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PRESENTATIONS TO THE CHARITIES.

THE first business to be considered at the Quarterly Courts of the two Institutions, to be held next week, has reference to the price at which future Life and Perpetual Presentations are to be acquired. A Joint Committee of the Institutions has had this matter in hand, and the outcome of their deliberations is a suggestion that until further notice the price for a Perpetual Presentation shall be 1,550 guineas, and for a Life Presentation 900 guineas, but the latter arrangement is not applicable in the case of a life under twenty-one years of age.

The matter is undoubtedly a difficult one to deal with, and we are almost inclined to the belief that it is a mistake to make any arrangements at all for either Life or Perpetual Presentations, as the charm of benevolence must be sacrificed to the dictates of business, or the Institutions lay themselves open to the charge of adopting unsound financial responsibilities.

Taking first the question of Life Presentations, for which a charge of 900 guineas is asked. This sum, if paid into one of the Educational Institutions in the ordinary course would purchase 880 votes at each election, if given in the name of a Lady or a Lewis; or 430 votes at each election if given in the name of a Brother; and either arrangement seems far more likely to be more remunerative than the purchase of a Life Presentation; particularly so if a Brother decided to pay the money in the name of his wife or of either his son or daughter, as then he might reckon on having the right of presentation every two years, on an average, whereas by a direct purchase that privilege would only come at intervals of six or seven years. It seems to us, then, that the question of purchase of Life Presentations at the figure now fixed must become a dead letter, and that being so would it not be better to leave the item altogether out of the Laws of the Charities? The proposal now made seems to imply that the Institutions are very greedy, in asking so much for a privilege that can be purchased by another method at one-third, or at most, one-half the price. Further, why exclude minors from the Life Presentation benefits, when their support is especially encouraged by the offer of double votes in all other directions?

In the case of Perpetual Presentations, the charge for which is to be 1,550 guineas, the matter appears to be more readily adaptable to the circumstances of the case, and whichever way we work the figures out the result comes about the same. If the Committee has erred at all in this matter it is also on the side of overcharge, as a Province or other body could secure 370 votes at each election for the price asked, and it would be far better to work under such an arrangement than to purchase a Presentation.

In all these considerations, however, it is well to bear

in mind that there is the spirit of generosity to be taken into account on the part of the donor, as well as the strict letter of a monetary bargain. We have often urged it is unwise to make these Presentations too cheap, on the other hand it is almost absurd—if they are desired at all—to make their price prohibitive, and in view of what we have pointed out it hardly seems that the decision now arrived at fully meets the requirements of the case; but how to improve matters it is most difficult to suggest.

THE QUARTERLY COURTS.

THE Governors and Subscribers of the two Educational Institutions will assemble in Quarterly Court next week, for the transaction of general business, and the election of pupils on to the benefits of the respective Funds.

The Boys Court will be held on Friday, 15th inst., and the first business to be considered is that in regard to the future price for Presentations, to which we have just referred.

Next we come to a proposition by Brother Stanley J. Attenborough P.A.G.D.C. Patron and Honorary Solicitor of the Institution that, in order to celebrate the Centenary of the Institution, an allowance at the rate of £20 per annum be made to each of the unsuccessful candidates at this year's elections, towards their education and maintenance, until the date of their admission into the School, or the date upon which they become ineligible for admission by reason of age.

This proposal of Bro. Attenborough is certainly an admirable one, but it does not go far enough in our estimation, except in the one point where he proposes that the unsuccessful candidates of the two elections of the year are to be benefited. We think it would be far more satisfactory to limit the operation of his proposal to next week's contest, the list for which has long been settled, instead of allowing it to operate next October also, as that course seems to open the way to a tremendous rush of candidates, put forward for the purpose of securing this £20 a year as a certainty, with the possibility of ultimately getting admission to the Institution itself. It would be unfortunate if a very large number of candidates were attracted, with little or no chance of election in the ordinary way, merely for the purpose of taxing the Institution with this special means of marking the Centenary. Of course Bro. Attenborough and his friends are aware that the list of candidates for the October election will not be closed for some considerable time yet. Is it wise to attempt a work the limits of which it is impossible to even estimate?

As we read it Bro. Attenborough suggests that the £20 a year allowance is to cease as soon as a boy reaches the age of eleven years, if he has not previously been elected to the School. Would it not be possible to

continue the allowance until his education was completed? We do not believe this would entail a very heavy additional burden, as most of the candidates may be expected, in the ordinary course, to be elected, and it seems doubly hard that a boy should not only lose his chance of admission to the School, but at the same time be deprived of the £20 a year allowance he had hitherto enjoyed in celebration of the Centenary.

There is yet another reason why we wish this course could be adopted. We should like to know in how many cases the friends would prefer the £20 a year allowance, for education at home, in place of the course now adopted—at so much greater expense to the Craft—of housing all the pupils under one roof, and this would afford a very economical and efficient means of testing the point; but in any case we hope Bro. Attenborough will see his way to make his proposed allowances last until the boys reach the age for leaving school, and that it will be supported in that form when put to the vote of the Court.

The Girls Court will be held the following day, Saturday, 16th, when the decision in regard to the price for Presentations will come up for discussion, and other business will be disposed of.

In the case of the Boys School twenty-seven children are to be admitted, from forty-nine approved candidates; while in the case of the Girls there are fifteen vacancies to fill, and twenty-six applicants.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

SUPPORTERS of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Wednesday, 6th inst., the chair being occupied by Bro. F. B. Westlake P.M. 70 P.P.G.J.W., who was well supported.

The minutes of the last annual meeting and of the Committee meetings held since were read and confirmed, after which Bro. J. R. Lord P.P.G.T. P.G.D.C. Treasurer of the Fund presented his annual report. From this it appeared that the subscriptions and donations for the past year amounted to £529 8s 4d, as compared with £435 in 1896; balance brought forward from the previous year was £416 6s 9d, and this, with the interest £30 17s 4d, made a total for the year of £976 12s 5d. One great factor in producing such a magnificent income for the past year was the great charity concert held in the Plymouth Guildhall. The receipts from the concert were £112 17s 7d, which, subsidised by the Plymouth Lodges, made a grand total of £134 16s 7d. Payments to children and expenses left a balance of £561 6s in the bank, and £34 in the Treasurer's hands, and this, added to the amount of £1,300 on deposit and at interest in the Devon and Cornwall Bank, made the total value of the Fund £1,895 6s 5d at the end of last year. The accounts had been duly audited. Receipts this year, as compared with last, were much less, and this was accounted for by the fact of there being no contest. For this year the receipts to date were £179, as against £259 last year.

The report was adopted after Bro. Powell had expressed the opinion that it would have been better if the Committee before they closed the list had had a fourth nomination, so as to have ensured an election. He questioned the advisability of the Committee delegating their powers to a Sub-Committee, but reference to the bye-laws confirmed the Committee's action.

