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THE GIRLS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

ONE of the greatest events of the year in Masonic Charity affairs takes place on Wednesday next, when the 110th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Past Grand Warden of England Patron and Treasurer of the Institution.

It is well known to the Craft that the result of this appeal is looked forward to with considerable concern, as a very small return is anticipated, in consequence of the strong counter attractions offered by the Centenary celebration of the Boys School, but we sincerely hope the total subscribed will be greater than is generally anticipated, and that the management of the Institution will have a feeling of relief after the announcement is made, in the knowledge that there is no real cause for anxiety as to the immediate future of the Institution—but such a relief can only be afforded by a more liberal response to the Chairman's appeal than at present seems probable.

The annual visit of the Stewards and distribution of prizes to the pupils of the School takes place on Monday, when Lady Hanson has promised to attend, and will, we hope, be supported by a large number of those interested in this most deserving Fund of Masonic Benevolence.

THE OLD PEOPLE.

ANOTHER important event which will take place next week is the annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held on Friday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London.

The business includes the election of a Treasurer and Auditors, and the consideration of two notices of motion.

The first, on the recommendation of the Committee of Management, is intended to give official recognition to Masonic Charitable Associations, and allow them to acquire votes for their Executive Officers in return for amounts subscribed.

The second proposition stands in the name of Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. 180, who proposes an addition to Rule 13 of the Laws of the Institution, so as to give two annuities each year on each fund to the two Candidates who have been the longest on the list, if deemed worthy of the same; failing the passing of which he proposes that any Candidate failing to obtain election after six years shall be removed from the list, but may be again re-nominated if considered worthy.

These suggestions of Bro. Parsons must be rejected. Under the first proposal it would be only necessary to get on the list to secure an annuity—if one lived long enough. Under the second proposal a manifest injustice would be done, as votes recorded on behalf of a candidate during

his or her six years candidature would be forfeited, simply because the applicant's friends might not be strong enough to secure the annuity in the ordinary way. This would be manifestly unfair, and we cannot understand how anyone of Bro. Parsons's known sympathetic nature could have suggested such harsh treatment.

The usual election of annuitants for the two funds will next be proceeded with.

CHURCH SERVICE.

WE again direct attention to the Service to be held tomorrow (Sunday) at the church of St.-Martin-in-the-Fields, Charing Cross, on behalf of the Centenary Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on which occasion the Venerable Archdeacon of London Past Grand Chaplain will preach the sermon. Miss Bessie Spells will sing "With Verdure clad," from Haydn's "Creation;" and "O, Divine Redeemer" (Gounod). Among the Grand Officers, present and past, who have promised to attend are Bros. Sir F. Dixon-Hartland, Bart., M.P., S.G.D., R. J. Mure J.G.D., Lieut-Col. H. W. Kiallmark J.G.D., E. Luxmore Marshall D.G.D.C., J. T. C. Winkfield A.G.D.C., J. H. Rutherglen D.G.Sw.B., J. W. Woodall P.G.Tr., J. M. McLeod P.G.Sw.B., E. M. Money P.A.G.D.C., E. Valeriani P.G.St.B., R. St. Aubyn Roumieu P.G.S. of W., &c., &c. Every preparation is being made by Bro. E. W. Browning W.M. of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455, and those who are working with him to ensure the comfort of all who attend, and we hope a satisfactory result will follow their efforts. The Service will commence at 3.30 p.m., accommodation being provided in the Crypt of the Church for Brethren to "clothe." The necessary dispensation has been obtained from Grand Lodge.

WEST LANCASHIRE.

SATURDAY will rank as a red-letter day in the annals of Blackpool, inasmuch as the first public function attended with Masonic ceremonies took place. The proceedings commenced at one o'clock in the Poulton-le-Fylde Parish Church, when the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale P.G.W. Past Prov.G.W., by command of Earl Lathom, unveiled a handsome stained glass window which had been erected to the memory of Dr. John Winn P.Prov.G.D.C. His Lordship was attended by the Provincial Grand Chaplain Rev. R. S. Y. Bradshaw, of Blackpool, who delivered a short and appropriate address.

At the conclusion of the service the Brethren travelled by special train to Blackpool, and attended Provincial Grand Lodge, which was opened in Christ Church Schools, after which they were marshalled into procession, and, headed by the 1st Volunteer Battalion, North Lancashire Band, they proceeded to the site of St. Paul's Church on North Shore. At St. Paul's Lord Skelmersdale laid the north-east corner foundation stone with the accustomed Masonic ceremonies.

The foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall, to be erected in Upper Adelaide Street, was next laid by his Lordship. Lord Skelmersdale was the recipient of two handsome silver trowels with ivory handles, and two magnificent mallets made of oak from Nelson's flagship, the Foudroyant, that was wrecked at Blackpool in June of last year, all of which bore suitable inscriptions, those on the mallets being engraved on copper bands, also obtained from the Foudroyant. In the evening a banquet was held at the Lane Ends Hotel.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held this year at Cockermouth, under the banner of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

ON the occasion of the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, reported in our last issue, the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master, addressing the members of the Province, said: At the annual gathering they had opportunities of considering what events of interest had taken place in the Province during the past year, and of forming opinions as to the future. One great cause of regret was that owing to the state of his health the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had found it necessary to resign the post which he had held with so much acceptance during the last nine years. He felt that he was voicing the feeling of every Brother in the Province when he said that it was a matter of extreme regret that Col. Bindley felt called upon to resign the position which he held in the Provincial Grand Lodge. In a great Province like theirs there were matters continually arising which required both ability and tact in dealing with them, and in such matters the services of Col. Bindley had been invaluable. They would all join in the hope that, though he was severing his official connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge, he had still many years of life before him. There was no one to whom he owed more than to Bro. Bindley for advice and guidance, and the word in season which was oftentimes so valuable. He wished to express his sincere thanks for the great assistance which he had given to him. He hoped that for many years they would be able to welcome Bro. Bindley either at Provincial Grand Lodge or in any Lodge of the Province which he might attend. Wherever he went he would have a most hearty and fraternal greeting. After congratulating the Province on the new Masonic calendar which had been issued for its special behoof, Lord Dartmouth urged the great importance of a liberal contribution from the Lodges to the Boys School Centenary Festival. They had had a visit from the Grand Master the Prince of Wales in the Province, and ought to show that they appreciated his kindness in coming among them, by doing what they could to ensure him a bumper reception at the Festival at which his Royal Highness was to preside. He mentioned that on account of the Centenary subscribers of ten guineas would have five life votes instead of three as on other occasions. That would increase their voting power if it was taken full advantage of, but if other Provinces were more generous in their response they might find themselves out-voted in the future. Referring to the recent consecration of the Foster Gough Lodge, he said the Grand Officers of England who were present were highly pleased with the whole proceedings, and with the arrangements made for the occasion. He would ask that it might be recorded on the minutes that the Provincial Grand Lodge recognised most cordially the efficiency of the arrangements which were made for the consecration, so that those who were responsible for the arrangements might feel that their efforts were appreciated to an extent that would be some compensation for the trouble they had undergone. He congratulated the Province upon the continued increase in the number of Brethren, and expressed his acknowledgments for the hearty greetings accorded to him whenever he was able to visit the different Lodges. He moved a vote of thanks to Col. Bindley for the great services which he had rendered to the Province during the last nine years. The vote was carried by acclamation.

Col. Bindley, in a few remarks, expressed his thanks for the kindly recognition which had at all times been given to his endeavours to further the interests of Masonry in the Province. He thought that Staffordshire might be proud of being really to the fore in Masonic work, and of the genuine unanimity and Brotherly love which characterised all their proceedings. If he could be of any use to them in the future his services would be most willingly and most cordially at their disposal. He congratulated the Province on the good fortune of having Lieut.-Col. Walker for his successor. His duties of Provincial Grand Secretary had been admirably performed, and he moved that a vote of thanks be accorded to him and entered upon the minutes.

Bro. Bodenham seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and Colonel Walker briefly replied.

Bro. Dunbar Steen read the patent of Col. Walker's

appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in reference to which Lord Dartmouth remarked that he thought they would not be surprised that he had appointed Col. Walker to the office. They could not but feel sure, from the experience they had had of him in Masonic work, that there was no one who would better carry out their requirements.

Bro. Bodenham proposed that the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys be requested to register the life presentation belonging to this Province in their books as "The Earl of Shrewsbury Memorial," the title under which it was subscribed and by which it is known in the Province, instead of "The Duke of Connaught," the designation which has been given in their reports through a misunderstanding. He explained that 500 guineas was subscribed as a memorial to the late Lord Shrewsbury. The mistake had arisen from the fact that the presentation was made on the life of the Duke of Connaught, and this vote was necessary to have the error rectified in the reports of the Boys School. The motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, the payment of a sum of £21 to the fund raised in the county in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee, instead of £10 10s. voted at the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, was sanctioned and confirmed.

Lord Dartmouth proposed that the sum of £105 be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. Taylor President of the Masonic Charitable Association seconded the motion. He mentioned that there were about 120 Brethren who had been fortunate in the ballot, with others who had paid up their five guineas, and these Brethren by adding five guineas to the amount already subscribed might become Stewards, as it was not yet too late to pay the other half of the required ten guineas, for a Stewardship at the Centenary Festival next month. It was most desirable that the Province should send as many Stewards as possible. It might be well for the Brethren generally to know that in the last twenty-five years, reckoning the number of boys they had succeeded in electing to the Institution and the expense of their education, they had had more money out of the School than they had paid in. Therefore, as a financial speculation, the Boys and Girls Schools were a very good thing for Staffordshire. He urged that it was the duty of all Masons in the Province to support the Festival as far as they could, not only for the part which was being taken by his Royal Highness the Grand Master, but having regard also to the fact that their Prov. Grand Master was the chairman of the Board of Stewards in that Province.

Bro. Newnham proposed that a small Committee be formed for the purpose of giving substantial recognition to the services of Col. Bindley, for whom all Staffordshire Masons had the very warmest regard.

