presence at the banqueting hall.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1780.

THE "installation season" in Southampton was brought to a close on Tuesday, 1st inst., when there was a large gathering of Brethren of this Lodge at the Masonic Hall, on the occasion of the accession to the chair of the Lodge for the ensuing year of Bro. E. W. Drysdall S.W. The installation ceremony was excellently performed by Bro. R. Prowse W.M., in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Installing Master for his services that day and in the chair during the year, the W.M. presented to Bro. Prowse a Diamond Jubilee jewel, subscribed for by the Officers who had served under him, and a Past Master's jewel from the Lodge; a P.M.'s apron was also presented him on behalf of the Brethren whom he had initiated during his year of office.

The I.P.M. expressed suitable acknowledgments of these interesting gifts, and other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the Brethren adjourned to the annual banquet, the large party being admirably catered for by Bro. Biggs.

The W.M. presided, and was heartily congratulated by the Brethren who responded on behalf of the Visitors. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and an excellent programme of music and song was contributed by Bros. Coulan, Smith, and Billett, Bro. Crocker presiding at the piano.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 24th ult., Bro. Edwyn A. Smith W.M., when there was a good attendance.

Bro. Maurice J. Langdon was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., after which the Brethren adjourned to meet their lady friends, the Lodge room in the meantime being tastefully arranged for their reception. A very pleasant social evening followed.

QUEEN VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2655.

ON Wednesday, 2nd inst., a meeting was held at the Trelawney Hall, St. Budeaux, under the presidency of Major G. J. Shanks W.M., the attendance including a large number of visitors.

Bro. Edwin Fage S.W. was elected Worshipful Master, and the W.M., in congratulating him, trusted his year of office would prove a successful and prosperous one.

Bro. Edwin Fage suitably responded, and in the course of his remarks expressed the hope that before his term of Office expired the Lodge would be meeting in a building of their own. He assured the Brethren that no effort would be wanting on his part to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge.

An emergency meeting is to be held on the 30th inst., and on the 6th of April the installation will take place.

The annual ball of the Friars Lodge, No. 1349, took place at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, W., on the 10th ult., when upwards of 150 members and friends were present. Dancing was commenced at 8 o'clock, in the Empire Hall, supper being served at eleven o'clock, in Messrs. Lyons' well known style. The entertainment was kept up until 4 a.m., a most enjoyable time being spent by all who were present. The arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Isaac Davis, and proved in every way satisfactory.

THE HUMOURS OF ADVERTISING.

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IN the "Monthly Mirror" (June 1800) appeared the following:—"Theatre, Manchester. A Mr. Lee-Sugg has been with an entertainment, as he called it, of recitation, songs, and ventriloquism. We notice the circumstance merely to expose the impudence and blasphemy of this miserable stroller. In his bills he called ventriloquism 'a wonderful power, that never can be learnt, but might be given by the King of Kings,' and asserts that 'the Lord hath given unto him this great talent, and the devil cannot take it from him.' Present entertainers please note."

Here is an advertisement which was posted up at North Shields:—"Whereas several idle and disorderly persons have lately made a practice of riding on an ass belonging to Mr. ———; now, lest any accident should happen, he takes this method of informing the public that he has determined to shoot the said ass, and cautions any person who may be riding on it at the same time to take care of himself, lest by some unfortunate mistake he should shoot the wrong one."

The above reminds me of a very peculiarly worded notice which I saw some few years ago at the entrance to a park near Dolgelly, North Wales: "Rhybudd (notice). Any one who will trespass upon these grounds, shall be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law."

A Cardiff evening paper of March 1890, announced as follows:—"For Sale. Miscellaneous. Beauty Comro Pony, 4 years for you. Trap and Tacklings speeded enwhere; was sell them for 17£; wery sheep.—Ply Mr. Davies, Cut-hair and Shave Shop, Caerphilly, Morganshire, Wales, Endland."

The following lines, according to a writer in "Notes and Queries" (1873), are taken from "Specimens of the Yorkshire Dialect, &c.," printed at Otley (London, Dean and Son) without date:—"Tis to gie notidge, that Joanie Pickersgill yeats yewn to neit, to moarn at moarn, an to moarn at neit, an nea langer as lang as storm hods, cause he can get na mair eldin." The interpretation of this is that the bellman of Ripon gives notice that John Pickersgill (the baker), heats his oven to-night, to-morrow morning, and to-morrow night, and no longer, as long as the snowstorm lasts, because he cannot get any more firewood.

A London tradesman thus advertised his change of address:—"I. Fell from Ludgate Hill."

Amongst the obituary notices in a weekly paper (says "Chamber's Journal"), there appeared the name of a certain publican with the following eulogium appended to it:—"He was greatly esteemed for his strict probity and steady conduct through life, he having been a subscriber to the "Sunday Times" from its first number." This is a worthy pendant to Miss Hawkins's story of the undertaker writing to the Corporation of London, "I am desired to inform the Court of Aldermen, Mr. Alderman Gill died last night by order of Mrs. Gill."

Evidently the author of the following advertisement had an eye to business. It is from a Spanish paper:—"This morning our Saviour summoned away the jeweller Siebald Illmaga, from his shop to another and a better world. The undersigned, his widow, will weep upon his tomb, as will also his two daughters, Hilda and Emma, the former of whom is married, and the latter is open to an offer. The funeral will take place to-morrow.—His disconsolate widow, Veronique Illmaga. P.S. This bereavement will not interrupt our business, which will be carried on as usual, only our place of business will be removed from No. 3 Tesside Teisnturiers to No. 4 Rue de Missionnaire, as our grasping landlord has raised our rent."