Bro. E. H. Shorto, of Exeter, in moving the re-election of Bro. J. R. Lord, of Plymouth, as Treasurer of the Fund, said that whilst it was satisfactory to them to have a large balance, that was not the ultimate object. They only desired to assure that the candidates elected should receive the benefit promised.

Seconded by Bro. Samuel Jones, of Plymouth, the proposition was adopted.

In proposing the election of his old friend Bro. J. B. Gover, of Plymouth, as Secretary of the Fund, Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, said the fact that Bro. Gover had acted as Secretary since the foundation of the Fund, which was now entering on its twentieth year, had proved the

success of his able management. Speaking roughly, they had received £6,000 and disbursed £4,000, and of the latter only £400 was absorbed in printing and other expenses. So long as Bro. Gover would serve they would re-elect him.

Bro. Samuel Jones seconding, the vote was carried unanimously.

Bro. W. H. Dillon, of Plymouth, was re-elected Assistant Secretary, at the instance of Bro. C. S. Stebbing, of Plymouth, seconded by Bro. Chas. Piper, of Exeter. Bros. W. Allsford and W. Stanbury, both of Plymouth, were elected Auditors. The Committee was re-appointed, with the addition of Bros. G. C. Davie Dep.P.G.M., of Barnstaple; and J. Stoker Prov.G.Sec., of Exeter.

The three candidates elected were from Lodges Benevolence 666, Princetown; St. Maurice 1855, Plympton; and St. John 70, Plymouth; and it was agreed that the Brethren who were deputed to act as guardians should report annually on the progress made by each child.

The Chairman, in moving a vote of thanks to the W.M. and Brethren of St. John Lodge, 328, Torquay, for their kindness that day, expressed the hope that it would be an augury of further support in the future, and Bro. Stocker, in seconding, said that was the first time the annual meeting had been held outside Plymouth and Exeter, and its success warranted them in visiting other towns in the Province, a procedure that he believed would be conducive to the greater success of the Fund.

Brother Crowe, in acknowledging the compliment, said he hoped they would again select Torquay for the annual meeting, and the oftener they came the better would the Brethren be pleased.

Replying to a vote of thanks for presiding, the Chairman alluded to the great Charities. Whilst there was room for the three Provincial charities, Devon was much behind the Northern provinces in their support of the great Charities. They were rallying well together that year for the Boys Institution, after which he hoped they would take up the Benevolent, towards which they only contributed a small sum, and received over £700, one Brother having altogether had £900.

At the invitation of the St. John Lodge the visiting Brethren were entertained to lunch on arrival, and to refreshment at the conclusion of the business, the proceedings being of a cordial and harmonious character.—“Western Mercury.”

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

WE have to mourn the loss of a very old friend in Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, who died at his residence, at Hackney, on the 31st ult. We had the pleasure of Bro. Cohen's acquaintance and tuition in the earliest days of our Masonic career, and then found him—as so many Brethren of the present age can testify—a true and zealous Craftsman, ever ready to assist any who came to him for information or help it was in his power to render. We well remember the enthusiasm Bro. Cohen displayed when, twenty-one years since, he occupied the chair of the Israel Lodge. Even at that time he was well known in Lodge of Instruction work, and we benefited not a little from the clear, forcible way in which he then, as since, rendered different portions of our ritual. For a very long period our deceased Brother had filled the post of Preceptor of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, while he had taken a very prominent part in the work of the Citadel Instruction Lodge, on the Benevolent Association of which he was one of the Committee of Management. The death of our Brother will be very much felt by a large circle of friends, in North London particularly, for his kindness of heart and his willingness at all times to assist in any good work were much appreciated. Personally we regard his demise as the severance of another of the few remaining ties which bind us to the earlier days of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. After upwards of twenty-three years association with the paper it is hardly to be wondered at that the remaining friends of our first year are but few in number, indeed the wonder is that so many remain, but none the less the death of any one of them is a loss which it is very hard to recognise is a permanent one. Our old friend leaves a widow to mourn his death, and in saying that that lady has the sincerest sympathy of ourselves and a very large circle of Masonic friends and acquaintances we are but expressing a fact patent to all acquainted with Bro. Cohen's work in the Craft. He had won respect and regard wherever he was known, and will be mourned as one whose place it will be very difficult indeed to fill.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Guildhall, Winchester, on Friday, 1st inst., the occasion assuming special importance from the fact that it was intended to make a presentation to Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, in recognition of the completion of his Jubilee in Masonry. The Provincial Grand Master presided, supported on the right by Bro. Eve as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the absence through illness of Bro. Le Feuvre, and on his left by Bro. Tilling (Mayor of Southampton) a Past Grand Officer of England. The Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. Newman P.P.G.S.W., and Dr. Cross P.G.J.W. There was a very large attendance of Brethren, Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers being particularly strong in number, and when the roll was called it was found that only two Lodges in the Province were unrepresented.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Provincial Grand Master said he was sorry to have to announce that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Le Feuvre was unable to attend, through illness. He very much regretted his absence, and he was sure that all Brethren wished him a speedy return to health, and that he would long live to be as zealous and energetic in the cause of Freemasonry as he had been in past years.

The Acting D.P.G.M. Bro. Eve, who was called upon from the chair to submit the first resolution, said he would read it as it stood on the paper, as follows: "That in view of the Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach having undertaken a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a sum not exceeding five hundred guineas be given from the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds, and be placed on his list." He said he must first of all express his deep regret at the absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. That was the first time he had had the pain of noting Bro. Le Feuvre's absence from such a meeting on account of illness, and he was sure all hoped he would be speedily restored to health. He was sure they were all ready to give him leave of absence under such circumstances. Bro. Le Feuvre had asked him to move the resolution which stood in his name. Now, the Brethren would remember that at the last Grand Lodge meeting of the Province it was resolved that 250 guineas be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds to be placed on the lists of Stewards for the Boys School Festival, and he would suggest that they should not to-day vote 500 guineas in addition to that sum. He should therefore move that 250 guineas be voted to be placed on the list of the Provincial Grand Master, and he felt sure that all the Brethren present would support that proposition. The Festival this year would be one of the greatest that had been seen in England for many years. The Boys School would celebrate its centenary, and it was felt that a special effort should be made on behalf of the charity, not only because the Grand Master the Prince of Wales was to preside at the Festival, but also because the executive had undertaken the work of building new schools. He was pleased to announce that not only would the Prince of Wales preside at the Festival on the 10th of June, but that the Princess of Wales had been graciously pleased to promise to present the prizes to the boys on the 17th, for the good work done in the School. They knew the high position their Provincial Grand Master occupied in Freemasonry, and this vote, if carried, would show that he had the Province at his back. Their Provincial Master was one of the Trustees of the Institution, and took a great interest in it.

The Rev. G. N. Palmer P.P.G.Chr. seconded the motion.

