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THE SCHOOL COURTS.

W E last week gave the result of the half yearly election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held on Thursday, 13th inst., when thirteen children were elected from a list of twenty-seven candidates; and are now able to give like details in reference to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to the benefits of which twenty-six boys were admitted on Friday of last week, from an approved lists of forty-five candidates, reduced to forty-four by one withdrawal.

The half yearly Court of the Girls School was presided over by Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., Past Grand Warden Treasurer of the Institution, and was of a purely formal character, little business requiring attention beyond that of the election. The Secretary announced that Viscount Dungarvan Provincial Grand Master for Somersetshire would preside at next year's Festival, and made an urgent appeal for Stewards.

The Boys School Court was held under the presidency of Bro. Richard Eve P.G.Treas. Patron of the Institution and Chairman of its Board of Management, and on his proposition votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, Bro. A. C. Spaul, Bro. Edward Letchworth the Grand Secretary, and a long list of other London and Provincial Brethren, for their great exertions in contributing to the success of the Centenary Festival, the result of which, it was announced, had been increased to £140,376 17s 5d.

The proposal to grant a sum of money to Bro. J. M. McLeod in recognition of his great exertions, as Secretary, in connection with the splendid result, led to some discussion. It was ultimately decided to make him a present of the proposed one thousand guineas, on the clear understanding, elicited by Bro. Henry Smith Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, that no further honorarium be given out of the balance of the Stewards' fees, remaining after paying the expenses of the Centenary Festival. There was a very large gathering of Brethren and we are pleased that Bro. McLeod's services were thus recognised—with but four dissentient votes.

Bro. Richard Eve gave an account of the progress made with the development of the site for the new Schools at Bushey, and then the election was proceeded with. The names of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns, while elsewhere in this issue we give details of the votes recorded on behalf of the unsuccessful.

The 163rd anniversary of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, and the installation of Bro. Thos. Gilbert S.W. as Worshipful Master, will take place at the Cups Hotel, Colchester, on Thursday next, 27th inst., at 4.30 p.m. The Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy, and other distinguished Brethren have been invited, and a large gathering is anticipated.

BERKSHIRE.

T HE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday afternoon, 14th inst., in the Town Hall, Reading, when the attendance was larger than usual, and the proceedings excited more than ordinary interest, on account of the installation of Lord Wantage as Provincial Grand Master. The Brethren of the Province were honoured on this occasion for the first time with the presence of Earl Amherst Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master Kent, who came down for the purpose of performing the installation ceremony, and was received at the Great Western Railway Station shortly before three o'clock by the Deputy-Mayor Bro. William Ferguson Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, by whom his lordship was driven to the Town Hall.

Lord Wantage is a Past Senior Grand Warden of England, and his appointment by the Prince of Wales as Provincial Master fills the gap which was unhappily caused by the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, whose installation by the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order took place in the same building in 1890, in the presence of a great assemblage of members of the Craft, including H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, &c.

There was a special fitness in the arrangement by which Lord Amherst installed Lord Wantage, the noble peers having seen active service together in the Crimea, the former in the Coldstream Guards, and the latter in the Scots Fusilier (now Scots) Guards.

The attendance included many visitors holding high Masonic rank, both in the Grand Lodge of England, and in neighbouring Provinces. Among them were Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, John Strachan, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Thomas Fenn Acting Grand D.C. Eng., Frederick West D.P.G.M. Surrey, J. E. Bowen D.P.G.M. Bucks, Raymond H. Thrupp D.P.G.M. Middlesex, V. P. Freeman Past Grand Deacon Prov. Grand Secretary Sussex, J. Terry Past Grand S.B. England Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, H. Bevir Prov. Grand Sec. Wilts, Charles E. Keyser Past Grand Deacon of England Treasurer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (High Sheriff of Berks), J. T. Morland Past Grand Deacon of England Deputy P.G.M. of Berks, J. W. Martin P.A.G.D.C. Provincial Grand Secretary, Colonel Keyser, C.B., Past Grand Steward, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened shortly before four o'clock by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge Bro. J. T. Morland, under whose wise and able direction the affairs of the Province have been so satisfactorily administered since the decease of the Duke of Clarence. The usual formalities were gone through, and the accustomed reports were presented and passed.

The Deputy P.G.M. having addressed the Brethren upon the subject of the installation, Provincial Grand Master-Designate Lord Wantage was introduced by the P.G. Director of Ceremonies and a deputation of seven Past Masters, and the installation ceremony thereupon proceeded, being conducted by Earl Amherst. Having been duly proclaimed and saluted, Lord Wantage, amidst much applause, appointed Bro. J. T. Morland as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and he in his turn was also proclaimed and saluted.

The seven Past Masters were Brothers R. C. Mount, E. Margrett, Charles Stephens, J. Tomkins, J. O. Carter, S. Knight, and C. W. Cox.

Earl Amherst, before proceeding with the installation ceremony, observed that Lord Wantage's character in the past, and his achievements in the various walks of life in which he had moved, gave the Brethren the fullest assurance

that his Lordship would discharge the duties of Provincial Grand Master with all his ability and power, and he invited the Brethren to give Lord Wantage their hearty support, and thus promote the success of Masonry in the Province, and, in a lesser degree, that of Masonry throughout the world.

Lord Wantage took the usual obligation at an ancient pedestal (brought from the Etonian Lodge by the Worshipful Master Bro. Sidney Smith), at which the late Duke of Clarence also took the obligation on his installation eight years since.

Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading, was then unanimously re-elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer. He was proposed by the Senior Grand Warden Brother Keyser, and seconded by the Junior Grand Warden Brother Slaughter.

The newly-installed Provincial Master appointed the following as his Assistant Officers for the year :

Bro. C. O. Burgess	-	-	-	Senior Warden
W. Bonny	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. L. Turbutt	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. F. F. Penruddock	-	-	-	
Charles Stephens	-	-	-	Treasurer
G. F. Slade	-	-	-	Registrar
J. W. Martin	-	-	-	Secretary
C. F. Dyson	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
W. B. Biddles	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. E. Robertson	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
E. B. Ormond	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
S. Knight jun.	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Major W. Nicholls	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
F. King	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
D. Wilton	-	-	-	
Vernon Knowles	-	-	-	Organist
E. H. Simmons	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
J. S. Boulting	-	-	-	Pursuivant
J. S. Taverner	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
A. J. Lawrence	-	-	-	} Stewards
W. R. Cook	-	-	-	
T. Pettitt	-	-	-	
A. H. Bull	-	-	-	
W. A. Cocks	-	-	-	
W. Hemmings	-	-	-	} Tylers.
J. F. Stevens	-	-	-	

Charity jewels, bars, and other badges were then presented to the Brethren who had rendered special service as Stewards to the Charitable Institutions of the Order, the recipients being heartily applauded as they advanced to the dais to receive their well earned marks of distinction.

Bro. Page Past Master of the Windsor Castle Lodge efficiently discharged the duties of Director of Ceremonies.

An anthem was sung, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The dinner, held in the large Town Hall, was provided by Bro. W. Flanagan, of the Great Western Hotel, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden. Covers were laid for nearly 250 Brethren.

The usual Masonic toasts were submitted and honoured.

The health of the Provincial Grand Master was suitably proposed by Earl Amherst, and the toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The newly installed Provincial Grand Master, in responding, said that his installation in the high office of Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire by the hand of Brother Earl Amherst, on the occasion of his appointment by the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, deserved and required his grateful recognition. His predecessor in that high office was his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who held the office for only too brief a period, and whose premature death was a source of deep regret and grief to the whole Fraternity of Freemasons, not only in Berkshire, but throughout the country. In respect to the memory of the young Prince the office remained for some time unfilled, and he deemed it a special honour and privilege to have been now selected by the Prince of Wales to be the successor of his beloved son in this important post. He (Lord Wantage) first joined the Fraternity at the period immediately preceding the Crimean war, when men's minds were turned to the serious import of the movement taking place in the East, and to the fresh political and military disturbances that were impending. The serious functions of Freemasonry impressed themselves strongly on those who were about to take an active part in the forthcoming war, and many officers and non-commissioned officers were constituted Freemasons, and a strong Lodge was formed at Malta, where her Majesty's troops were then gathering for the Eastern campaign. It was there that he, with other young officers of the Guards, was introduced to Masonry by Brother Studholme Brownrigg, then Acting Adjutant-General of the Garrison. Although he was thus a Mason of some standing in point of years, other absorbing interests and avocations in life had prevented his being

