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### CEREMONY AT SOUTHAMPTON.

THE Masonic work at Southampton Docks, to which we referred last week, was duly carried out on Wednesday, and appeared to be in every way a success. It was particularly appropriate that the Craft should take as prominent a part in the proceedings on this occasion as they did sixty years back, when the foundation stone was laid by Sir Lucius Curtis, the predecessor of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., in the office of Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, and we feel that Bro. Beach must have looked with no small measure of satisfaction at the large assembly over which he presided on Wednesday, surrounded as he was with so many evidences of progress and prosperity—as compared with the earlier event—alike in Masonic and general matters.

The Chairman of the London and South Western Railway Company briefly reviewed the progress of the docks, the foundation stone of which was laid in 1838, the outer dock being built in 1843, the inner dock in 1851, extensions in 1876, the Empress Dock opened by the Queen in 1890, the Graving Dock by the Prince of Wales in 1895, and now the new deep-water quays. There were over two miles of docks and quays where ships could run alongside, compared with the 2,480 feet available in 1838. In that year there were 25ft of water at high tide, while now there were 30ft at low tide. So great was the accommodation here that during the Diamond Jubilee Spithead Review no less than thirty large steamers took passengers on board at the same time, from thirty-four "specials" from Waterloo, besides crowds of visitors from the ordinary trains. Only the other day 1,259 Grenadier Guardsmen who arrived in the morning were landed, entrained, and on their way to London before noon.

The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was loyally supported by Officers and members of his Province, and received a silver trowel with which to perform the ceremony of the day, and to retain as a memento of the event. Having declared the stone properly laid he said "Thanks be to the Great Architect of the Universe, Who has enabled us to carry this work to a successful conclusion. May He prosper the work as it seemeth good. So mote it be." The inscription on the stone was as follows:

"This stone was laid by W. W. B. Beach, Esq., P.G.M. of the Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, 12th Oct. 1898, being the sixtieth anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the first Southampton dock, 1838."

### MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Risca, under the banner of the Homfray Lodge, No. 1562, of which Bro. T. Davies is W.M.

Colonel Charles Lyne the Provincial Grand Master presided, and was well supported. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from Lord Llangattock and other Brethren.

The Offices were declared vacant, and the following were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—

Bro. S. A. Powell	-	-	-	Senior Warden
B. Williams	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Ven. Archdeacon Bruce	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. D. Wilks	-	-	-	
Charles Cullum	-	-	-	Treasurer
G. C. Francis	-	-	-	Registrar
J. C. Brookes	-	-	-	Secretary
J. Lisbett	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. L. Harper	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
A. Swash	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
W. J. Hollingdale	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. Gooding	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
T. Shute	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
D. Hughes	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
R. J. Meadows	-	-	-	
D. J. Marshall	-	-	-	Organist
J. T. Millet	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Edwin Edmunds	-	-	-	Pursuivant
A. H. Preece	-	-	-	} Stewards
T. L. Evans	-	-	-	
W. D. Steel	-	-	-	
T. Campbell	-	-	-	
G. Bell	-	-	-	
W. Price	-	-	-	} Tyler.
E. W. Evans	-	-	-	

### R. M. I. GIRLS.

THE following is a list of the unsuccessful candidates at Thursday's election, with the number of votes recorded for each, these being carried forward for the next election, if the children are then eligible:

No. on Paper.	Name.	Forward	Votes Polled	Total.
26	Sparks, Lucy Emmeline ...	—	3501	3501
6	Knott, Marguerite ...	2009	1318	3327
5	Moore, Jane ...	2788	531	3319
9	Clayton, Muriel ...	1539	1142	2681
22	Joseph, Hilda ...	—	2157	2157
10	Ellis, Florence ...	1204	901	2105
4	Gifkins, Mabel ...	494	1345	1839
11	Smith, Ida Angela ...	1199	393	1592
27	Firth, Marjorie Louise ...	—	1512	1512
17	Green, Rosina Frances ...	—	1310	1310
2	Jacobs, Josephine Charlotte ...	989	53	1042
21	Shenton, Winifred Amelia ...	—	896	896
25	Hoad, Gladys Evelyn Ellen ...	—	514	514
12	Fielden, Bertha Matilda ...	—	414	414

### ESSEX.

THE annual Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Victoria Hall, Alexandra Street, Southend, on Thursday, 6th inst., excellent arrangements for the meeting having been made by the Priory Chapter, No. 1000.

His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., who travelled from Salisbury for the purpose, presided, and was supported by a large number of the leading Arch Masons of the Province and district.

The minutes of the last annual Chapter, held at Romford, having been confirmed, letters and telegrams were read from several Companions unavoidably prevented attending. The roll of Chapters was called, and all but one were found to be represented.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was unanimously adopted. It stated that the thirteen Chapters of the Province showed a membership of 355, as against 345 last year, and that there had been during the year 36 exaltations and 7 joining members, whilst the resignations had been 23, deaths 7, exclusions 4.

The next business was the election of three members to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, and as only the required number had been nominated the Provincial Grand Superintendent declared them to be elected,

as follow :—Comps. G. H. Finch P.Z. 2005 P.P.G.J., John J. C. Turner P.Z. 51 P.P.G.J., and Francis A. White P.Z. 1437 P.P.G.J.

The Provincial Superintendent then addressed the Companions. He remarked that he was very pleased to once more be amongst his Companions in Essex. As one advanced in life one felt more the value of one's early friendships, and it did his heart good to look upon their kindly faces. Their Province, like all good institutions, had not made much history during the past year. The number of Chapters remained the same, though the membership had slightly increased, and was in fair proportion to the Lodges. He was glad to know that they were a happy family—there was no friction of any sort; and the Chapters were carrying on the higher work which was a continuation of that commenced in the Craft, and to which those only who realised the value of Freemasonry attained. They therefore in the R.A. had what might justly be called the cream of the Brethren. The Provincial Grand Superintendent concluded by thanking the Companions for the kindness with which he was always received; and assured them that their best interests were his constant aim.

The Companions then elected the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Comp. Andrew Durrant being unanimously re-appointed for the sixteenth time.

The Provincial Superintendent afterwards proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as under :

Comp. Rev. Canon Quennell	-	-	H.
E. J. Bowmaker	-	-	J.
Thos. J. Ralling (re-appointed)	-	-	Scribe E.
F. S. Guy	-	-	Scribe N.
W. Gower	-	-	Registrar
F. J. Eedle	-	-	Principal Sojourner
T. Grummant	-	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
C. R. Finch	-	-	2nd Assist. Sojourner
C. W. Barnard	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. S. Hammond	-	-	Standard Bearer
A. Lucking (re-appointed)	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. W. Pascall	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. Boreham	-	-	Organist
J. R. Carter	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
A. W. Martin	-	-	Janitor.

On the motion of the Provincial Grand Superintendent a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Principals and Companions of the Priory Chapter, for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting.

The vote was acknowledged by Comp. E. J. Bowmaker M.E.Z. 1000.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent then announced that the next meeting would be held at Chingford.

Before the Chapter was closed it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Prov. Grand Superintendent, that the Prov. Grand Scribe E. should write a letter of condolence with Comp. Geo. Corble the retiring Prov. Grand H., who had been unable to attend the meeting, on account of the death of his brother.

The Companions, to the number of about fifty, afterwards dined together at the Middleton Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by the Host Comp. Buxton.

In the course of the evening the usual toasts were honoured.

In proposing that of the Prov. Grand Superintendent Canon Quennell said they as R.A. Masons were very glad that Judge Philbrick when resigning the post of D.P.G.M. of the Craft had not found it necessary to give up his position as Provincial Grand Superintendent. He assured His Honour that they valued very highly the work he had done as a Mason, and trusted that he would continue to preside over them for a long time to come.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent was heartily received on rising to respond. He said he had carefully considered whether he ought not to give up the position he held amongst them, but had come to the conclusion that the position of things was different in the R.A., and till he felt that his retention of the position of Prov. Grand Superintendent was disadvantageous to the interests of the Order, they might count on his best services.

### CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

ON Friday evening, 7th inst., Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith P.P.G.Registrar presided at the annual meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, where there was a numerous attendance. Ten children were elected on the combined educational and advancement funds of the Institution.

The various Officers of the charity were elected, Bro. J. Callow being re-appointed Honorary Treasurer, and Bro. T. Edwards P.M. 1380 chosen one of the Honorary Secretaries in succession to Bro. J. H. Tyson, who wished to retire from the post. Auditors and Committees were also appointed, and it was resolved to hold the annual ball at the usual period in 1899.

Thanks to the Officers and to the Chairman of the evening were given in the course of the proceedings.

### ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE care and education of children are the primary objects of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; generous help to aged Freemasons is the basis of the Hamer Fund; and thoughtful consideration for the necessities of the Widows of deceased members of the Order is the object of the Alpass Institution, which bears a name universally honoured in the Province of West Lancashire.

Generous support is given to each by the Brethren in West Lancashire, individually and collectively, and in aid of the Alpass section of the schemes another of a series of successful Festivals was held on Thursday of last week, at Southport, where there was a gathering of more than 150 Ladies and Brethren who had the "poor widows" interests at heart.

The festival gathering took place at the Prince of Wales Hotel, the post of President being held by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Bro. Alderman John Houlding G.D. of England P.P.G.W. of West Lancashire, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. W. Houlding.

In the course of the pleasant proceedings, music of an enjoyable character was furnished by Madame Marie Meunier, Bro. G. Platt, Bro. T. Shaw, and Madame Theresa Burnett (accompanist).

Bro. Wylie D.P.G.M., in proposing the health of the President of the Festival, referred to the earnestness with which the Lord Mayor had entered into the carrying out of the arrangements in connection with the Festival, adding that it was largely due to his influence and interest that a success had been secured.

The Lord Mayor, in responding, gave interesting details with respect to the inception and progress of the West Lancashire Charitable Institutions, and expressed a hope that the Alpass would be able to continue the good work for which it had been established. Charity was the essential principle of Masonry, and they were only illustrating this fact in the fullest sense when they gave liberal support to the Charity in whose interests they had gathered that day.