The Provincial Grand Master said that before he put the resolution he should like to say that it was 49 years ago since he was first a Steward for the Boys School, which was of very different dimensions to those of the present School, and if they collected a few thousands at the Festival it was thought they had done well. The Centenary Festival this year would no doubt be a stupendous success, and he hoped the new schools to which Bro. Eve had referred would increase their facilities, and enable them to educate a larger number of boys than they had hitherto done. He hoped the Festival would put the Trustees in a position to say they were not likely to suffer any loss in the great work they had inaugurated.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Eve, after repeating his expression of regret at the absence of the D.P.G.M., whose place he had been called

upon to fill, said they were met that day in the first Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held since the 24th of March, the day on which their Provincial Grand Master attained his jubilee in Freemasonry, to present to him a memento of the high esteem in which he was held by the Brethren, and in testimony of the meritorious work he had done in the Craft. Bro. Beach, he knew, had a place in the hearts of the Masons of Hampshire. There was no Mason in England—there were slightly older Masons—whose career had been marked with such a large amount of usefulness as that of their Provincial Grand Master. From the earliest period he had entered into his work with indomitable pluck and perseverance. Though an old Mason he was comparatively a young man full of activity, and he trusted he would be spared for many years to exercise his activity on behalf of the Province over which he ruled, and of the Masons of England generally. Referring to the early Masonic career of Bro. Beach, the speaker mentioned that he was sent by Lord Zetland the then Grand Master, to Canada, to heal some differences which had arisen, and the report he made was of great value, and had been attended with great benefit. He also spoke of his long connection with Hampshire as one of its Parliamentary representatives, as showing the estimation in which he was held by the people of the county to which he belonged, and went on to remark that possibly some few were present who attended when he was installed in the chair as Provincial Grand Master, in the Royal Gloucester Lodge, in 1869; Hampshire had had no reason to regret the selection then made by the Grand Master of England; on the contrary, it had had reason to rejoice. To say that the Province of Hampshire had extended under his rule was only to call attention to a fact with which they were all well acquainted. Their Provincial Grand Master was always ready to perform Masonic duties, not only in his own Grand Lodge, but in the Grand Lodge of England, where he occupied the chair two or three times a year; he also worked in other Provinces, and had probably installed a larger number of Provincial Grand Masters than any other living Mason. They rejoiced in having such an active, able, and spirited Provincial Grand Master, and desiring to make more memorable to him the year of his Masonic jubilee they had thought that nothing could be more gratifying to him than to have the photographs of those Brethren whom from time to time he had selected as Provincial Grand Officers; and who had also ruled over the several Lodges of the Province. The photographs were in the two large albums before him; they were excellent likenesses of excellent Brethren, and he had now on their behalf, and on behalf of the Province generally, to ask the Provincial Grand Master to accept the albums as a memento of their appreciation of the great work he had done in Masonry for 50 years, and in token of the love and esteem they had for him. He hoped he would live for many years to look upon the books and to carry on his Masonic duties as actively and as faithfully as he had done for many years past.

The albums contain about 300 cabinet portraits of the Brethren, either in regalia or in "mufti." The arms of the Province are emblazoned on the cover, and on the fly leaf within the cover is the following inscription, in illuminated text:

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

Desirous to record its grateful acknowledgment of the eminent services rendered to the Province by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master W. W. B. Beach, M.P., since his initiation into Freemasonry on March 24th, 1848. Having been Senior Warden of the Province in 1858, and Provincial Grand Master since 1869.

J. E. LEFEUVRE Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

JOHN W. GIEVE Provincial Grand Treasurer.

EDGAR GOBLE Provincial Grand Secretary.

Winchester, April 1st, 1898.

The first page contains the portraits of Bros. the Duke of Connaught, Le Feuvre, W. W. Portal, Asher Barfield, R. Eve, and the Rev. G. N. Palmer.

The Provincial Grand Master, who received an ovation on rising, said he hardly knew how to thank Bro. Eve sufficiently for the kind words he had said of him, and the Brethren for the kindly feeling which had prompted them to present to him a gift which would be a memento to him of the many great kindnesses he had received during his Masonic career in the Province. In the album were the faces of many whom he had known in the past and of those

whom he knew in the present, and he hardly knew how to thank them ; he could only say he entertained towards them feelings of affectionate regard. Brother Eve had alluded to many circumstances that had occurred during his long progress in Freemasonry. Fifty years was certainly a long time to look back upon, but he could say that in his early years he was prompted by a desire to promote the best interests of their great Order. His sphere at first was restricted to Oxfordshire, where he filled many offices, and did a fair amount of Masonic work. He was then transferred, Masonically speaking, to his own Province, and the Brethren who wished him to preside over it were so many that no doubt the Grand Master felt it incumbent upon him to meet the wish they expressed. At that time the Isle of Wight was a separate Province from Hampshire, but a vacancy occurring, the Grand Master wished him to take the Grand Mastership of the Island as well as of Hampshire. He knew there was some feeling against the change at the time, because the Brethren of the Island, being Masonically independent, did not like being attached to the county. He, however, could only obey the mandate of the Grand Master, and his advisers, who had always recommended that Provinces should not be too small. He did his best to carry out their wishes, and to rule over Hampshire and the Isle of Wight combined. He had tried to exercise his rule independently and fairly, and he trusted the Isle of Wight Brethren had no reason to complain that their claims had been unfairly considered. During his rule he had had many questions to decide, some of a very difficult character, and he had acted to the best of his judgment and ability. He could not have discharged his duty so well had he not been supported by able Officers. He had had several Deputy Provincial Grand Masters to assist him. First, there was Brother Deacon, who was Deputy for his predecessor ; next came a very old and highly esteemed Freemason, Bro. Stébbing, whose name was a household word ; next came Bro. Hickman, and after him Bro. Le Feuvre, to whose merits Bro. Eve had done justice. It would have been impossible for him to rule over the Province unless he had been assisted by his Officers and the Brethren of the Craft generally, and it was in the belief that he had met with their approval that he accepted the album as a testimony of their regard and affection. He should ever treasure it as a memorial of the kindness they entertained towards him on that occasion. He assured them it would remain a red-letter day in his Masonic existence.

The Provincial Grand Secretary then read a communication from the Grand Secretary, authorising the selection of six Brethren to receive Past Provincial rank in honour of the Diamond Jubilee.

The Provincial Grand Master said that in exercise of the power thus conferred on him, he had made certain selections. The following were then called forward, and received the insignia of Provincial rank : Bros. John Brickwood 342 and C. E. Pinnock 151 Senior Wardens, John Adams 359 Registrar, C. J. Whitting 195 and H. J. Thatcher 894 Senior Deacons, W. Smith Parsons 804 Junior Deacon.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The Brethren afterwards dined together in the Banquet Hall, Bro. Clowser catering in first-class style. The Provincial Grand Master presided. A feature of the postprandial proceedings was the choice singing of the Wykeham Glee Quartette—Messrs. A. Gardiner, W. S. Blandford, A. Brown, and J. Munden.—“ Hampshire Independent.”

ROYAL Masonic Institution for Girls.