Brother H. Payton P.P.G.R. seconded the motion, remarking that anything they could do would but very inadequately represent the feeling with which the Masons of the Province regarded Col. Bindley, who had found a place in all their hearts.

The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bros. Newnham, Pepper, and Dunbar Steen were appointed a Committee, with power to add to their number.

The P.G. Lodge was resumed after service, and, on the motion of the Provincial Grand Master, votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor and Corporation of Stafford for the use of the Borough Hall, to the County Council for the use of the Shire Hall, to the Rector of Stafford, and to the Prov. Grand Chaplain for his excellent discourse.

After the closing of the Lodge, a banquet was held at the Shire Hall, and was attended by nearly 100 members. The Earl of Dartmouth presided, supported by his principal Officers. The dinner, provided from the Swan Hotel, and the arrangements of the Prov. Grand Stewards, gave every satisfaction.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Lord Dartmouth's health was drunk with musical honours, and the new D.P.G.M. and the Officers of P.G. Lodge were toasted with the greatest cordiality.

A feature in the post prandial proceedings was the engagement of the Lichfield Masonic Glee Party, whose contributions to the enjoyment of the evening were warmly appreciated. A clever recitation was given by Bro. Dunbar Steen the new Provincial Grand Secretary.—"Staffordshire Advertiser."

WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 1019, in the Mechanics' Institute, Wakefield. In the absence of the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Superintendent the chair was occupied by Comp. Ensor Drury P.G. Soj. P.Z., of Sheffield. Eight Chapters were unrepresented.

Comp. Drury said that two Chapters had been added to the roll of the Province since their last annual meeting—the Milton, No. 1239, at Sheffield, and the Colne Valley, No. 1645, at Slaithwaite. There had been a considerable increase in the number of members during the past year. They now had nine Chapters in the Province which were founded over 100 years ago.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented the balance-sheet, which showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £280, and concluded with one of £328 3s 7d. The accounts were adopted.

Another fifty guineas was voted out of the Prov. Grand Chapter to further endow the Grand Superintendent's chair, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in commemoration of the Centenary of that Institution. It was pointed out that the Prov. Grand Lodge had contributed 200 guineas to the Boys Institution. The hope was expressed that the Province of West Yorkshire would send up 5,000 guineas to the Festival on behalf of the Boys School, and already £4,603 had been subscribed, so that they only required £397 to complete the sum.

Comp. Richard Jackson, of Leeds, was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Acting Grand Superintendent, before investing the Officers, paid a tribute to the services rendered by Comp. H. Smith, who had held the office of Prov. G.H. for the past five years. He stated that Comp. Smith had been a subscribing member of one Chapter forty-four years, and of two other Chapters thirty-nine and thirty-five years respectively. He then proceeded to invest the following Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. C. Malcolm	-	-	-	H.
W. C. Lupton	-	-	-	J.
Captain H. G. E. Green	-	-	-	Scribe E.
A. Stephenson	-	-	-	Scribe N.
R. Jackson	-	-	-	Treasurer
C. A. Phillips	-	-	-	Registrar
A. Macredie	-	-	-	Deputy Registrar
A. Robertshaw	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
J. W. Cocking	-	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. W. Tanner	-	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
A. Armitage	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
G. Hesketh	-	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
T. W. Roome	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. W. Blackburn	-	-	-	
H. Beaumont	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. E. Cave	-	-	-	
L. Lee	-	-	-	Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
F. S. H. Wilson	-	-	-	
J. Tillotson	-	-	-	Organist
J. B. Griffiths	-	-	-	
W. H. Hewson	-	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
J. H. Simpson	-	-	-	Stewards
T. H. Vernon	-	-	-	
R. Sheard	-	-	-	
R. Hodgson	-	-	-	
T. Chester	-	-	-	Janitor.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was invited to hold its next meeting in November, at Huddersfield.—“Yorkshire Post.”

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 5th inst., the Grand Master Lord Saltoun presiding.

Charters were ordered to be issued to the following new Lodges: “Blue Fields,” at Blue Fields, Nicaragua; and “Gwelo,” at Gwelo, Rhodesia.

It was agreed that special collections in aid of the annuity fund be taken up in all Lodges under the Scottish Constitution in December 1898 and December 1899.

A vidimus of the accounts for the quarter ending 26th April showed that the income had been £1,888, being £756 more than the expenditure. Grants of £180 had been given from the Benevolence Fund to distressed Masons or widows of Masons.

The Grand Master unveiled a white marble bust of Past Grand Master Sir Charles Dalrymple, of New Hailes, Bart., M.P., the work of Brother W. Grant Stevenson, R.S.A., and

a replica of the bust lately presented to Sir Charles and his family. It is a splendid likeness, and will, along with the busts of other Past Grand Masters, remain in the Great Hall.

The Grand Master before calling on Bro. Stevenson to unveil the bust, made a graceful reference to Sir Charles's work on behalf of Masonry and the Grand Lodge.

The Past Grand Master, writing from the House of Commons Library, said that while thanking the Grand Lodge most heartily for this additional mark of their favour he regarded it as no ordinary event that his bust should be set beside similar memorials of his predecessors in the chair of the Grand Lodge, whom he regarded with respect and veneration.

The Grand Master next moved the adoption of a recommendation by the Grand Committee that on the occasion of the completion of twenty-one years service as Grand Secretary 100 guineas should be presented to Brother D. Murray Lyon as a mark of the respect of the Grand Lodge of the way in which he had carried out the work of that office. Bro. Lyon, he said, had gained the confidence of every Grand Master and of the vast majority of Masons. A portion of the sum would be devoted to the purchase of a permanent souvenir which could be handed down from father to son, and be a memorial of his work for a long period of years. The whole of the Grand Masters under whom Bro. Murray Lyon had served were alive except, alas, one, and as a mark of respect they were to make him a present which he would very greatly regard. The motion was at once unanimously adopted.

The other business was routine.

The Brethren of Elms Lodge, No. 1212 at present meet at Home Park, Stoke, but they have resolved to move to fresh quarters. From next month they will share the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, where Fidelity, No. 230, and the Fidelity Huyshe Mark Lodge, No. 91, meet.

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

THE funeral of the unfortunate lad, whose tragic death at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys we recorded last week, took place on Saturday, amid every evidence of respect and regard. The interment took place at Tottenham Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Head Master of the School, Bro. Rev. Harry Hebb, while the choir of the Institution also took a prominent part. The first part of the proceedings took place in the Tottenham Parish Church, where were congregated the boys of the Institution, numbering upwards of 200, together with the relatives of the deceased lad, the various masters and others connected with the Institution, making in all a large and devout congregation. During the period of waiting, several voluntaries were played. The funeral cortege left Suffolk Lodge, Lordship Lane, shortly after half-past two. Reaching the Church, the solemn procession wended its way up the nave, headed by the Rev. H. Hebb, intoning the opening sentences of the Burial Service. Following him was borne the coffin, covered with a purple pall, behind which immediately came the deceased lad's mother, brothers and sisters, and others. After the lesson the procession was re-formed, the choir leading the way. The two foremost boys carried baskets of choice flowers, which were afterwards strewn over the coffin. At the graveside all the boys were drawn up in a circle, inside of which were the relations and friends, the assistant-masters, and the officiating clergyman. Bros. J. M. McLeod Sec., Stanley J. Attenborough Hon. Solicitor, and others officially represented the Institution.

THE funeral of Bro. Captain M. P. S. Tozer, who died on Sunday morning, 1st inst., took place at Shirehampton churchyard. The service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. A. J. Harvey. The mourners who followed were several sons and relatives, and in addition there was a large number present, including several Freemasons, the deceased having been a prominent member of the Craft in the district for some time past.

THE Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, his Grace the Duke of St. Albans died on Tuesday, 10th inst., after having suffered for a considerable time from an incurable malady. The late Duke was appointed to the charge of the Province in 1877, and has been very popular among the Brethren of the Craft under his rule.

"MAINE" LODGE OF SORROW.

WE learn, per Bro. T. S. Parvin Grand Secretary and Librarian of Iowa, that the "Mexican Herald" of 4th March records the proceedings of a Lodge of Sorrow held by the seven Lodges in the city of Mexico, working under the Gran Dieta of the Republic, as follows:

Last night in obedience to a joint call issued by the Spanish Lodge Riego, No. 4, and the Mexican Benito Juarez Lodge, No. 3, a Lodge of Sorrow was held at the Lodge rooms on Puerta Falsa de San Andres, No. 14. The object of the meeting was in commemoration of the death of the eighty-three Masons who were victims in the "Maine" catastrophe. The two officers who were killed, Lieutenant Jenkins and Engineer Merritt, being respectively the Senior and Junior Wardens of the Lodge which held its regular meetings on board the unfortunate battle-ship.

The Lodge of Sorrow was attended by full representations of all the Lodges working under the Gran Dieta Simbolica de Mexico, and included the following: Riego, Benito Juarez, Germania, Grand Lodge, Toltec, Cuauhtemoc, and Anahuac. The hall was fittingly draped in deepest black, and the Grand Master and other Officers, who assisted in the ceremony, were also emblematic of the sorrowful occasion.

In Memoriam speeches were made by representatives from each of the Lodges present, and by the grand representative of the State of New York Hon. D. Whittemore. At the request of the Cuauhtemoc Lodge G. M. Ermilo Canton, of the Grand Lodge, spoke. He made a most moving speech, and his tributes to the deceased Brothers were most beautiful and eloquent. Riego Lodge was spoken for by Lic. Diodoro Batalla and Sir Villada. The Benito Juarez Lodge orator was Lic. Maldonado. Lodge Germania, August Pfeffer. Grand Secretary F. Iglesias spoke for the Grand Lodge. The Toltec Lodge orator was F. E. Young J.W. The Anahuac Lodge was spoken for by W. M. Morgan. After the speeches the funeral ceremony of the Order was performed with all its impressive solemnity.