The Lady Mayoress, in a brief, pointed, and graceful speech, also acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Goodacre, in proposing the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, said it had been established some 14 or 15 years ago, as a monument of his immediate predecessor as Prov.G.Sec. Brother H. S. Alpass, and the importance of the scheme was shown by the fact that at present they had on the foundation no fewer than sixty-three annuitants, whose grants involved the annual expenditure of about £1,000. The income yearly from subscriptions only realised about £250, and hence the necessity for the Festival which was taking place that day.

In reply to the toast the Hon. Sec. Bro. J. A. Brown, after referring to the almost invaluable services rendered by the Lord Mayor, the Ladies, and many Brethren, announced that the subscription list up to date totalled £850, the announcement being received with loud applause.

Bro. Harraden the Hon. Treasurer of the Charity also responded.—"Preston Herald."

There is a very heavy agenda of business for the annual meeting of the Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, on Thursday next, when the Lodge will meet at 2 o'clock, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. There is one candidate for raising, four for passing, and no less than nine gentlemen who will be balloted for as candidates for initiation, after which will come the installation of Bro. S. C. Kaufman as Worshipful Master, the appointment and investiture of Officers, and the general business of the annual gathering. The Provincial Grand Master of Essex, his Deputy and Assistant Officers, together with representatives of every Lodge in the Province have been invited, so that we anticipate another great event will have to be credited to the successful Lodge which bears the name of the very popular Brother Shurmur.

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.**

**T**HE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on Thursday next, 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, under the auspices of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, the proceedings commencing at 3.30 p.m., and being followed by a banquet at 5 o'clock.

We are pleased to reproduce the following, which is the first annual report of the General Committee of the Kelly Memorial Fund, to be presented at next week's meeting:

**T**HE Committee, in presenting their first Report, have to record with much satisfaction the establishment of the Kelly Memorial Fund on a sound basis.

The appeal to the Craft in this Province to honour and perpetuate the memory of the late R.W. Bro. William Kelly P.P.G.M., by establishing in his name a local Charity for Benevolent and Educational purposes, has resulted in securing contributions amounting at the present time (inclusive of Bank interest) to the sum of £395 16s 11d. Comparatively small as this sum is, the Committee feel confident that at no very distant period, as the interest of the Brethren is further aroused, the Fund will be increased to such an amount as will be sufficient to deal promptly with all deserving claims upon it.

A list of Donors and Subscribers accompanies the Report, and it will be seen that the Donors number forty-six, and the Annual Subscribers 103.

The total Receipts up to the present time are as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
Donations - - - - -	360	12	6
Subscriptions - - - - -	26	12	6
Bank Interest - - - - -	8	11	11

The Annual Subscriptions are due and payable in advance on the 1st day of July in each year.

Two Petitioners have been relieved during the present year, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Lodge 523 - - - - - Widow M. - - - - -	5	0	0
Lodge 1391 - - - - - Bro. J. W. - - - - -	5	0	0

The Summary of the Accounts appended will show the exact state of the Finances on the 1st day of October instant.

A tabular statement, showing the proportions in which the several Lodges and other Masonic bodies have contributed to the Fund, will be found at the end of the Report, and it will be observed that so far as the Craft Lodges are concerned, only a comparatively small percentage of members at present subscribe, but it is earnestly hoped that the whole of the Brethren on the Roll of the Province may at no distant date be induced to add their names to the list as Annual Subscribers, for at least the very trifling sum of 5s. The Lodge Charity Stewards are earnestly solicited to use their utmost endeavours not only to bring about this result, but also to get all new members to commence subscribing during their first year, and afterwards continue their support.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to record with regret the lamented decease of the late W. Bro. George Oliver P.P.G. Treasurer, one of the

Trustees of the Fund, an ardent supporter of all Masonic charitable undertakings, both in the Province and generally. By the regulations of the Fund, it will be requisite to appoint a successor to fill the office in his place, at the ensuing meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

**MARK MASONRY.**

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**ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 34.**

**T**HE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Tuesday, 20th September, Brother Julius Laurisch W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Bro. George Boyd Black, Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387, Accountant, who was afterwards regularly advanced by Bro. Joseph T. Richardson Chap. P.P.G.T. Eng.

Lodge having been closed in peace and harmony, the Brethren adjourned to supper, a very pleasant evening being spent. Besides those mentioned above there were present Bros. J. Lawrenson S.W., Geo. Hargreaves M.A., A. K. Boothroyd Treas., J. M. Sinclair Reg. of Marks, Jno. Walker Sec., Col. H. L. Rocca P.M. P.P.G.M.O., Geo. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.S.B., J. M. Veal P.M. P.P.G.S.D. M. B. Salt J.O., and others. Visitor:—Bro. Thos. Plumpton W.M. County Palatine, 156.

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**UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 69.**

**T**HE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, New Brompton, Kent, on the 4th inst., when Bro. J. D. Hull was installed into the chair by Bro. J. Percy White P.M. 455 and P.M. 364. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, Overseers, and Brethren were given in an admirable manner, and were highly appreciated by the Brethren.

The following Officers were invested:—G. A. Burrell I.P.M., C. Woodger S.W., W. G. A. Stephenson J.W., J. Newby M.O., W. Hughes S.O., G. H. E. Hewett J.O., S. Varren P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treasurer, C. B. Wasser Secretary, H. Hurrell Chaplain, A. Babb R.M., J. W. Humphrey S.D., J. H. S. Manuel J.D., F. Smith I.G., R. Dawson D.C., C. Chafen Steward, I. Heath Tyler.

There were also present Bros. W. H. Atkinson P.M. P.P.G.S.B., T. Cadburn P.M. P.P.A.G.S., E. B. Moody P.M. P.P.G.S.B., W. S. Baldwin P.M. P.P.G.S.B., R. J. E. Brown P.M. P.P.G.D.C., and others.

The practice of the beautiful and important degree is well understood and highly appreciated by the Brethren of this old Mark Lodge, who number at present thirty-nine members, and have a considerable balance to the credit of their funds.

It was with regret that the Brethren accepted the resignation of Bro. R. Urquhart J.W., who is leaving the town to take up a civil appointment; the loss of so useful and energetic a member will be much felt.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. A. Burrell P.M. by the Lodge.

The Brethren afterwards dined together at the King's Arms, Old Brompton.

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### DIAMOND JUBILEE AT HALIFAX.

A SPECIAL meeting of the St. James Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, 4th inst., when the Brethren assembled to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Lodge. A large number of Brethren from the sister Lodge of Probity and other Lodges in the town and district and several Provincial Grand Officers were also present to pay honour to the occasion.

After a substantial repast, a small toast list was gone through. The Queen was proposed by Bro. A. E. Spencer W.M., whilst His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was given in due form, as was also that of the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson Prov.G.M. West Yorkshire.

Bro. Kaye P.Prov.G.D. responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. G. Morie submitted the toast of the newly-initiated candidate Dr. Finlayson, and of Bro. Edward Lord, who had been raised, in very eulogistic terms. The two Brethren responded in a few well-chosen words.

The Visitors was given by Brother Spencer W.M., and responded to by representatives from the different Lodges present.

In proposing the toast of St. James, Bro. R. N. Kerr P.M. of the Probity Lodge remarked that it was indeed the toast of the evening. It gave him very much pleasure in submitting it. In his opinion it was a great thing that two such important Lodges as the St. James and the Probity should be able to dwell together with such amity in the same building. He hoped that that good fellowship would continue.

Bro. C. T. Rhodes Past.Prov.G.D., responding, agreed with Brother Kerr that it was the toast of the evening. He supposed that as the oldest Past Master present he had been selected to tell their friends a little about what he knew of the doings of the Lodge during its existence. He thought he could not do better than give them a resumé of what appeared in the "Freemason" of 1895. The history of the Lodge had been prepared by Brother Austin Roberts P.P.G.A.D.C. West Yorkshire. What he gave them was an amplification of the account the author had given of their origin and progress at the Jubilee Commemoration Festival on the 23rd October 1888, in the presence of a large and influential gathering of members and visitors, prominent among whom was the late respected Brother T. W. Tew, J.P. It was a notable occasion in the annals of the Lodge, which, like most other Lodges, had experienced its vicissitudes of fortune during the fifty years of its existence, but which, at all events during the latter part of that period, had been uniformly strong in numbers, and exemplary in the discharge of its appointed duties. The petition for a Charter of Constitution for the proposed Lodge bore the date 24th December 1837, and was transmitted by the then Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire Brother Ch. Lee, but it was not until the 27th August of the next year that Brother Lee was in a position to announce to the W.M.-designate and his Brother Founders that the Charter had been received. More delay followed, but finally on 27th August the long looked for Warrant was in the possession of the Deputy P.G.M. The Lodge was consecrated on the 29th October, that is to say, ten months after the petition was sent, and more than seven months subsequent with the actual date of the Warrant. The ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. in the presence of fifty Brethren, of whom fourteen were members, the style and title being the Royal Ancient St. James's Lodge, No. 656. The place of meeting was a private room in Thornton. There, after a few years, the Lodge suffered from a paucity of members, and at length it became manifest that unless something was done it would pass out of existence altogether. It was therefore resolved to move the Lodge to Halifax, and on the 6th July 1856 the members held their first meeting in that town. The change proved so beneficial that in the first six months a large number of names were placed on the roll. In 1860 it joined with the Lodge of Probity—now No. 61—in entertaining Prov.G. Lodge, while the year following it obtained the sanction of the authorities to change its name to St. James's. A few years later it became a question, not as at Thornton, as to how, considering the paucity of its members, it should continue to meet and fulfil its duties, but where, in consequence of its increased numerical strength, it could find premises large enough to accommodate the Lodge. It was ultimately decided to purchase a site and erect on it a building of their own. The Lodge of Probity expressed a wish to join in the erection of the premises, and arrangements having been agreed upon between the two bodies, the first stone was laid by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., M.P., P.Prov.G.W., and on the 26th August of the following year the two Lodges entered into occupation of their new Hall. Since then the Lodge has gone on prospering, and, as stated, had celebrated the jubilee of its construction. Bro. Rhodes concluded by remarking that the Lodge, like most other Lodges, had done great work in the cause of charity. This work was one of the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry.

The toast of the Past Masters and Officers was proposed by Bro. Spencer, and responded to by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, Bro. W. Sykes S.W., and Bro. Ehud Hanson S.D. Others who contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening were Bros. A. Robertshaw Past Prov. G.D., Sykes Broadbent, E. Lord, R. Potter, &c.—"Halifax Courier."