The 110th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH MAY 1898,
R.W. BRO. SIR REGINALD HANSON, BART., M.P., LL.D.
Past Grand Warden, Patron, Treasurer of the Institution,
IN THE CHAIR.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary, as early as convenient. Stewards are much needed, and their services will be gratefully received.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter held its annual meeting on Tuesday, 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester. The chair was taken by Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Prov.G. Superintendent, and there were present Captain C. R. N. Beswick-Royds, and about 120 other members of the Degree.

Upon the roll being called it was found that all the Chapters in the Province were represented.

Colonel Starkie referred to the recent death of Comp. James Heelis, of Manchester, a prominent member of the Masonic body, and moved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the members of his family. Captain Beswick-Royds seconded the motion, which was passed.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer Comp. J. Pollitt submitted the financial statement, which showed a balance in the bank of £117. The accounts having been adopted, Comp. W. Brooks moved, and Comp. C. D. Cheetham seconded, the election of Comp. Nathan Heywood (Manchester) as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. Comps. Brooks and G. W. Davies were elected Auditors.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent invested the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, as follow :

Comp. Capt. C. R. N. Beswick-Royds	H.
Buckley Carr	J.
James Newton	Scribe E.
Dr. Thomas Foreman	Scribe N.
N. Heywood	Treasurer
J. S. Scott	Registrar
H. Lycett	Deputy Registrar
A. Bowen	Principal Sojourner
J. Hardcastle	1st Assistant Sojourner
Allen Shaw	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. Pollard	Sword Bearers
R. Hudson	
S. Mamelok	Standard Bearers
S. E. Simon	
J. Halden	
C. H. Arnold	
R. Wardle	Directors of Ceremonies
S. Staton	
H. B. Brown	Organist
W. H. Worsley	Jauitor.
E. H. Flower	

Upon the motion of Comp. C. D. Cheetham, seconded by Comp. J. T. Hooper, a grant of £10 was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Comp. Cheetham then moved that a grant of £21 be made to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which this year celebrates its centenary. Captain Beswick-Royds seconded the motion. Comp. Walter Newton proposed as an amendment that the amount of the grant be increased to 50 guineas. The amendment was seconded by Comp. J. T. Hooper, and, upon a show of hands, adopted by a large majority.

The business of the meeting was shortly afterwards concluded. In the evening there was a banquet at the Masonic Hall.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Province was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, 31st ult., under the presidency of the Earl of Dartmouth Prov.G. Master, who was supported by his Deputy Colonel Bindley, and a large number of influential local Brethren.

The Earl of Dartmouth explained that the meeting was summoned to form a Board of Stewards for the Province of Staffordshire to support the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and urged the Staffordshire Brethren to give their heartiest support to the Festival, as, in consequence of the removal of the schools from London to a country site, a very large amount of money was immediately required for the Institution.

It was resolved to form a Provincial Board of Stewards in connection with the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, the Committee to consist of the Officers of the Association, and those Brethren who have signified their intention to serve as Steward ; Bro. H. Percy Smith acting as Honorary Secretary to the Board.

Donations were announced of 100 guineas from the Earl of Dartmouth, 100 guineas from Lord Burton, 250 guineas from Bro. W. H. Bailey Past Grand Treasurer of England, 100 guineas from Provincial Grand Lodge, and

smaller sums from other Brethren, amounting to upwards of 1,000 guineas. It is expected that at least 2,000 guineas will be raised in the Province for the Festival.

THE GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND.

ON Wednesday, 23rd ult., the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun M.W.G.M. of Scotland was entertained at a complimentary dinner by the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), in the Lodge Hall, Hill Street.

The toast of the evening was proposed by the Chairman Bro. P. L. Henderson W.M. who, in referring to the eminent services Lord Saltoun had rendered to the Craft in Scotland, said the Lodge was pleased to greet his Lordship, and to congratulate him upon having retained his ancient privilege of exercising direct superintendence over the Lodges in the metropolitan district.

Lord Saltoun, in reply, assured the Brethren that, while he remained in office, nothing would be done to interfere with their position. He deprecated the idea of what might be called an east versus west feeling in Masonry. That, he said, was not Masonry. He hoped that both in the east and west they would endeavour to sink anything of the kind, and that the Brethren throughout Scotland would work for the general good of the Craft without any sectional feeling.

THE HUMOURS OF ADVERTISING.

(Continued from page 145.)

NO article on curious advertisements would be complete without the following, which is extracted from a memoir of the late Rev. S. Hawker, of Morwenstow. It was written for a small shop window by a Devonshire schoolmaster:—

" Roger Giles, Surgeon, Parish Clerk, and Skulemaster, Groser, and Hand-taker, Respectably hiforms ladys and gentley that he dros teef without wateing a minit, applies laches every hour, blisters on the lowest tarms, and visicks for a penny peace. He sells God-fathers Kordales, kuts korns, bonyons, dokters bosses, clips donkies wance a month, and undertakes to luke arter every bodies nayls by the ear. Juseharp, penny wissels, brass kanelstics, fryingpans, and other moosikal hinstruments, hat grately reydooced figers. Young ladys and gentelmen larnes their grammar and langeudge in the purtiest manner, also grate care taken off their morrels and spellin. Also zarm-singing, tayching the base vial, and all other zorts of vancywork quadrils, pokers, weazils, and all country dances tort at home and abroad at perfekshun. Perfumery and znuff, in all its branches. As times is cruel bad, I begs tell ey that i his just beginned to sell all sorts of stashonary ware, cox, hens, voul, pigs and all other kinds of poultry. Blakin-brishes, herrins, coles, skrubbins-brishes, tryykel godly bukes and bibles, mise-traps, brick-dust, whisker-seed, morrel, pokkerankerchers, and all sorts of swatemaits, including taters, sasseges, and other gardin, baky, zigars, lamp oyle, taykittles, and other intoxikating likkers; a dale of fruits, hats, zongs, hare oyle, battins, bukkits, grindin stones, and other aitable, korn and bonyon salve and all hardware. I as laid in a large azzortment of type, dogs' mate, lolipops, ginger beer, matches, and other pikkles, such as hepsom salts, hoysters, Winzer sope, anzetrar. Old rags bort and sold here and nowhere else, new lade heggs by me Roger Giles; zinging burdes keeped, sich as howles, donkies, paykok, lodsters, crickets, also the stock of a celebrated brayder. Agent for selling guttyporker souls. P.S. I taychers gografy, rithmetic, cowsticks, jimmasticks and other chyne tricks."