hitherto more than a humble member of the Craft, and it had required some courage on his part to undertake at his age, now somewhat advanced, the responsibilities attached to the high office of Provincial Grand Master. Were it not for his deference to the wishes of the Prince of Wales, and his affection to the county of Berks, and to the Brethren who belonged to the Craft in the Province, he should have greatly hesitated to assume the duties of the position—duties which could not be regarded as otherwise than onerous,—and he must trust to the indulgence of the Brethren for any shortcomings on his part. He was fully alive to the great and beneficent part which the ancient institution of Freemasonry had for so many centuries played in the affairs of life. In most of them, himself included, there existed a desire to measure the importance of movements, or of institutions, by the practical effects that resulted from them. And it not unfrequently occurred to many of them, the question as to what extent Freemasonry could be measured by such a standard? In reply to such enquiries he would state that it was his lot in early life to be first interested in Masonry by an event that happened to his father, the late General Lindsay, when serving in the Walcheren campaign in 1809. He was shot through the leg, and being quite disabled fell into the hands of the enemy; but no sooner was he carried from the field of battle than he discovered his captor to be a Brother Freemason, who, true to the traditions of the Craft, like the Good Samaritan, dressed his wounds, carried him into his own house, and took charge of him until the time of release, defraying all costs, without any security for repayment. To turn to larger issues and more recent times—a striking instance of the influence exercised even now by Freemasonry on the course of events came before them on the testimony of one who was not evidently a friend of the Craft. In a book which is at this moment exciting great interest they learnt that during the siege of Paris in 1870, the great German statesman Bismarck complained bitterly of a pressure of certain influences which thwarted his uncompromising and Philistine course of policy, and frustrated the carrying out of his intentions of bombarding the city of Paris. What were those influences? Prince Bismarck himself told them Freemasonry played a leading part among the influences which worked against him in secret, and were yet so powerful. Here was a matter of the highest importance, affecting all that civilisation held dear, and the saving not only of the lives of non-combatants, but of the monuments of architecture, and the treasures of art which adorn the great capital of France, and the destruction of which would be a world-wide calamity, and a blot on our humanity and on modern civilisation. He did not enter into the question of how this matter was to be regarded from the point of view of the statesman or the soldier, nor did he venture any opinion as to how far such intervention was justifiable or desirable. He only gave it as an instance of the vitality and power of influence possessed by the Brethren of the Craft, and of their desire to use that influence to mitigate the suffering and destruction that belonged to war. It was well that in the stern arena of politics a reminder should sometimes be felt of the existence of forces that recognised in practice the law of universal brotherhood. But the ordinary functions of Freemasonry did not deal with questions of such magnitude. They devoted themselves chiefly to endeavouring to carry out their principles of brotherly love and goodwill by means of hospitals, schools, and suchlike benevolent Institutions, and in this sphere of work their Grand Master the Prince of Wales led the way by his indefatigable exertions in carrying out these objects of the Craft. The Brethren now assembled in that room had fresh in their recollection the magnificent gathering which took place in London in the month of June last, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, when over £130,000 was raised for charitable objects connected with Freemasonry, and to which Brother Keyser, whom they were all happy to see among them that evening, contributed the noble sum of £5,000. Lord Wantage went on to say that it did not become him in taking up his new duties, nor was he able, to say much about the work done by Brother Masons, but among those present that evening was one who had borne the burden and heat of the day, and of whom he could not refrain from speaking. He alluded to Brother Morland, who in the interval that elapsed between the death of their late Grand Master the Duke of Clarence, and his appointment, filled the office of Deputy Grand Master, and whose admirable and judicious management of the Province had left nothing to be desired. To his old friend and comrade Lord Amherst, with whom he had served on less peaceful duties, he desired to express his sincere thanks for

installing him into office that day, and for the handsome things he had been good enough to say with regard to himself. In conclusion, let him say it would be his pride and pleasure to do his best to serve them in that Province of Berkshire, with which he had so many friendly and even affectionate ties, as far as his health and strength would permit.

The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. T. Morland was also drunk with the utmost cordiality.

GUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge met at Cockermouth on Friday, 7th inst., Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Provincial Grand Master presiding over a large representation of the Province.

The new Provincial Grand Officers were appointed as follow:—

Bros. S. Spencer Broadbent	-	-	-	Senior Warden
John Roper	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Canon Rawnsley	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. Joshua Tyson	-	-	-	
R. J. Nelson	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. W. R. Sewell	-	-	-	Registrar
George Dalrymple	-	-	-	Secretary
Thomas H. Winder	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
James Winder	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
William Leck	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. Dixon	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Solomon Hinde	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Serg.-Major Lockyer	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Jordan Ashworth	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
Wilson Rawes	-	-	-	
W. H. Hoodless	-	-	-	Organist
John Kasser	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
John Morton	-	-	-	Pursuivant
James W. Scott	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Pogson	-	-	-	Stewards
J. E. Dowie	-	-	-	
R. Monkhouse	-	-	-	
James E. Singleton	-	-	-	
H. Slade Wilson	-	-	-	
W. Hannah	-	-	-	Tyler.
John C. Hellon	-	-	-	

The Provincial Grand Master stated that the voting power of the Province was now the greatest it had ever been. The sermon was preached in All Saints' Church by the Provincial Grand Chaplain the Rev. G. B. Armes, of Cleator.—"Yorkshire Daily Post."

WEST YORKSHIRE.

AT the invitation of Truth Lodge, No. 521, the half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Huddersfield, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master presided, and he was supported by Bro. J. C. Malcolm Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

There was a large attendance of past Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren from all parts of the Province, only six Lodges being unrepresented. Truth Lodge having been opened by the W.M. Bro. J. Pyrah, the Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by the present and past Officers, entered and opened Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Master, in his address, thanked the Mayor of Huddersfield (Bro. Jessop) for having placed the Town Hall at their service, and the members of the Truth Lodge for the arrangements they had made. He added that Huddersfield was an interesting place Masonically, for in no other part of the Province had the work been carried on with greater zeal, order, and regularity, or had generosity and hospitality been more marked. This was the twelfth time in twenty-five years that Provincial Grand Lodge had met in the town of Huddersfield. It formerly held the proud position of being the headquarters of the Province, and had the honour of initiating into Masonry the Marquis of Ripon, who was formerly Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and eventually Grand Master of England. For reasons which Lord Ripon felt to be overpowering he left Masonry, but many other distinguished members of the Order had hailed from that town. Referring to the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Prov. Grand Master recalled the fact that the occasion was a record one. The Brethren contributed the handsome sum of £134,000; if any doubt existed as to what the Brethren did for those in need he thought that amount was a sufficient answer. Towards that sum West Yorkshire had contributed £6,100, the largest amount contributed by any single Province to any single

Charity. The previous record was £6,025, contributed by West Yorkshire some years previously to the same Institution. The contribution of the West Yorkshire Brethren had largely increased the voting power of the Province, which stood far ahead at the elections, as the result of many years' careful work. Lealing with the recent purchase of property in Leeds for a Masonic Hall and Provincial offices, by Bros. R. Wilson and T. Winn, he remarked that the Provincial Grand Lodge was under no liability with respect to it. He thought it was possible to frame a scheme by which, while endeavouring to make the enterprise self-supporting, the Province should be free from responsibility except so far as the tenancy of the offices was concerned.

Bro. W. C. Lupton Chairman of the Charity Committee said he was in an exceedingly proud position as Chairman of the Charity Committee to be able to record the munificent sum which had been contributed by the Province to the Boys School. The whole of the £6,100 had been paid, with the exception of about £130. During the half-year one boy had been elected, one old man had been presented under the George Heaton presentation, and two men and three women had been elected to the Institutions in London. He advocated the claims of the West Yorkshire Benevolent Fund, and said that many cases would come upon it in the no distant future.

Bro. A. H. J. Fletcher read the report of the Provincial Masonic Hall and Offices Committee, which stated that Bros. Richard Wilson and Thomas Winn had purchased the freehold estate in Park Lane, Park Street, and Oxford Street, Leeds, containing 1,397 square yards, for £10,000.

Bro. R. Wilson remarked that considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable property for the purposes of a Masonic Hall, for directly it was known that the Masons were on the look-out for a site the price of property was raised.

Bro. T. Winn said that the site was admirably adapted for the purpose. Being near the railway stations, the Provincial Offices would be conveniently situated for Brethren from all parts of the Province.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master moved that the report be adopted as the transaction of Provincial Grand Lodge, and that the Committee named in it, with power to add to their number, be the Committee, with liberty to propound a scheme.

The Mayor of Huddersfield Brother W. H. Jessop P.Prov.G.D. seconded the motion, which was carried.

The proceedings then terminated.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

THE Sections of the second and third Lectures will be worked on Wednesday next, 26th inst., at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington. Bro. H. G. Gush P.M. 1541 Preceptor will act as W.M., with J. A. Powell 186 Treasurer as S.W., J. Anley J.W. 177 as J.W., and T. Matthews 1585 Secretary. The following will take the different Sections:

Second Lecture:—Bros. Jacob 203, Walkden P.M. 1366, Peters P.M. 1227, Powell 186, Stallard P.M. 1613.

Third Lecture:—Bros. Jeanes I.G. 548, Anley J.W. 177, Bray W.M. 1227

A pleasing event took place at this year's annual meeting of the Minerva Lodge, at Birkenhead, when Brother John Armstrong Prov. J.G.W. installed his son Bro. Edward Whitworth Armstrong as Master.