### SUSSEX MASONIC CLUB.

THIS Club, which has recently acquired central and commodious premises in the Queens Road, Brighton, but two minutes walk from the Railway Station, is making most satisfactory headway. Already numbering some 225 members, the Committee show that they are alive to the requirements of the Club, and are sparing no detail to make the members comfortable. One of the attractions at the present time is a billiard handicap, with thirty-two entrants. The Club possesses a special Lodge of Instruction room, which they place at the disposal of any of the Worshipful Masters of the Province, free of charge. The Hon. Sec. is Bro. H. W. Butler J.W. 1829, who has long been well known on the south coast as a Chess player, indeed we may say that to Bro. Butler is due the rise of Chess play in Sussex, and as that was one of the earliest English counties to show a live interest in the game, and acted as an example which many others have followed, it may be said that English Chess owes much of its present popularity to him. We trust he may be equally successful in directing the affairs of local Freemasonry, now that he has taken up official position in connection with the Craft.

### ADVERTISING THE CRAFT.

WE regret to learn that certain of our friends take exception to a small paragraph appearing in our last issue with reference to "advertising Freemasonry." If we are rightly informed their contention is, that if it is allowable to wear Masonic clothing at a ball, the public should, by the same token, be admitted to a Lodge of Sorrow. Surely it must be recognised there is no analogy between the two. One is a semi-public function under Masonic auspices, the other purely Masonic ritual ceremonial, where Masons are convened to meet and in the most solemn manner mourn the loss of their departed Brother. The public may feel some interest in it as a show, but cannot be expected to enter into the spirit of the ceremony or appreciate the feelings which inspire the meeting. If our Brethren will calmly reflect we think they will agree that the admission of the profane to such a ceremony, even were it legitimate, would be to incur the suspicion of a desire for ostentatious display where only the utmost humility should obtain.

With regard to the general question of Masonic clothing, we are prepared to admit we hold very pronounced—perhaps extreme—views, but we know those views are largely shared by many thinking Masons, and are upheld by the Constitutions of high authority. In our opinion Masonic clothing should only be worn at one ceremony or function outside the Lodge room, viz., the laying of foundation stones of Masonic edifices, the only occasion where the duties of operative and speculative Masonry are combined. In Masonic funerals the custom of appearing in what is termed "regalia" is falling into disuse, especially in the large centres, it being recognised that the occasion is one for sorrow, not show. The 1876 edition of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England provided a *modus operandi* for Masonic funerals, but this was omitted in the revised edition of 1884, and a circular note was issued strongly deprecating the custom. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has no law on the subject, and although it has not promulgated any edict against the practice, we know most of the leading Officers are strongly opposed to it. In the future we shall consistently oppose the use of Masonic clothing except in the Lodge room and for the ceremonial named. The ball room has no more claims to it than the grave. The only object of its irregular use is either to advertise the Craft, or minister to personal vanity. The former is in direct opposition to all Masonic precept. Freemasonry should not seek, but be sought. The neophyte should solicit admission unbiased by improper solicitation. To advertise in any form is to solicit, and whether by newspaper, street, or ball room parade, the procedure is inconsistent and at variance with the spirit and teachings of Freemasonry.—"New Zealand Craftsman."

### A BOGUS FREEMASON AT ASHTON.

AT the Ashton Borough Police Court, on the 10th inst., an elderly man, named George Scott, was charged with obtaining relief by false pretences from the local Lodge of Freemasons. On the 28th ult. the defendant called on the Treasurer and, representing himself as James Purcell, of the Royal Standard Lodge, Halifax, obtained relief out of the Sojourners' fund. It was afterwards ascertained that he had had relief several times before under false names. Defendant was committed to prison for one month.—"Manchester Courier."



## MASONRY—OPERATIVE, SPECULATIVE, AND PRACTICAL.

EVERY man, in the instruction he has received during the ceremonies of his reception into our Institution, has been informed that Masonry is to be considered under two denominations—Operative and Speculative. These two have been so elaborated upon, the meaning of each, and what they do or should teach, so fully explained, that the impression is too often left upon the mind of the candidate that the two comprehend the whole of Masonry; that only under them can it be considered. When we take into consideration the meaning of the term "denomination," this may be, and perhaps is, in a general sense, a correct statement; but, to our mind there might, with propriety, be added at least a third—the practical one—which, though in the strict sense of the term it may not be classed under the head of "denomination," is yet intimately connected with the two, and which should be most strongly impressed upon the minds of every candidate as the one of all others the most important, and upon which alone depends the welfare and the utility of the Institution. In its incipency Freemasonry was largely of an Operative character, and its members to a great extent were workmen; but that it was ever a purely operative institution we seriously doubt. Its members were banded together, not for the mere purpose of improving themselves in any particular art, trade, or profession, or as a mutual protection against the wiles of the unscrupulous and unskilled, but for the more important purpose of elevating themselves in the scale of true manhood. There was combined with the operative such moral and intellectual instruction as would come within the comprehension of, and prove beneficial to, the most humble of its votaries, while at the same time, in the types and symbols it adopted, and in its esoteric teachings, there were veiled lessons of the highest importance, mysteries, a knowledge of which required the most careful study. This attracted to the Institution those of more advanced thought and learning, and it became alike beneficial to all. In the course of time, and by a natural process, the moral and intellectual gained the ascendancy to such an extent that as an Operative Institution it no longer had an existence. Although the Freemasons of to-day no longer labour as did our ancient Brethren, yet they are ever loyal to the old Institution in its quality. Remembering whence they came, they still retain, not only its working tools as object lessons in all their teachings, but have adopted some of their distinguishing features, while many of their laws and regulations have become for them landmarks immovable.

The second denomination under which we are told that Masonry is to be considered is the Speculative, an outgrowth, as we have seen, from the old, with its duality of expression, to that taught and practiced at the present time, and which is denominated as Speculative Masonry. Why thus classed is to us somewhat of an enigma. The word Speculative as generally used, and especially when applied to any particular question, carries the idea that the subject under consideration is something of an ideal, a theoretical nature, nothing positive, or that is substantiated. The explanation given in the ritual is entirely different, and one which is foreign to, and has no connection with, that which it attempts to explain. By Speculative Masonry, it says, we learn to subdue the passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practice charity. In this there is nothing of an ideal nature, except as it foreshadows a degree of excellence which should be attained by every Freemason. By it we "learn" certain duties, a knowledge of which is essential in the development of Masonic life and character. The mere learning of duties—an increase in knowledge in regard to those things which are essential to Masonic life and progress—is of no importance, except that, when so learned and understood, they are applied to and practiced in everyday life.

The precepts of Masonry inure to a great extent to this life, teaching its votaries how best on this earthly plane to live. By following its precepts and living a life in accord with its requirements, we are by so much being prepared for that immortality which Masonry teaches. We are more and more being inspired with the perfections of the Divine Creator, and led to pay to Him that rational homage which is due from the creature to the Creator. That there are many who, if we may judge by their actions, fail even to approximate to its high standard cannot be denied. The cause for this may, on the part of some, no doubt, be traced to a spirit of indifference. They fail to appreciate the high importance of Masonry, or the binding force of its obligations. Others there are who live in wilful violation of many of its most important requirements. Some have united themselves with the Fraternity from selfish and unworthy motives, seeking the personal benefits to be derived from a membership in the Institution, without doing anything for the advancement of others or to promote the interests of the

Fraternity. That this sad condition can be wholly eradicated is problematical; but that it may be greatly circumscribed there can be no doubt. To accomplish this result there must not only be more care used in the acceptance of material, admitting none whose previous life and conduct does not afford a sure guaranty of the honesty and unselfish character of their purpose; but when admitted they must be thoroughly instructed in the practical part of Masonry. This education must commence with the Entered Apprentice, continued as advancement is made to the Degree of Fellow Craft; nor should this education cease when the Brother is raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It should be continued through life. If less stress was paid to the ideal—the Speculative in Masonry—and more to the practical, we should find fewer among us who are unworthy. The good name of Masonry would be better protected, and its power for good greatly enhanced.—"Masonic Tidings."

## CONSISTENCY.

THERE is no trait of character in a man that commands more universal respect than consistency. Professions are of no value unless lived up to in our intercourse with each other. On the contrary, unless we practice what we profess, our professions are not only vain and barren of fruit, but they bring us into contempt in the minds of honest people, who will measure them according to the good they find in them in what we do. This principle applies not only to man in his individual capacity, but also to every organisation of men for any purpose whatever. Secret societies are no exception to this rule. On the contrary, it is applied more rigidly to them, generally, for the very fact that a veil of secrecy is thrown around them, and excites suspicion that will not be satisfied save with positive proof. Such being the case, there is the greater necessity for us as Masons to exemplify in our daily walk and conversation such characteristics as we claim for our time-honoured Institution. Unless we present to the world this proof of the sincerity of our intentions in the business in which we are engaged, there is a lack of that consistency on our part which should ever distinguish us as Free and Accepted Masons.—"Masonic Advocate."

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No. on Poll.	No. on List.	Name.	Votes.			
1	...	8	...	Cross, Alice Elizabeth (last)	...	5434
2	...	19	...	Milner, Sophia Hamilton	...	5340
3	...	13	...	Daines, Louisa Dorothy	...	5267
4	...	20	...	Usherwood, Eva	...	5156
5	...	24	...	Denison, Gwendoline Edith	...	5017
6	...	15	...	Watts, Winifred Agnes Ellen Stewart	...	4984
7	...	7	...	Downes, May	...	4836
8	...	16	...	Woolley, Florence Dorothy	...	4801
9	...	23	...	Garstin, Alice Belmore	...	4680
10	...	3	...	Pate, Gladys Leonora	...	4667
11	...	14	...	Powell, Katherine Emma Mary	...	4563
12	...	18	...	Smith, Lillian Mary	...	4334
13	...	1	...	Tremlett, Violet Louise	...	3960

The number of votes recorded to UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES can be obtained on application to the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

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5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,  
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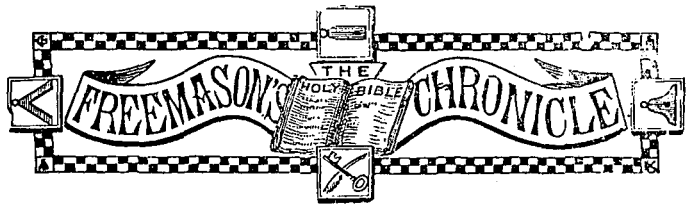
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SATURDAY, 15TH OCTOBER 1898.