There was a large attendance of the visiting Brothers among the tourists at present in the city. Among others may be mentioned Z. L. Tidball P.G.M. of New York, S. W. Reynolds of Massachusetts, the G.M. and entire corps of the Grand Lodge Officers. The Guatemalan Minister, J. F. Rodriguez Castillejo, and many others.

Between the 18th and 25th instant there will be a "Public Lodge of Sorrow" held by order of the Gran Dieta Simbolica, to which all Masons and their families and friends will be invited.

NEW TEMPLE AT TORQUAY.

THE Brethren of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, at Torquay, are building a home of their own. Hitherto they have been tenants of St. John's Lodge, but not content with that arrangement they have commenced the erection of a "Temple" on the Tor Hill Estate, one of the most central sites in the town. On Wednesday, 4th inst., the corner stone was laid with full Masonic ceremony by Bro. G. C. Davie P.A.G.D.C. Eng. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon. The building will be Gothic in style, and mainly of red sandstone with bath stone dressings. On the ground floor will be a dining hall 38ft. by 23ft., an entrance hall 9ft. by 15ft., a kitchen 18ft. by 14ft., pantry and offices. Above will be the main hall 24ft. by 23ft., a reception room 18ft. by 14ft., a small ante room, steward's store, &c. Messrs. Bridgman are the architects, and Mr. S. Hawkins the builder, the price being between £900 and £1,000.

There was a large attendance of Brethren from the district at the ceremony.

The opening prayer was offered by Provincial Grand Chaplain Rev. R. W. J. Smart.

Prior to laying the corner-stone in the north-east corner of the building, the D.Prov.G.M. said it was a great pleasure to him to accept the invitation of the Brethren of Lodge Jordan to come to Torquay to lay the corner-stone of their new building. It was now a quarter of a century since the Lodge was founded, and they all congratulated it upon the progress it had made, and upon its now obtaining for itself a habitation of its own. During the quarter of a century Freemasonry had made great progress in England, and especially in the Province of Devon, and no healthier sign of that progress could be had than the number of Lodges which had provided for themselves suitable buildings for their own use. As they were aware, in the earlier days of Freemasonry, and up to quite a recent date, the usual place of meeting was in some hotel. Without in any way meaning to utter a word of disparagement to hotels, and whilst fully recognising their great usefulness, he could not help saying he did not think them suitable places for Lodge meetings. The accommodation in them did not allow of that secrecy and privacy which was the gist of their proceedings, and whatever might have

been the case in past days it was now against the spirit of the times to meet on licensed premises. Therefore, claiming as he did to have the good of Freemasonry at heart, he was glad indeed to hear when a Lodge left the hotel and occupied premises of its own. His remarks respecting hotels were not applicable to the Jordan Lodge, as the Freemasons of Torquay had for many years had a meeting place of their own. It was not sufficient, however, to only build a hall, for that was merely a means to an end. There was use of the hall and the spirit in which it was used to be considered. If they looked at the elements of consecration they would point out the spirit in which it should be used. The corn signified abundance, not only of material blessings, but of the higher blessings of virtue and honour arising to the Brethren in increased degree. All who attended the hall should come with the determination of carrying away with him and putting into practice the precepts he heard inculcated, and those who used it should as far as possible take care that no member was admitted to the hall who was not worthy of it, remembering that the lapse of a Brother from the path of rectitude not only injured him, but almost infallibly inflicted discredit and produced dishonour upon the Society to which he belonged. Especially was this the case with Freemasonry. The wine was emblematic of joy and cheerfulness. He was quite sure the meetings in that hall would be bright and happy, and that friendships formed there would last for ever. He hoped the Brethren would never despise cheerfulness. He thoroughly believed in the full enjoyment of the pleasures of life, but not in their abuse. Then there was the oil, the symbol of peace and unanimity. He trusted the calming influence would act on the passions and prejudices of all. There would always be differences of opinion on religious and political matters, and a good thing to, for to those differences the progress of the great Empire was due, but within that hall there would be no differences. There they would all be equal, the only Brother who stood above his Brethren being the W.M., in execution of his office, and he would be placed there by his own merit and the free vote of the members. In conclusion he trusted that plenty and abundance, joy and cheerfulness, and peace and unanimity might rest upon that building as long as it stood.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was presented with a parchment recording the proceedings, and it, with Masonic papers, was placed in a cavity beneath the stone, and after the block of limestone had been lowered into place he declared the stone truly squared, levelled, and plumbed, and properly laid according to the custom of the Craft. Corn, oil, and wine were scattered over the stone. The plans were handed by the architect (Mr. Bridgman) to the D.Prov.G.M., who remarked that he felt sure the building would be worthy of the Craft and worthy of the builder. A second prayer by Rev. E. Windle P.P.G.C. followed, and the Benediction concluded the ceremony.

The Brethren subsequently marched in procession to the Pavilion Hotel, where a banquet was served.—"Western Morning News."

A DUTY.

FREEMASONRY has been in existence for generations. In all these ages it has been essentially the same organisation. Its principles and its characteristics have never changed. Its traditions, the source of so much Masonic knowledge remain unchallenged. The regulations, laws and landmarks that have constituted its identity from the earliest of days are yet as obligatory and authoritative as at the beginning. Freemasons now are the inheritors of these characteristics which to-day mark what is the only true Masonry.

Therefore a most solemn duty is imposed on every Mason to protect Freemasonry from any and all attempts to impair, weaken or destroy the integrity of the Institution. When the profane seeks to obtain the rights and privileges of Masonry he is required to do certain things before he can receive admission into the Fraternity. These are all fully explained to him. He voluntarily agrees to all that is required. The duty therefore devolved on him is by his own consent. If he understands it in its true character there can be no excuse for a neglect to obey the dictates of this duty. To plead ignorance is to charge the Lodge with improperly instructing him. Every Lodge tries to be free from any such imputation, for its existence depends on its fidelity to the duties imposed on it, else it would be deprived of its functions. So, then, the excuse of ignorance cannot be accepted.

But there are a very, very large number of Brethren who are not ignorant of the duty to which a member is called. They know what that duty means; more than this, they also know how to perform it.

Hence if any persons are engaged in efforts, or plans, or pretences, to set up a clandestine association of men as Masonic, it is not difficult for any of this large number of well-informed, well-trained, well-instructed Brethren to detect such a scheme,

which if carried out would impair or weaken the integrity of the character of Freemasonry.

Those Brethren who can surely protect Freemasonry from the subtle or open efforts to organise a clandestine body on the pretence that it is Masonic, are bound by the solemn duty placed on them when they become Masons, to use their knowledge to detect and expose such an attack on the Craft to which they are attached. The very life of Freemasonry depends on the ability of its members to protect it, and this duty is so interwoven into all the obligations of every Mason that it is an ever-existing, imperative, and solemn self-asserting command on the conscience and courage of all Masons.

It is now well known that there are associations of persons which by implication pretend to be "Masonic." This word is used as though it was the common property of anybody or everybody who seeks notoriety, or to call the attention of the thoughtless and curious multitude to the society they seek to set up for purposes not explained.

When it is found that here and there meetings are held by individuals, who, without any right to use the word Masonic, do use it, then the duty of the Freemason is to discover what is meant by the use of this word. If inquiry is made which proves the thing is a counterfeit, or an abuse, or a pretence of true Masonry, and those engaged in the proceedings are not Masons, then prompt exposure of the affair is demanded. Every true Mason is interested in the discovery and the exposure of the fraud. Thus the integrity of the ancient and honourable Fraternity of Freemasons is protected.—"Keystone."

A MASON'S RESPONSIBILITY.

FREEMASONRY, like a Chinese house, was built from the roof down. There was a Grand Master before there was a Grand Lodge, and Masters and overseers before there were Lodges. Freemasonry was the gift from the one to the many. It is not a constituent body. The Grand Master is subordinate to no higher authority. He is amenable to no one.

The symbolism through which Freemasonry communicates its lessons shows this fact conclusively. King Solomon's Temple and the teeming incidents connected with its projection, building, destruction and rebuilding furnish the central idea. That a secret word and sign should be bestowed upon the faithful Craftsman was a conception of the man of Tyre, when he was considering how to disperse the workmen at the completion of the Temple. He was the first Grand Master. Freemasonry was his gift, in that he consolidated isolated toilers into Lodges and rewarded the worthy with a means of recognition and a certificate of honourable discharge. Freemasonry, therefore, owes nothing to its votaries. They come into its fellowship unsolicited and voluntarily assume the obligations it imposes.

"There are duties owing by every Mason to his Brethren," says Mackey, and this thought cannot be too strongly pressed upon the attention of the Fraternity.

When, as a novice, you asked a part in the rites and privileges of the particular Lodge with which you determined to affiliate, you were to be a recipient only in so far as the ceremonies of initiation made you a Mason. Your obligation, the traditions and esoteric teachings of Freemasonry all made plain to you that you assumed responsibilities.

To be a member of a Lodge, to attend regularly its meetings, to witness the ceremonies of initiation and to partake of its refreshment, is not all that is required to make a Mason, in the highest sense of that title. The dissatisfied Mason and the non-affiliate are those who expected to be recipients of some unknown good, and who are disappointed to learn that they are offered only the incentive to do good to others. Labour is expected of them. They have been taught to bestow, not to expect to receive benefits. That this is the highest good finds no echo in their selfish natures.

If all of Freemasonry lay in its forms and ceremonies, what a hollow mockery it would be! To witness, not that noble contention as to who can best work and best agree, but greed for self and greed for place, helped on by scheming plots and unfraternal strife, might lead the onlooker to exclaim, "There is none that doeth good, no, not one!"

But some seed falls upon good ground. The bickerings of the selfish and ambitious sink into insignificance and fade in the golden glow of a true humanity. Distinctions of rank or wealth are obliterated on the level of a common manhood. The great pulsating heart of a catholic charity beats warmly for the suffering and impoverished. The ready right hand of fellowship is extended to support the weak and raise the fallen. An humble and devout dependence on the One Great Law Giver reveals a faithful search rewarded by the recovery of the Lost Word. Truth glistens with an imperishable lustre. On every side Masons are going about doing good. Their word re-establishes the wavering. That they go hand in hand in the accomplishment of

any good work establishes the contention that they have learned to be workers, giving of their powers and expecting nothing in return.—"Keystone."

DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MASTER.

THERE is none too humble in the Craft to become the Master of a Lodge, and, indeed, it is a laudable ambition so to do. None should sit idly in the Lodge room with no desire to reach the higher rank of the Craft. All should be inspired with ambition to secure official degrees and none is more laudable to labour for than that of the rank of Past Master. With such a desire should be coupled a clear perception and comprehension of the character and duties of the Master of the Lodge. Its scope is not confined to the repetition of certain phrases and direction of the "work," but comprises vastly more of the understanding and service to be performed. A Master should be able to fully instruct the Craftsmen, not only in the meaning and origin of the ceremonies, but also to fully and intelligently explain to them the philosophy which is veiled in its allegories and illustrated by its ancient symbols.

He should be able to convince his Brethren that all science and all art, legitimately directed, are but the lines which run toward the great and benign work and teaching of the Craft. By art and science we are led to fully appreciate the wonderful works of the Great Architect of the Universe, and by them are made better and nobler followers of the compass and square, and more clearly to comprehend the wonderful glories of our Almighty Father, who created us. The Master of a Lodge should set an example to his fellow-Craftsmen, by exemplary conduct and good citizenship, and his conversation in and out of Lodge be a model for the Brethren to admire and imitate, and should always practice those great moral doctrines and virtues which he inculcates within the walls of a Lodge room. He must be methodical and punctual in all things connected with his duties as executive of the Lodge, make all decisions without fear or favour, using his best judgment, and act in all things with justice and impartiality, so that he may command the respect of all fair-minded Freemasons. These are a few of the requirements necessary for a successful Master. Constant study and strict attention to the duties incumbent upon him will remove all obstacles and render his official life comparatively smooth.—Ex.

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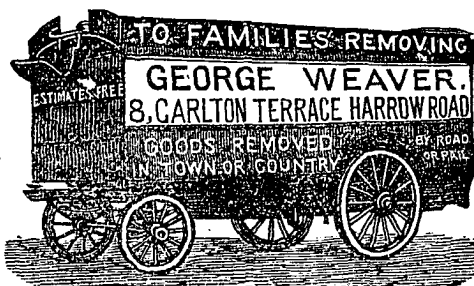
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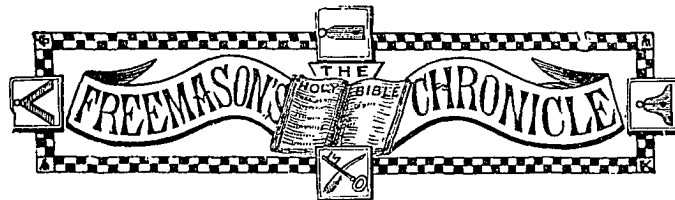
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REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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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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STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, 2nd inst., when there were present:—Bros. John Cuer W.M., Wm. G. Mills I.P.M., Tom Taylor S.W., William Briggs J.W., G. G. Symons P.M. Treasurer, Thomas J. Burgess Secretary, T. Ockelford S.D., Edward J. Stafford J.D., John Jenkinson I.G., W. R. G. Emerson, and E. J. Vidler Stewards, D. A. Langdon P.M., E. H. Dove P.M., Wm. E. Liddall P.M., C. Cordingley P.M., John Briggs, G. F. Ward, J. J. Berry, F. Bristow, John H. Selmes, C. J. Brown, Geo. Smith, Arthur Smiley, E. Schneitter, Arthur Davies, Henry Durell, Edwin Thornicroft, C. Yates, A. G. Peckham, Philip Sharpe P.M. P.Prov.G.Std.Br., W. Sammes, J. H. Grove, Bromley Hall, A. L. Guittard, M. Weiss, and E. Mallett P.M. Tyler.

The list of visitors included a very considerable number of Grand and Provincial rank. Among them were Bros. E. M. Money P.M. 23 P.A.G.D.C., E. E. Harding P.M. P.A.G.D.C., James Terry P.M. P.G.S.B., J. R. Green P.M. P.Prov.G.S.D., J. Dempster P.M. 441 Prov.G.P., B. Chennell P.M. 88 P.Prov.G.S.W., W. Purchas P.M. P.Prov.G.Stewd., J. G. Cobb P.M. 2278 P.Prov.G.Std.Br., C. E. Boughton Leigh P.M. 859 P.Prov.G.D.C., T. Steer S.D. 1287, S. Barlet W.M. 2060, Robert Bryant 2033, Charles L. Voisey 1076, Robert I. Voisey P.M. 1329, H. Nowell 1732, W. G. Weller 2550, N. O. Crewe S.W. 2096, A. D. Hawkins 1816, G. C. Paine W.M. 1507, W. G. Fentley 1687, W. Keith S.W. 1997, H. Wents 2402, W. Scriven 1525, R. H. Adie 859, John Petch P.M. 2278, Robert D. Cummings P.M. 2168, W. J. Sampson 1716, Wm. Briant W.M. 101, A. H. Cole P.M. 1744, T. Jefferies P.M. 1744, F. Dixon 171, W. G. Davenport 2396, P. M. Becker S.W. 238, H. R. Bromley Smith 877, H. Thomson Lyon W.M. 2563;

Bro. H. Smiley was raised to the third degree, and Bro. W. Brigg, M.A., LL.M., F.C.S., F.R.A.S., Junior Warden of the Lodge was afterwards installed in the chair of King Solomon. The Board of Installed Masters was a particularly strong one, numbering thirty.

The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. J. Cuer I.P.M., T. C. Taylor S.W., T. Ockelford J.W., G. G. Symons P.M. Treasurer, W. G. Mills P.M. Secretary, E. J. Stafford S.D., T. J. Burgess J.D., E. J. Vidler I.G., D. A. Langdon P.M. D.C., Wm. Sammes Almoner, W. R. G. Emerson, G. Smith, E. Schneitter, H. Burrell, and F. Bristowe Stewards, J. Briggs, M.A., Organist and Assist. D.C., E. Mallett P.M. Tyler.

The banquet was served in the Caledonian Salon, and the after proceedings were of a most enjoyable character, thanks to the genial presidency of the W.M., good fellowship all round, and the assistance of the Westminster Glee Party with songs and glees, and F. Upton with smart stories and sensational novels. Bro. Emerson presided at the piano.

The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with fervour. Bro. E. M. Money P.M. 23 P.A.G.D.C. responded for the Grand Officers.

Brother G. G. Symons the oldest P.M., in glowing terms proposed the W.M.

Bro. James Terry P.M. P.G.S.B. and Bro. J. M. McLeod P.M. P.G.S.B., with their customary eloquence, dilated on the work of the Charities, and Bro. T. J. Burgess responded for the Officers.

The evening was a brilliant success, testifying to the continued prosperity of this ancient and worthy Lodge.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

AN emergency meeting of this well known Lodge was held on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. E. Pennock W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. Kington I.P.M., G. Spice S.W., I. W. Simeons J.W., B. Kershaw P.M. Treas., E. Davey P.M. Sec., C. Ash acting D.C., S. W. Fells J.D., M. Baillie I.G., T. Whiffen A.D.C., E. H. Lough Organist, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler; Past Masters S. Smither, E. F. Walesby, and others; together with Bros. A. Scott, F. Richardson, G. Baker, M. Madders, C. Leopard, C. Way, G. Barlow, G. Aylett, W. Rickell, &c.

Amongst the Visitors were Bros. A. J. Norris 569, and J. Wynman.

The Lodge being duly formed the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, whereupon Bro. C. Leopard was presented as a candidate for passing, and was duly examined and obligated. Lodge was advanced to the second degree and that Brother was admitted as a Fellow Craft in regular order.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the ballot was taken—with a unanimously favourable result—on behalf of Mr. E. Johnson, a candidate for initiation, who was subsequently admitted to a participation in the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

It is hardly necessary for us to allude to the way in which the ceremonies were rendered, as the perfect working of the Worshipful Master is well known; suffice it to say, he excelled himself on this occasion.

Lodge was now closed, and the Brethren retired to the banquet room, where they enjoyed a very nice repast, and spent a pleasant evening in social intercourse.

To the general regret of the Brethren the Worshipful Master—who has recently suffered a severe family bereavement—had to leave at the conclusion of the Lodge business, and handed over his gavel to Bro. T. Kington I.P.M., who in due course submitted the customary toasts, those in honour of the Queen and the heads of the Order being heartily honoured.

Bro. Davey P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge had much pleasure in asking the Brethren to drink to the health of their Worshipful Master. They would have much preferred that Bro. Pennock had been in his place at the head of the table, but knew the reason of his absence, and sincerely sympathised with him in his bereavement.

Bro. Kington I.P.M. acknowledged the toast. He was sorry he was acting as a substitute for their Worshipful Master, and in his absence felt he might truly thank Bro. Davey and the Brethren for their expressions of good feeling, while he was also convinced that anything Bro. Pennock could do for the welfare of their Lodge he would most cheerfully undertake.

The health of the Initiate was next proposed, and he received a hearty reception from the company.

Replying, Bro. Johnson hoped to be excused if he made any mistakes, as at present he knew no better. The solemn obligation he had taken that evening would never be effaced from his memory. He thanked them most sincerely for having accepted him as a Brother among them.

The acting W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, feeling sure that if Bro. Pennock was present he would desire to give the guests of the evening the heartiest of welcomes. The Confidence Lodge was always pleased to see visitors. This being an emergency meeting they had but two on that occasion—he was pleased to see them, and hoped they would be present at future gatherings.

The Visitors acknowledged the toast in suitable terms.

Bro. Kington now had much pleasure in toasting one of the oldest members of the Lodge, Bro. Rickell. That Brother had not been to the meetings of the Lodge for a very long time, but among their greatest delights was that of seeing the older members, and now that he had attended he felt he was expressing the feelings of the Brethren when he said he hoped they might see him more frequently, in good health, and for many years yet to come.