That was a curious coincidence which occurred on the day the late Mr. Justice Cave was being buried at Woodmausterne (end of 1897). An advertisement appeared in the local papers announcing that there would be sold at the Manor House, Woodmausterne, some valuable stock, the property of Mr. Justice Cave, "who is quitting." Unfortunately he was quitting, but in a different manner to that indicated by the advertisement.

The following is copied from a number of the "John Bull," published

in the early part of the present century:—"I, Achen, Chinaman, native of Pekin, return his thank to de religious of most worships in Bengal, since his first begin business. He now have to acquaint de worshipers of Idols, that his son Aloo Achen have arrived after his study of Sculpture in Italy and London; he have brought wid him many blocks of that beautiful stellated granite from Kilkenny, he have also brought out a Mr. Bacon's Pentagraph, by wish we am now able to reduce to de smallest size any favourite Idol for domestic worship and in portable compass (exactly resembling de original) for religious travellers by sea or land. We have one blocks of dis imperishable marble weighing Three Tons, beautifully variegated, dis I proposes as de basis of a durable Idol, to supercede de perishable wooden figure of Juggernaut; I with my son hav nearly completed de Idol, we have left one opening behind in de body, to contain de dust of de first inventor and de bones of de carver in Wood, we have at the lower extremity of de body leaved room to introduce (from two oval reservoirs of mercury) Tubes up to de corner of each eye close to de nose, dese filled wid water, de mercury below pressed by de warm hands of de priest, will cause de Idol to shed tears at any time, or any festival, like Peter de Great's Virgin on Good Friday. We have left a cavity in de mouth, between de teeth for phosphorous light; also, in each eye of de Idol to illuminate de enamel and glass pupils in front.

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The superscription over one shop in Allahabad, India, was "Ihman Bucks & Co., Merchants and sodawater," while over another was the startling announcement:—"Mooka Sing & Co., Merchants. Customers sending orders will be promptly executed."

This is a Yankee advertisement which some years back went the round

of all the papers:—"If you want a real fine unsophisticated family pill, try Dr. Rumbolt's liver-encouraging, kidney-persuading, silent perambulator, twenty-seven in a box. This pill is as mild as a pet-lamb, and as searching as a small-tooth comb. It don't go fooling about, but attends strictly to business, and is as certain for the middle of the night as an alarm clock." Then follow some lines in Latin doggrel.

A smart piece of advertising was performed by Mabley, the noted American tailor, on the occasion of Jenny Lind's first appearance in New York. The individual in question presented himself first at the ticket window of the theatre the morning the box plan opened, and casually asked what the clerk would take for the entire house. The prices of all the seats in the building were rapidly totted up, and the amount announced was equal to nearly two thousand pounds. Mabley thereupon purchased the lot, and every intending first-nighter was compelled to go to his little clothing-shop during the next few days to negotiate with him. The arrangement made was to present a ticket to every purchaser of even the most trifling article on sale. The advertisement made his business, for he was more talked about than the songstress herself.

A Chicago merchant, once humourously expatiating upon the benefits of advertising, said that he caused to be inserted in a newspaper the advertisement, "a boy wanted," and before an hour had elapsed a messenger arrived at his store, with the information that his wife had twin boys.

A Boston chemist advertised thus:—"The gentleman who left his stomach for analysis, will please call and get it, together with the result."

"Ran away—a nigger named John; his nose turned up five feet eight inches high, and had on a pair of corduroy pants much worn," was an advertisement which once appeared in an American paper, and in another a Texas farmer advertised for "an industrious man to take charge of five-thousand sheep who could talk Spanish."

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The Duchess of Kent's favourite spaniel. The original picture belongs to
Her Majesty the Queen, and hangs at Osborne. There is a monument in
marble to this dog on Windsor Castle slopes, with appropriate inscription.
- 3.—Dash, Hector, Nero, and a Lory Engraved by George Zobel, 1877.
Her Majesty's pets. The original picture, exhibited at the Royal Academy
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- 4.—Lorie Engraved by Charles Mottram, 1875.
A parrot, given to the Princess Victoria by the Hereditary Prince and
Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, which afterwards belonged to
the Duchess of Kent. The original picture was sketched at the Palace,
December 22nd, 1837, and was left to the Queen by the Duchess of Kent;
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Her Majesty's favourites. The macaw was named "Lorie," and was
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A circular head. The original picture belongs to Her Majesty the Queen,
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H.R.H. Prince Consort's favourite greyhound. The original picture,
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- 13.—Marmozettes Engraved by Charles Mottram, 1876.
A pair of Brazilian monkeys on a pine-apple. The original picture,
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- 14.—H.R.H. Princess Alice with Eos Thomas Landseer, A.R.A., 1875.
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Her Majesty's favourite badger dog. The original picture belongs to Her
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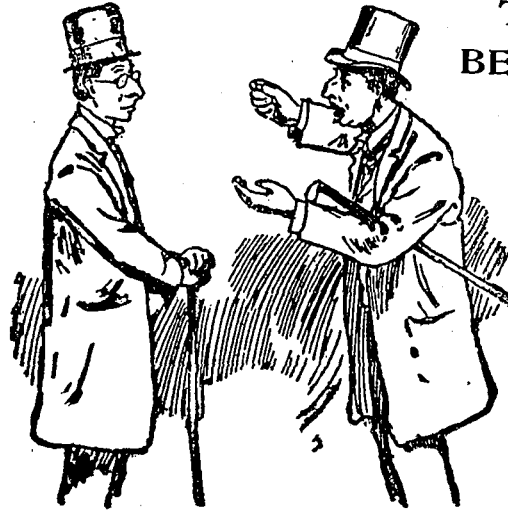
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