### NEW HALL AT POULTON.

SATURDAY was a red-letter day with the members of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 1256, Poulton, who, under auspicious circumstances, laid the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall. Hitherto the meetings of the Order have been held at the Black Bull Hotel, but for some time past it has been felt that premises more adapted to the requirements of the members should be secured. The first outward step towards accomplishing this was taken on Saturday. The new building is to be erected near to the Market-place, and will consist of two shops on the ground floor, with dining-rooms at back, whilst on the first floor will be the Masonic Hall, ante-rooms, &c.

At the foundation stone laying there was a large number of Brethren present, and they formed in processional order at the Bull Hotel, and, headed by Bro. Robert Wylie P.G.D. D.Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, marched across the Market-square to the site of the proposed Hall, where they united in singing the hymn, "O God our help in ages past."

Bro. Wylie said they were met together that afternoon to lay the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall, the Brothers in that town having seen the necessity for such a building. From the time of King Solomon, up to the present, Masons had ever been to the fore in the erection of noble structures more particularly set apart for the worship of the Great Originator of the Universe. He felt that they had a right to be proud of those associations. But there was, as they knew, another object in Masonry which was a cause for greater pride, namely, the fact that their ancient and noble Institution was founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue. The writings and teachings of Masonry induced habits of virtue, and also taught them the duties of charity. They were to help their Brothers, and offer assistance to those who were in need; succour widows, and give a good education to the children of those who were not in a position to do it themselves. In doing so, they were helping the rising generation to fight the battle of life. For these great principles they had reason to be proud, for they were more lasting and enduring than any human structure. Therefore, they were proud of Masonry, and had a right to be proud of it. For the proper diffusion of knowledge of the principles of the Order it was essentially necessary that there should be some place to meet in adapted for the purpose. The Poulton Lodge had now determined that it was time they should erect a place for meeting. By so doing they were helping the cause of Masonry in different parts of the country, because other Lodges would follow their example. He cordially thanked them for asking him to be present and participate in the good work, and expressed it as his sincere wish that the building would be completed before long, and that they would long enjoy the use of it and support its principles to the honour and glory of the Masonic Order.

Bro. Wylie then proceeded to lay the stone, which was of polished marble, and bore the following inscription:—

"This foundation stone was laid by W. Brother Robert Wylie, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master W.L., October 6th 1898."

Previous to laying the stone he was presented with a hand-somely-chased silver trowel by Bro. Edmondson P.M., and a mallet by Bro. Lord P.M.

The Chaplain Rev. G. S. Leighton, vicar of Bispham, having invoked God's blessing on the proceedings, Bro. Wylie declared the stone to be well and truly laid. The members next united in singing "O Worship the King."

Scattering some grain on the newly-laid stone, Bro. Wylie said that was an emblem of plenty and happiness, which he trusted would be accorded unto the Brethren. Pouring wine on the stone, he said that symbolised joy and gladness, and "May God give to them freely." He also poured oil on the stone as an emblem of peace and harmony, saying "May He whose name liveth grant that they might all be of one heart and mind, and that they might ever dwell together in unity." On being presented with the plans of the building by Mr. Cardwell, Architect, of Blackpool, he trusted that that gentlemen would speedily get to work, and felt assured that he would do it well.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Afterwards the party sat down to a sumptuous repast, served at the Black Bull Hotel.—"Blackpool Herald."

### SUNDERLAND MASONIC HALL.

THE Lodge Room of the Phoenix Lodge, in Queen Street, Sunderland, one of the oldest Lodge Rooms in the county of Durham, has been thoroughly repaired and renovated by private subscription raised by the W.M. Bro. Tilley, and the re-opening ceremony took place on Wednesday, 5th inst. There was a large muster of Brethren from all parts, including Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, about 100 altogether being present.

Bro. Robert Hudson Provincial Grand Secretary complimented the Worshipful Master and Brethren on the beautiful style in which the old place had been done up, and reminded them of the many historical events associated with the room. Over 110 years ago, when the foundation stone of Sunderland Bridge was laid, the procession of Masons started from that room. The foundation stone of St. John's Church was also laid by that Lodge, and in 1837 the Duke of Sussex laid the foundation stone of the Athenæum, in Fawcett Street, and there were few Lodges that could boast of having had a Grand Lodge held within their walls.

The organ, which has been in the building 120 years, has been repaired by Messrs H. S. Vincent and Co., and it was played by Bro. W. Vincent and Bro. D. McAuslin Organist of the Londonderry Lodge.

After the ceremony there was a spread provided by the Café Company, when over ninety sat down, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

## 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.

21 Emulation, Albion  
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern  
862 Whittington, Freemasons'-hall  
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.  
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons'-hall  
1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtn.  
1657 Aldersgate, Albion  
1694 Imperial, Westminster  
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's  
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green  
2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.

37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton  
77 Freedom, Gravesend  
148 Lights, Warrington  
236 York, York  
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham  
312 Lion, Whitby  
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton  
377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster  
424 Borough, Gateshead  
455 Perseverance, Kettering  
466 Merit, Stamford Baron  
872 Lewis, Whitehaven  
925 Bedford, Birmingham  
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth  
986 Hesketh, Croston  
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris  
1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge  
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham  
1146 De Moulham, Swanage  
1170 St. George, Manchester  
1199 Ariculture, Yatton  
1208 Corinthian, Dover  
1238 Gooch, Twickenham  
1255 Dundas, Plymouth  
1337 Anchor, Northallerton  
1443 Salem, Dawlish  
1502 Israel, Liverpool  
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston  
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl  
1814 Worsley, Worsley  
1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham  
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham  
2069 Prudence, Leeds  
2074 St. Clare, Landport  
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester  
2086 Dacre, Stevenage  
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  
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester  
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

### Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, F.M.H.  
at 5.

30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.  
73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark  
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle  
194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel  
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall  
1339 Stockwell, Camberwell  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Via. H'tl.  
2021 Queen Westm'ster, Holb'n R'st.  
2045 Wharton, Willesden  
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion  
2233 Old Westminster, Café Royal  
2265 Barnato, Piccadilly  
2500 Old Boys', Criterion  
213 Perseverance, Norwich  
223 Charity, Plymouth  
384 St. David, Bangor  
402 Royal Sussex, Nottingham  
414 Union, Reading  
418 Menturia, Hanley  
432 Abbey, Nuneaton  
468 Light, Birmingham  
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen  
551 Yarrowburgh, 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  
1410 S. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell  
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton  
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne

1551 Charity, Birmingham  
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool  
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth  
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton  
1787 Grenville, Buckingham  
1893 Lumley, Skegness  
1894 Hershel, Slough  
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.  
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley  
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton  
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows  
2316 Princes, Liverpool  
2351 Ermine, Lincoln  
2360 Victoria, Southport  
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud  
2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup  
2536 Staines, Staines  
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

### Wednesday.

Board of Benevolence, at 5.

7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion  
140 St. George, Greenwich  
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern  
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood  
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth  
1150 Buckingham & Chandos, F.M.H.  
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town  
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's  
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Cmb'rw'll  
1571 Leopold, Southwark  
1624 Eccleston, Criterion  
1677 Crusaders,  
2266 Cator, Beckenham  
2272 Rye, Peckham  
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common  
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle  
2361 Cricklewood, Frascati  
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate  
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel

20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham  
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance  
127 Union, Margate  
137 Amity, Poole  
175 East Medina, Ryde  
178 Antiquity, Wigan  
200 Old Globe, Scarborough  
210 Duke of Athol, Denton  
221 St. John, Bolton  
243 Loyalty, Guernsey  
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham  
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton  
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet  
311 South Saxon, Lewes  
325 St. John, Salford  
342 Royal Sussex, Landport  
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich  
451 Sutherland, Burslem  
537 Zetland, Birkenhead  
581 Faith, Openshaw  
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury  
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester  
610 Colston, Bristol  
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich  
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.  
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford  
795 St. John, Maidenhead  
823 Everton, Liverpool  
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow  
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells  
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames  
934 Merit, Whitefield  
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham  
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood  
962 Sun and Sector, Workington  
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury  
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield  
1040 Sykes, Driffild  
1086 Walton, Liverpool  
1114 Joppa, Fakenham  
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale  
1136 Carew, Torpoint  
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester  
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston  
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel  
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks  
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby  
1301 Brighouse, Brighouse  
1323 Talbot, Swansea  
1354 Norman, Durham  
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey  
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom  
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint  
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's  
1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere  
1988 Mawddach, Barnmouth

2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.  
2135 Constance, Consett  
2153 Hope, Gosport  
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'  
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse  
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield  
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne  
2475 Border, Blackwater  
2514 City, Liverpool  
2587 Radnor, Folkestone

### Thursday.

House Committee, Girls School,  
4-30.