An advertising device which was worthy of the wit of Sancho Panza, appeared in a number of the "Rochdale Spectator," published during the year 1846, and is as follows:—

" Near the close of the last century, a tailor, who exercised his avocation in Philadelphia, was imposed upon by a person who contrived to get a suit of clothes on credit, and afterwards eloped without paying for them. The account was placed on the poor man's books, and soon forgotten. Some years afterwards he was examining his old records of debt and credit, profit and loss, when his attention was attracted to this account, and all the circumstances attending it came fresh to his mind. Suddenly an odd thought struck him. 'I'll try an experiment,' said he to himself, 'perhaps I may succeed in catching the rogue, and getting my money.' He immediately prepared an advertisement, in substance as follows, which he inserted in the 'Philadelphia Gazette':—' If J— C—, who was in Philadelphia about the month of —, in the year 1795, will send his address to the editor of this paper, he will hear of something to advantage. Printers in the neighbouring states are requested to copy.' The latter clause was inserted from a vague suspicion that the rogue had taken up his abode in New York. Having instructed the editor not to disclose his name to the debtor if he should call, but to request him to leave his address, the tailor patiently awaited the result of his experiment. In a short time he was informed by a note from the printer that the individual alluded to in the advertisement, having arrived from New York, might be found at a given place in the city. The tailor lost no time in preparing a transcript of his account, not forgetting to charge interest from the time the debt was incurred. Taking a constable with him, who bore a legal process suited to the occasion, he soon arrived at the lodgings of the debtor. The constable was instructed to stand off at a little distance till a signal should indicate the time for him to approach. The tailor now rang the bell, and when the servant appeared, requested him to inform the gentleman of whom he was in search that a friend wished to speak with him at the door. The man obeyed the summons, and soon both debtor and creditor were looking each other in the face. 'How do you do?' kindly inquired the tailor. 'Perhaps you do not know me?' 'I believe I have not had the pleasure of your acquaintance,' politely answered our hero. 'Do you remember purchasing a suit of clothes several years ago from a poor tailor, and forgetting to pay for them?' 'Oh no!' said the gentleman, blushing slightly; 'you must be mistaken in the person. It cannot be me that you wish to find.' 'There is no mistake, you are the very man I

wished to see. You have on at this very moment the waistcoat that I made for you; and you will acknowledge it was of good stuff, otherwise it could not have lasted so long!' 'Oh yes,' said the gentleman, appearing suddenly to recollect himself, 'I do remember now the circumstance to which you allude. Yes, yes; I had intended to call and settle that little bill before I left Philadelphia, and you may depend on my doing so. I have come here to take possession of a large amount of property which has fallen to me by will. See! here is the advertisement which apprised me of my good fortune.' Here he handed the tailor the New York paper, containing a copy of the advertisement whose history we have given above. The tailor looked at it with imperturbable gravity, and said—'Yes, I see you are in good luck; but as my demand is a small one, I think I must insist on payment before you come into possession of your property.'

The proper signal here brought the constable into the presence of the parties. The swindler was particularly astonished at the appearance of this functionary, who immediately began to execute his part of the drama. 'What!' said the rogue in an angry tone, 'you surely haven't sued me?' 'Yes I have' replied the tailor, 'and you should be thankful that nothing worse has happened to you.'

'Come in then,' said the debtor, finding himself fairly caught, 'and I will pay you, if I must.'

The three went into the house together, and the slippery gentleman having ascertained the amount of the bill, paid it in full.

The tailor having signed the receipt placed it in the hands of the late debtor with feelings such as may be imagined. The swindler took it, and for the first time glanced at the various items of which it was composed. He said nothing till he came to the last charge, which was 'for advertising,' when he broke forth—'Holloa! what's this? For advertising? That's an odd charge in a tailor's bill. You're cheating me!' 'On no,' coolly replied the tailor, that is right. I have charged you the cost of publishing the advertisement which you have just showed me.'

Here the swindler demanded, 'Do you mean to say that you caused the publication of that advertisement?'

'Truly I did,' replied the tailor with most provoking coolness.

'Then you told me a falsehood in it,' quickly retorted the rogue.

'Convince me of that,' said the tailor, 'and you will find me ready to confess the fault.'

'You said that I should hear something to my advantage if I would come here.' 'You are mistaken,' said the tailor, 'I only promised that you should hear of something to advantage, and is it not to the advantage of a poor tailor to collect an old debt?'

'If I can catch you in the street,' said the swindler, in the deepest rage, 'I'll give you such a cow-hiding as will not leave the breath in your body.'

'Nonsense now,' said the tailor, 'if you really want to do anything of that kind, we had better step into the back yard, and finish the business at once.'

The rogue was completely nonplussed by the coolness of the tailor, and stood speechless, and almost petrified.

'Now,' said the tailor good-naturedly, 'let me give you a piece of advice. When next you have occasion to get a suit of clothes, you had better not attempt to cheat the poor tailor, but pay him honestly; for then will your conscience not disturb you, and your sleep will be sweet and refreshing.'

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 15th day of April 1898, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:—

To read and confirm (so far as relates to the suspension of Law 79) the minutes of the Court held 14th January 1897.

To consider the following notices of motion, given at the Council held Friday, 25th March 1898:

1. By the W. Bro. William Russell A. G. D. of C. Vice-Patron of Institution:

“That this Court approves of the recommendations contained in the subjoined report of the Joint Committee as to the purchase money to be charged for Life and Perpetual Presentations, and recommends its adoption, provided it be also accepted by the R.M.I. for Girls, and the R.M. Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.”

2. By the W. Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough P.A.G.D. of C., Patron and Honorary Solicitor of the Institution:

“That in order to celebrate the Centenary year of this Institution, this Court resolves that an allowance at the rate of £20 per annum be made to each of the unsuccessful candidates at this year's elections, towards their education and maintenance, provided that such candidates be educated at a school to be approved by the Board of Management, and be subject to the Rules applicable to Boys maintained and educated out of the Institution; that such allowance commence from the date upon which such candidates would, if elected, have been admitted into the School, and be continued until the date of their admission into the School, or the date upon which they become ineligible for admission by reason of age.”

To elect a Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months.

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To elect twenty-seven Boys from an approved list of fifty candidates, reduced to forty-nine by the withdrawal of

[No. 15 on List], Downes, Gilbert George (withdrawn for Presentation).

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the election of Boys and for members of the Board of Management will open at one o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at 3 o'clock precisely.

By order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

London, 6th April 1898.

* * The Centenary Festival will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, on 10th June 1898, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., President of the Institution in the Chair. The services of Brethren as Stewards on this all-important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged. SPECIAL VOTING PRIVILEGES TO STEWARDS ONLY.

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A GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 16th day of April 1898, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to receive the report of the Joint Committee on Life and Perpetual Presentations, and to elect 15 Girls into the School, from a list of 26 Approved Candidates. The election will commence at one o'clock, or immediately after the conclusion of the General Business.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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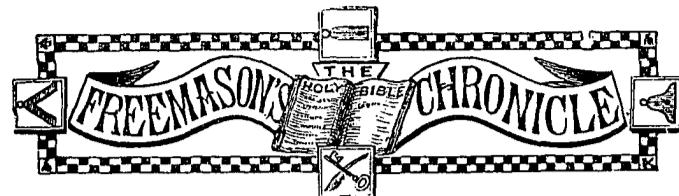
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PLURAL MASTERSHIPS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The R.W.G.M. of Worcestershire has truly touched one of the weak spots of our Order.