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At the monthly meeting of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, a formal presentation was made—for exhibition in the Lodge Room—of a handsome and costly carved oak frame, containing the photos of the Past Masters, this being the gift of Bros. A. E. Burnett P.M. and H. Cox S.W. The gift was accepted on behalf of the Lodge by the W.M. Bro. F. W. Bishop.

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At a meeting of the Walker Lodge, No. 1342, on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, the Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred Cooper was presented with a very handsome timepiece, from the Brethren, on the occasion of his marriage. Bro. Chard S.W. made the presentation in felicitous terms, and the Worshipful Master suitably responded. There were a large number of the members present.

ROYAL ARCH.

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BERKSHIRE.

A DVANTAGE was taken of the important gathering of Freemasons in Reading on Friday of last week to hold the Provincial Grand Chapter at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, in the early part of the afternoon.

The principal business was the appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—

Comp. S. G. Kirchhoffer	-	-	-	H.
Rev. J. S. Stewart	-	-	-	J.
J. W. Martin	-	-	-	Scribe E.
W. G. Flanagan	-	-	-	Scribe N.
C. Stephens	-	-	-	Treasurer
C. E. Hewett	-	-	-	Registrar
C. F. Dyson	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
W. J. Maurice	-	-	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
R. Maples	-	-	-	2nd Assist. Sojourner
Major G. C. Ricardo	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
E. B. Ormond	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
G. H. R. Holden	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. T. Phillips	-	-	-	Organist
W. Hemmings	-	-	-	Janitor.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 890.

A CONVOCATION was held on the 7th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Bailey P.Z. 160 as Z., A. J. Turner H 1196 as H., W. P. Hatton P.S. 2246 as J., J. Till P.Z. 862 Treas., H. Foskett 1st A.S. 1642 P.Soj., Spiegel P.Z. 834 1556 P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, and A. Clark Z. 2021.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Clark acting as the candidate.

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TRUTH CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1458.

THE thirteenth meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, 11th inst., Comp. Buckley Carr P.Z. 993 Prov.G.J. Assistant Preceptor.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, the following Officers assisting, viz.: Comps. Geo. T. Lenard J., H. Hellewell S.E., John T. Reynolds H., and John Renwick P.Soj. This was followed by the historical lecture delivered by Comp. Lenard, the same being listened to by an appreciative audience.

Among others there were present Comps. Fletcher Armstrong P.Z. 935 P.P.G.A.D.C. D.C., Councillor Saml. I. Mills Treas., C. W. Godby P.Z., Thos. Threlfall, Hy. G. Walker, Jas. Cooper, and John J. Dean.

THE LATE BRO. THOMAS VALENTINE, J.P.

IN the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Sunday afternoon there was a Masonic service, under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim and the auspices of Lodge 51. The service was fully choral, and, in tribute to the memory of the late Deputy Grand Master Bro. Thomas Valentine, J.P., some choice musical selections were performed. A silver collection was taken up on behalf of the Masonic Orphan Schools of Ireland. There was an immense assemblage, every part of the hall being inconveniently filled. Four o'clock was the hour announced for the commencement of the service, but from shortly after three people began to crowd into the edifice from both Bedford Street and Linenhall Street. About half-past three it was found that really no more could be admitted, and accordingly the doors at front and back alike had to be closed. Great numbers were turned away unable to gain admittance. The orchestra presented a very pretty appearance, being occupied almost entirely by Freemasons of high rank, all wearing their gay and brightly-coloured attire. Amongst them were many of the Knights Templar in their long snow-white robes, and with their belts, swords, &c. But of Masonic garments there was great diversity both in shape and shade. The choir, which consisted of some forty male voices, was conducted by Bro. Alexander Cotter W.M. 51, and at the Mulholland organ Bro. Wm. Hill presided. As the auditors entered they were supplied, as far as possible, with copies of the service and hymns, compiled in pamphlet form, and a quartet of military bandsmen were present who assisted in the service at various points.

The preacher was Bro. the Rev. L. A. Pooler, B.D. (Downpatrick Cathedral), and prayers were said by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Hogan, M.A. The 100th Psalm was given as the opening hymn, after which the service was proceeded with in due course, and at its close Bro. Sylvester Smith sang very sweetly the recit. "And God created man," and air, "In native worth," from Haydn's oratorio "Creation." Then followed Mendelssohn's "Festgesang," and the hymn before the sermon was "Lord of our life" (Garrett).

Bro. the Rev. L. A. Pooler took as his text II Peter i, 7, and said he had been asked to speak to them that afternoon in that place, where they were assembled together not merely as Christians to worship the Most High God, but also as members of a great world-wide Brotherhood, the members of which are

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blessed of God and the characteristics of which are truth, benevolence, and charity.

It had been his privilege on several occasions to address his Brother Masons in the North of Ireland when assembled for Divine worship. On such occasions there were certain topics which suggested themselves, and when thinking on what subject he should address them that day it occurred to him that the topic he should speak on was the one most seldom dwelt upon at a Masonic ceremony—he referred to the history of the great Brotherhood to which they belonged. Our Rev. Brother then proceeded with a historical sketch of Freemasonry from a very early date down to the present time. He said that even in these days what were called the best buildings they reared were but copies of the grand edifices erected in ancient times in what they were pleased to call the “dark ages.” At length, in 1703, when Sir Christopher Wren was Grand Master, there was carried out that which paved the way for Masonry—that was when Masonry was to be no longer confined to Masons, but extended to others.

Hitherto he had said nothing about Irish Freemasonry. Undoubtedly it existed from ancient days, but historical records showed that a Grand Lodge was in existence in 1726. A Grand Lodge was established in Dublin in 1729, on the three great principles of their Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth. In 1789 a school for Masonic orphans was founded in London. Ireland was not long in following that good example, and in 1790, the year after, when Lord Donegal was Grand Master, a commencement was made in Dublin for little girls. It was a very modest beginning, but soon the movement spread. During the early years of the century it went through many changes. In 1852 Burlington House was opened for pupils, and since then its prosperity had been assured. Having spoken of its success, he said that led to the erection of the fine building at Ballsbridge, Dublin. In that school at present there were 104 pupils, enjoying the advantages of an education second to none in the empire. The Masonic Orphan Boys School was of much later date. In 1867 the idea of a Boys School was mooted in Dublin. Soon nearly £2,000 was subscribed.

North and South united in that movement, and here he could not but feel keenly the great loss which Freemasonry had sustained by the removal of one well known to them all. The Brother who represented the North of Ireland on that Committee, the Brother whose efforts were so unwearied and whose charity knew no bounds, the Brother who did so much on that occasion was the late Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Bro. Thomas Valentine. But he did not like the expression their late Brother. When on earth Bro. Valentine was a true Brother of all Masons. Most of them he knew from their Masonic infancy; but he had been summoned from the Lodge below to the great Lodge above, where the Great Architect lives for evermore.

In 1885 a house surrounded by twenty-four acres of land was provided for the School, which at present contained eighty-one orphans. As that service was on behalf of those Schools, he wished to refer to a point. He had heard it stated quite recently that those Schools were monopolised by certain sections of the community; that in order to get admission the child must belong to the upper classes. In the Girls School there were 104 children belonging to parents who represented forty-three professions, offices, and trades. These he read over in order to show that from all classes in society children had come. In the Boys School there were eighty-one pupils, and their parents belonged to a still greater number of professions, trades, and callings. The statements made against the Schools were made by persons entirely in ignorance. In the Schools there was no distinction known but the distinction of necessity. He had heard it stated also that those were Dublin Schools. They were not Dublin Schools; they were the Schools of the Masonic profession. It was in support of those Schools that their offerings would be given that day. Some months ago he addressed his Brother Masons in Armagh on behalf of those Schools, and £150 was given by a congregation which could be taken out of the great gathering there before him and never be missed.

The Rev. Brother concluded with an earnest appeal to his audience on behalf of the funds of the Masonic Orphan Schools of Ireland.

A silver collection was then made. In consequence, however, of the crowded state of the hall, it was found impossible to carry out the original arrangements for taking up the collection, and this the Committee very much regret.

In tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Thomas Valentine, Beethoven's “*Equale*” (No. 1) in C minor was performed on brass instruments by the quartet of military bandmen already mentioned. It was played in one of the corridors, and went effectively. This composition was given in Westminster Abbey at the funeral of Mr. Gladstone. Bro. Hill also executed, on Sunday afternoon, on the organ, the “*Dead March*” from Handel's “*Saul*.”

The audience then joined in singing Barnby's hymn “*Sleep*

thy last sleep,” after which the benediction was pronounced, and the service concluded a few minutes past six o'clock.—“*Northern Whig*.”

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1623.

ON Monday evening this well known and highly successful Lodge of Instruction held its annual supper at the house of the popular Bro. C. W. Fink, the City Scotch Stores, Knightrider Street, E.C., when there was a goodly array of Brethren present.