49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern  
55 Constitutional, Cannon St. Ho.  
169 Temperance, Deptford  
179 Manchester, Anderton's  
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest  
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons'-h.  
1320 Blackheath, Southwark  
1475 Peckham, Camberwell  
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's  
1613 Cripplegate, Albion  
1681 Londesborough, Café Royal  
1716 All Saints, Poplar  
1901 Selwyn, Peckham  
2551 Clissold, Highbury Stat'n Hotel

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  
286 Samaritan, Bacup  
322 Peace, Stockport  
343 Concord, Preston  
345 Perseverance, Blackburn  
350 Charity, Farnworth  
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale  
394 Southampton, Southampton  
425 Cestrian, Chester  
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne  
489 Benevolence, Bideford  
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester  
600 Harmony, Bradford  
605 Combermere, Birkenhead  
659 Blagdon, Blyth  
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes  
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn  
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford  
802 Repose, Derby  
833 Afan, Aberavon  
900 St. George, Tewkesbury  
939 Pelham, Workop  
940 Philanthropy, Stockton  
1000 Priory, Southend  
1011 Richmond, Manchester  
1037 Portland, Portland  
1042 Excelsior, Leeds

1184 Abbey, Battle  
1247 St. John, Plymouth  
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool  
1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross  
1332 Unity, Crediton  
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln  
1393 Hamer, Liverpool  
1432 Fitz-Allan, Oswestry  
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton  
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable  
1512 Hemming, Hampton Court  
1534 Concord, Prestwich  
1562 Homfray, Risca  
1776 Landport, Landport  
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton  
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.  
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton  
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford  
1892 Wallington, Sutton  
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe  
2226 St. David, Rhymney  
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield  
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent  
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport  
2302 St. Mary, Southwell  
2341 Clemency, Oldham  
2352 Universities, Durham  
2374 Shurmur, Chingford  
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow  
2555 England Centre, Weedon  
2570 Prince Llewellyn, Cardiff

### Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School,  
2-30.

1962 London Rifle Brigade, And't'n's.  
2157 St. Mark's College, H'born Rest  
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall  
152 Virtue, Manchester  
155 Perseverance, Liverpool  
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton  
347 Noah Ark, Tipton  
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
935 Alexandra, Levenshulme  
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley  
1295 Gooch, New Swindon  
1311 Zetland, Leeds  
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough  
1357 Cope, Sale  
1399 Fenwick, Sunderland  
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham  
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton  
1794 De Vere, Nottingham  
2063 St. Osyth Priory, Cl'ct'n-on-Sea  
2231 Talbot, Stretford  
2447 Palatine, Manchester

### Saturday.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace  
1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn  
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court  
1777 Royal Hanover, Twickenham  
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Frascati

## ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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**Palace.**—There was an agreeable surprise in store for those present at the Palace Theatre on Thursday of last week. During the performance of the American Biograph a picture was thrown on the screen which drew forth the heartiest cheers from a delighted auditorium. In admirable presentment were seen the Guards, home from the Soudan, marching on the way to Wellington Barracks. The view is taken as the regiment is wheeling round from York Road to Westminster Bridge Road. Neither Bro. Morton nor the manager of the American Biograph ever hit on a happier idea, or carried it better and quicker before. The photograph was taken shortly after two p.m., and by 10.30 was being shown to prolonged applause. The feat, from a photographic point of view, is remarkable, observes the "Daily Telegraph." To everyone the picture was all too short; lack of time forbade the entire film being got ready. The following evening twice as much was seen, and it is scarcely necessary to say that for a long while to come no more popular item will figure on the Palace programme than the "Return of the Guards."

**Shaftesbury.**—The members of the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, assisted by the Eccentric Club, arranged a capital entertainment at this Theatre, on Monday, for the benefit of the widow of Charles Ryley, an actor well known in connection with several metropolitan and provincial Theatres. The programme included scenes from "The Belle of New York," and "Her Royal Highness," together with the comedietta "Papa's Wife," and a miscellaneous entertainment. There was a full attendance, indeed all the stalls and dress circle seats were sold in the club, and only a comparative small number of tickets were offered to the public. On these occasions one can only vary the well known remark, and exclaim "See how these Bohemians love one another." The arrangements were in the hands of Bros. Fred Bishop, H. J. Homer, Sydney Jousiffe, A. J. Thomas, Arthur Tite, and W. H. White, who formed the Executive Committee. Bros. Walter Beard and J. D. Langton were the Treasurers, the heavy Secretarial duties were undertaken by Bros. Tom Fraser and Jack Harrison, and the Stage Managers were Bros. Frank Parker and Louis Mason. The result is that sufficient money has been obtained to make a nice little provision for Mrs. Ryley, who naturally desires to return her sincere and grateful thanks to the Eccentrics for their kindness in organising the benefit, and to the artistes who so generously gave their services.



## 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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## ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 7th inst., Bro. I. E. E. Birkett W.M.

The principal business of the evening was an address on the five noble orders of Architecture, delivered by Bro. W. T. Hesketh P.M. Secretary, and a consideration of the question of a Ladies' night. After discussion, it was decided that on the evening of the December meeting Ladies should be invited, and a Committee was formed for carrying out the arrangements. Judging from previous gatherings of a like nature this is likely to be a success.

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## DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1605.

ON Tuesday evening, 4th inst., the Brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Kingston Square, Hull, the occasion being the annual installation. The retiring Master Bro. James Barton occupied the chair, and was supported by a number of Brethren and Visitors.

Bro. E. Wickens was installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Geo. Wilson P.M. P.P.G.D., assisted by Bro. E. Corris P.M. P.P.G.R. After this ceremony the Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the Brethren saluted the newly enthroned Master in the three degrees.

Bro. J. W. Tindell P.M. P.P.G.D. presented a Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, to the retiring Master, and expressed the sincere regard felt by the Brethren towards Bro. James Barton, who very early in his Masonic career had worthily reached the highest position the Lodge could bestow. He hoped the Immediate Past Master would still continue to take as great an interest in the Lodge as in the past, and that he would be spared for many years to wear the gold jewel which the Brethren had contributed, and of which he now asked his acceptance.

Bro. James Barton I.P.M., in thanking the Brethren, said he had endeavoured to carry out the onerous duties of his office to the best of his ability, and if his efforts had been successful generally it was very gratifying to himself. Their jewel would constantly remind him of the kindness received at the De la Pole—if, indeed, any such reminder was necessary. He trusted the kind Masonic feeling which had prompted the Brethren to subscribe so liberally for the jewel would continue to exist between them for many years.

The Immediate Past Master proposed the W.M. and Officers. He had had the privilege of being acquainted with the Worshipful Master some considerable time, and he had a great trait in his character of thoroughness; everything he had undertaken had always been thoroughly done. Brother Wickens, he was sure, would carry out the duties of his rather onerous office thoroughly, at the same time with zeal. With the assistance of his Officers and the co-operation of the Past Masters, success would further attend the De la Pole Lodge, and Freemasonry be the better for his having occupied the chair.

The Worshipful Master, in response, tendered his thanks for the hearty support accorded him by his Brethren and the many visitors present. One thing he could say, he had the self-consciousness of knowing he had always endeavoured to do his duty as a Mason. He took no pride in stating this, as the primary watchword of every Mason ought to be "duty." He was proud of their good opinion as evinced by his election to the chair. He should call "a spade a spade" if any necessity arose for it, but he had a sincere love for the welfare of every member of the Lodge, and he would uphold the honour and prestige of the De la Pole and promote harmony and brotherly love as exemplified in their relationships with the sister Lodges.

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## BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, 6th inst., when Bro. W. P. Smith was installed as W.M. by his predecessor Bro. J. Olliver, a very large number of Brethren, 153 in all—a record attendance for Brighton—being present.

The W.M. appointed his Officers as follow: E. Rusbridge S.W., H. W. Butler J.W., H. W. Bedford Treas., J. T. Rusbridge Sec., J. Lewis S.D., C. E. Chatfield J.D., F. P. Collins D.C., G. Short I.G., W. N. Roe Organist, W. J. King, G. Phillips, T. Harrington and F. P. Baxter Stewards.

The W.M. presided at the banquet which was subsequently held, and was most enthusiastically received by the Brethren.

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## CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 3rd inst., Bro. Major T. W. Ashworth W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes Bro. Captain Thomas Parker jun. was passed to the degree of a F.C., this ceremony being succeeded by the raising to the sublime degree of Brother Captain Arthur Wall.

After supper the Brethren adjourned to the festive board, a very pleasant evening being spent.

Besides those already enumerated there were present Bros. Surg.-Capt. J. J. K. Fairclough S.W., Rev. John Challinor P.P.G.C. J.W., Col. Howarth Clark, J.P., P.M. P.P.J.D. Treas., Major Fred Pratt P.M. Sec., Capt. P. Nightingale S.D., Lieut. Geo. Heys J.D., Major H. B. Moss I.G., Capt. H. S. Hardy Org., Surg.-Lieut. J. T. Smith and Capt. J. E. R. Hall Stewards, Col. Henry L. Rocca P.M. P.P.J.D., Capt. Jas. Andrew P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Capt. F. D. Bentley, Surg.-Capt. S. Nesfield, Lieut. T. A. Fallows, Lieut. Arthur S. Pearce, and others. Visitors:—Bros. C. E. Hindley P.M. 148 P.P.S.G.D., Major Geo. D. Brookes I.P.I.L. 1009, W. W. Truss 671, F. Mabbott 2050, and J. H. Humphrey 1051.

## METROPOLITAN.

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## ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

THE members of this ancient and popular Lodge met together after the summer recess on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., when a pleasant re-union of the Brethren took place.

The W.M. Bro. Albert Henry Collings presided, and was supported by Bros. Ernest Collings S.W., F. W. Berry J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treas., William Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, A. B. Spawforth I.P.M., Orton Cooper P.M. D.C., G. F. Johnson S.D., Howard E. Mullins J.D., C. J. Pinnell acting I.G., Jas. Loverseed, Philip King, D. F. Lathom, E. Stainforth, W. Barnes Tyler.

Visitors: J. B. Wood 1973, E. J. Swiss 913, M. O. Liveaux 859, W. J. Ridgway 1275, G. A. Sturgess S.D. 538.

The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The bye-laws of the Lodge were read by the Secretary.

The ballot was taken for the approval of Mr. Ernest Edwin Berry, as a candidate for Freemasonry, which being unanimous Mr. Berry was admitted and was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft by the Worshipful Master. The ceremony was capably rendered by Brother Collings, and was considerably enhanced by the admirable work of Bro. Mullins as J.D. The ancient charge to the newly initiated Brother was delivered by the W.M.

Relief was extended to a distressed Freemason who was formerly a member of the Lodge, and his application to Grand Lodge was supported by the Brethren.

The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, after which the Brethren dined together and a happy evening was spent.

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## CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 6th inst., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of Bro. Robert Eddie W.M., who is to be congratulated on the altogether admirable manner in which he conducted the affairs of his Lodge. He was well supported by his Officers, who contributed to the general effect by the perfect way in which they performed their part of the work. These were Bros. A. J. Manning I.P.M., W. Wilkinson S.W., C. H. Lawrence J.W., F. Purkiss P.M. Treas., C. J. Grove P.M. Sec., J. Baynon S.D., H. Tull J.D., E. Paxton I.G., H. C. Wootton Steward, S. Smith Org., R. Morley Tyler.