It is so seldom that it is necessary for a Past Master to accept the election to the chair, that one wonders how such a display of greediness and pride can have arisen in our Order. Young Masons are encouraged to look forward to being Master in several Lodges. It is not an unusual thing for a Past Master to have passed the chair in two, three, four or more Lodges. To my mind this appears that for one, two, three, four, or more years he has prevented some other member from making due advance.

When a Master is something more than a good worker he could be found "work" provided the present plan of the Master doing everything were abandoned. Let us have an expert "Installing," "Passing," "Raising," "Lecture," &c. Master in each Lodge; abolish Past Masters' Jewels; and undertake more true Masonic work—education, research, charity, &c.

As a Past Master, I should be delighted if no man could be a Master more than once, without a dispensation. Of course with such a rule it would be necessary to make special provision for new Lodges—less of which would then be founded.

Yours, &c.

SOUTH WESTERN.

MASONIC LECTURERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your article on Masonic Lecturers opens up not only the question of whether it would be wise to introduce a new class of Officers into the Lodge, but many other and important matters for discussion.

That there should be some Lecturer in every Lodge goes without saying. When the Quatuor Coronati Lodge (with its exclusive exclusiveness), was formed, there was a rush of Brethren who desired to know more about the history and tenets of our Order than can be obtained from an ordinary Lodge of Instruction. Did these enquirers get all they wanted? I should say No. Capital as is the Correspondence Circle of that Lodge, it does not reach every Brother. When some Past Master is expected to make himself useful in the Lodge as a Lecturer, then light will fall upon the beauties of Freemasonry, greater research will be undertaken, interesting information collected and imparted to others, and a real awakening will come among us.

Why should we have such Lectures? There will of necessity be less time for meaningless platitudes—"back scratching" will partly cease. I was particularly charmed in visiting a Lodge some time since, to note that the "usual toasts" were four only—the extra time was employed listening to an excellent musical performance. But this particular Lodge was blessed with an enthusiastic Organist, and consequently with plenty of "talent." Again, in some Lodges the "call" system exists, and everyone answers to the call with song, recitation, or story. When this is expected no one leaves his music at home. But something new, entertaining, and educational would be of more value, and more enjoyed by all true Masons.

Again, in London at least, there is a desire to get the work over on account of the fourth degree. Several causes may be mentioned for this general failing:—

1. The inclusive subscription is much to blame.
2. The great distance between the meetings; some Lodges meet more than six times in the year, but not many.
3. The comparative "stranger" kind of feeling that is found among those who meet nowhere else but in Lodge, and seldom there.
4. The desire for rest, recreation, relaxation—each of which is a rare thing in the present "struggle for existence."

These causes cannot be removed, but an interesting lecture, followed by open discussion, would give a change, consequently a rest, and also awaken a general desire for knowledge. Such a desire would be followed by further research and general enlightenment.

You mention the disadvantage—a most serious one—of the continual change of Masters. That can hardly be met in any satisfactory way. The desire for promotion, the ambition to rule, the steady application to "work" are all good in their way. As a rule the Lodge does not suffer, for almost every Lodge has a permanent ruler in the well skilled P.M. who acts as Secretary. Again, the Brethren are relieved from the monotony of always seeing one (however estimable) in the seat of honour.

You do not mention the mistake of expecting every Master to do all the ritualistic work. This to my mind is a most serious defect. "Good worker" can be true of almost every Master, but few are able to deliver our beautiful ritual with proper emphasis, due deliberation, and careful diction. What can be more dreadful to the novice than to have "the work" murdered?

I will not say more, although many other matters come to mind, but will ask you to agitate on this question.

Yours, &c.,

C. W.

R. M. I. GIRLS.

AT the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of this Institution Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. was appointed Chairman of the Board. The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils will take place on the Monday previous to the Festival (16th May), when Lady Hanson will officiate, supported by Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. the President of the year.

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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HORNSEY LODGE, No. 890.

THE last meeting of this flourishing Lodge before the summer recess took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Friday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. Octavius Newling W.M., Walter Robin I.P.M., R. Noatts S.W., W. Salt J.W., G. Pickering P.M. Treas., A. Archer Drew P.M. Sec., F. Baron S.D., W. L. Bailley J.D., S. E. Ham D.C., W. J. Flint I.G., A. Ball P.M. (acting for Bro. Bowler) Tyler; Past Masters: J. Braund, H. Penegar, and several others; together with Bros. J. Brookes, E. W. Finch, G. Ridge, P. Dashwood, R. Coatts, Sly, &c.

Visitors: Bros. F. Taylor Simson W.M. 2024, E. Pugh W.M. 2565, Owen Spencer 1900.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed, after which Bros. Sly, Finch, and Ridge were examined, and having answered the usual questions in a most satisfactory manner, were entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and those Brethren were duly passed as Fellow Crafts, the W.M.'s rendering of the ceremony leaving absolutely nothing to be desired.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed. The Brethren afterwards dined together in the magnificient banqueting room, the dinner being served under the personal supervision of Mr. J. D. Green, the caterer.

The customary toast list was afterwards honoured, and an excellent musical programme gone through.

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INSTRUCTION.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, 5th inst., at Bro. Barnes's, Oliver Arms, Harrow Road, Bro. H. H. Bagnall W.M., F. Beesley S.W., G. Weaver J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., G. D. Mogford P.M. Sec., C. Halston S.D., H. Smith J.D., C. E. Lilley I.G., F. Wortham W.M. 733, T. W. Mogford P.M., C. W. Dyer, J. Wynman, and several others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Rogers candidate. Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. invited Bro. Wortham of the Mother Lodge to take the chair, which he did, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Bagnall candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair, when it was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by the Treasurer, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., for so ably rendering the ceremony for the first time. We must also congratulate him on his perfect working. The compliment was duly acknowledged. Bro. Beesley was elected W.M. for next Tuesday.

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LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1571.

THURSDAY, 31st ult., at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, was Officers' night, and an excellent meeting was held, there being present several members of the Mother Lodge, as well as members of the Instruction Lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Longford W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and he was supported by Bros. G. Howell S.W., C. Morris J.W., D. Harlow P.M. Preceptor, H. J. Meadows P.M. Sec., J. Wood S.D., R. Lee J.D., H. Down I.G., W. Barker W.M. 1607 Organist, Hampson P.M., Saunton P.M., Joseph and James Durell, A. Simmonds, A. Watts, Barker jun., J. Harrison, W. Eyle, E. Petley, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eyle candidate. Bro. Barker jun. was examined and entrusted, the Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, after which the W.M. gave the full description of the working tools. The duties of the chair were most impressively performed.

The W.M. informed the Brethren that the Lodge would adjourn till Thursday, 14th inst., on which evening Bro. G. Horwell will preside as Worshipful Master.

Brethren wishing to join a good Lodge could hardly do better than visit this one, which enjoys in Bro. D. Harlow an excellent Preceptor.