Bro. Rickell said he felt quite overcome by their kindness in thus drinking to his health. He felt very grateful in having recovered from his late severe illness, and trusted he should have the pleasure of being present at the Confidence Lodge for many years to come. He heartily thanked them.

The toast of the Past Masters was next submitted, the chairman referring to them as the stars of the Lodge, who did everything in their power to make the Confidence one of the brightest Lodges in the metropolis. The toast met a hearty reception.

Bro. S. Smither said although he was the only Past Master responding to the toast it was known the past rulers of the Lodge had its interests at heart. He had been absent but twice in fifteen years, and those omissions were on account of domestic affairs, otherwise he would have been there, because he looked forward with pleasure to each meeting as it came round. He was proud of being a Past Master of the Confidence Lodge, and should be most happy to render any assistance in his power to add to its prosperity, or to that of its members.

The W.M. was glad of the opportunity of proposing the health of Bro. Edwin H. Lough Organist of the Lodge, to whom they were so much indebted for the able manner in which he always conducted the musical portion of the ceremonies. If it happened they were called upon to commence before his arrival the proceedings lacked that éclat which his musical ability always infused into the ceremonies when he was present, while at the festive board he gave them the choicest of music, and so acted as to win their heartiest thanks. It would be very difficult to find a more accomplished Organist and Pianist than their Bro. Lough, to honour whom he now called upon the Brethren for a hearty bumper, an invitation that was cordially taken advantage of by the Brethren.

Bro. Lough, replying to the compliment, thanked the W.M. for his very kind remarks. He had spoken of the pleasure the Brethren received from his services—it was also a pleasure to him to render them, and to try to give satisfaction. What he did in their Lodge he undertook out of love for Freemasonry, and he hoped he should have many opportunities of exercising his abilities on its behalf.

The acting W.M. now had the pleasure of proposing the toast of the Officers, which was honoured in hearty style.

Bro. Davey Secretary had considerable gratification in informing the Brethren that the Confidence Lodge was in a very favourable condition. There was plenty of scope for further work in order to make it yet more flourishing.

Bro. Spice S.W. tendered thanks, and strongly advised the Brethren to attend the Instruction Lodge associated with them, especially the younger members, who would thus become qualified for any position they might be called upon to occupy.

Bro. Simeons J.W. regarded it a pleasure to be called upon to acknowledge such kind remarks as had fallen from their President, with the evident approval of the Brethren. Referring to the Lodge of Instruction, which he urged the members to support, he said the meetings were now held at the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, where he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing the members of the Lodge on many occasions. The Lodge met every Wednesday, and provided the means of practice, which alone made perfect in the ritual of the Order.

Other of the Officers followed on, tendering thanks for their reception, and then the Tyler gave the concluding sentiment of the evening.

Before parting, the acting Worshipful Master thanked the Brethren who had contributed to the harmony of the evening with song and recitation. These included Bros. Davey, Spice, S. W. Fells, Rickett, Simeons, Madders, Whiffen, and May, while special acknowledgment fell to Bro. Lough for his services at the piano and for some excellent songs. Bro. S. Smither P.M. recited Eliza Cook's "Heart's Charity" in fine form.

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SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE annual installation festival of this flourishing Lodge, which now numbers over sixty members, took place on Tuesday, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent Street, W., with considerable success. Bro. George Levin the outgoing Master presided for the last time during his year of office, and was supported by his Officers, with Past Masters Baron D. Barnett, B. Field, J. W. Nash, A. F. Casperd, Emil Hahn, H. Fuld, and the following members: Leon Rolfe, A. Cohen, W. Smith, A. H. Marks, C. D. Mitchell, M. Weinberg, A. Tibbetts, A. Berliner, Ralph Hickman, J. Silverstone, J. Kapp, John Hurlstone, M. Tom, L. Ginsberg, E. J. Potter, J. Hill, E. L. Paul, W. C. Tanner, W. Medland, C. J. Wright, L. Lewis, R. H. Palmer, Wm. Groves, N. J. Nathan, Harrison Brockbank, C. T. Lamble, Albert Clark.

The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting, and of an emergency meeting of the 3rd inst., were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen, as candidates for initiation: William Grove, Joseph Nathan Kopelansky, and Hermann Strauss, who were duly approved and, being in attendance, were admitted and regularly inducted into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Levin.

The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. John Dawson Hood the W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. P. M. Casperd, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. The Brethren retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, presided over by Bro. Baron D. Barnett, who performed the installation ceremony and placed Bro. Hood in the chair in accordance with the old traditions. Bro. Levin was invested as I.P.M.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren the newly installed Master was regularly proclaimed and saluted, and then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, viz: T. M. Lamble S.W., S. J. Heilbron J.W., Rev. M. J. Heilbron Chaplain, E. Hahn P.M. Treasurer, Baron D. Barnett P.M. Sec., T. D. Corthine S.D., J. Cohn J.D., I. Heilbron I.G., James Bayne Organist, S. Gottlieb D.C., A. Clark P.M. and L. Ginsberg Stewards, H. Reinhardt Tyler.

It may be remarked that Bro. Barnett was re-appointed Secretary for the twenty-second time, he having been one of the Founders, and taking an active part in starting the Lodge. That the Brethren appreciate the zeal and ability he has ever evinced in promoting their interests will be shown later on. The Addresses were then delivered by Bro. Levin in a manner that elicited the hearty applause of those present.

There being no other business the new Master received the congratulations of the visitors, and the company adjourned to the banquet hall, where Bro. Oddinino served a sumptuous repast. This was greatly enjoyed by the Brethren, good fellowship and laughter, within the limits of becoming mirth, prevailing. Of course the Initiates came in for their share of attention, but proved themselves excellent Masons, and quite able to take their own part.

The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted by the W.M. and drank with acclamation.

In highly complimentary terms Bro. Levin proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, to which Bro. Hood replied.

The W.M. said his love for Freemasonry would support his zeal in doing his work and fulfilling his duties in the chair. He considered that Freemasonry instructed and improved the human mind; it was the universal Brotherhood of Man, and embraced men of all nations and creeds within its circle. It was the essence of Charity—perfect Charity, not merely of that kind that prompted a man to put his hands in his pockets to relieve a fellow creature in distress, but that Charity which was expressed by the poet—"To their virtues ever kind; To their faults a little blind." He thanked them sincerely for the honour they had done him in electing him to the chair, and hoped to give the Lodge satisfaction.

The W.M. now returned the compliment to Bro. Levin, who was one of the best Masters who had ever ruled over the Samson Lodge. They had witnessed the splendid manner in which he had rendered the ceremonies that day, and he left the chair with the good wishes of all, in token of which the W.M. had now the pleasure to hand him a Past Master's jewel, voted by the Lodge, and hoped he would long live to wear it.

The gift was supplemented by Bro. Arthur Berliner, who asked the I.P.M.'s acceptance of a handsome Diamond Jubilee jewel, on behalf of the Initiates to whom he had bestowed the blessing of Light during his term of office, as a mark of their esteem and regard.

Bro. Levin returned thanks most sincerely for the handsome presents. Whatever he had done for the Lodge was a pleasant duty, and if the Brethren thought he had performed that duty with credit to himself, and to their satisfaction, he was more than content.

The I.P.M. now had a still more pleasant duty to perform, for he had been requested by the Lodge to present Bro. Baron D. Barnett, their worthy and much loved Secretary, with an illuminated address on vellum, in which they acknowledged his valuable services to the Lodge since its foundation. It had been subscribed to by every member, and was accompanied by a valuable gold hunting watch and chain, together with a diamond ring for Mrs. Barnett. The address was worded as follows:—

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

TO BRO. BARON D. BARNETT P.M.

We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the above Lodge of Freemasons desire most cordially to congratulate you on the completion of your twenty-first year of honorary service as Secretary of this Lodge.

During all this period, embracing in fact the whole life history of the Lodge since its consecration in 1877, you have brought to your duties a zeal and earnestness for its progress that has won the admiration of all who are connected with it.

Your untiring energies and unswerving devotion to duty have rendered inestimable benefits to the welfare, comfort, and well being of the members. We earnestly hope that you, your wife and family, may be spared for many years to enjoy health and happiness, and we beg your acceptance of the accompanying gifts, with the prayer that the future may have in store for you nothing but joy and prosperity.

The happy recipient, who was greeted with cheers when rising to respond, said he was unable to give utterance to his thoughts for their very kind testimonial. He could not say he was altogether surprised, because he could not help seeing that something of the kind was intended, but he had no idea that the address was to receive the valuable additions just presented to him. He was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and it was therefore his duty as well as pleasure to promote its interests. He had spent many happy hours in the Lodge, and had never had an ill word with any of the Brethren. The watch was an emblem of Time, and though twenty-one years had passed since he had joined them, he hoped it might still be a long time before he had to separate from them. When Time with him should be no more the watch should pass to his son, and his son's son.

The Initiates were duly toasted, and acknowledged the compliment; and similar recognition having been extended to the Officers, the Tyler made his appearance, and brought these very interesting proceedings to a close.

The musical arrangements had the charm of novelty in the shape of Miss Amy Brooks's mandolin and vocal trio, who gave selections, together with Bro. Frank Martin, a clever humorous singer, and Mr. Aubrey Wills an entertaining pianist.

The Visitors included Bros. J. M. McLeod P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.I.B., H. Baldwin P.Prov.G.Sd.Br., H. Percy Harris P.M. 143 P.Prov.G.W. Bucks, Wm. Wise 1829, William Craig 2319, F. B. Fearus 172, C. Cowell 2168, George Lichtenfeld W.M. 205, T. Moore W.M. 2168, John T. Franklin 1602, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, Henry Pickett P.M. 1602, S. Fonseca 1563, W. C. Bradley 1348, S. A. Marks 1653, N. Urquhart 2603, F. Mash S.D. 1539, Asher Myers P.M. 185, R. R. Cook 2579, J. W. Dixon 27, Ruthven Finlayson W.M. 1017, J. Berliner 1017, Frank Martin 1227, and A. C. Norman 1744.