Bro. F. P. Weinell P.M. Preceptor of the Lodge presided, and Bro. J. Clinch W.M. of the Mother Lodge acted as Vice-Chairman. Amongst others present there were Bros. Frank Smith, J. F. Ramball P.M. Sec. of the Lodge, J. Hoffman, Hodges P.M., C. Riemann, F. A. Smith, Weiste, Hippwell, Linnet, J. Heinrich, Harper, Howes, Schneider, Sherrington, Ward, &c.

The Visitors included Bro. R. J. Rogers P.M. 733, Bro. Hutchinson, and others, in all about thirty Brethren sitting down to a most excellent repast, which did great credit to the host and hostess Bro. and Mrs. C. Fink; indeed, in the course of the evening the Chairman bestowed richly deserved praise upon them for their bountiful provision.

After the Loyal toasts Bro. Clinch in most eloquent manner proposed the health of the Chairman, the popular and highly esteemed Preceptor of the Lodge Bro. Weinell, and the toast was received with great enthusiasm.

In replying, the Chairman expressed his gratification for the evident appreciation of his services as Preceptor. It was a matter for pleasant reflection for him to look back on the goodly number of Brethren who were either Masters of Lodges or held some minor office who had received their Masonic training at that Lodge of Instruction.

The next toast Bro. Weinell had very much pleasure to propose was that of the Vice-Chairman the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge Brother Clinch, and in doing so he thanked him for being present, and hoped to have the pleasure of seeing him on several other occasions.

The toast was most cordially received, and was responded to in a few highly appreciative words.

The next toast was that of prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, which was responded to by Bro. F. Ramball.

Bro. R. J. Rogers P.M. of the Westbourne Lodge replied for the Visitors, saying he had enjoyed himself very much, and would do himself the pleasure of attending one of their meetings on a future occasion. He also thanked the Chairman and Brethren for their hearty reception.

Other toasts followed and were responded to, the toast of the Brethren who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, with their musical talent, being given.

Amongst them were Bros. Clinch, Hoffmann, Linnet, Hodges, Heinrich, and others.

The Secretary proposed the health of the pianist, whom the host had so kindly provided for their comfort.

The host being called upon thanked the W.M. for his many kind remarks concerning his wife and daughter. He was pleased to say his family were delighted that the Brethren had enjoyed themselves.

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No.	Name.	Votes.	No.	Name.	Votes.
1	Wilkes, C. W.	6164	14	Evans, E. A.	4470
2	Chapman, H. F.	5176	15	Powell, T. M. L.	4390
3	Dale, W.	5087	16	Cay, E.	4263
4	Blundell, H. S.	4957	17	Taylor, B. H. T.	4249
5	Holman, E. C.	4925	18	Slaney, W. T.	4245
6	Delahaye, W. A.	4896	19	Brewer, F.	4151
7	Richardson, W. C.	4837	20	Phillips, L. R.	4139
8	Smith, C. N.	4831	21	Flint, O.	4123
9	Read, W. F.	4813	22	Hewitt, L. McN.	4097
10	Lapham, F. G.	4802	23	Sankey, G. G.	3901
11	Stutely, E. H.	4770	24	Prince, H.	3887
12	Lomar, H. J.	4675	25	Edridge, W. H.	3855
13	Collins, T.	4587	26	Fulford-Brown, N.	3813

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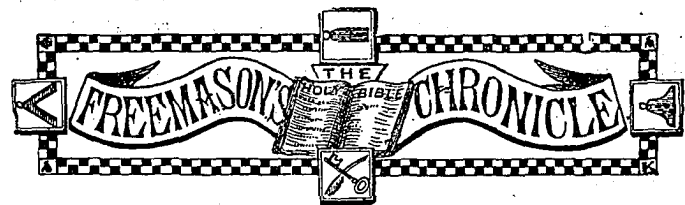
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Recommendations of grants to the amount of £60 made last month for the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master were confirmed, and during the course of the sitting the Brethren, dealing with thirty-two new cases, awarded £50 each in three instances, £40 in five, £30 in four, £20 in nine, £10 in seven, and gave £5 to one petitioner, or a total sum of £725 between twenty-nine petitioners. The further consideration of two petitions was adjourned until the November meeting, and one petition was dismissed.

The Lord Mayor-elect will be the guest of the Alliance Lodge, at their installation banquet, on Tuesday, 15th prox. Baron de Bush is the W.M.-elect.

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It is proposed to alter the night of meeting of the Brondesbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 2698, held at the Earl of Derby, High Road, Kilburn, to Monday, in consequence of the regular meetings of the Mother Lodge, the Cricklewood, Walpole, and Royal Commemoration Lodges being held on the Wednesday evenings, many members of those Lodges attending the Instruction Lodge.

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The Prince of Wales Grand Master has granted a Warrant for the formation of a new Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Windsor, to be designated the Windsor Castle Lodge, and Viscount Valentia, M.P., Past Grand Warden and Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Berkshire and Oxfordshire has arranged to consecrate the new Lodge on Monday, 24th inst.

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.

28 Old King Arms, F.H.
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrew, Albion
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
1540 Chaucer, Southwark
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
61 Probity, Halifax
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
408 Three Graces, Haworth
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Oldham
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
613 Unity, Southport
999 Robert Burns, Manchester
3008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1542 Legiolum, Castleford
1575 Clive, Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
1861 Claremont, Croydon
1991 Agricola, York
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.
2187 Adur, Henfield
2257 Powell, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall
92 Moira, Albion
141 Faith, Anderton's
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel
1158 Southern Star, Southwark
1348 Ebury, Criterion
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham
160 True Friendship, Rochford
253 Tyrian, Derby
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
366 St. David, Milford
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby Z'ch
789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Manchester
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1353 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millon
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1942 Minerva, Fenton
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch'tm.
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's
2518 Chas. Ed. Keyser, Hoddesden

Wednesday.

201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons'-hall
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall
2395 Avondale, Brixton
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross
2562 Papyrus, Criterion
32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
86 Loyalty, Prescott
117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
250 Minerva, Hull
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
258 Amphibious, Heskmondwike
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
301 Apollo, Alcester
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
320 Loyalty, Mottram
321 Unity, Crewe
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
533 Eaton, Congleton
540 Stuart, Bedford
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
606 Segontium, Caernarvon
651 Brecknock, Brecon
697 United, Colchester
724 Derby, Liverpool
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
887 Leigh, Birmingham
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
996 Soudes, East Dereham
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1265 Vale of Catnos, Oakham
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Camborne
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1633 Avon, Manchester
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown
1723 St. George, Bolton
1733 Sunbury, Sunbury
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2186 Striguil, Chestow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2357 Barry, Cadoxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames

2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

General Committee Girls School—
Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons'-hall
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall
507 United Pilgrims, Southwark
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
871 Royal Oak, Deptford
1601 Ravensbourne, Lewisham
1608 Kilburn, Regent Street
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
2012 Chiswick, Criterion
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel
2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet Street
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of C't Ho
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
71 Unity, Lowestoft
78 Imperial George, Middleton
111 Restoration, Darlington
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
318 True and Faithful, Helston
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
361 Industry, Hyde
410 Grove, Ewell
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
590 La Cesarea, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
710 Pleiades, Totnes
761 St. John, Dursley
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
966 St. Edward, Leek
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1164 Elliot, St. Germans
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
1313 Fermor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1392 Egerton, Bury
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees

1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Clayt'n-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1630 St. Michael, Coventry
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham
2022 Haven, Ealing
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester
2418 Hedworth, South Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons
Hall, at 4
60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café R'y'l.
355 R'l. S'x. Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Watford
426 Shakespeare, Spillsby
445 Fidelity, Towcester
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
566 St. Germain, Selby
602 North York, Middlesbrough
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
712 Lindsey, Louth
810 Craven, Skipton
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2380 Beneventa, Daventry
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
308 Prince George, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Marple
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
1965 Eastes, Bromley
2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton

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SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES LODGE, No. 119.

A well-attended meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven, on Monday, 3rd inst., Brother William Lumley W.M. in the chair, Brother S. Hinde was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel bearing the following inscription :—

Presented to

BROTHER SOLOMON HINDE, I.P.M., Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, 119,
by the Officers for 1897, as a token of regard.
Whitehaven, October 3, 1898.

In making the presentation Brother Lumley W.M. in eulogistic terms referred to the highly satisfactory manner in which Brother Hinde had carried out the onerous duties of his office during the past year. Brother Hinde suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him.