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WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

THE usual weekly meeting of this well known Lodge was held at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's Restaurant), Panton Street, Haymarket, on Monday afternoon. Present: Bros. G. Spice W.M., E. Wetton S.W., A. Butcher J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, I. W. Simeons Sec., J. Culverhouse S.D., H. Hyems J.D., H. Rose I.G., Myall, B. A. Calot, J. Morris P.M., A. Cassignol, Rudderforth P.M., Wynman.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Woodrow candidate. Bro. Calot answered the questions leading to the second degree and retired, the ceremony of passing being rehearsed, with Bro. J. Morris as the candidate.

Bro. Myall was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Wetton chosen as W.M. for the next meeting, on Monday, 18th inst.

PROVINCIAL.

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INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 48.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Jackson Street, Gateshead. There was a very large attendance of Brethren, some of them having come a long distance, including one Brother who travelled from the continent, showing the high esteem and regard in which the Worshipful Master-elect Bro. Holzapfel is held.

In the evening, the Brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Prince Consort Road, where an excellent dinner was provided, presided over by the Worshipful Master.

After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the proceedings were still further enlivened by the rendering of vocal music by Bros. Guthrie, Craven, Gibbon, Lyall, and R. Ferry.

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GOOCH LODGE, No. 1295.

THE installation of Bro. F. E. Streeten P.M. 1848, as Worshipful Master took place on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Queen's Royal Hotel, New Swindon. The installation ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, Bro. R. Tarrant acting as Director of Ceremonies, and introducing the D.P.G.M. and Provincial Officers in Masonic form.

After the closing of the Lodge the Brethren sat down to a banquet, admirably served under the superintendence of Mr. J. Crewe.

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COTEHELE LODGE, No. 2166.

THE annual installation and banquet was held at Calstock, on the 28th ult., Bro. Dr. Albert Bowhay being installed Master for the ensuing year by his predecessor Major J. G. Shanks.

After the banquet the customary toasts were honoured. The chief one of the evening was submitted by Bro. Sowden P.P.G.S. who said they were all pleased to see in the chair a Brother who had worked himself up through the Lodge. Bro. Bowhay was the eleventh Master of Cotehele, and he was perfectly certain that he would maintain the credit of his predecessors in office. When they considered how their newly-installed W.M. had filled the various offices which he had occupied, they could leave the ruling of the Lodge in their neighbour's hands. The officers and Brethren would enter the new Master of the Lodge in they possibly could. He trusted that the Lodge would be a very successful and prosperous one. Bro. Sowden reviewed the history of the Lodge, which, he said, had now grown so large as to necessitate the erection of a Lodge room of their own. It was a matter for consideration, but he thought it would prove the commencement of the Lodge building for Calstock.

The W.M., in replying, said if the Brethren really wished to have a building worthy of their numbers he would do all in his power to accomplish the desired end. It was a matter that would require considerable consideration, and take time to bring it about. He trusted to be favoured with the assistance of the Brethren in carrying out the duties of his important office. He hoped that at the end of his year he would be found to have reflected credit on the Lodge.

The I.P.M. of Cotehele Bro. Major J. G. Shanks P.M. was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said the Lodge had gained by having had Bro. Major Shanks as Master. They were very much indebted to him for the way he had performed the duties of the Lodge, and the general effect of his Mastership was that the working had generally improved. They had learnt a lot from him, and were very grateful to him for his services.

Responding, Bro. Major J. G. Shanks thanked the Brethren for the reception the Lodge had accorded him. He had been treated in a manner which he should never forget. He should never be able to do too much for Cotehele, but hoped to be able to show in some degree his appreciation of the kindness which had been shown him. During his year of office he had travelled over a thousand miles to fill the chair of the Lodge, and over six thousand miles to fill his various chairs in Masonry.

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LLANGATTOCK LODGE, No. 2547.

THE annual festival was celebrated at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Monday, 28th ult., in the presence of Bro. Marmaduke Tenant D.P.G.M., there being a large attendance of members and visitors, the latter hailing from all parts of the Eastern Division of South Wales.

Bro. Samuel Jones was ably installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. Charles Jones the retiring W.M., who was presented by Bro. the Rev. D. J. Sproule, on behalf of the Initiates, with a handsome silver tea service and salver, bearing a suitable inscription.

In the evening the Brethren dined together at the Park Hotel, where the usual toast list was gone through.

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QUEEN VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2655.

THE installation meeting was held at St. Budeaux, on Wednesday, 6th inst., when Bro. E. Fage was installed as ruler for the year.

During the evening Bro. Major J. G. Shanks I.P.M. asked the Lodge's acceptance of a framed picture of the Queen.

The newly-installed W.M., in proposing a vote of thanks to the donor, reminded the Brethren that during his year of office Bro. Major Shanks had made several gifts to the Lodge. They owed him a debt of gratitude for the way he had carried out his duties as Master. The Brethren were very grateful to him, and felt that the success of the year was due in a great measure to the working under Bro. Shanks.

Bro. Perring seconded the vote, which was supported by Bro. W. J. Pearce, who said the Brethren were convinced of the ability of Bro. Shanks. He had never seen an installation ceremony better carried out than it had been that night.

In replying, the I.P.M. remarked that he had performed ninety-nine Craft degrees during the past twelve months, during which time he had travelled over 6,200 miles in the interests of Masonry.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

29 St. Alban, Albion
 58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
 957 Leigh, Freemasons' hall
 1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion
 1670 Adelphi, Freemasons' hall
 2094 Elthorne & Middlesex, Café R'l.
 2394 Galen, Freemasons' hall
 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
 379 Honour, Bath
 411 Commercial, Nottingham
 481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 587 Howe, Birmingham
 589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth
 632 Concord, Trowbridge
 643 Royal, Filey
 665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
 671 Prince of Wales, Llanelli
 721 Independence, Chester
 797 Hauley, Dartmouth
 827 St. John, Dewsbury
 884 Derwent, Wirksworth
 893 Meridian, Millbrook
 941 De Tabley, Knutsford
 1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
 1149 Dorking, Dorking
 1174 Pentangle, Chatham
 1221 Defence, Leeds
 1237 Enfield
 1253 Travellers, Manchester
 1302 De Warren, Halifax
 1350 Fermor Hesketh, Bootle
 1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
 1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'y'b'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
 1656 Wolsey, Hampton Court
 1730 Urmston, Urmston
 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
 2144 De Tatton, Altringham
 2185 Ardwick, Manchester
 2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
 2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
 2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
 2376 Carnarvon, Leyland
 2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
 2487 St. Michael, Stone
 2505 County Palatine, Birkdale
 2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Tuesday.