Among others present were Past Masters T. W. Blott, J. Blundell, and Totnen; also Bros. H. Haylock, J. Taft, E. Tallin, N. Woodcock, F. Blundell, G. Miller, Hatchman, and others.

Visitors: Bros. Steers 1287, Madeley 1716, Thomas 1321, E. White 1816, March 2502, Bridglaw 2045, and J. Wynman.

After the opening of the Lodge the minutes were confirmed, and then Bro. John Taft, who was initiated at the previous meeting, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and that Brother was passed as a Fellow Craft.

Bro. Fred Blundell now came forward as a candidate for the third degree, and having proved himself qualified as a Craftsman he was entrusted, and in due course raised as a Master Mason, the W.M. giving the traditional history of the degree in a most satisfactory manner.

Other items of business were disposed of, hearty good wishes were tendered, and the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge, the Brethren afterwards adjourning to the banquet table, where an enjoyable repast was partaken of, under the direction of Mr. Purnell, Manager.

After the usual Loyal toasts Bro. Manning I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, highly complimenting him for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his position during the evening. He had not the slightest doubt the remaining work of the year would be carried out as perfectly as what they had witnessed that day.

The toast was most heartily received, and the W.M. on rising to respond met with a truly Masonic welcome. He thanked Bro. Manning for his kind expressions, and was pleased to hear his efforts had given satisfaction. The Brethren need not be afraid of giving him too much work—he looked forward in the hope of being called upon to perform several more ceremonies.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors, enumerating the different guests who were present, and tendering a most hearty welcome to one and all of them. The members of the Crystal Palace Lodge were always pleased to see Visitors, and each hoped those present that evening had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Bro. Steers 1287, whom the W.M. had spoken of as more of a member than a visitor, said it was always a pleasure to attend a meeting of the Lodge. He highly appreciated the working of the W.M.

Bro. E. White 1816 regretted he had been so late in attending the meeting, but he hoped to renew his visit on a future occasion, as he had heard a great deal about the excellent working of the members, and should like to see more of it than it had been possible for him to do that day. Other of the visitors also responded.

The W.M. had very much pleasure in proposing the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Manning, and other Past Masters, saying they were really the support of the Lodge. Bro. Manning was a Brother who would do everything in his power to make Freemasonry flourish, and if the Brethren would but listen to him they would not be far wrong, while if the Officers received the same amount of attention from him as he (the W.M.) had done they would greatly benefit by it.

Bro. Manning tendered his thanks. After so excellent a speech and so hearty a reception he was at a loss how to express his feelings. He was very pleased he had joined the Crystal Palace Lodge, and urged on its members a punctual and regular attendance.

Bro. Purkiss Treasurer said it afforded him a great deal of pleasure to respond. He joined the Lodge some seven years back, and had never been sorry for having done so. He was exceedingly pleased with the working of the W.M., and hoped he would have a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Grove Secretary said he was in rather a peculiar position, sandwiched between so much talent as was possessed by Bros. Manning and Purkiss. They were both joining members of the Lodge, and each had given great assistance to it. Bro. Purkiss had initiated the present Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and it would indeed be difficult to find a better one. The Secretaryship was not always a bed of roses, but he was proud to hold the position, and one of his happiest moments in Freemasonry was when he was re-appointed to it. Addressing himself to the younger members of the Lodge the Secretary strongly urged them to join a Lodge of Instruction, where they

would be able to learn their Masonic work, and the different points of the Masonic system.

A compliment to the Officers was the next act of the Master, and he took the opportunity of thanking the Brethren who had supported him for their able assistance in the work of the meeting. He also tendered thanks to the Brethren who had added to the enjoyment of the evening by displays of their musical talents, among them being Bro. Manning (who was deservedly encored), Bros. E. White, Thomas, Wilkinson, and others.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. S. Smith Organist of the Lodge, who was as anxious to afford pleasure to others as ever.

#### DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

THE first meeting of the season took place on Thursday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of the popular Worshipful Master Bro. H. F. Sexton, who was supported by Bros. J. Wade I.P.M., T. S. Newell S.W., G. Winter J.W., R. Burleton P.M. Treas., H. Jenkins P.M. Sec., W. Fisher S.D., G. Holman J.D., G. Pavitt as I.G., H. Delma Organist, T. Edmonds P.M. Tyler; with Past Masters T. B. Dodson, M. Christian, C. H. Berry, and others; also Bros. R. Buffery, Douglas White, A. Jones, H. Foot, W. Sturton, B. Hammett, J. Jeston White, G. White, J. Michaelson, H. Watson, J. Watkins, A. Byass, G. Brown, H. Loneragan, E. James, S. Letchford, H. Seaman, J. Fox, R. East, E. Chapman, E. Lanyon, P. P. Bennett, W. Robinson.

The Visitors included Bros. Thomas Clark P.M. 2246 A.D.C. Herts, C. Whiteley P.M. 171, T. Clark 28, Rev. C. S. Morrell, E. Elton Hawkins J.W. 1507, S. Bonnet 2386, J. Freeman S.D. 55, W. Newman 65, J. Pullin 168, Alfred J. Walklin W.M. 483, J. Wynman, &c.

The preliminaries of opening having been observed, the minutes of the last regular meeting, and of a Lodge of emergency in June, were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. proceeded to advance his Lodge, when Bro. R. S. Buffery was examined as a Fellow Craft, so satisfactorily answering the questions as to be entrusted for the superior degree.

The Lodge was further advanced, and the same Brother was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Bros. B. W. Hammett and H. W. Watkins answered the questions, were entrusted, and duly passed in a Lodge of Fellow Crafts.

This concluded the work of the day, which throughout had been performed in excellent style, and the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge, the company adjourning to the banquet room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment.

#### MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE, No. 1489.

THE installation meeting was held on Friday of last week, at the Holborn Restaurant. The Lodge, which is now in its twenty-fifth year, was consecrated in 1874 at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum in the Balls Pond Road, and there it held its meetings for many years, says the "City Press." It afterwards removed to the Cock Tavern, Highbury, but ultimately it migrated to its present quarters, as being more convenient as a location for the members, all of whom are London men. During the whole of its course it has been a successful Lodge, but its success seems to have greatly increased since it has settled down as a real London Lodge. It had an excellent gathering at the installation meeting, there being nearly seventy Brethren present, among whom was the oldest member of the Lodge Bro. Deputy Walford, who was one of the founders, and has been the Treasurer from its commencement to the present time. He is the only survivor of the founders who is still a member. Another founder, Bro. Thomas Hastings Miller, C.C., P.G.S.B. is now only an honorary member.

At this meeting Bro. Horace A. Huntley W.M. presided.

After the preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. Edwin George P.M. and Secretary occupied the Master's chair, and installed Bro. Thomas Vincent Mills S.W. as the twenty-sixth Master of the Lodge. Bro. George afterwards delivered the charges to the Worshipful Master, and Wardens, and the other Officers and members of the Lodge. Bro. R. J. Campbell P.M. acted as the Director of Ceremonies during the installation ceremony.

The Auditors' report was adopted, it showing a balance of £62 14s 11d in favour of the Lodge, and of £12 1s 2d in favour of the Charity Fund.

The Worshipful Master, in the name of the Lodge, subsequently presented to Bro. Huntley, the outgoing Master, a handsome jewel of a Past Master, a gift which was acknowledged by Bro. Huntley, who said he should wear it as a proof that the Brethren had approved of his conduct while in the chair during the past year. He had always tried to act in a straightforward, honourable, and honest manner.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Deputy Walford Treasurer, and seconded by Past Master R. J. Campbell, was afterwards accorded to Bro. George P.M. Secretary, for installing the W.M. Bro. George, in responding, said it had given him great pleasure to perform the ceremony, and he was pleased he had performed it to the satisfaction of the Brethren.

The Lodge was thereupon closed, and the company adjourned to the banquet. Later on the customary toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with an excellent musical entertainment, directed by Bro. John Brittan Organist of the Lodge.

#### DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

SATURDAY, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., witnessed the completion of a most successful year in the history of this Lodge, and the commencement of a new one which gives every promise of adding to the reputation alike of the Lodge and its new ruler. We were not at all surprised to see the annual meeting so fully attended, as the gatherings of the past have made the Lodge one of the most popular in the metropolis.

Brother C. H. Knuth presided, and was well supported by Officers and other members of the Lodge, among those present being Bros. Wm. Wright W.M.-elect S.W., F. H. Stollery J.W., John Culver P.M. Treas., J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Sec., J. F. Perrins S.D., A. E. Turner J.D., A. J. Blake I.G., T. Bowler Tyler; Past Masters Walter Martin Grand Purs., J. Blagdon, W. H. Lowry, W. H. Foot, H. Cattermole, C. H. Cox, F. Corbett; Bros. T. J. Jackson, W. T. Perrins, A. Noel, M. E. Brousson, F. Watson, A. Perkins, C. W. Payne, T. D. Pannett, A. J. Brown, J. Tucker, G. W. Moore, W. Gifford, G. Broad, R. Shears, H. Miles, H. Bulford, W. Norris, H. King, E. Griggs, H. Garratt, C. Elithorn, L. Wolff, A. Tucker, J. C. Jay, W. H. Mackley, E. Endworth, and others.

The Visitors included Bros. W. Reeve 1973 P.P.G.S. of Works Herts, W. H. Toyé P.M. 1278, H. Sinclair 1816, J. Jefferson 2271, A. Schaverien

1949, R. Maskall 820, S. Meyer 1622, W. Buxton S.W. 1534, Percy Gray 1897 Secretary of the Duke of Cornwall Instruction Lodge, G. Spalding 1693, T. Brown 2029, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge being duly formed the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, whereupon Bro. C. H. Knuth W.M. proceeded to instal his successor Brother William Wright, who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting. He was presented by Bro. Walter Martin, and having taken the obligation and signified his assent to the ancient regulations, a strong Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was placed in the chair as W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge for the ensuing twelve months.