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LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous and successful Lodge was held on Wednesday of last week at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, and was attended by a large number of the members, with brethren from the surrounding Lodges of the district. Bro. W. Hawker I.P.M., in the absence of the Worshipful Master, presided, and was supported by the Officers of the Lodge, and the following Brethren : George Naylor P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. Reeve Prov. G.S.W., Charles Westwood Prov. G.D.C. Essex, Henry Doughty P.P.G.Std.B., Arthur Ronaldson P.P.G.A.S., Robt. J. Beamish P.P.G.D.C., T. T. Hogg Prov. G.S.B., John M. Jeffery P.M., Henry Forss P.M., E. J. Bennett 77, E. W. Carter P.M. 858, Hy. Arthur 503, A. B. Rickards W.M. 201, W. B. Sargeant 77, H. J. Adamson 2411, C. F. Bow S.W. 503, John Murphy W.M. 913, Alfred Bonnett S.W. 1625, Charles Hind P.M. 299, John Taylor P.M. 1765, James Truelove 871, James Brown W.M. 700, G. L. Brown 700, C. J. Mettrop 700, Dr. James Tees 700, George Taylor P.M. 20, Orton Cooper P.M. 211; Ernest Ingman, Charles Lavis, J. Axccl, T. A. Mummery, H. Drake, W. F. Buckland, J. H. Paine, G. A. Grant, F. Pettingale, J. W. Sweet, R. W. Edwards, Jas. Hewison, F. T. Webber, W. H. Upton, A. E. Lockhart, J. Caylen, T. Kemp, A. Holland, C. G. Rayfield, G. H. Scrutton, J. C. Walker, J. R. Liley, I. Gee, W. Kemp, and others.

The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting, recording the election of Bro. A. J. Walklin as W.M., were read and confirmed. The first business on the agenda being the installation, that ceremony was at once proceeded with. Bro. Hawker declared all offices vacant, and then requested Bros. Jeffery, Naylor, Beamish and Westwood to assist him as Wardens, Director of Ceremonies and I.G. respectively.

Bro. Alfred John Walklin W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. P.M. Beamish, gave his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, and took the obligation as regarded his position. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, when Bro. Walklin was regularly inducted into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Hawker.

The Brethren were re-admitted, when the new Master was proclaimed and saluted, and the Warrant of the Lodge was delivered into his charge.

The following Officers were appointed and invested :—Bros. J. N. Willis S.W., W. Spencer Bowen J.W., Thomas T. Hogg P.M. Treasurer, Arthur Ronaldson P.M. Secretary, Ernest Ingman S.D., J. Gillett J.D., Thomas Smith I.G., C. F. Lavis D.C., J. Axccl A.D.C., George R. Ceiley Organist, C. Percy Bowen, T. A. Mummery, G. A. Grant, and J. Hewison Stewards, George Martin Tyler (for 53rd time), Bro. Walklin giving the old charge to the Brethren when investing this Officer.

After the addresses had been delivered by Bro. Hawker, the new Master proceeded to show his capacity by performing the ceremony of initiation. Messrs. Alfred James Edward Walklin (son of the W.M.), George Chamlet Realf, and James Fothergill, having been previously balloted for, were introduced and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, Bro. Walklin rendering the ritual in a very perfect manner, thus evincing both his proficiency for the post and the benefit of his attendance at a Lodge of Instruction. The candidates were invested and took their seats in the Lodge.

The Auditors' Report was presented and adopted. This showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and the Masonic Charities generously supported. Bro. Arthur Ronaldson was unanimously re-elected as Charity Representative, upon the proposition of Bros. Beamish and Doughty.

Bro. Walklin having received the congratulations of the Visiting Brethren the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned.

The banquet was laid in the new dining hall and reflected much credit upon the cuisine of Bro. Cosh. The menu card was an artistic production, and was embellished with a photograph of the Worshipful Master, and appropriate Masonic quotations.

Bro. Walklin presided, and was supported by those above mentioned, and several others, the company numbering about seventy persons. With commendable brevity the W.M. submitted the various Loyal and Masonic toasts, and requested the following speakers also to exercise "the soul of wit."

Bro. George Naylor responded for the Provincial Grand Officers, and paid a high tribute to the rendering of the ritual that afternoon. The duties of most Provincial Grand Officers were not very onerous, but one of their most pleasant functions was to visit various Lodges and see the work so ably performed.

In consequence of the late hour precedence was given to the toast of the Visitors, to enable them to catch their respective trains. Bros. Dr. Tees, E. W. Carter, John Murphy, G. L. Brown, and Mettrop responded, the first named remarking that he was the Masonic father of the W.M., and was proud to have introduced so good a worker of the ritual into the Craft. They had already seen a specimen of his ability, and he thought there was every likelihood of his having a very successful year of office.

In suitable terms the W.M. submitted the toast of the Initiates, and expressed his gratification at commencing his year of office with three such good candidates.

Bro. Edward Walklin thanked the Brethren for his reception, and hoped at some distant date to occupy the proud position that his father now held.

Bro. Realf expressed his pleasure at joining the Craft, the ceremony of which had surpassed his highest expectations. He had only had a glimpse of the ritual at present, but he was sure if the Great Architect would spare him to hear the whole of the ceremonies connected with Freemasonry they must cause him to be a better man.

Bro. Fothergill said he was deeply grateful for being admitted into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and hoped to prove himself a worthy member.

Bro. Henry Doughty, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said that Bro. Walklin was a worthy successor to former Masters, and would maintain the traditions and uphold the reputation of the Lodge.

The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the Brethren for electing him to the chair, as it was the post to which he had aspired since the night of his initiation. He would always endeavour to maintain the dignity and importance of his high office. He bore testimony to the great assistance he had received from Brother Forss, at the Lodge of Instruction, and urged upon the junior Officers to be frequent in their attendance if they ever hoped to fill the chair. He had also to acknowledge the services of Brother Hawker, who had not only ably rendered the installation ceremony, but had conducted the Lodge during the past year in consequence of the absence of the W.M. He had already received a Past Master's jewel for his previous services, but the Lodge considered that he was entitled to some further recognition, and therefore asked his acceptance of a diamond pin and stud as a token of their esteem.

Brother Hawker returned thanks for the present, and said it had been a great pleasure for him to undertake the work. He had done his best, and was glad to know he had given satisfaction.

The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge were also honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at a late hour.

An excellent entertainment had been provided by Bro. Walklin, but it was obliged to be abandoned, in consequence of the artistes having to return to town by the last train.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. Alfred John Walklin, the new Master of the Sympathy Lodge, was born on 24th February 1855, at Plumstead, Kent, and was initiated into Freemasonry in the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, on 19th March 1890, in which Lodge he has attained to the rank of Junior Warden. In 1891 he became a joining member of the Sympathy Lodge, in which he has also served most of the offices in so able a manner that he was elected as W.M. at the September meeting. He has ardently supported the Masonic Charities since his initiation, and is a Life Subscriber to the Benevolent Institution, with two votes, and this year served as Steward at the Boys Festival, for which Institution he has five votes. Next year he hopes to represent his Lodge at the Girls Festival. In private life Bro. Walklin has been for the last quarter of a century connected with the Royal Liver Friendly Assurance Society, and for many years has been the manager of the Woolwich district.

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URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, 10th inst., Bro. James Ormrod W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. George Franklyn, Merchant, Urmston, who was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Brothers J. S. Whitley S.W., and Hedley Jones J.W., the former presenting and explaining the working tools of the degree in his usual finished style, and the latter delivering the ancient charge.

We may mention that in connection with the Lodge it is proposed to hold a ball, which will take place early in December.

The festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being interspersed by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. J. H. Marsh P.M. Prov.G.Std., J. Goodwin Std., Robert Dottie P.M. 1161, Thos. Sewart S.W. 1814, and others. Bro. Ormrod proposed the health of the initiate, who, in responding,

promised to adhere to the creed and tenets of the Craft, as expounded to him that day, and further added that by God's help he would try to be a sincere Mason.

Among the visitors were Bros. Fred Batty P.M. 2231 P.P.G.S.B., Jas. McEwen 336 P.P.S.S., Councillor W. Broughton P.M. 1345 D.C., and Wm. Sharp I.P.M. 1993.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE principal business in connection with the last meeting of this Lodge, held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on the 12th inst., was that of balloting for and initiating Mr. Charles Backner, Tobacconist, Strangeways, Manchester, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Bernhard Steel W.M., in a very excellent manner.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. W. Dagnall J.D., Hy. Norris I.G., J. B. Levy, J. H. Phillips, and others, a very pleasant evening being spent.

Among those present were Bros. Mark Steel J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Prov.G.J.D. Treasurer, P. Joseph S.D., Geo. Board P.M. P.Prov.J.D., George Rideal P.M. Visitor: Bro. Thos. Colman P.M. 1265 P.P.G.R.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 2132.

THERE was a numerous and representative gathering on the 13th inst., on the occasion of the annual installation, which took place at the Albert Masonic Hall, New Brighton, and which gave clear indication of the vitality and sustained prosperity of the Craft in the Wallasey peninsula. The Egerton holds a high place on the record, and the proceedings on this occasion were of the most enjoyable and satisfactory nature.

The chair was occupied by Bro. E. B. Godden P.P.G.A.D.C. Worshipful Master, who was supported by a full complement of Officers, the interest of the function being greatly emphasised by the presence of about seventy Brethren of all ranks, hailing from various centres in Cheshire and Lancashire. In the course of the evening an interesting memento of his valuable year's work was presented to Bro. Godden, and this will be supplemented by a presentation to Mrs. Godden at a subsequent meeting of the Lodge.