PIMLICO LODGE, No. 1772.

AN emergency meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on Friday, 6th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn. Bro. F. Higham W.M. took the chair of K.S. at 2.30, and was most ably supported by the following Officers: Bros. W. Oliver I.P.M., Thomas Holmes S.W., W. Shaw J.W., G. White P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Ingram P.M. Sec., J. Napoli S.D., W. Hancock J.D., C. Riley D.C., Coatsworth Steward, J. Crane I.G., J. Bowler P.M. Tyler.

Among others present were Past Masters Robert Shaw, E. DeVere, &c., with Bros. the Marquis De Leuville, H. Anderson, C. Fumagalli, A. Jackson, A. F. Westbrook, H. R. Ackerman, B. McNamee, G. F. LeBrun, J. Gartell, C. T. Miller, G. Burgess, W. Husk, E. T. Folley, C. Keddie, H. Wilson, J. C. Lee, H. White, H. Cole, &c.

The Visitors included Bros. W. Dunscombe 1681, J. Ruddick W.M. 1694, F. T. Chinchin 1642, G. Perry 1507, F. Holden 25, J. Wynman, &c.

The Brethren assembled in the magnificent Masonic Temple of the Holborn Restaurant; Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. advanced the Lodge to the second degree, after which, by his desire, Bro. Robert Shaw assumed the chair, and resumed the Lodge in the first degree, when Bro. A. Westbrook, B. McNamee, J. Gartell, and H. Ackerman, who were initiated at the previous meeting, were examined, entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and in due course those four Brethren were passed as Fellow Crafts. The ceremony, which included the explanation in length of the working tools, was rendered in a most satisfactory manner.

The Lodge was called off and on, and the Worshipful Master resumed his position in the chair.

Mr. John C. Lee was now presented as a candidate for initiation, the ballot having been proved unanimous in his favour, and in due course this gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. We cannot let the opportunity pass without highly complimenting the Worshipful Master on his rendering of the ceremony, which was given in an impressive and faultless manner.

The W.M. informed the Brethren that the usual summer outing would take place on the last Sunday in June, or the first Sunday in July, of which the members would receive due notice. Five of the principal Officers were elected to act on the Outing Committee.

Bro. Oliver I.P.M. proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted towards the expense of the summer outing, which was seconded by Brother DeVere P.M., and unanimously agreed to.

The labour of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to the Queen's Room, where an excellent dinner was provided, Bro. Hamp, as usual, looking after the comfort of the guests. Dinner being ended, the W.M. in a most eloquent manner gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was responded to in a most loyal manner.

The next toast was one of the most important, being that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the supporter and pioneer of Freemasonry.

Bro. Oliver I.P.M. took the gavel, and had very much pleasure in giving the toast of the W.M. He had been installed but lately, still the work he had done had been to perfection, and it was a fair sample of his ability. They hoped he would have a successful year of office. By proposing the summer outing the W.M. had shown he studied the comfort of the Brethren of the Pimlico Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, on rising, was received with quite an ovation. He most sincerely thanked Bro. Oliver for having proposed his health in such a royal Masonic manner, and the Brethren for having received the toast so cordially. They knew he had not been in office long, but as he got used to the work he hoped to be able to prove that he did everything in his power to make the Pimlico Lodge even more successful than it had hitherto been. He also assured the Brethren he should not forget the Charity Association, but would do everything in his power to make that a great success also. He trusted that at the end of his year of office he should have given all the satisfaction that was required of him. Again he sincerely thanked all for their hearty reception.

The next toast, the W.M. had very much pleasure to propose, was that of the Initiate. He said no Lodge could continue to exist without candidates. The strict attention the new Brother had shown to the ceremony had convinced him he would become an ornament to their Lodge, and the Craft.

In reply, Bro. J. C. Lee thanked the W.M. for having initiated him, and the Brethren for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them. He hoped to discharge the duties they had taught him, in such a way as to gain their confidence.

The Past Masters toast was next given from the chair, the W.M. saying those they had in the Pimlico Lodge were the best of Past Masters, Brethren who did everything in their power for the welfare of the Lodge; they had only to call upon any one of them for assistance, and he was sure to be ready to give it.

Bro. Oliver I.P.M., in a most eloquent way responded. He pointed out the extra good qualities of Bro. White Treasurer, and Bro. Ingram Secretary of the Lodge. Those two Officers did everything in their power to promote the welfare of the Lodge. They were hard working members, and nothing was too much for them to undertake in the interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Robert Shaw was also one of the old Past Masters who was an ornament to the Lodge, while Bro. DeVere was likewise of the good old sort. As long as the W.M. and the Past Masters worked back to back he was sure of the prosperity of the Pimlico Lodge.

Past Masters DeVere and Shaw also acknowledged the compliment.

The W.M. had now very much pleasure in giving the toast of the visitors, who, he said, might always be sure of a most hearty welcome at the Pimlico Lodge. He hoped they had enjoyed themselves.

Brother F. Holden Treasurer of the Terriers Lodge of Instruction, as a visitor thanked the W.M. for his kind reception, and the hearty entertainment. He was sorry he could not attend to witness the excellent working, for which the Pimlico Lodge was noted, but professional duties prevented him.

Bro. Percy said he had been delighted with the working. It was the first time he had visited the Lodge, but he hoped it would not be the last.

Bro. Chinchin said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself—who could help doing so amongst such jolly Brethren as those of the Pimlico Lodge? He thanked the W.M. for his kindness in having called upon him to respond, and sincerely thanked the Brethren for their kind reception.

Other Visitors also made suitable response.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, coupled with the Wardens and other Officers, to which each of those included in the toast responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant evening.

The Pimlico being a well known professional Lodge, some highly talented artists added to the enjoyment of the evening. Amongst others were Bros. George Le Brun (the well known composer of many popular songs of the day.) who opened the ball with a solo on the piano, and was most deservedly encored; Horace White, Barney Armstrong, Slade Murray, H. Anderson, C. Riley, W. Oliver I.P.M., W. Shaw, W. Hancock, the Marquis De Leuville (who recited a favourite poem), and Bro. W. Short (one of the conductors of the C. C. band, who showed his ability on the cornet, and was most ably assisted by Madame Steiler, pianist). Bro. Fred Eplett officiated at the piano during the greater part of the evening.

TYSSEN AMHERST LODGE, No. 2242.

THE annual festival was held at the Amherst Club, Rectory Road, Stoke Newington, N., on Monday, 2nd inst., when Bro. William Henry Turner was installed as Master for the ensuing year, by his predecessor in office Bro. John Thompson.

The following Officers were invested: Bros. Palmer Bryant S.W., F. Small J.W., A. F. Lay P.P.A.D.C. Essex Treasurer, S. J. Cross P.M. Sec., R. W. Carter S.D., Cooper Corbridge J.D., D. M. Upsdale I.G., H. G. Coard P.M. D.C., R. S. Collett A.D.C., H. E. Swift Organist, J. H. Crabtree, C. W. Crook and R. Rusby Stewards, Samuel Ellis P.M. Tyler.

INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

FOLLOWING the special meeting reported in our last issue, at the new quarters of the Lodge, Bro. Baldock's, Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., came a very pleasant meeting on Wednesday, when the proceedings were presided over by Bro. J. K. Pitt P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, who was supported by Bros. M. Baillie as S.W., G. Spice J.W., E. J. Davey P.M. acting Preceptor, I. W. Simeons acting Sec. and S.D., W. Chilcott J.D., C. Way I.G., G. Bushill, F. D. Brennan, J. Wynman, and others.

After preliminaries Bro. G. Spice worked the first and second sections of the first lecture, and then the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Brennan acting as candidate. Bro. Pitt was as good as ever with the work, and those who knew him as we so well remember him, upwards of twenty years ago, when if he was not actually more sprightly he was yet more youthful, will want no better proof that the work was effectively performed on this occasion.

Bro. Chilcott was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge, and Bro. Baillie chosen to preside at the next meeting.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

AT the meeting on Saturday, 7th inst., at the Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, the fifteen sections were worked under the presidency of Bro. B. Stewart P.M. 1278 2411, who was supported by Bros. L. A. Da Costa P.M. 1349 as S.W., D. Moss P.M. 1275 as J.W., B. DaCosta P.M. 1349 as I.P.M., G. Edwards J.W. 1287 Preceptor, and others.

The sections of the first Lecture were worked by Bros. S. B. Lothiem 205, I. Davis J.D. 1349, Emden 1349, L. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349, B. Da Costa P.M. 1349, D. Moss P.M. 1275, and Goulston.

Second Lecture by Bros. J. Oxley P.M. 1306, Goulston D.C. 1349, T. Blyth S.W. 2411, J. Oxley P.M., and D. Moss P.M. 1275.

Third Lecture by Bros. L. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349, B. DaCosta P.M. 1349, and N. Harris P.M. 1349.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday afternoon, at Stone's Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, Bro. E. Nice W.M., A. Butcher S.W., J. Culverhouse J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., I. W. Simeons Sec., G. Spice D.C., J. Morris J.D., H. Rose I.G., W. Rudderforth P.M., S. Ferminger, G. Baker, L. Hollingworth, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and then called off and on. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the third degree and resumed to the first, when Bro. Ferminger was examined and the second ceremony was gone through. Bro. George Baker then acted as candidate while the third degree was rehearsed.

Bro. L. Hollingworth was elected a member, and Bro. A. Butcher W.M. for next meeting.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

A LARGE number of Brethren attended the meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd inst., at the Station Hotel, Richmond, to witness the working of the consecration and installation ceremonies by Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary of the R.M.B.I., assisted by Bros. W. T. Peat P.M. 1656 P.P.G.O. as Senior Warden, Frank Robinson W.M. 2032 Prov.G.Steward as Junior Warden, F. C. Austin P.M. 1733 P.Prov.G.D.C. as Director of Ceremonies, W. N. Crowhurst P.M. 1894 P.Prov.G.P. as I.G., and Frank Figg, A.R.C.O., Organist 1656 as Organist.