The Brethren having been re-admitted saluted the Worshipful Master in the different degrees, and Bro. Knuth concluded by giving the three addresses.

Previous to this the new Master had appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. H. Stollery S.W., J. F. Perrins J.W., John Culver P.M. Treas., J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Sec., A. E. Turner S.D., A. J. Blake J.D., J. G. Jackson I.G., A. J. Brown D.C., Alfred Perkins and Henry King Stewards, Walter Perrins Musical Director, T. Bowler Tyler.

The ceremony of installation ended, the new W.M. had on his list for initiation the following gentlemen: Harry Bulford, Horace Alexander Miles, and Robert William Elder. The ballot having been taken proved unanimously in their favour, and the three gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Not only did the new Master invest his Officers in a perfect manner, but he also gave ample proof of his ability as Worshipful Master by the excellent way in which he performed these initiations.

The resignation of Bro. J. W. Brooks was received, but not accepted, it being proposed by Bro. Cox P.M., seconded and unanimously agreed to, that Bro. Brooks be elected an Honorary Member. Several communications having been read by Bro. Dewsnap the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the Brethren adjourned to the spacious Crown Room, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal direction of Bro. W. Blanchette Manager of the famous Freemasons' Tavern.

After the usual Loyal toasts the W.M. submitted that of the Grand Officers of England, coupling with it the name of Bro. Walter Martin. He was sure there was no harder working Mason than Bro. Martin, who, as Preceptor of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, was known to most of them—and a better Preceptor it would be difficult to find. The toast was most cordially received.

Bro. Martin tendered his thanks in reply. He took very great interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and was very pleased to see the present ruler in his high position. The W.M. was a regular attendant at the Lodge of Instruction every Monday evening, and it was by such attendance that the working of the Lodges was made perfect and their success assured. Not alone could he vouch for the W.M.'s working at the Lodge of Instruction, they had had an experience that evening of his capabilities, and he felt that the work of the Craft would be safe at his hands.

Bro. Knuth I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It was a privilege and at the same time a great pleasure to do so, and he hoped the toast would be honoured with all the enthusiasm it deserved. He felt all the Brethren would desire to wish the W.M. a happy and successful year of office. They knew they had the right sort of Master in the chair, and next year he felt certain they would know enough of his capabilities to be satisfied that they had elected him to preside over their Lodge.

The W.M. on rising was most heartily received, and in response thanked Bro. Knuth for his kind remarks. He was sure that with the able assistance of his Officers he would give the members that satisfaction which was expected from a Worshipful Master.

The Master had now a most pleasant duty to perform, that of investing his predecessor in the chair with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and in doing so he could but express the hope that Bro. Knuth would live for very many years to wear it, in good health and prosperity. He hoped the I.P.M. would be with the members of the Lodge for many years to come, and that he would long give them the advantage of the knowledge he possessed in Freemasonry.

The I.P.M. tendered his thanks for the toast. He had spent some of his happiest days in the Lodge, and was pleased to have succeeded so well as to have installed his successor. He was particularly glad to learn he had given satisfaction during his term of office. He desired to especially thank the members for the handsome jewel they had given him, and hoped, as the Worshipful Master had said, that he might be with them for many years to come. He also specially thanked the Officers for their able assistance during his term of Mastership.

The toast of the initiates was proposed by the W.M. in very happy terms. He spoke of the great attention the newly admitted Brethren had paid to the ceremony of initiation, and felt sure they would become veritable ornaments to the Lodge.

Bro. Bulford, replying, esteemed it a great honour to have been admitted a member of the Masonic Brotherhood, and specially thanked the Worshipful Master for his kind remarks, at the same time assuring the Brethren that he should never forget his Obligation.

Bro. Miles also thanked the W.M. for having initiated him. In time to come he hoped to be able to prove to the Brethren that they had not misplaced their confidence.

Bro. Elder acknowledged the kindness of the Brethren in calling upon him so frequently, to do him honour after his initiation. He sincerely thanked them all for the real kindness they had shown him, and promised to become a worthy member of the Lodge.

The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, and had very much pleasure in calling upon Bro. Toyé P.M. 1278 to respond.

That well known member of the Craft thanked the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had proposed the health of the Visitors of the day. Speaking of the working of the Worshipful Master he considered it had been performed in the most perfect manner, while his predecessor had installed the present W.M. in a manner that any Past Master might be proud of.

The health of the Past Masters was next submitted, the president considering the Lodge particularly fortunate in the possession of such worthy Brethren as were included under that head.

Bro. Cox replied, thanking the W.M. and wishing him a good year while in the chair. The way in which the Master had performed his work that day had convinced him that he would discharge the duties of the chair with honour to himself and credit to the Lodge.

Bro. Culver Treasurer also wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office, and good health during the time he presided over the Lodge.

Bro. Dewsnap said he was proud of being Secretary of their Lodge, a position which any Brother might feel it an honour to fill. He was sure the present Master would do everything in his power to make the Lodge yet more prosperous than it was at the present.

Bro. Lowry said now that Bro. Brooks had resigned Bro. Dewsnap was the only founder left to the Lodge, and on that account they should make

the most of him; he was one of the hardest workers of the Lodge, and did everything in his power for the welfare of its members. The speaker felt it a source of gratification that he had been the first to present the present W.M. with a collar of office in the Lodge, and from his excellent working that evening he was pleased to think he had not made a mistake in doing so.

Other of the Past Masters also responded to the toast.

Success to the Masonic Charities was given from the chair, the name of Bro. Percy Gray Secretary of the Instruction Lodge being associated with the toast. Bro. Gray responded.

The Officers of the Lodge were now toasted, and after their response the Tyler was called upon for the closing sentiment of the evening, the meeting being thus brought to a most successful ending.

A capital musical programme was provided under the direction of Bro. W. Perrins, items of which were contributed by Miss Lillian Turnbull, Miss Marie Behrein, Mr. Sidney Ison, and Mr. R. Courtier-Dutton, with Bro. J. Jefferson as accompanist.

#### ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

THE installation of this popular and successful Lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on the 7th, when, as usual, a large attendance of the members and their friends assembled to take part in the proceedings. Considerable interest was evinced on this occasion, on account of the fact that Bro. Lionel Wormser Harris the W.M.-elect is not only a prime favourite with the members of the Club, and highly esteemed among his Brethren and fellows, but was the first initiate of the Lodge.

Bro. W. Singleton Hooper W.M. took the chair with praiseworthy punctuality at six o'clock, being supported by his Officers and the following Brethren: O. F. Matier P.G.Std.Br., W. J. W. Beard P.M., J. H. Hawkins P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, J. A. Harrison I.P.M., James Wyatt, Arthur Tite, W. Sergeant Lee P.M., G. P. Hadley, W. H. Baylis P.M., C. A. Hooper P.M., Thomas Fraser, Frank Parker, W. E. Garstin, R. S. King, H. J. Homer, Frank Jesse, W. J. Beard, J. R. Cleave P.M., F. H. Pugh, Monty J. Shepherd, L. C. James, A. E. Baker, H. S. Simmons, E. V. Salaman, H. Reece, S. G. Asher, H. W. Whyte, E. S. P. Ludlow, Ben Nathan, J. W. Clark, Alfred Ellis, S. W. H. Dixon, H. T. Brickwell P.M., J. Weiner, A. Oddenino, F. Dangerfield P.M., A. H. Beard, A. H. Collings, A. C. Hills, Julius M. Price, Ernest Beard, &c., &c.

The visiting Brethren included Alderman Frank Green P.G.D., John D. Langton P.G.A.D.C., W. Peter Brown P.G.Std.Br., Richard Clowes P.G.Std. Bearer, Charles L. Carson P.G.S., Charles D. Burgess P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, Frank Harper P.M. 2120, J. M. Grant S.W. 176, E. T. Ginder W.M. 1563, J. White W.M. 176, Albert J. Neck 753, Ernest W. Harris P.M. 158 I.C., Webster Greive 176, G. E. Walker 1471, J. Knox Foote P.M. 53 I.C., J. Walker Doherty 25 I.C., Hy. Watts J.W. 108, J. Dangerfield J.D. 2241, W. Melville 59, G. Austin 1457, Norman Morice P.M. 176, C. J. Denton 2455, Miles Bailey P.M. 2005, Courtice Pounds 834, Geo. Allen Phillips P.M. 198, J. Inglis 757 S.C., F. W. Driver P.M. 45, Gerald Maxwell W.M. 2127, H. W. Stearns P.M. 69, G. D. Breeze 2581, F. B. Dent 176, R. Newton Crane 2397, Imre Kiralfy I.P.M. 2581, Alfred Cumner 1426, C. J. Powell 136, W. H. White 55, H. L. de Montmorency W.M.-elect No. 1, E. A. Shepherd I.P.M. 1615, W. E. Downey 1671, F. Godwin 1627, J. J. Slater 22, Arthur Strugnell 2264, Percy Howard, Hy. J. Higham W.M. 83, C. F. Williams 1247, Orlon Cooper P.M. 211.

After the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Bros. Henry Salaman Harris of the Fitzroy Lodge, and John Tiller of the Manchester Dramatic Lodge, as Joining Members.

The Auditors' Report was received and adopted, from which we perceived that not only were the funds of the Lodge in a highly satisfactory condition, but that the various Masonic and other Charities had been supported and the Benevolent Fund considerably increased during the year.

The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the W.M. declared all Offices vacant, and appointed Bros. Hawkins S.W., Harrison J.W., Cleave D.C., and Brickwell I.G., to assist him during the ceremony. Bro. Lionel Harris W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. Cleave, when Brother Hooper addressed him upon the duties of his high office, which he had agreed to accept. Bro. Harris signified his assent to the ancient charges, and took the customary obligation, Bro. Courtice Pounds giving a fine rendering of the anthem "Be thou faithful" at its termination. The Brethren were then requested to withdraw for a short time, when a Board of Installed Masters, thirty-two in number, was declared, and Bro. Lionel Harris was conducted to the chair in accordance with ancient tradition. The Brethren were re-admitted, and the new Master was proclaimed and saluted.

The entire ceremony and subsequent addresses were impressively performed by Bro. Singleton Hooper, who received the applause and appreciation of the assembly.