An excellent banquet was supplied by Mr. F. Rollwagen, of the Albion Hotel, New Brighton, and a choice musical programme was afterwards given by the Minster Quartette.

JOSHUA NUNN LODGE, No. 2154.

THE twelfth annual installation was held on Tuesday, 4th inst., at Halstead, when Brother G. Stanley M. Moger was installed in the chair, the ceremony being very ably performed by Brother Vero W. Taylor P.M. 1312 P.P.S.G.W.

The members afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Several visitors were present from Colchester, Braintree, and Halstead.

ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 2259.

ON Wednesday afternoon, 5th inst., the annual gathering was held at the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, a large number of members of the Craft being present.

Bro. Geo. Eland S.W. was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. N. A. Fenton M.D.

A splendid banquet was afterwards served in the Club Room of the Red Lion Hotel by Mr. S. Acaster.

The customary Masonic toast list was subsequently gone through, the speeches being interspersed with harmony. A large number of visitors were present from Leeds, Sheffield, Doncaster, Rotherham, Goole, Brigg, Scunthorpe, Crowle, and other towns.

BISLEY LODGE, No. 2317.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, 6th inst., and, as usual, attracted a large gathering of the most prominent Masons of the local Lodges.

Bro. J. Tomlinson S.W. Master-elect was presented by Bro. J. W. H. Littleboy P.M. D.C. to the W.M. Bro. W. A. Shaw, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and which was carried out in an exemplary manner, before a large Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Tomlinson invested his Officers.

The Brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was supplied by the Tyler Bro. W. Chapman, in his usual efficient manner.

On the removal of the cloth,

In giving the Grand Officers, the W.M. said he regretted not knowing more of those distinguished Masons who were appointed to carry on the business of Grand Lodge. But he most cordially welcomed their dear friend and neighbour, Bro. Gould, a Past Grand Officer who, for his great services as a Masonic historian, was justly entitled to the highest distinction that could be awarded him.

Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D., in reply, said it afforded him much pleasure to return thanks for the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England present and past. In the one category, that of the Grand Officers who were still on the active list, the W.M. had already spoken of the Prince of Wales, who was the head of their Fraternity, as being in all probability the most popular man in the United Kingdom. In the other category, too, namely, that of the Grand Officers of the past, he thought a Brother might be named whose popularity was also very great, and at the present moment only a little inferior, among the English-speaking races, to that of the Grand Master himself. The distinguished Mason to whom he referred was General Sir Herbert Kitchener Past G. Warden of England, under whose command the British and native troops had so recently marched to victory in the Soudan. It was the seventh occasion on which he (Bro. Gould) had been present at the installation meeting of the Bisley Lodge. The manner in which their work was performed was always a great credit to the members, and the principal ceremony of that evening—so well carried out by the retiring Master—had absolutely left nothing to be desired. Under the new Master he felt sure that the lustre of the Lodge would be worthily sustained throughout the ensuing year, and he heartily wished him, together with the Brethren who had accepted office at his hands, a happy and prosperous time, until the period should again come

round when a fresh Master and fresh Officers would be selected to follow in their footsteps.

In proposing the Provincial Grand Master Lord Onslow, and the Provincial Grand Officers, the W.M. expressed great regret that their Prov. G. Master could not be with them on that occasion; they were, however, honoured in having many Prov. Grand Officers present, of whom their own Lodge could boast a goodly number. He was sure that these Brethren were chosen because of the good work they had done in their respective Lodges, and were fully entitled to the honours conferred on them. He would like to couple with the toast the name of Bro. Smallpiece Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Prov. G. Treasurer, in his reply, stated that the numerous engagements of the Prov. G.M. prevented him from visiting Lodges as much as he would like.

Other toasts followed.

ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 2487.

A LARGE gathering took place at the Town Hall, Stone, on Monday, 10th inst., on the occasion of the annual festival of St. John and the installation of Bro. H. A. Frewer as Worshipful Master. Lieut.-Col. G. Walton Walker P.G.S.B. Eng. visited the Lodge for the first time since his appointment to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The installation ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. F. J. Pyatt, able assistance being given during the proceedings in the Lodge by several Past Masters. After the Lodge had been closed, the Brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where excellent arrangements had been made for the banquet. The newly appointed Worshipful Master occupied the chair, and Lieut.-Col. Walker and most of those who attended the Lodge were present.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the health of Lord Dartmouth, as on all similar occasions, being drunk with the greatest cordiality.

Lieut.-Col. Walker was cordially welcomed on his first visit, by Major Harding in proposing his health, and the toast was drunk with Masonic honours.

Lieut.-Col. Walker, in replying, said it was his intention, if possible, to visit all the Lodges in the Province. He referred with great pride and satisfaction to the magnificent result of the Centenary Festival of the Boys School, and of the splendid efforts which had been put forth in the Province on behalf of the Benevolent Fund and the endowment of a cot in Wolverhampton Orphanage.

Bro. T. Taylor, in replying to the toast of the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Kendrick, thanked the members of the Stone Lodge for the assistance which they gave at the Centenary Festival. Referring to the work of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, he said when it was instituted in 1870 it was never imagined that the sums subscribed would reach the proportions to which they had attained, amounting sometimes to £800 and £900 a-year. Though there had been an impetus given to Masonic charitable contributions all over the country, he believed that Staffordshire in its voting power remained as strong in comparison as it had ever been.

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KENT LODGE, No. 15.

THE regular meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Wednesday, 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. F. C. Bradley W.M., who was supported by the following Brethren: R. Bowers I.P.M., G. F. Smith P.M. P.G. Org. S.W., Dr. Adams acting J.W., F. Salter S.D., A. C. Huddart J.D., E. Stimson P.M. Treas., E. H. Buckeridge P.M. Sec., G. Saunders Organist, W. J. Everett D.C., M. J. Robinson, D. C. Robinson, J. E. Bennett, J. Soddy, W. Lerwill, E. Hatchett, A. Burton, A. Gilbert, W. Aubert, and John P. Robinson.

Visitors, Bros. W. H. Chapman 73, J. Whitfield 1348, J. Gill 1922, A. E. Baldwin 2182, A. Watkin 2348, E. Kennedy 2348.

The business included the admission of Brother Montague John Robinson, of the St. John Lodge, No. 174, New South Wales, and the initiation of Mr. Anthony Percival, both of whom were introduced to the Lodge by Bros. J. P. Robinson and C. D. Robinson.

DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THE winter session commenced on Tuesday, 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Bro. E. Sherry W.M.

There was only formal business, and an application for assistance, and after this had been disposed of the Brethren adjourned to supper. The customary toasts were given, and some capital entertainment provided by Bros. Seal, Busby, Boswell, Chatterton, and Calver.

STANHOPE LODGE, No. 1269.

ON Tuesday, 11th inst., the ceremony of installing Bro. G. W. Smith as Worshipful Master took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, in the presence of a large muster of members and visitors.

Previous to this Bro. T. Sloman performed the ceremony of passing, the candidates being Bros. John M'Neil and Robert B. Baker.

Bro. H. Wood P.M. worked the installation ceremony, and carried out the duties in the most impressive manner.

After the ceremony the W.M. presented a jewel to Bro. Sloman I.P.M., as a mark of respect from the members of the Lodge.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1306.

THE opening meeting after the recess took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Wednesday, 5th inst. The Worshipful Master Bro. Wm. Harper presided through the whole proceedings, which were somewhat of an arduous nature.

A ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Willie Dawson, of Poplar, and proved unanimous in his favour. Being present he was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The W.M. next passed Bros. E. Christian, E. W. Cash, and E. T. Pimm to the second degree, and afterwards raised Bro. S. G. Waller to the third degree. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at

the next meeting. Petitions to Grand Lodge were considered and dealt with, and after other routine business was gone through the Lodge was closed, the meeting adjourned to 2nd November, and the Brethren assembled in the banquet hall, where an excellent repast had been provided, which gave general satisfaction.

The Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, interspersed with songs, recitations and instrumental music.

DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THE first meeting after the recess of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the popular Master Bro. Thomas Morris, who was one of the Founders of the Lodge.

Among others present were Bros. A. Robertson S.W., G. F. Winny J.W., Robert Steele P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Folkard P.M. Secretary, J. Mitchell I.P.M., H. Mitchell S.D., C. J. Fitch J.D., G. Taylor A.D.C., Machin P.M. I.G., Beckwith and Fred W. Sinclair Stds., S. Cochrane P.G. Treas., E. Beaven P.M., A. Harvey P.M., John Langdon P.M., Charlie Woods P.M. Std., C. Patrick P.M. Tyler, John Wyer P.P.G.D.C. Kent, J. Kidman, S. Baker, Bruce Konch, Simmons, Merrett, Kingston, Hill, Wilfred Stracey, Tom Gregory, C. H. Merrett, Hearsey, Oswald, Ballard.

Visitors:—Bros. Bundy 2625, Chisholm W.M. 1381, Horton 902, Stanley 902, Shand 558, H. Mitchell J.D. 1056, Oswald 72 (S.C.), S. Rashleigh P.M. 902. After the Lodge was opened the minutes of the regular May meeting and the June emergency meeting were read and confirmed.