In the hands of such experienced Brethren everything passed off in a most satisfactory manner. Bro. T. Pritchard P.M. 2309 Prov.G.Steward Bucks the very energetic Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, is to be congratulated on the successful issue to which the meeting was brought.

The weekly meetings will be resumed on Tuesday, 6th September, at 8.15 p.m.

TERRIERS LODGE, No. 2184.

ON Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at their new quarters, the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, Bro. E. Sinclair W.M., C. Randall S.W., Isaac Levey J.W., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor, F. Holden Treas., J. W. Mark acting Sec., B. Cohen S.D., T. Holland J.D., E. Almaio I.G., C. Wetton, McLone, S. Inwood, J. Wynman, J. Stanton, and C. Lee (the manager of the Hotel).

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Wetton as candidate. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Mark, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lee as the candidate. Bro. T. Holland gave the charge.

Bros. Lee, Stanton and McLone were unanimously elected members of the Lodge, and Bro. C. Randall chosen W.M. for next week.

ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

ON Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, the Brethren of this Lodge assembled for the first time at their new abode, the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, which establishment is under the able management of Bro. C. Lee. There were present Bros. T. Holland W.M., Isaac Levey S.W., C. Johnson J.W., A. Darch P.M. acting Preceptor, T. S. Conisbee acting Sec., E. Horton S.D., C. Randall J.D., W. Dickenson I.G., J. Cohen W.M. 2184, J. Osmond P.M., Cooper, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Randall as candidate. The W.M. then resumed the Lodge to the first degree.

Bro. A. Darch made some complimentary references to Brother Joseph Cohen's services on behalf of the Lodge, the members of which were indebted to him for the furniture they were using. Bro. Darch then spoke of the great loss they had sustained in the death of the late Bro. Wise Preceptor, in whom they had lost one of the best of Masons. They had, however, to fill his place as Preceptor of their Lodge.

Bro. Cohen said he was glad to have been useful by assisting the Brethren to establish the Lodge of Instruction and providing the furniture for their use. He had done what he had purely for the love of Freemasonry. He was sincerely sorry the post of Preceptor was vacant on account of the death of their departed friend Bro. Wise, but they could not do without one and, accordingly, he had very much pleasure in proposing Bro. A. Darch as Preceptor of the Lodge.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. Johnson J.W., supported by Bro. J. Osmond P.M., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Darch thanked the Lodge for the honour that had been shown him, and promised to do all in his power to give satisfaction.

Bro. Horton having resigned the position of Secretary, Bro. Darch proposed Bro. T. S. Conisbee for the post. This was seconded by Bro. Cohen and unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Conisbee tendered his thanks, and said as he had promised on the day of his initiation to be not only an ornamental but rather a useful Mason he was pleased to have this opportunity of proving the sincerity of his promise. He would do his utmost to give satisfaction to the members of the Lodge.

Bro. Darch proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. Horton, for having fulfilled the duties of Secretary almost from the formation of the Lodge. Bro. Cohen seconded, and suggested that as a tangible mark of their appreciation Bro. Horton should be elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge, which was unanimously agreed to, and the compliment duly acknowledged.

Bro. Cooper was elected a member of the Lodge, Bro. Levey voted to the chair for the next meeting, and the new Secretary made an Honorary member of the Lodge.

PROVINCIAL.

INTEGRITY LODGE, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, 27th ult., Bro. Frederic Walmsley W.M., there being an excellent attendance of members and visitors.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. Eustace B. Beesley and Kesheo Gokhalay were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the former by Bro. Joseph Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., and the latter by Bro. T. H. Scholfield P.M. P.P.G.Reg., the Working Tools being presented and explained by Bro. H. R. Yates S.W.

Other important business was transacted, the Brethren ultimately adjourning to the festive board, where a pleasant evening passed quickly away.

RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

AT the monthly meeting, held at the headquarters, Railway Hotel, Highbridge, on Friday evening, 6th inst., the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Elise P.G.D. of England directed attention to the fact that one of their honorary members, Brother C. L. Fry Edwards Provincial Grand Treasurer, had had conferred upon him the great honour of being appointed Senior Grand Deacon of England in Grand Lodge, and a vote of hearty congratulation to Bro. Edwards was agreed to.

It was stated that at the same Grand Lodge meeting Bro. Lieut.-Col. Kiallmark, who was initiated in the Rural Philanthropic Lodge at Highbridge, was appointed Junior Grand Deacon, and that Bro. Newington Bridges, also a former incumbent of the Highbridge Lodge, had formally received the appointment of Grand Sword Bearer. No fewer than four Brethren of Lodge No. 291, including Bro. Elise, have thus received Grand Lodge honours.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 341.

THE annual installation meeting took place on Wednesday afternoon, 4th inst., at the George Hotel, Rye, there being a remarkably good attendance of local and visiting Brethren. The W.M. Bro. C. J. Fletcher P.M. ably installed his successor Bro. W. G. Rubie S.W., who appointed his Officers.

The addresses were most impressively delivered by Bros. Wm. Dawes and J. Molyneux Jenkins.

Bro. W. J. Palmer was unanimously re-elected a member of the Provincial Grand Charities Committee, and the Brethren afterwards dined together.

The new W.M. presided in a remarkably able manner, and, in eloquent and most appropriate terms, submitted the Loyal and Masonic toasts.

During the evening, the W.M., I.P.M., and other Officers of the Lodge were warmly complimented upon the manner in which the business was conducted. The musical elements were in strong force.

ST. THOMAS LODGE, No. 992.

THE regular meeting was held at the Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, Manchester, on Wednesday, 4th inst.

Bro. Jas. Mumby W.M. opened the Lodge and conducted a successful ballot for Mr. Walter Perkins, Land Agent, Kersal Hotel, Higher Broughton, this gentleman being afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Wm. Martin P.M. acting J.W., the charge being delivered by Bro. W. J. Millson S.W.

Lodge having been advanced, the interrogatories were put to Frank Pitt, who, having proved his efficiency, was then raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. Thos. M. Johnson P.M. The working tools of this degree were in the hands of the S.W., whilst Bro. T. W. McGill P.M. rendered the Traditional History to Bro. Pitt and others.

We have only praise to bestow upon the ceremonial, for every detail was performed with a carefulness and precision which denoted studious interest in the work. Bro. Millson S.W. proved in a very marked degree his efficiency as second Officer, and from remarks afterwards made has more than justified the choice of the Brethren in appointing him to the position,

while the work of Bro. McGill was perfect, and performed without apparent effort or laboured difficulty.

After a very excellent supper, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, these being interspersed with songs, &c., the contributors being Bros. Ed. L. Littler P.M. 1730, Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, O. M. Jones W.M. 1161, and others.

The health of the initiate was proposed by Bro. Poyser, who said that an intelligent gentleman had been admitted into the Lodge, and one who would be an honour to it. Brother Perkins responded.

Bro. McGill proposed the toast of the newly raised Brother, the latter also responding.

Among others we noticed the presence of Bros. S. Hancock P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treas., J. H. Millward P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Sec., O. L. Truby S.D., F. D. Dean J.D., H. Neason I.G., Past Masters Thomas Threlfall P.P.G.S., W. H. Southam, Wm. Martin, and James Johnson. Visitors:—Bro. Chas. Koffler 815, J. B. Bowker 815, Thos. Baldwin 935, and W. T. Coop 1140.

WELCHPOOL LODGE, No. 998.

THE annual festival took place on Thursday, 28th ult., when Bro. Thomas Williams was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. Charles Shuker I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Hughes P.M. P.P.G.Chap., and Bro. W. P. Hole P.M. P.P.G.S.B.

The Lodge business was followed by a banquet at the Royal Oak Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ST. PETER LODGE, No. 1024.

ON Wednesday evening, 4th inst., after the monthly meeting, at Maldon, a supper and social evening was enjoyed by the Brethren. About twenty sat down, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. W. E. Facey, at the Assembly Rooms, King's Head Hotel.

PELHAM LODGE, No. 1303.

THE installation meeting was held on Friday, 29th ult., when Brother W. Gates (Mayor of Lewes) was installed as W.M.

The visiting Brethren included Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, and a large gathering of distinguished Masons from various Provinces.

The Brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel. The W.M. presided and an excellent musical programme was contributed to by Miss Alice Holman and Mr. Charles E. Nott, the accompaniments being played by Mr. Horace Jackson.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 6th inst., Bro. I. R. E. Birkett W.M., the principal business of the evening being that of passing Bro. A. V. Sharratt to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being performed by the W.M.

Upon the closing of Lodge, which was done in peace and harmony, the Brethren adjourned to the festive board, a pleasant evening being spent.

SALEM LODGE, No. 1443.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of this Lodge was celebrated at the Lansdowne Hotel, Dawlish, on Wednesday evening, 4th inst.

Bro. W. Trinnaman J.W. prepared an admirable banquet, which Brethren of the Lodge and others greatly enjoyed. The Worshipful Master Bro. W. Meer presided.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE annual installation and festival took place on Tuesday evening, 3rd inst., at the Marine Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze. There was a full attendance of members, and several visiting Brethren.

Bro. G. Gardiner W.M. performed the ceremony of installing Bro. J. W. Franks in the chair.

Before the closing of the Lodge, some six new or joining members were proposed.

At the banquet which followed the installation, a most enjoyable evening was spent. The musical arrangements, which were in the hands of Bro. C. A. Brasted, were very satisfactory.

BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

A VERY enjoyable gathering was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, 5th inst., when the W.M. Bro. J. Olliver was presented with a silver mounted tantalus, with cigar and cigarette case combined, in commemoration of the birth of his son during his year of office.

The presentation was made on behalf of the members of the Lodge by Bro. A. J. Carpenter P.M. P.P.G. Assistant Secretary, and suitably acknowledged by the W.M.