96 Burlington, Albion
 198 Percy, Ship and Turtle
 211 St. Michael, Albion
 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
 235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross
 781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
 834 Ranelagh, Criterion
 917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho.
 933 Doric, Anderton's

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons Hall, at 4.
 3 Fidelity, Freemasons' hall
 11 Enoch, Freemasons' hall
 13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
 15 Kent, Freemasons' hall
 147 Justice, Deptford
 548 Wellington, Cannon Street Ho.
 1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' hall
 1538 St. Martin-le-Grand, Holborn
 1586 Up, Norwood, Upper Norwood
 1766 St. Leonard, Gt. Eastern Hotel
 1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Ct. Hl.
 2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St.
 2410 Aesculapius, Café Royal
 54 Hope, Rochdale
 84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey
 125 Prince Edwin, Hythe
 146 Antiquity, Bolton

187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
 204 Caledonian, Manchester
 225 St. Luke, Ipswich
 244 Yarborough, Jersey
 274 Tranquility, Newchurch
 277 Friendship, Oldham
 281 Fortitude, Lancaster
 288 Harmony, Todmorden
 323 Concord, Stockport
 463 East Surrey Concord, Croydon
 483 Sympathy, Gravesend
 498 Royal Standard, Dudley
 654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
 661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
 666 Benevolence, Dartmoor
 679 St. David, Abergare
 730 Ellesmere, Cheshire
 731 Arboretum, Derby
 750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
 755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
 851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing
 854 Albert, Shaw
 906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath
 946 Strawberry Hill, Twickenham
 1005 Zetland, Gloucester
 1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
 1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
 1060 Marmion, Tamworth
 1064 Borough, Burnley
 1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
 1091 Erme, Ivybridge
 1094 Temple, Liverpool
 1101 Grey Friars, Reading
 1107 Cornwallis, Chiselhurst
 1112 Shirley, Southampton
 1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
 1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
 1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
 1181 De la Pole, Seaton
 1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
 1242 Tynewold, Douglas, Isle of Man
 1248 Denison, Scarborough
 1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
 1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
 1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
 1400 Curwen, Workington
 1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
 1465 Ockenden, Cuckfield
 1503 Sir Francis Burdett, Tw'k'n'h'm
 1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
 1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes
 1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
 1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
 1652 Hervey, Bromley
 1703 Windrush, Witney
 1715 A. J. Brogden, Grange-o'-Sands
 1798 Zion, Manchester
 1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
 1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
 1868 Unity, Oldham
 1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
 1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
 1947 Stanford, Hove
 1958 St. George, Portsea
 2046 Robinson, Maidstone
 2120 Abbey, Chertsey
 2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
 2183 Royal Hampton Ct., Hampton Ct
 2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
 2284 Smyth, Grimsby
 2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
 2389 Avondale, Middlewich
 2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay
 2483 Hadrian, Westham
 2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckh'rst Hill

Thursday.

19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho.
 91 Regularity, Freemasons' hall
 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' hall
 263 Bank of England, Albion
 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
 879 Southwark, Southwark
 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
 1471 Islington, Highbury
 1558 Duke of Connaught, C'm'rwell
 1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
 1791 Creton, Freemasons' hall
 1804 Coborn, Bow
 2047 Beckenham, Beckenham
 2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith
 35 Medina, Cowes
 50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
 97 Palatine, Sunderland
 130 Royal Gloucester, South'ampton
 191 St. John, Bury
 333 Royal Preston, Preston

Saturday.

Quarterly Court, Girls School, at 12.
 715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel
 1185 Lewis, Wood Green
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
 1641 Crichton, Camberwell
 2041 West Kent Volunteer, Plums'd.
 811 Yarborough, Brighton
 1126 Oakwood, Romiley
 1194 Villiers, Hampton Court
 1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
 1897 Citadel, Harrow Station
 2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
 2508 Thomas Ralling, Chingford

A Masonic Service is to be held at All Saints' Church, East Finchley, on Sunday, 17th inst., under the auspices of the Plucknett Lodge.

The Theatres, &c.

Covent Garden.—Opera season will commence 9th May.
Lyceum.—Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday nights, Waterloo, and The Bells.
 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights and Saturday afternoon, The Merchant of Venice.
Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Caesar. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Haymarket.—8.30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Adelphi.—8, The Heart of Maryland.
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.
Savoy.—7.45, Old Sarah. 8.30, The Gondoliers. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Lyric.—8.15, Dandy Dan, the Lifeguardsman. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Prince of Wales's.—8.15, La Poupée. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Gaiety.—8, The Circus Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8.15, The Muff of the Regiment. 9, A Brace of Partridges. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Criterion.—8.15, The Liars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
St. James's.—On Thursday, the Conquerors.
Strand.—8, For Charity's sake. 8.45, The J.P.
Terry's.—8, A Warm Member. 8.45, The White Knight. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Globe.—7.45, Comedietta. 8.20, A Bachelor's Romance.
Duke of York's.—8, The Lady Wrangler. 8.45, The Dove-Cote. Matinée Saturday, 3.
Court.—8.30, Trelawny of the "Wells." Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Royalty.—8, The light that failed. 9, Julia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Comedy.—On Saturday, 16th, Lord and Lady Algy.
Shaftesbury.—On Tuesday, The Belle of New York.
Opera Comique.—8, Blunders. 9, The Cousin from Australia.
Princess's.—8, How London lives.
Parkhurst.—Next week, Secret Service.
Grand.—Next week, Hamlet.
Alexandra.—Next week, The Duchess of Coolgardie.
Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, The Shop Girl.
Alhambra.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Beauty and the Beast, &c.
Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Treasure Island Tableaux, &c.
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c.
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
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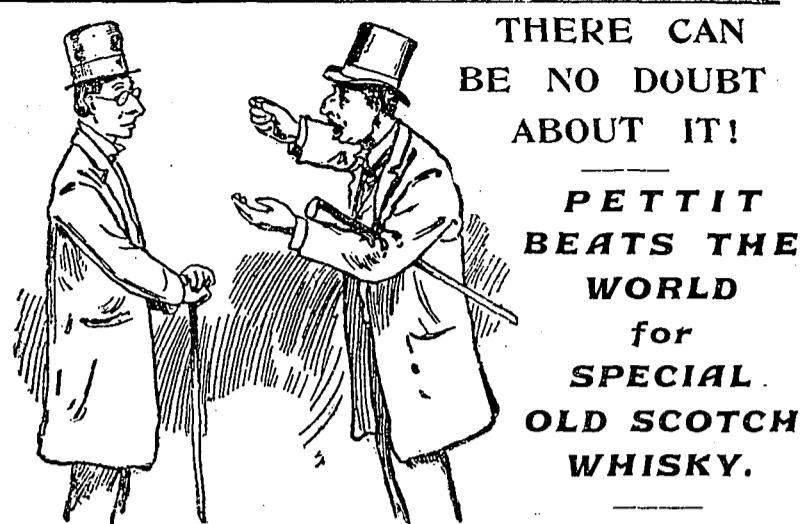
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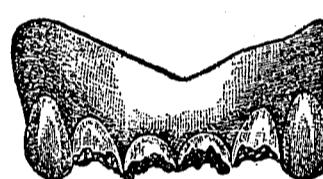
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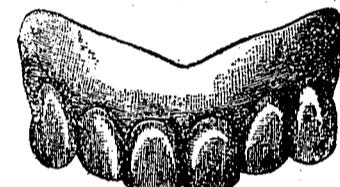
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