Bro. Harris invested his Officers, as follow: W. Sergeant Lee S.W., G. P. Hadley J.W., W. J. W. Beard Treasurer, W. Singleton Hooper Secretary, Thomas Fraser S.D., Frank Parker J.D., W. E. Garstin I.G., J. R. Cleave D.C., James Kift Organist, Arthur Tite, R. S. King, H. J. Homer, and Frank Jesse Stewards, J. Ellis Tyler. When investing the last named Officer Bro. Harris gave the old "Tyler's Charge."

Bro. Will E. Chapman, late Secretary of the Lodge, was placed upon the list of country members, in consequence of his continued absence abroad. The resignation of two members was accepted with regret, and two other Joining Members were proposed in their place.

Bro. Harris rose and said his first official duty was to present the Past Master's jewel to his predecessor that had been voted to him by the Lodge for his faithful service. He was sure the Brethren would agree that no Past Master had deserved it more than Bro. Hooper, and he had the greatest possible pleasure in pinning it to his breast, and expressing the hope that he might long live to wear it as a token of the love and good fellowship of the Brethren.

Bro. Hooper modestly returned his thanks for the compliment, but rather deprecated the eulogium of the W.M., saying that Masters of the Eccentric Lodge considered it their duty to render the ritual in a proper and intelligent manner, and if he had been so fortunate as to give them satisfaction he was well repaid for his exertions. The jewel is of a new design, and bears the Eccentric Club emblems of the Owl and Clock, with the appropriate Masonic motto "Nil nisi bonum," and was manufactured by Messrs. Spencer and Co. It bears the following inscription:

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W.M. of the Eccentric Lodge during his year of office,

1897-98.

The Secretary read messages of regret on account of unavoidable absence from Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, Frank Richardson, and others.

Afterwards the visiting Brethren tendered their congratulations to the W.M., and that concluding the business of the evening the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and the meeting adjourned.

The installation banquet was held in the large hall, and reflected the highest credit upon the Committee who suggested it, and Bro. Oddenino who carried it out. The menu card was as usual of novel design, and contained the portrait of the Worshipful Master.

Considerable merriment "within the limits of becoming mirth" reigned throughout the evening, and the utmost good-fellowship prevailed. The number present reached the Eccentric measure of ninety-nine.

Ample appreciation having been shown to the exquisite dinner provided, Bro. Harris sounded his gavel, and rose to submit the health of the Queen and prosperity to the Craft. He said he had recently travelled over a large portion of the dominion of Canada, and he found that everywhere Her Majesty's name was received with enthusiasm, while the Craft flourished in a congenial soil.

The toast of the Grand Master was greeted with loud applause, as was also that of the Grand Officers, for whom Bro. Frank Green responded.

Bro. Singleton Hooper in well-chosen terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, which he ventured to think was the toast of the evening. The installation of Bro. Harris marked the advent of a fresh epoch in the history of the Eccentric Lodge. Previous to that evening the Masters had been selected from the Founders of the Lodge, whereas Bro. Harris was the first initiate, and though his rise had been rapid he had qualified himself for the position by hard work and frequent attendance at the Lodge of Instruction. He had the respect and esteem of the Brethren, and he was sure that his conduct in the chair would meet with the satisfaction of the Lodge.

Bro. Lionel Harris, who was greeted with real Eccentric "fire," said he regarded the toast as the ordeal of the evening. He could not sufficiently thank the Brethren for electing him to the chair, as it was the height of his Masonic ambition. He owed a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Hawkins, who was his father in Freemasonry, and under his guidance he would endeavour to carry out the traditions of the Lodge to their satisfaction.

The W.M. afterwards proposed the health of his predecessor, which was acknowledged by Bro. Hooper, who remarked that it gave him great pleasure to do anything in his power for the Lodge, in which he took deep interest, and he trusted they would be as successful in the future as they had been in the past. They had eighty-five members, which must be considered a large number, as they were limited to members of the Eccentric Club.

One of the traditions of the Lodge is the sale of the Charity Box after it has been handed round the tables. After a keen competition it again fell (for the third time) to Bro. Imre Kiralfy, who generously added the contents of the Box to the purchase money. Naturally the Brethren could do no less than drink the health of their generous benefactor.

Bro. Burgess Prov. S.W. designate of Berks; Bro. White, a Scotch Mason; Bro. Knox Foote, of the Dublin Lodge; Bro. Gerald Maxwell and Bro. Newton Crane from America, responded on behalf of the Visitors, with some capital speeches, which were highly appreciated.

The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge having also been honoured, the Tyler's toast was proposed by Bro. Ellis, and brought the pleasant proceedings to a close at an advanced hour.

The speeches were interspersed with songs, sketches and yarns, given by Bros. Courtice Pounds, Arthur Strugnell, C. Suckau, Ben Nathan, E. J. Wood, Walter Tilbury, W. R. Maxwell, and others, while Bro. James Kift presided at the piano and organ with his well known ability.

#### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### RECTITUDE CHAPTER, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 5th inst., Companion J. C. Wilson M.E.Z.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Bro. Robert Ackerley, Ardwick Lodge, No. 2185, who was afterwards exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. Wilson, assisted by Comp. W. J. Melling P.Z. P.P.G.A.D.C.

In the election of Principals which subsequently took place, the following were chosen: Comp. Robert Rudman as first, Comp. Wm. Goodman as second, and Comp. T. C. Lilly as third.

The Companions afterwards adjourned to an excellent supper. Besides those mentioned there were also present Comps. Hy. B. Brown P.G.A.D.C., Wm. Rostron Treas., W. E. Mowbray, J. C. Chapman, C. H. Griffiths, R. Adshead, M. Goth, S. Andrew, and others.

#### GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., when the largest attendance of Members and Visitors in the history of the Chapter was present.

The principal chairs were occupied by Comps. John Read P.G.O. M.E.Z., P. Wallace Husk H., and J. J. Fretwell J., and among those who took part in the proceedings were Comps. E. E. Peacock P.Z., Henry Massey P.Z., Herbert Wright P.Z., J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., Lionel F. Gowing, T. G. Scott, H. L. Bell, C. J. S. Willson, E. H. Peacock, Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, Alfred F. Robbins, E. A. Peachey, Cornwallis H. F. Smith, C. D. Gill, Geo. Tarran, Samuel James, Geo. H. Ribbons, &c.

The Visitors included Comps. Charles Bullock M.E.Z. 404 Grand Scribe E. of Herts., W. Blackhorn P.Z. 435, John Songhurst P.Z. 7, John M. Rogan P.Z. 563, Walter D. Seaton S.N. 435, Archdeacon W. M. Sinclair 1383, J. A. Collings 1056, F. W. Stephens 101, and many others.

The Chapter having been formally opened the Companions were admitted, when the minutes of the last regular convocation, as well as an emergency meeting, were read and their correctness confirmed.

The election of the Officers being thus ratified Comp. Percy Wallace Husk was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. J. J. Fretwell was promoted to the chair of H., and Comp. Orlon Cooper was advanced to the position of Third Principal, the work of installation being performed by Comp. John Read.

The following Companions were invested with the collars of their respective offices: Herbert Wright S.E., E. A. Peachey S.N., E. E. Peacock Treasurer, George Tarran P.S., Samuel James 1st A.S., Alfred F. Robbins 2nd A.S., J. C. Manning D.C., E. H. Peacock Organist, George H. Ribbons Steward, Shepherd Janitor.



The Treasurer's report was presented, and showed that the Chapter had wiped off the heavy arrears, and was now practically free from debt. The M.E.Z. expressed his satisfaction at the result that had been achieved by the members, and was sure the entire Chapter were also gratified. There being no further business before the convocation, the Chapter was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned.

Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from Comp. Sir A. F. Godson, M.P., Grand Superintendent of Worcestershire, and Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Grand Superintendent of Hertfordshire, both of whom hoped to be present on some future occasion.

The members and their Visitors afterwards dined together, and enjoyed a pleasant entertainment provided by Comp. Husk, in which Bro. Charles Bertram, Comps. J. A. Collings, Fred Stephens, Miss Husk, and others took part.

## INSTRUCTION.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., Bros. C. Halston W.M., G. Weaver S.W., T. Miller J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Prec., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., G. Mogford P.M. Sec., T. Thomas S.D., H. Bagnall J.D., John Tucker I.G., T. Mogford P.M., White, G. Knight P.M., H. Milner, Beasley, T. Marks, H. W. Handover, Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Miller W.M. of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge acting as candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of that Brother, who rehearsed part of the work of installation, and afterwards delivered the three addresses in excellent style.

Bro. G. Weaver S.W. 733 was elected to preside on Tuesday week, next Tuesday being Officers' night. A congratulatory vote was passed to Bro. Miller, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, thanking him for his rendering of the three addresses in such excellent style, for the first time in this Lodge.

THE PATRIOTIC MAGAZINE (21 Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.) is a new candidate for popular favour. It is an illustrated monthly journal for home and school reading, designed to inculcate the spirit of patriotism in the young, and is published at one penny.

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Adelphi.—8, The Gipsy Earl. Matinée, Wednesday 2.

Criterion.—8.20, The Liars. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Vaudeville.—8.20, Her Royal Highness. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.

Daly's.—8.15, A Greek Slave. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Savoy.—8.20, The Sorcerer, and Trial by Jury. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Prince of Wales's.—8.15, The Royal Star. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Gaiety.—8.15, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Strand.—8.20, Jerry and a sunbeam. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

St. James's.—8.30, The Elder Miss Blossom. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Court.—On Wednesday, When a man's in love.

Globe.—On Saturday, 22nd, The Three Musketeers.

Avenue.—8, Constancy. 8.30, Lord and Lady Algy. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

Garrick.—On Thursday, Brother Officers.

Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, to-day and Wednesday, 2.

Lyric.—8.15, Little Miss Nobody. Matinée, Thursday, 2.30.

Duke of York's.—8.30 The advent of Lady Ursula. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.

Comedy.—8.15, The Topsy Turvy Hotel. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Royalty.—8.15, The Land of Nod.

Grand.—Next week, The Liars.

Parkhurst.—Next week, Sweet Brier.

Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next Week, The Lady Slavey.

Alexandra.—Next week, Sporting Life.

Dalston.—Next week, The Lady Philosopher.

Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. Jack Ashore, &c.

Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Alaska, &c.

Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biography, &c.

London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.

Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.

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