LOXFIELD LODGE, No. 2450.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Public Hall, Uckfield, on Wednesday, 4th inst., when the Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. M. Langdale.

The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. W. Beaty as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. W. Wright P.M.

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned to the Maiden's Head Hotel, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Messrs. E. Booth and Sons, of East Street, Brighton. The newly installed W.M. Bro. Beaty presided, and was supported by several Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. H. M. Langdale I.P.M. proposed the toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master. Bro. Beaty, he said, had been a member of the Lodge from its commencement, and was, in fact, one of its Founders. As the Secretary of the Lodge he had shown excellent work, and, at last, had

reached the highest honour the Lodge could confer upon him. He was the right man in the right place, and all the members of the Lodge heartily wished him a happy and prosperous year.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. He said the Worshipful Masters of the Loxfield Lodge had proved themselves so excellent in their work that he felt it difficult to follow in their footsteps. He would, however, do his utmost to carry out his duties in a conscientious manner.

TRAVELLERS LODGE, No. 2609.

THE members celebrated the festival of St. John and the installation of their Worshipful Master for 1898-99 with great éclat at the Masonic Hall, Chester, on Saturday, 30th ult. The Lodge has only been in existence two years, and already numbers forty members, while in the efficiency of its work it has already attained a high standard.

Saturday's ceremony was attended by His Honour Horatio Lloyd P.G.D. Deputy Prov.G.M. and several other Officers belonging to Cheshire, North Wales, and Shropshire.

Bro. Thos. Owen W.M. presided at the commencement of the proceedings, and Bro. Gunn, who had been unanimously chosen as W.M. at the April Lodge, was presented to him for installation by Bros. J. Armstrong and W. Peers.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the new W.M., on behalf of the Brethren, presented Bro. Thomas Owen with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which bore an inscription recording Brother Owen's signal services to the Lodge.

A company of sixty sat down to the banquet which followed, and some interesting speeches were delivered by Sir Horatio Lloyd (who is approaching his jubilee as a Mason, and has been a Provincial Officer for the long period of 42 years), Bro. J. Armstrong, and Bro. G. H. Brown. The speeches were interspersed with songs, contributed by Bros. D. P. Morgan, T. Ryde-Jones, E. Robinson, A. Millward, M. Calvert Sunter, and G. T. H. Lodge. Bro. R. Butterworth presided at the pianoforte.

ROYAL ARCH.

GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

A CONVOCATION of emergency was called for this Chapter, on Saturday afternoon, 30th ult., for the purpose of exalting three candidates already elected.

The M.E.Z. Comp. John Read P.G.O. Grand Std.Br. England presided, and was assisted by Comps. Percy Wallace Husk H., J. J. Fretwell J., E. E. Peacock P.Z. Treasurer, Herbert Wright P.Z. S.E., Orilton Cooper S.N., E. A. Peachey P.S.

There were also present Comps. H. Massey P.Z., J. C. Manning P.Z., T. G. Scott, H. L. Bell, J. D. Irvine, C. J. Sheddon Wilson, A. F. Robins, Geo. Tarron, C. D. Gill, &c., together with the following visitors:—Comps. Chas. Bullock M.E.Z. 404 P.G.Std.Br., W. J. Songhurst M.E.Z. 720, W. Van Praag M.E.Z. 449.

The Chapter having been duly opened, the Companions were admitted, and Bros. George Tarran I.P.M., Samuel James W.M., and George H. Ribbons, of the Gallery Lodge, who were balloted for and approved at the last regular convocation, were introduced and regularly exalted into the Royal Arch degree. The ceremony was perfectly rendered by all the Officers concerned, and elicited the cordial commendation of the Companions.

There being no further business the Chapter was closed, and the members adjourned to the banquet room, where a recherché dinner was served.

A pleasant surprise was given to the Companions by the M.E.Z., who provided a charming musical programme, in which Mrs. Read, Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Maude Horne, Bro. Lawrence Fryer, and Mr. Musgrove Tufnail took part.

BRONDESBURY LODGE.

A MEETING was held on Monday, 2nd inst., at the Earl Derby, High Road, Kilburn, for the purpose of establishing a Lodge of Instruction in connection with the new Brondesbury Lodge, No. 2698, which was consecrated by the Grand Secretary on 11th March last.

Bro. R. J. Campbell P.M. W.M. of the Mother Lodge presided, supported by Bros. A. F. Hardyment S.W., A. H. Oldrey S.D., T. Battrum Stewd., George Coxen Treas., &c.

The following Brethren were appointed the executive Officers of the Instruction Lodge: Bro. A. F. Hardyment S.W. 2698 J.W. 1500 S.D. 1489 Preceptor, R. J. Campbell P.M. 1489 W.M. 2698 Assistant Preceptor and Treasurer, A. E. Horstead 1897 Organist, and Harry Willsmer 1567 Sec. of Citadel Lodge of Instruction (46 Birchington Road, Kilburn, N.W.) Secretary.

Bro. James Terry P.G.Sw.B. Sec. R.M.B.I. has kindly consented to inaugurate the new Lodge on Thursday, 9th June, when he will rehearse the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation. The first regular meeting will be held the following Wednesday, 15th June, and subsequent gatherings each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Brethren in the neighbourhood are cordially invited to join, and introduce their Masonic friends.

The new Lodge has already made a start in the all important matter of Masonic benevolence, by forming a Charitable Association on the usual lines, and we hope that in this particular, as well as in general matters, the Lodge may prove as great a success as its friends desire.

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.

1 Grand Masters, F.T.
8 British, Freemasons'-hall
21 Emulation, Albion
1694 Imperial, Westminster
2060 La France, Café Royal
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
77 Freedom, Gravesend
148 Lights, Warrington
236 York, York
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
312 Lion, Whitby
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
382 Royal Union, Uxbridge
424 Borough, Gateshead
455 Perseverance, Kettering
466 Merit, Stamford Baron
840 Scientific, Wolverton
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Croston
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1199 Agriculture, Yatton
1208 Corinthian, Dover
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1443 Salem, Dawlish
1502 Israel, Liverpool
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
1814 Worsley, Worsley
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
2049 Ellen Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2074 St. Clare, Landport
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
2114 Prudence, Liverpool
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
704 Camden, Anderton's
857 St. Mark, Camberwell
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
2265 Barnato, Piccadilly
2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill
213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
384 St. David, Bangor
418 Menturia, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
551 Yarborough, Ventnor
560 Vernon, Stourport
667 Alliance, Liverpool
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
1006 Tregulow, St. Day
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Warren, Seacombe
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
2316 Princes, Liverpool
2360 Victoria, Southport
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
2414 Wychwood, Burford
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

General Committee Grand Lodge, and Board of Benevolence, 5.

Festival Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemason's Tavern, 6.

619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
700 Nelson, Plumstead
969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
1278 Burdett Courts, London Tavern
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rwl
2140 Hughenot, Criterion
2241 Cordwainer Ward, C'mon St. Ho
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
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
581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
795 St. John, Maidenhead
823 Everton, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
934 Merit, Whitefield
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Driffield
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
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
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
2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2514 City, Liverpool

Thursday.

House Committee, Girls School, 4.30
6 Friendship, Criterion
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel
1420 Earl Spencer, Lavender Hill
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons'-h.
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
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
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
489 Benevolence, Bideford
525 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
659 Blagdon, Blyth
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
939 Pelham, Worksop
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1395 Hamer, Liverpool
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
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
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
2226 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Southwell
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2352 Universities, Durham
2374 Shurmur, Chingford
2390 Exmoor, Minehead
2430 Runnymede, Wraybury

2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
2555 England Centre, Weedon

Friday.

Board of Management Boys School
2.30.
Annual General Meeting Royal
Masonic Benevolent Institution,
Freemason's Tavern, 12.
143 Middlesex, Albion
1118 Oxford and Cambridge, F.M.H.
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
1511 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
2005 Brooke, Chingford
2063 St. Osyth Priory, Cl'ct'n-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

1329 Sphinx, Camberwell
1767 Kensington, Kensington
2041 West Kent Volunteer, Plums'd.
2308 Viator, Anderton's
2466 Cheerybles, Freemasons'-hall
416 Surrey, Reigate
811 Yarborough, Brighton
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1326 Lebanon, Feltham
1556 Addiscombe, Croydon
1671 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, B'khurst Hill
2381 Bushey Park, Hampton Court
2437 Downshire, Wokingham
2508 Thomas Ralling, Chingford

An effort is being made to secure the necessary permission for the formation of a Lodge at Holsworthy. There are a number of active Brethren in the neighbourhood, and there seems to be a very good prospect of the petition being favourably regarded.

The Theatres, &c.

Covent Garden.—On Monday, Romeo et Juliette. Tuesday, Orpheus and Philemon et Baucis. Wednesday, Lohengrin. Thursday, Nozze di Figaro. Tuesday at 7.30, other evenings at 8.
Drury Lane.—7.45, The White Heather.
Lyceum.—8, The Medicine Man. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Caesar. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2. On Thursday, 2 o'clock only.
Haymarket.—8.30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Adelphi.—8, The Heart of Maryland. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
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.
Garrick.—8.15, An Attic Drama. 9, Too much Johnson. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Criterion.—8.15, The Liars. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
St. James's.—8.15, The Conquerors. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Strand.—8.15, Elaine. 9, The J.P. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Globe.—8, When George the fourth was King. 8.45, The Master.
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.
Comedy.—8, Constance. 8.30, Lord and Lady Algy. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Avenue.—8.15, Love Wisely. 8.45, The Club Baby. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Royalty.—8, Ruth's Romance. 9, My Innocent Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Parkhurst.—Next week, Juvenile Opera Company.
Grand.—Next week, A night out.
Alexandra.—Next week, The Derby Winner.
Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, The Sorrows of Satan.
Alhambra.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. One of the Boys, &c.
Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. "The Press" Ballet, &c.
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biography, &c.
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.
Royal Aquarium.—Open 10 a.m., close 11.30 p.m. Constant Amusement.