Bros. Hill, Kingston, Merrett, and Simmons were impressively raised by Bro. John Mitchell I.P.M., who was ably supported by the whole of the Officers of the Lodge.

Ballot was taken for and proved in favour of Messrs. Ballard and Oswald, who were initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a manner that entirely met the approval of the most critical.

A notice of motion by Bro. Charlie Woods was postponed, as he had been forced to leave early.

Sympathy was expressed for the family of the late Bro. C. J. F. Shannaw, one of the Founders of the Lodge, who had died since the last meeting.

All Masonic business being ended the Brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M., and afterwards passed a very happy time in full harmony.

Bro. S. Cochrane P.G. Treas., in thanking the Brethren for the toast of the Grand Officers, pointed out that as "father" of the Lodge, and its first Master, he was more than delighted with its progress.

The toast of "Our Master" was proposed by Bro. J. Mitchell in a felicitous manner. Bro. Morris was not only respected for his sterling merit, but also loved for his interest and attention to any good work that he took in hand.

The W.M. responded, thanking the Brethren, and expressing his feeling of the responsibility of his office.

The W.M. proposed the Initiates, both of whom responded; the Past Master, Treasurer, and Secretary, all of whom replied.

For the Visitors all present responded. Each had been pleased with the work, the harmony of the Lodge, and its hospitality.

The S.W. and J.W. responded for the Officers.

The meeting closed with the Tyler's toast.

Songs and recitations were contributed during the evening by Bros. Robertson, Wilfred Stracey, H. Mitchell, Oswald, Simmons, and Baker, while Bro. Winny ably presided at the pianoforte.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

THE third regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 12th inst., at Bro. Coxen's, the Earl of Derby, 155 High Road, Kilburn.

Bro. R. J. Campbell W.M. presided, and was ably supported by his Officers: Bros. A. F. Hardyment S.W., J. Goodwin J.W., G. Coxen P.M. Treas., E. George Sec., B. Stocker S.D., A. H. Aldrey J.D., W. Payne I.G., C. Horstead Org., J. W. Smith P.M. Tyler; and the following, amongst others: Bros. Fleming, Thomas, A. Greaves, E. Lines, C. Greaves, Payne, Page, J. Crook, W. Pearce, T. Palmer, J. Bennett, &c., in all about forty-five members being present.

The Lodge being regularly opened and the minutes confirmed Bros. T. Palmer, C. Greaves, and J. Bennett were examined as Fellow Crafts, and having given proofs of their proficiency they were entrusted and in due course raised to the third degree of Master Mason.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Messrs. F. Fleming, T. Aylett, C. Hawes, and R. Seagar were admitted, after a successful ballot, as candidates for Freemasonry, and were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Order.

After other business the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was provided.

The customary toast list was afterwards honoured, interspersed with songs, &c., which added to the pleasures of an enjoyable meeting.

INSTRUCTION.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

WE were pleased to see so large an attendance at this Lodge of Instruction on the occasion of our visit on Wednesday of last week, those present including Bros. S. Woolfers W.M., H. Raphael S.W., W. Fisher J.W., J. Paul P.M. Preceptor, Howard E. Mullins Secretary, N. Dukas S.D., C. Ornstein J.D., F. Zeppenfeld I.G., W. Proctor Tyler, C. J. Pinnell, Goldstein, C. Glaser, J. Wynman, T. Holland W.M. of the Panmure Lodge.

By desire of the W.M. the Preceptor of the Lodge worked the first section, assisted by the Brethren. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Holland acting as the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Goldstein, who rehearsed the third ceremony, with Bro. Woolfers personating the candidate.

Bro. Holland was elected a member, and Bro. Raphael chosen to preside at the next meeting.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, 29th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. R. H. Williams P.P.G.J.D. Middx. W.M., Justin Allen S.W., J. Dinnis

P.M. J.W., J. H. Cumming P.M. Sec., S. W. Keene P.M. P.P.G.P. Middx. acting Preceptor, H. T. Johnson S.D., R. W. Robinson J.D., E. H. Wilcox I.G., W. Fisher P.P.G. Treas. Middx., W. Langdon, C. Humble, H. J. Cousens, S. J. Parker, F. M. Ridley, A. H. Bridger, J. Bradshaw, and others.

The W.M. called upon Bro. S. J. Parker the popular W.M. of the Fulham Lodge, No. 2512, to occupy the chair, and that Brother rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Humble acting as candidate. Bro. Ridley answered the questions, and was entrusted, the ceremony of passing being rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and was called off and on. Being again resumed in the second degree Bro. Cousens was entrusted, and the third ceremony was rehearsed.

ON the 6th inst., Bros. W. Langdon W.M., R. W. Robinson S.W., S. W. Keene J.W., F. J. Larkman P.M. Preceptor, J. R. Francis S.D., E. H. Wilcox J.D., A. H. Bridger I.G., H. R. Worth D.C., F. M. Ridley, F. M. Osman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Osman candidate. Bro. Ridley was entrusted and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

ON the 13th inst., Bros. R. W. Robinson W.M., S. W. Keene S.W., H. T. Johnson J.W., J. H. Cumming Sec., F. J. Larkman P.M. Preceptor, E. H. Wilcox S.D., H. J. Cousens I.G.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cumming candidate. The W.M. gave the ancient charge in a most creditable manner, after which Bro. Cumming was entrusted and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. Keene was elected W.M. for next meeting.

IMPERIAL LODGE, No. 1694.

THAT there is room in the metropolis for additional Lodges of Instruction was made manifest on Tuesday, when this new Lodge was started in the comfortable Masonic Rooms at the house of Bro. Douglas White, the Pier Hotel, Chelsea.

The meeting was presided over by Bro. Braddick as W.M., with Bros. M. W. Fountain Wood S.W., R. Bradley J.W., R. J. Olive P.M. Preceptor, A. Schott Sec., G. White S.D., A. C. Mead J.D., A. Saunders I.G., H. Beauchamp P.M. 144, R. Moody P.M. 1420, W. Thwaites P.M. 511, J. W. Facey W.M. 1767, R. Sexton W.M. 860, C. L. Tuckey W.M.-elect 1694, Austin, Andrew, Barwell, Burden, T. J. White, P. Vicani, Douglas White, Wright, Whitehead, J. Wynman, several members of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and others, there being in all about fifty Brethren present.

The W.M. congratulated those present on having succeeded in getting such beautiful rooms for the practice of their Masonic work, and felt they were all greatly indebted to the genial host Bro. Douglas White for having so largely assisted in the formation of the Lodge, he having presented them with the collars, columns, jewels and tracing boards.

Bro. Wood S.W. said the liberality of different Brethren had enabled them to start fully equipped and free from debt, and he proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to those Brethren who had so kindly helped them to furnish the Lodge. This was heartily agreed to.

Bro. Douglas White was very pleased to hear that the Worshipful Master and Brethren were satisfied with the presents he had given the Lodge, and he hoped the Brethren would use them for many years to come. What he had done was purely for the love of Freemasonry. Other Brethren also responded.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Brother Vicani acting as candidate. We highly compliment Bro. Braddick on the first work in the Lodge—it was admirably rendered, and fully deserved the vote of thanks passed to him at the conclusion.

Several Brethren were enrolled as members of the Lodge. Bro. Wood was chosen as Master for next week, and the proceedings terminated.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 1st inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, Bros. E. Wilkins W.M., W. Herring S.W., H. J. Cousens J.W., R. Josey P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. 834 2090 Preceptor, L. Powell S.D., W. T. Ridgway J.D., L. Walsh I.G., E. Fox P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., R. Reid, J. Knight, W. Atkinson, L. Standring, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Atkinson candidate. Lodge was called off and on. The second and third sections of the first lecture were worked by the Brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Knight.

Bro. Herring was unanimously elected to occupy the W.M.'s chair at the next meeting.

On the proposition of Bro. A. Williams a hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be placed on the minutes congratulating Bro. Wilkins on the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this or any other Lodge of Instruction.

Before the closing of the Lodge Bro. Williams asked the Brethren to continue to support the West London Masonic Election Association with their own and other Brethren's votes.

ON the 8th inst., Bros. W. Herring W.M., H. J. Cousens S.W., L. Powell J.W., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Josey P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. 834 and 2090 Preceptor, T. W. Ridgway S.D., R. Reid J.D., W. Atkinson I.G., M. Spiegel P.M., W. Hyde P.M., E. Fox P.M., K. M. Ross, J. H. Cumming P.M., J. Knight, E. Wilkins, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wilkins candidate. Lodge was called off and on. The worthy Preceptor then took the Worshipful Master's chair, Bro. Knight was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

ON the 15th inst., Bros. H. J. Cousens W.M., L. Powell S.W., T. W. Ridgway J.W., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Josey P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. 834 and 2090 Preceptor, R. Reid S.D., J. H. Cummings P.M. J.D., E. Wilkins I.G., M. Spiegel P.M., E. Fox P.M., G. Kirkham P.M., P. Cronin, W. Herring, W. Atkinson, D. D. Heath, W. Somlik, L. Standring, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Herring candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were answered by Bro. Somlik. The Brethren afterwards worked the first and second sections of the first lecture, under the direction of the able Preceptor.

A ballot for five guineas to be paid into one of the Masonic Institutions was won by Bro. Wilkins.

A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the scrutineers, and Bro. Powell was elected to fill the W.M.'s chair at the next meeting.

ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.
(Late the Terriers.)

THE regular weekly meeting was held at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, S.E., on Wednesday, 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. T. Holmes as W.M., with Bros. W. Parkington S.W., J. Levy J.W., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor, H. Sinclair P.M. Sec., A. Clemow P.M. S.D., C. Riley J.D., W. J. Newstead I.G., A. B. Cohen, C. Wetton, Walker, T. Holland, J. Higgins, Wynman, and others.

It was particularly gratifying to see the Lodge so well attended as was the case on this occasion. The hour of meeting is convenient for a large number of Brethren, while the reputation of Bro. A. Darch as a painstaking Preceptor doubtless acts as an additional attraction.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. W. Higgins representing the candidate. Bro. Holland was then examined for the second degree, and the ceremony was gone through, both degrees being rehearsed in a most creditable manner.

The Bye-laws were read, Bro. Holder was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Sinclair Secretary, Bro. A. Darch Preceptor, and Bro. C. Wetton W.M. 2087 Deputy Preceptor, those Brethren acknowledging the further expression of confidence in them on the part of the Lodge. Bros. Ridley, Holland, and Cohen were elected Auditors of the Lodge, and the Tyler was re-appointed.

Bro. Darch proposed that the annual lunch should take place on Wednesday, 16th November, at 2-30, and his suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. John Higgins was elected a member, and Bro. Parkington selected to preside at the next meeting.

ON Wednesday, 19th inst., Bros. W. Parkington S.W. 1589 W.M., J. Levy S.W., A. Cohen J.W., A. Darch P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., C. H. Randall S.D., T. Holmes J.D., J. Walker I.G., C. Riley, Wynman, W. Perrin, J. Rugh, &c.

The first ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. C. Wetton representing the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Cohen J.W., and he opened the Lodge in the second degree, entrusting Bro. Riley and afterwards going through the ceremony of raising.

Bro. John Rugh was elected a member, and Bro. Levy W.M. for the first meeting in November.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

ON Wednesday, at Bro. Coxen's, the Earl of Derby, 155 High Road, Kilburn, Bros. W. H. Liddall W.M., R. J. Campbell S.W., J. H. Clemens J.W., A. F. Hardymont Prec., H. Willsmer Secretary, G. Coxen S.D., G. D. Fraser J.D., H. Brown I.G., M. Spiegel P.M. P.P.G.St.B., W. G. Coxen P.M., J. Smith P.M., Pearce, Palmer, Spencer, Crook, Lines, Marks, Wynman, &c.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Coxen acting as candidate, and then advanced the Lodge to the third degree, when the "drill" was gone through, a practice which might be more frequently attended to in our Lodges of Instruction, it being notorious that Brethren who are letter perfect in one or other of the sections are often most slovenly in their salutes and other important parts of the ceremonies.

Bros. Palmer, Spencer, and Brown were elected members of the Lodge, and returned their thanks.

It was proposed by Bro. Campbell, and seconded by the Preceptor, that the Instruction Lodge should in future meet on Mondays instead of Wednesdays. Substantial reasons for the change were brought forward, and it was unanimously agreed that the change should be made from the first week in November.

Bro. Campbell W.M. of the Mother Lodge will preside on Wednesday next, and it is expected he will be well supported, he being very popular in the district.

R. M. I. BOYS.

THE following is a list of the unsuccessful candidates at the election which took place last week, with particulars of the votes recorded on behalf of each, these votes being available for the next contest, provided the lads are then eligible to go to the poll:—

No. on Paper.	Name.	Forward	Polled	Total.
16	Dorrell, Gilbert Frederick ...	304	2066	2370
1	Hatchwell, Leonard Douglas ...	589	1230	1819
42	Chowne, Henry Tom ...	—	1660	1660
10	Moir, Sydney Herbert ...	824	515	1339
23	Holdom, Arthur James Thomas ...	—	1244	1244
40	Payne, Lionel George ...	—	883	883
17	Johnson, Albert Edward (last) ...	2	868	870
20	Downing, Lewis Wilfrid ...	376	337	713
9	Nichols, Herbert Wilfrid ...	225	254	479
29	Jarman, Montagu Wenham ...	—	461	461
2	Sherman, Harold Mackenzie ...	134	191	325
11	Stiles, Malcolm Chester ...	122	115	237
7	McLeod, Lewis Arthur Alexander ...	16	75	91
3	Hartley, Bernard ...	25	31	56
6	Price, Edmund Roy ...	18	27	45
36	Jones, John Bowen ...	—	24	24
5	Broben, Gerald Grant ...	5	8	13
25	Herapath, Cyril Alexander ...	—	8	8
8	Hardy, Harold Richard (last) ...	—	—	Withdrawn.

A BAD PRACTICE.

THERE is a practice that is altogether too common in many Lodges, which we have had occasion to condemn from time to time, but which continues to prevail here and there, and which ought to suffer the serious rebuke of all Masons. We refer to the levity exhibited by certain Brethren when the degrees are being conferred. It is something which tends directly to lower Masonry in the estimation of the initiate, and in a general

way causes the members themselves to look upon the sublime monitions and ceremonial of the Order as something commonplace.

Carefully studied we cannot fail to view the degrees—taken together—as a strikingly dramatic representation of human life, from the cradle to the grave, from birth to death, from the first advent of the soul of man into this sphere of existence to his exit and passage on to another stage of being. The Entered Apprentice is the newly born child, the Fellow Craft is the maturing individual, passing through life, and the Master Mason is one who, done with the struggles and trammels of this probationary state is knocking for admission, at the portals of death, to the Grand Lodge celestial, quitting forever material experience.

Grand solemnity, impressive seriousness, grave consideration should mark the conduct of every participant in this splendid ritual service, specially calculated as it is to work a morally educational effect. The candidate for Masonic illumination in most cases approaches the Lodge room with a feeling of profound respect for the Order, a high and reverent impressiveness, and this exalted opinion of the Institution is fully met by the matchless teachings which he hears and the strikingly appropriate ceremonial which he witnesses. If to these influences are added due gravity on the part of the brethren conducting the initiation or passively looking on, a great majority of initiates will emerge from the Lodge room with prior convictions concerning the beauty, nobility and grandeur of Masonry ineffacably fixed. If, on the other hand, the work be but perfunctorily performed by an assemblage of indifferent, irreverent, frolicsome Brethren, who by their actions indicate an almost total lack of interest in and respect for the service, the newly fledged Brother can hardly fail to suffer a vast lowering in conception respecting the true worth and importance of the Masonic Order, and he will inevitably come forth into the ordinary light of day with radically modified convictions to the detriment of the Fraternity. He will, perforce, descend from the high mount of appreciation, he will become disenchanted, shorn of his reverence and prepared in turn to treat Masonry as nothing better than a common social club, with no particular moral aim in view.—"Kansas Freemason."

It appears that formerly, in South Dakota, ministers of the gospel received the degrees gratis, but at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge that privilege was revoked, so that hereafter our clerical friends will meet the same expense paid by other applicants who receive the degrees.—"Trestle Board."

The Theatres, &c.

Drury Lane.—7-45, The Great Ruby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1-45.

Lyceum.—8-15, Macbeth. Wednesday, 2-15 only.

Haymarket.—8-30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30. (Last nights). On Saturday, The Manceuvres of Jane.

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.—8-10, The Mugwump. 8-45, When a man's in love.

Globe.—7-45, The Three Musketeers.

Avenue.—8, Constancy. 8-30, Lord and Lady Algy. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

Garrick.—8-15, The Secret of the Keep. 9, Brother Officers.

Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

Lyric.—8-15, Little Miss Nobody. Matinée, Thursday, 2-30.

Duke of York's.—8-30, The Adventure of Lady Ursula. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30.

Comedy.—8-15, The Topsy Turvy Hotel. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Royalty.—On Monday, Spanish Company.

Grand.—Next week, Moths.

Parkhurst.—Next week, The Sorrows of Satan.

Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next Week, The Circus Girl.

Alexandra.—Next week, La Poupée.

Daiston.—Next week, One of the best.

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

Empire.—7-50, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Alaska, &c.

Palace.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c.

London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.

Tivoli.—7-30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2-15 also.

Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2-30 also.

Egyptian Hall.—8 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.

Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Thursdays, Fireworks.

Alexandra Palace.—Open Daily. Constant Amusements. Balloon Ascents. Fireworks, &c., &c.

Royal Aquarium.—Open 10 a.m., close 11-30 p.m. Constant Amusement.